



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

11th May 2015

From the Principal

Welcome everyone to Week 4.

NAPLAN

We wish our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students all the best in the NAPLAN tests this week.

The school values these tests for the data they provide, as indicators of students' areas of need in literacy and numeracy. For that reason, we encourage students to do their best.

Despite that, there is often a degree of anxiety associated with any testing. Please encourage your children to take a measured, positive view of the tests this week.

More info in this newsletter from Ms Winters and Mr Lee.

Have a great week everyone.

Len Elliott

Principal

Cupcake Roster Term 2

15th May – Kinder Orange

29th May – Kinder Blue

12th June – 5/6W



Mathletics Accounts

All Primary students now have an active Mathletics account. Children are encouraged to access their accounts at home to practise their numeracy skills.

Change Of Assembly Schedule

Please note 5/6S, Mrs Symons class will be presenting this Thursday 14th May. Mr Wilson's class will present on the 28th May.

Naplan Testing

This week students in Years 3 & 5 will participate in Naplan Testing.

Tuesday: Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday: Reading

Thursday: Numeracy

If you have any questions regarding these tests, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms Melanie Winters

Head of Primary

It's a Date

Thursday 14 May – Assembly 5/6S

Thursday 14 May- Secondary Disco

Tuesday 19 May – Chapel, WAS Primary Cross Country

Thursday 28 May – Assembly 5/6W

Friday 29 May- HICES Primary Cross Country

Tuesday 2 June – Chapel

Wednesday 10 June – Junior School Parent

Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Thursday 11 June – Assembly – Transition

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Tuesday 16 June - Chapel

Last day Term 2 – 19 June

APPLE FESTIVAL – “BIG CRUNCH”

The Apple Festival has hit town again, from Friday 8th May through to Sunday 10th May. Last Friday, OAGS was visited by Ms Jasmine Bond, Apple Ambassador, who spoke to the students about the variety of apples available and the many delicious relishes and recipes she makes using apples. All students, from Transition to Year 12, gathered together on the basketball court to count down to the “BIG CRUNCH”. We counted down to 11am, when the juiciest crunch ever occurred at school.

The local Farmer's Markets were an artistic array of colour on the weekend. Many Primary schools, in and around Orange, displayed apple artwork. Below is a picture of our talented Primary students and teachers artwork display. Many thanks to the staff and students for participating. Many thanks to Catherine Thompson who works tirelessly for the Apple Festival to come alive in our town. A special thanks to our local orchardists for providing apples to our schools for the “BIG CRUNCH”.

Mrs Catherine Sutton



Library@OAGS

PRC – Please remember to keep writing the titles and authors of book on the PRC list you have at home. I have pulled out the red and green sticker books into tubs to make location of these books easier for students. Deadline is end of August.

Author Visit – DC Green, an exciting author of children's books, will visit our school on Wednesday the 17th of June. He will present workshops for two groups; K-2 and Yrs 3-6. He is very entertaining as well as being an excellent source of writing inspiration for children.



School Page



Library Page

Ms Karelle Taylor
Teacher-Librarian

Intermediate Band Rehearsals
Mondays 3.30-4.30pm Media Centre
(Please note this change of day and time)

Beginner Band Rehearsal
Wednesday 2.45-3.15pm

Beginner Band Tutorials

Tuesday: Mr Ismail – percussion, clarinet
Wednesday: Miss Lynar– trombone, euphonium, trumpet
Thursday: Ms Gregory – flute

Ensembles

String Ensemble: Wednesday – Miss Werlemann Media Centre
Flute Choir: Thursday – Ms Gregory Media Centre
Reed Choir: Tuesday – Mr Ismail Media Centre

Musicianship

1st Grade – Friday 8.30-9.00am
2nd Grade – Monday 1.30-2.00pm
3rd Grade – waiting on exam results
4th Grade – Wednesday 10.30am

Please contact me if there are any questions, or if I can be of any assistance with the music program.

Mrs Pauline Dwyer

Music pauline.dwyer@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au



ENGLISH Department

NAPLAN

We wish students in Years 7 & 9 (as well as those in Years 3 & 5) all the best for NAPLAN testing this week.



English Fun Fact

There are nine different ways to pronounce 'ough' in English. This sentence contains all of them: 'A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.'

P.S. this is another Royal Mail stamp to celebrate 150 Years of Alice in Wonderland.

NAIDOC Competitions

Two competitions are held; a creative writing competition for students in Years 7-9 and an essay writing competition for students in Years 10-12 focussed on NAIDOC week and the discussion of constitutional recognition for Australia's indigenous people. There are some great prizes on offer. Please see Mr Lee for more details.



We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

5 - 12 JULY 2015

Orange Eisteddfod

There are a number of opportunities for students to be involved (and again win prizes) in public speaking, verse, recital and drama categories during the Orange Eisteddfod. Please see Mr Lee for more details if you are interested in being involved. Entries close in late May.

HICES Debating

The next round of HICES debating (Round 3) will be held at Kinross Monday May 18.

Mr Adrian Lee

Head of English – adrian.lee@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au



Mathematics News



Parental Puzzle:

It has been wonderful to see so much interest in our quizzes and puzzles this year from all members of our school community. I received a lovely email from a parent last week with an interesting Mathematical question that even divided the Maths Staff! It would be interesting to see what other members of our community thought.

Is ZERO a number?

Please send your thoughts to nick.dawes@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au and the most unique answer will be published next week and receive a prize.

NAPLAN:

Best wishes to all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 who will be sitting their NAPLAN tests this week. Remember to read the questions carefully and plan your time wisely, BUT most importantly keep calm so you can do your very best!

Important Dates:

Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May
Thursday 30th July

NAPLAN
AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Mr Dawes
Head of Mathematics
nick.dawes@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 Science have been exploring the process of chromatography this week with a Sharpie Texta tie-dye experiment.



Careers at OAGS

Last week Year 11 students attended the CSU Facts day at Charles Sturt University Bathurst. Students attend an inspirational address by Mr Bruce Buchanan from the Business Enterprise Centre. Students then had the opportunity to meet about 120 representatives of more than 50 career and employer organisations, including universities, private providers, TAFE, Centrelink, police, and other government agencies.

If any students missed out on this valuable opportunity I have collected samples from most Universities and am in the process of setting up a careers corner in Chesnut 3. I will also be continuing to meet with Year 12 students during the term to organise their UAC applications.

Mr Dawes



STANSW Young Scientist Awards

Open to primary and secondary students for both experiments and inventions!

For more information and details on how to enter visit:
<http://www.stansw.asn.au/ys/>

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Gibson
erin.gibson@orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au



A big congratulations to Callie Jeffress (and her Mum Heidi) who were the first two OAGS representatives to give blood supporting the 'Red 25' campaign.

'Red 25' focuses on organisations uniting on a mission to achieve 25% of Australia's blood donations.

As OAGS Red Cross Youth Ambassadors we would like to encourage students, staff and parents to support our school drive to donate blood to the Red Cross. Over the month of June we would like to see as many eligible volunteers as possible give blood at the Orange Donor Centre. When you donate blood you can register your donation as part of our school tally. This can be done at the Orange Donor Centre. Our group name is Orange Anglican Grammar School.

Where to donate:

Orange Donor Centre, 84 Kite Street, Orange

Track your group's donations

You'll be able to track your school's donation tally and compare your progress at:

<http://www.donateblood.com.au/who-can-give/red25/view-group-tally>

You can donate blood if you are:

- feeling healthy and well
- aged between 16 and 70
- weigh over 45kg
- able to meet other eligibility guidelines

Booking an appointment:

Individuals can make an appointment by calling **13 14 95**.

Think of all the lives we can save with just 1 hour of our time.

Written by Corey McArdle and Samuel Lewis-Minogue

OAGS Red Cross Youth Ambassadors



Sport and Recreation Sports Taping courses in Orange

Sports taping is an important skill for coaches, trainers, teachers, parents and players involved in sport. Correct sports taping can help prevent injury and also help with injury rehabilitation.

Advanced Sports Taping - advanced techniques for the shoulder, elbow, wrist, Achilles tendon and knee. 6pm-9pm 13 May

Call Sport & Recreation on 6362 6623 for more info or visit

www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

\$60/ person per level



BreastScreen has appointments every week at their fixed site in Orange.

We are located at the entrance of the Orange Health Service.

It's time to look after yourself –

- 1 in 8 women in NSW will develop breast cancer in their lifetime
- But, less than one in two women attend regular breast screenings
- The two key risk factors for breast cancer are being female and growing older

- FREE breast screens are available for all women aged from 40 years
- 30 minutes every two years can offer peace of mind

- A breast screen might just save your life!
- No doctor's referral needed
- EARLY DETECTION IS YOUR BEST PROTECTION

Call 13 20 50 today and book your appointment.



Attention Years 10, 11 and 12 Students!

Are you interested in a career in auto-electrics, electrical engineering, electronics, sound systems, broadcast technology or anything to do with cables?

Are you looking for ways to contribute to your community?

Holy Trinity is looking for volunteers to complete a short introduction into its brand new sound system and then complete 10 hours of volunteer work by helping run the sound desk on Sunday mornings.

This is a great opportunity to get involved in your community and is something special to place on your curriculum vitae. Upon completion of 10 hours you will be presented with a certificate and a reference from the Rector to help your future employment prospects.

For further information, please call Ashleigh at Holy Trinity Orange on 6362 1623.