

Orange Public School

Wednesday 11th September, 2019

Term 3 Week 8

Dear Parents,

This week we are delighted to welcome back our amazing students who participated in the **Festival of Choral Music** held at the Sydney Opera House. Mrs Sawyer, Miss Konza and approx. 12 parents took 38 children to the event that saw the students leave OPS at 6am, travel to Sydney, practice, perform in the evening and return to OPS at 2.30am. From all reports from staff, students and some lovely letters of appreciation from parents and grandparents the children were amazing. A huge thank you to all who attended. This activity is a true indication of the wonderful opportunities provided to the children of Orange Public School and the unbelievable commitment of the staff.

On Friday last week we had our **Touch Football** team travel to Cowra to participate in the Western Region semi finals where they were successful with a 9-5 victory. The boys played well and thank you to all parents who assisted with transport. A big thank you also to Mr Wayne Hill for his coaching of the team.

This week our school was delighted with the results of the **NSW Premiers Spelling Bee Orange Final.** In the junior section Poppy Kay and Georgia Clunas performed exceptionally well with Georgia placing equal 4th and Poppy winning the title. In the senior group, OPS was represented by Abigail Kiely and Auriah Jordan-Smith. Both girls shone with Auriah finishing in the top ten and Abbie pushing all boundaries going through to the top 4 with numerous rounds of unseen words used to separate the finalist. Well done to all girls. Poppy is now scheduled to compete in Sydney at the state final later in the year.







Today we have a large contingent of our year 5 students taking the opportunity to sharpen up on their **cricket** skills in a **Gala day** at Jack Brabham Park. Mr Sillett and Mrs O'Brien have reported that the next Steve Smith has been spotted and we are sure to see some strong development during the day.

Our **Girls Netball** team will be playing the Western Region Final tomorrow against Dubbo Public at PCYC . The girls have been training hard in preparation for a very competitive game. Good luck to them, their coaches and families.

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Weekly focus:

Reading Body Signs



IMPORTANT NEWS

September 12th
 Pie Drive Collection,
 Heritage Hall 2 –3 pm

• September 13th Spectacular Sock Day

September 17th
 Year 3 Goldfields
 Excursion

September 18^{th -} 20th Year 5 Canberra Excursion Tomorrow the school will be expecting a large contingent of parents to come to the Primary site to **collect** their ordered pies. The **Pie Drive** has had a great response and we thank everyone for their support in raising funds for the students who are participating in the School Spectacular and other Year 6 activities. The pies can be collected between 1pm and 3pm at the Heritage Hall.

Another significant event happening tomorrow is **R U OK Day**. This day will be highlighted in each classroom with discussions regarding asking family and friends the question "R U OK', in a meaningful way, because connecting regularly and meaningfully is one thing everyone can do to make a difference. **Our children will add something to their uniforms tomorrow that is yellow to signify the day**. In the evening parents and community members are welcome to attend a community session on Awareness of Mental Health - signs and strategies for assisting a friend who may be experience health concerns. This event will occur in the **Heritage Hall with Di Gill** speaking on these topics. A light supper will be supplied and we welcome everyone to attend from **6.30pm**.

This week the entire school has been learning new dances as part of the **Footsteps Program** that has been extremely well received. The laughter and excitement of the children is evident in all grades with many children highly surprised by their own ability. Well done to everyone involved.

On Friday the school will have approx. 50 students travelling to Dubbo to compete in the **Western Region Athletics** Carnival. We are anticipating that many OPS children will have a good chance to perform strongly with possible selection into the regional team competing at the State Carnival later in the year. Good luck to all students involved in the day.

Also on Friday we are looking at running a **Spectacular Sock Day** which will see our students in all grades wearing their wackiest or simply their favourite socks for the day. We ask that children bring a gold coin donation for the day that will go to assist the fundraising efforts towards the school spectacular team.



Our **uniform option** for girls in the summer consisting of a shirt and pleated short has arrived at the Orange Clothing Company and if you are choosing this option, it is now available to purchase. This option is for the summer terms of 4 and 1 and will be phased in over an extended period of time to assist parents not feeling they have to change if they are happy with the summer dress for their daughter.

Next week the school will be building with excitement as many wonderful events are happening including the Year 5 **excursion** to Canberra. Year 3 will also be enjoying an excursion to the Bathurst Goldfields to conclude their unit of work on gold. Following this in the last week of the term will be the Zoo Snooze that year 4 are looking forward to. To add to the excitement the school is going to celebrate the efforts of the children in following and meeting our high level of expectations we have implemented using the **Kids Matter Program**. The school will be welcoming back the giant 8 metre **rock wall** that will be provided free of charge to each class. We will be operating the wall over the last three days of the term and we welcome parents to watch and participate with their children.

Finally I would like to wish all the students who are playing their grand finals on the weekend the best of luck.

Enjoy the week.

Bradley Tom Principal





From the Library

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of welcoming some visitors from Goodstart Early Learning Centre. These pre-schoolers have been learning about the features of a book and so visiting a library was a great way to enhance their learning. We had story-time, they had shared reading and played games. They were introduced to the many learning experiences libraries have to offer.

If you can sew and are interested in repairing cushion covers for the Library please contact me.

> Debbie Smith Teacher-Librarian



Orange Public School Deeds Not Words

Spectacular Socks Day

Orange Public School will be having a Spectacular Sock Day to raise money to support students attending the Sydney School Spectacular.



When: Friday 13th September Wear: Sports uniform, sports shoes & SPECTACULAR SOCKS Bring: Gold coin donation to support our talented dancers

Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform as normal with their 'SPECTACULAR SOCKS'. Students will be participating in sport so they need to wear their normal sport shoes.



When you notice a change, no matter how small ns, Trust your Gut

RUOK?









Orange Public School and our P&C are excited for R U Okay Day at school (Thursday 12th September 9.10am-3.10am students wear something yellow) followed by a Mental Health Awareness course for our parents, presented free by Dianne Gill, Rural Adversity Mental Health Consultant (RAMHP) in the Community Hall (6.30pm- 8pm Light refreshments)



when and where to find help for mental health conce



Sydney Choral Festival

On Thursday, 5th of September, thirty-six of our students travelled to Sydney to sing in the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House. It was a very long day, leaving Orange at 6am and returning the next morning at 2:30am, but a very memorable experience for all involved. Some students and audience members share their thoughts on the experience.

What was your favourite part of the Choral Festival?

Emily C: It was the best; the trip of a lifetime! When we sang the eleven songs, it was amazing!

Charlotte J – The light show in the Opera House was pretty amazing! I also liked the streamers that came down on the audience at the end of the concert.

Haylee G: Hearing everyone's voices combined like one big whole voice sounded really good!

Balian: I liked listening to the bands and our dinner at City Extra was really good.

Louis: The bands and orchestras were the best! The person playing the cello's fingers must have hurt so much. She was playing so quickly!

Besides the music, what else did you enjoy about the experience?

Emily: I enjoyed talking to everyone around me on the bus trip as well as Brad, the bus driver.

Auriah: It was fun to hang out IN SYDNEY with our friends. The Maccas stop at midnight was also great!

Louis: Meeting and talking to other children from other school choirs and seeing how our friends act when they are REALLY tired!

Haylee: I liked getting a good workout by going up and down the Opera House stairs! I also enjoyed playing games with everyone during our breaks.

Balian: Having a bit of fun with the bin chickens (ibises).

Charlotte: The fancy curved toilets at the Opera House.

Mia: Hanging out with my friends and getting to know them better.

From the audience:

'Wow! What an amazing experience it was, to be present at the wonderful orchestral and choir performances at the Opera House; a wonderful tribute to public education!

Congratulations to Orange Public School! You can be very proud of being a part of such a truly professional presentation. The standard of the choral choirs...was inspirational.

Thank you for providing this amazing opportunity for the students to participate and perform at the Opera House and for parents and friends to share a memorable experience.' Pam and Dave Evans

'The stunning Endeavour Concert at the Sydney Opera House and the outstanding music and choral performances from the combined public schools.'

They commented that it was:

'an amazing experience for the choir contingent from OPS to be part of this extraordinary occasion'...and a 'wonderful opportunity which they will remember as a highlight of their excellent education at Orange Public School.' Sandra & Barry Willis









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Missing from the Primary Site

After the disco in Week 4, a child in Year 2 left a black bag in the hall containing his school uniform. The bag was seen the following day outside the primary hall before assembly but once the assembly was over the bag had disappeared. The bag is a black reusable shopping bag with "Jack's of Fiji" on the outside in yellow writing. It contains a pair of black school boots, grey school trousers and a long sleeve grey shirt both size 8. These items cost over \$100 and it would be greatly appreciated if they could be located. Please advise the school if you know where these items are.





Garden Club The OPS Primary Garden Club are seeking your help. We are looking for donations of cool coffee mugs, pottery jugs, tea pots or funky glass jars as well as succulents. Our aim is to create some succulent masterpieces that we can sell at

The OPS Open Garden.

Please drop donations into the Primary office.





OPS -	2019 School Year Dates	
September 9 - 13	Footsteps Dance Company Visit	
September 12	University of NSW - Spelling Test	
September 12	Pie Drive collection - Heritage Hall 11.30- 3pm	
September 13	Spectacular Sock Day	
September 13	Western Athletics	
September 15	TOM State Finals	
September 16	University of NSW - English Test University of NSW - Maths Test, Stage 3	
September 17	Year 3 Bathurst Goldfields Excursion	
September 18 - 20	Year 5 Canberra Excursion	
September 19	University of NSW - Maths Test, Stage 2	
September 20	Year 1 Wheelie Good Day	
September 23 & 24	Year 4 Dubbo Zoo Excursion	
September 25	Debating Premiers, Dubbo	
September 25 - 27	Rock wall Kids Matter reward - details to follow	
September 27	Last Day Term 3	
October 14	First Day Term 4 - Students return	
October 16	Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information	
October 23 & 24	OHS Year 6-7 2020 Transition	
October 31	OPS Bike Day - details to follow	
November 4	P & C Meeting, 7pm, Primary Staff Room.	
November 18 - December 2	Kindergarten 2020 Transition	
December 2	P & C Meeting, 7pm, Primary Staff Room.	



OPS Sport		
K-2	Every Friday	
Year 3-6	Every Friday	

OPS Assemblies				
Kindergarten	Tuesday 24 th September 2.30pm-3pm			
Year 1	Monday 23 rd September 2.30pm-3pm			
Year 2	Wednesday 25 th September 2.30pm-3pm			
Year 3-6	Friday 20 th September 1.00pm-1.50pm			







Clothing Pool 2019 Any Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at anytime at the Primary front office. The Clothing Pool is located at the Primary Campus— Sale Street building. The Clothing Pool does not have EFTPOS facilities. Cash Only. OPS Clothing Pool - Term 3 Tuesdays Wednesdays Fridays If you are able to volunteer in our 2.15 - 3.15 pm 9 - 10am 9 -10 am **Clothing Pool please call Jane Howell** 0414 242 823 6 August 14 August 2 August 27 August 4 September 23 August 17 September 25 September 13 September





P&C News

P&C email address: opspnc@gmail.com



Community News



Educate & Empower

Community News

The Orange Society of Model Engineers - Miniature Train **Rides**

Saturday 14th September, 2019.

Matthews Park Corner Moulder Street and Anson Street Orange NSW 2800



Rides commence at 1pm. Come and have some fun. Bring the whole family. Rides for both adults and children. Cost \$2.

If you plan to ride the miniature trains please ensure you and your children are wearing enclosed shoes.



Bletchington.softball@gmail.com or phone Jacquie 0407 934471 or Pam 0419 013951



Zoo Adventures is an exciting school holiday program of cool animal themed activities for school kids aged 5-12 years.

ACTIVITY

Aonday 30th September

Tuesday 1st October Wednesday 2nd October Thursday 3rd October Friday 4th October

WEEK 2

Tuesday 8th October Wednesday 9th October Thursday 10th October Friday 11th October

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Wonderful Wildlife: Earth is home to an amazing variety of plants and anin www.e.cours is note to an amazing variety or plants and animals, is some are small, and some have feathers, fur and crawl. Some are bit are, but all are wonderful, precious and rarel Join us in meeting some ures and the peculiar adaptations that make them wonderfully unique

ectable Diets: Food! We all love to eat it and we all need it to survive. Le al diets, from 'generalists' to super fussy 'specialist' eaters. Test your culinary

skills through hands-on investigations, taste testing and cooking demonstrations Festy Fauna Features: A giraffe's tongue is long enough so they can use it to pick se, flies vomit on their food before sucking it up through their strawques and turkey vultures bathe in their own urine. Join us o mal facts, and learn about why they have evolved these h

Amazing Athletes of the Animal Kingdom: Come m amazing athletic talent. Everybody needs to thrive in their natural environm and sometimes they also need to competel It can be a tough battle where only th fittest will survivel Join us at the zoo to learn about Amazing Athletes of the Animal Kingdoml 12

DETAILS

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BOOKINGS





SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Live, love, laugh Softball

New players - come and try softball with no cost or commitment to register Current players - come and prepare for the season & bring a friend

WHEN: Saturday 28 September

WHERE: Sir Jack Brabham Oval, Forest Road, Orange

TeeBall	Ages 5-9	10 - 11.30am
Modball	10-13 yrs	11:15am - 12:15pm
Softball	14-Adults	12:30 - 2.00pm

COST: Nil, a free sausage sizzle will be available for all participants

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