

Wednesday 11th December, 2019

Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where has the year gone? As we move towards the last few school days of 2019 I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for what has truly been a remarkable year. I have never known a single year to have so many opportunities offered to students from across all grades, as 2019 has. Our involvement in the pursuit of academic attainment has always been our goal and this, complemented with our numerous events in Tournament of Minds, Spelling Bees, Public Speaking and Debating has really solidified OPS as the leaders in these fields throughout the Western Region. Through Eisteddfods, Choral Performances, Band performances, School Spec and of course our major school production, "Thank You Mr Disney", our children had every opportunity to shine. Each time the compliments came flooding in, to the children, staff and school in reference to the skill and polish shown by our performers. Our tremendous success in sport across the 13 PSSA team sports and 3 sporting carnivals that we entered is unheard of. To make it through more than two or three rounds in these competitions is a huge achievement, but to be District Carnival Champions, then Western Champions in 4 sports and runner up in another is enormous. However, to then progress through to place second in the state in two sports and to win the State Final in another highlights a remarkable year.

The year has seen many new staff members commence with OPS and each member hasn't stopped running, just trying to keep up with the speed of the school. As always, the strength of the school is in direct relation to the effort and care that each member of staff puts towards their role of teaching and mentoring our wonderful children. I would like to thank each member for their tireless contribution to the school. The year has come with challenges as well for our families with many facing drought on the land, which is also being felt by all now. Our ovals have seen better days but not once have our children complained and as a school we have tried our best in relation to water consumption and getting the message out to conserve.

The P&C have always been a remarkable support to the school and again they have gone out of their way to provide the children of OPS with quality resources throughout the school. Well done to the P&C members and executive for their work throughout 2019. The commitment of the Open Garden Committee again also showed that anything is possible with strong support and when called upon OPS parents always step forward to assist which translated to another enormous success. Our school is looking remarkable in so many ways and improvements in surface areas and gardens is just one that the P&C had involvement in. Congratulations on a remarkable year.

 Respectful
Responsible
Learners 

Weekly
focus:

Sharing



IMPORTANT NEWS

- December 2nd - 13th
School swimming
scheme
- December 11th & 12th
Kindergarten
Dinosaur Excursion
- December 12th
Year 5 Tenpin
Bowling
- December 13th
Year 6 Borenore
Excursion

The year hasn't quite finished and I would like take the opportunity to thank our whole staffing team that put on the school production last week that could easily have be seen on a Sydney Stage. What a show! Congratulations to all of the wonderful students in each and every dance and a very special congratulations to the amazing talents of the main cast. Mrs Powell and her team did an amazing job and how lucky are we to have involvement with such creative people. Well done OPS.

This week, our school will again see lots of activity with many excursions taking place across all grades. Ranging from Kindergarten on the hunt for Dinosaurs to year 6 doing their best Bear Grylls impersonation when they go caving to Borenore Caves. The school will have the children of OPS busy to the last day.

Our final members of the 2020 leadership team will be selected tomorrow when our sporting captains will be voted on and announced. Best of luck to all year 5 students looking for nomination.

Next week will start with our Presentation Day with Infants starting at 10am, Stage 2 (Grades 3-4) will commence at 11.30am and Stage 3 (Grades 5-6) at 1pm. Each assembly will go for no longer than one hour and we hope parents take the opportunity to come along and celebrate the achievements across the school.

On Tuesday the day is all about Year 6 with the traditional teachers vs children softball game that the teachers have never lost. Maybe this year may be the one for the students. Also another highlight is the Year 6 Farewell dinner commencing at 6pm in the Community Hall. This is always a very special night that children and parents enjoy. Parents love to see their children dressed up ready to head to high school and often reflect that it only feels like yesterday they were heading into Kindergarten. Each year I greatly appreciate the parents take on the evening, ensuring their child is dressed as a twelve year old and not a 22 year old. You can look forward to that next year. However it will be a great night and one we always enjoy.

Wednesday is a very big day with the announcement of the 2020 Student Leadership Team. The assembly is a handing over ceremony, from current school leaders to the new leaders of the school including badges and responsibilities. Wednesday will also have a strong direction towards year 6 with the Year 6 Rite of passage, where the school formally congratulates each child on their primary education. Following this, the year 6 students enjoy a unique tradition at Orange Public School being, the ringing of the school bell for the last time to signify their leaving of OPS before tackling the excitement and adventure that is High School. We are also saying goodbye next week to several families that have been with the Orange Public for a very long time. I sincerely thank these lovely people for their support of the school and cannot speak highly enough towards the contribution you have made to Orange Public School and the education of not only your own but all children.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday period during the Christmas break. I hope Santa finds everyone on the special day and possibly brings some rain with him. Have a wonderful holiday.

Bradley Tom
Principal





2019 Armaleka



**2019 Armaleka now on sale at the
Primary and Infants Offices \$25.00**

OPS - 2019 School Year Dates

December 2 - 13	Year 2 - 6 Learn to Swim Program
December 11	P & C Christmas Raffle tickets to be returned. Drawn on Presentation Day.
December 11 ,12	Kinder - Australian Fossil & Mineral Museum, Adventure Playground excursion
December 12	Year 5 Tenpin Bowling Excursion
December 13	Year 6 Borenore Cave Excursion
December 13	Last Canteen day 2019
December 16	Presentation Day - OPS Communal Hall K - 2 - 10am to 11am Year 3 & 4 - 11.30am to 12.30pm Year 5 & 6 - 1pm to 2pm
December 17	Stage 2 Reward day - Movie excursion
December 17	Year 2 PCYC excursion, Christmas party
December 17	Year 6 Farewell Dinner & Disco
December 18	Year 6 Rite of Passage & SRC Induction Starting at 1.50pm
December 18	Last day for Students 2019
January 29	First day for Students 2020
January 30	P&C Welcome BBQ & Parent Information Sessions
February 5	Parent Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm to 6pm Details to follow
February 12	Parent Teacher Interviews - 3.30pm to 6pm Details to follow
March 9-13	Year 6 Point Wolstoncroft Excursion



OPS Sport

K-2	Every Friday
Year 3-6	Every Friday

OPS Assemblies

Kindergarten	Monday's 9.10am
Year 1	Monday's 9.10am
Year 2	Monday's 9.10am



Year Six Farewell

Tuesday December 17

Anyone interested in helping with decorating, food, set up or pack up....

please email:

tiffanyobrien@bigpond.com or
sallyclunas@hotmail.com



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.**

**If you are able to volunteer in our Clothing
Pool please call Jane Howell 0414 242 823**

OPS Clothing Pool - Term 4		
Tuesdays 2.15 - 3.15 pm	Wednesdays 9 - 10am	Fridays 9 -10 am
22 October	30 October	18 October
12 November	20 November	8 November
3 December	11 December	29 November
	18 December	

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets (sold or unsold) & money to be returned by 11 December 2019 - Drawn
at Presentation Day December 16

Prizes

- 1st \$100 WISH Gift Card and Christmas gift
- 2nd \$75 WISH Gift Card and Christmas gift
- 3rd \$50 WISH Gift Card and Christmas gift
- 4th \$25 WISH Gift Card and Christmas gift
- 5th \$25 WISH Gift Card and Christmas gift
- 6th \$25 WISH Gift Card and Christmas gift



You're invited to join our OPS Community Facebook groups



These groups are closed pages with the aim to strengthen informal communication and
grow our community within OPS.

Pages are moderated by the P&C and supported by school representatives.

Search for your children's year group, where you will need to enter your child's name and
current teacher.

OPS Community – Kindergarten 2020

OPS Community - Kindergarten 2019

OPS Community - Year 1

OPS Community - Year 2

OPS Community - Year 3

OPS Community - Year 4

OPS Community - Year 5

OPS Community - Year 6

Any questions, please email opspnc@gmail.com



OPS Canteen News



2019 TERM 4 SHOW DAYS MENU

Week 8, Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th of December

REDUCED MENU FOR SHOW DAYS

- 😊 Pizza Scroll *Ham & Cheese* \$3
- 😊 Garden Salad (GF) \$5
*with choice of: Chicken, Ham, Tuna or Plain
Lettuce, cucumber, carrot, tomato & Grated Cheese*

WRAPS

- 😊 Ham, cheese, lettuce & carrot \$4
- 😊 Chicken, mayo, lettuce & carrot \$4
- 😊 Hot Chicken Wrap \$4
Flame Grilled chicken, lettuce & mayo

DRINKS

- 😊 Bottled Water (GF) \$1
- 😊 Just Juice Popper (GF) \$1.60
(200ml Apple or Tropical)
- 😊 Plain Milk carton (300ml) (GF) \$1.60
- 😊 Flavoured Milk Popper (GF) \$2.50
(250ml Chocolate or Strawberry)

SANDWICHES

made on wholemeal bread
NO toasting available for Show week

- 😊 Jam or Vegemite \$2
- 😊 Cheese \$2.30
- 😊 Cheese & Tomato \$2.50
- 😊 Ham & Cheese \$3
- 😊 Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$3.50
- 😊 Shredded Chicken & Mayo \$3.50
- 😊 Chicken & Cheese \$3.50
- 😊 Ham, Cheese and Salad \$4
- 😊 Chicken, Salad & mayo \$4

SNACKS

- 😊 Carrot Sticks (GF) 20c
- 😊 Veggie Sticks (GF) 20c
- 😊 Cheese & Rice Crackers (GF) 50c
- 😊 Rice Crackers with Dip (GF) 50c
- 😊 Mini Seasonal Fruit Cup (GF) 50c
- 😊 Jelly Cup (GF) \$1
- 😊 Custard Cup (GF) \$1
- 😊 Cobs Sea Salt Popcorn (GF) \$1

No Over Counter Sales
No counter service during Show days

Full menu & recess service available on Friday 6th

Last day of canteen for 2019 will be Friday 13th
no canteen service on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December

ONLINE ordering available via www.Flexischools.com.au

Contact the Canteen 6361 7553 or search @OPScanteen on Facebook

Community News



Gersbach Tennis

Posted by Alison Maree Seib
14 November at 8:20 pm • 🌐

We have two Holiday Tennis Clinics fast approaching.

Clinic 1: Kinross 5/6th December
9.30am - 12.30pm \$60pp or \$30 per day.

Clinic 2: Christmas 19/20/21 Dec
9.30am - 12.30pm \$75pp or \$30 per day. Bookings now open for both, call or text Alison on 0414428875

Held at Orange Exservices Tennis Courts



Become a Little Rock Star

GUITAR LESSONS



Learn to play the Guitar in 2020 with Megan Woods

Learn to play the guitar in school hours with Megan Woods local guitar teacher and Musician.

Lessons are 35mins each , in a group setting
at a cost of \$12 per lesson .

An invoice is emailed out at the start of each term , to be paid in full
with in the first 2 weeks of each term .

If you would like to know more please ask Mrs Sawyer ,
or give me a Call on 0497 384 448.

LET'S ROCK IT OUT !!

ORANGE CITY COUNCIL
PRESENTS
ORANGE
Carols by Candlelight
Saturday 14th December
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM FREE EVENT
Civic Centre North Court
Visit by Santa
Glowstix for purchase
ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM • CITY OF ORANGE BRASS BAND CANOBOLAS HIGHLAND PIPE BAND
COLOUR CITY DANCE • BBQ BY CANOBOLAS LIONS CLUB
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ORANGE CITY COUNCIL VIA 6393 8000
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NEW ENROLEES
RECEIVE 20%
OFF TERM 1
LESSONS!
ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM
2020 ENROLMENT DAY
WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY
10am - 2pm
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a choir or ensemble and learn all about the
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