



Orange Public School  
Deeds Not Words

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

Term 1 Week 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

**What an extraordinary week.** Firstly I would like to begin this newsletter with gratitude towards the manner in which our community has conducted themselves over the last seven days. From our amazing children who showed their understanding towards the need to enhance hygiene routines, to our parents who have supported the school at this time. I would also like to compliment the commitment and professionalism of the Orange Public School staff and the manner in which they have directed learning and well being of students.

In a very short period of time the delivery of regular class has taken a major change and our school (as are most schools) **working through the complexities** and delivery of curriculum in varied formats. We have moved to a new schedule of learning, ensuring the work provided to all students is the same.

On the weekend and again last night the Prime Minister announced **schools will remain open at this point**, which we are. The Premier then announced although schools in NSW will remain open, families who have provision to have their children at home should do so. These comments have reached all families and as such we have seen a sharp decrease in students attending class at schools across Orange and the State. Children who are at home are directed to the Learning at Home Website

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/teaching-and-learning-resources/k-6-resources> to gain access to the scheduled work for each grade during this week. The school is moving quickly in providing further work schedules for the up coming weeks, ensuring **continuity of learning for all students**. At school we are working hard with staff on planning towards the end of the term and beyond. The unknown is for how long this process will be needed and used. This uncertainty brings with it anxiety across the community and I would like to reassure parents that Orange Public School will always look to provide quality education avenues for all students.



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Respectful  
Responsible  
Learners



Weekly  
focus:

*Asking for  
Help*



## IMPORTANT NEWS

- April 1<sup>st</sup>  
OPS Athletics  
Carnival – **Postponed**
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>  
State Swimming  
Carnival – **Postponed**
- April 8<sup>th</sup>  
OPS Cross Country –  
**Postponed**
- April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Hat Parade –  
**Cancelled**

Currently the school is considering the progression of our new format for families and the vast differences we have in our school community. As such we have elected to commence **Google Classroom** as our delivery platform for the following two weeks and look to introduce families to its features and structure. For families that have their children at home but do not have computers or reliable internet service, **the school will provide learning packs at the front office of both the Primary and Infants sites, which will be available from 2:00pm each Friday for the following week.** Families who do have the required technology can access the work schedule on the schools website and the School Enews app on Friday afternoon.

We will be looking to give directions and tips as we progress using this digital platform with no expectation of pre knowledge. As such we will move at a steady pace to commence and we hope parents can be considerate and patient, making sure we don't disadvantage any families. **Our goal is to provide quality lessons delivered to all.**

At this point the school is very positive in teaching all children in attendance at the school and we are strongly supporting the learning of all students who are not attending. Please feel reassured that **your children are our first priority.**

Finally if you are intending to keep your child/children away from school in the coming weeks, we ask that you notify the office so that your child/s attendance can be marked accordingly.

Enjoy the Week

*Bradley Tom  
Principal*



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**or**

- 2) 1) Open the App Store (iPhone, iPad) or Play Store (Android)  
2) Search for "Enews" and download "School Enews" app  
3) Open app and search for your school name or postcode

**or**

- 3)    

iPhone iPad Android Web App

We ask all parents to please download our free school app, **School Enews**, to receive information and updates.

## OPS - 2020 School Year Dates

April 1	OPS Athletics Carnival - POSTPONED
April 6 & 7	State Swimming Carnival - POSTPONED
April 8	OPS Cross Country - POSTPONED
April 9	Easter Hat Parade - POSTPONED
April 9	Last day for students Term 1
April 27	Staff development day
April 28	First day for students Term 2
May 5	Sydney Writers Festival
May 7	District Cross Country
May 8	CWA Entries Due
May 11	Rugby League PSSA Gala Day
May 19	GRIP Leadership day, Year 6 SRC
May 20	Kindergarten 2021, Open Day, 9.30 - 10.30am
May 25	District Athletics Carnival
June 22	School photos - Infants - <b>New Date</b>
June 23	School photos - Primary - <b>New Date</b>
June 24	School photos - Family and Catch up - <b>New Date</b>



### OPS Sport

K-6	Every Friday
Year 2 (Week 3-11)	Every Thursday

### OPS Assemblies

Kindergarten	Postponed until further notice
Year 1	Postponed until further notice
Year 2	Postponed until further notice
Year 3 - 6	Postponed until further notice



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FOR**  
**ORANGE**  
**OPEN GARDENS**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER, 2020**

[www.orangeopengardens.org.au](http://www.orangeopengardens.org.au)



## **Clothing Pool 2019**

**Any Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Primary Office.**

**The Clothing Pool is located at the Primary Campus  
Sale Street building**

**EFTPOS facilities are now available  
at the Clothing Pool on the Primary site.**

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

### **OPS P&C Clothing Pool Dates Term 1**

**Closed until further notice**

## **Easter Raffle**

**Drawn:- Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Please return all tickets**

**sold or unsold**

**by Friday 3rd April 2020**



## **April P&C Meeting Cancelled**

Due to announcements about measures the Federal and State Governments are taking to manage the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the P&C have decided to cancel the April P&C meeting.

If you have any concerns or issues that you would like raised, please feel free to send them across to [opspnc@gmail.com](mailto:opspnc@gmail.com).

Thank you for your understanding,  
OPS P&C Executive



The P&C in consultation with the Canteen Manager and Brad Tom, have decided to close the OPS canteen for the remainder of the term.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your support. Stay safe and if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the P&C President.

**Closed** *for the remainder of Term 1*