

Wednesday 12th December - Term 4 Week 9

Dear Parents

How close are we to the holidays? The term has been a blur, with the events at the school seemingly endless, involving children in each and every grade. This week we were so excited with the scheduled **Christmas Concert which has now been rescheduled to Tuesday 18th December** due to the expected thunderstorm and wet weather this afternoon. A P&C BBQ offering a night off cooking for all the mum's and Dad's will commence at 5pm. The Christmas Concert will commence in earnest at 6pm with the first dance followed by all grades. The teachers and staff have put in a lot of effort and fun into the dances and should be great to see. I would like to thank Mrs Powell for coordinating the night and being the driving force. The evening is seen as a wonderful chance to catch up on a more casual occasion and we look forward to seeing everyone there to celebrate the Christmas Cheer. So come one and all and please invite the grandparents to what will be a tremendous and very entertaining evening. I ask all parents to be aware that the play equipment will not in use due to supervision requirements and to always be careful parking with so many children walking towards the school.

As mentioned the school has held a host of **activities and excursions** for the children in the last week, including the Kindergarten visit to the Bathurst Dinosaur Museum. This is a very big excursion for our smallest students and one that is right up their alley. I was so delighted to hear the responses on their return and was enthralled with the kids recounts of the T-Rex, the Bus Trip, the Dinosaur Park and surprisingly Dinosaur Poo, that everyone felt they needed to let me know about.

We have had several classes visiting the movies as well as the PCYC in other grades. All of these excursions came with great excitement and enjoyment and experiences the children will remember.

This week our school is also getting ready for three **major events** that will occur before the end of the term. The first significant event will be the farewell activities of our wonderful year six classes. This starts with a marvellous day on Friday when **year six** will travel to the **Borenore Caves** and do their best impressions of Bear Grylls. This adventure day is an absolute treat and one the students are all looking forward to. Following this for year 6 will be their **farewell dinner** on Monday evening at the school. This is also a great celebration of the conclusion of primary schooling which involves a formal dinner and disco on the night. Finally we recognise and congratulate our year 6 class with a rights of passage assembly and a walking out parade which will be held at the conclusion of the last day being Wednesday 19th December. To this event, we welcome parents to come and be present at the last moment of primary school as most parents were also present at the start of their child's time at Orange Public School.

 **Respectful
Responsible
Learners** 

Weekly
focus:

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IMPORTANT NEWS

- December 3 – 14th
School Swimming Scheme
- December 17th
Presentation Assemblies –
Community Hall, Primary
- December 19th
Last Day for Students
Term 4
- January 30th
Students return to
school – Term 1, 2019

The next major event at the school will be the **Presentation Day** which is being held on Monday 17th December. This day will involve 3 assemblies for the different student groups being Infants, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. Each assembly is scheduled for approximately 1 hour and we hope that all parents of students involved in the assembly take the opportunity to attend.

The times are:
Kindergarten - Year 2:- 10-11am
Years 3 & 4:- 11.30am - 12.30pm
Years 5 & 6:- 1pm - 2pm

All students are to be in full uniform and we hope parents arrive promptly to start on time.

The final event to be mentioned is the **Announcement of the 2019 School Captains and Prefects**. This will be held on the last afternoon being Wednesday 19th December and will be run in conjunction with the Year 6 Rights of Passage ceremony commencing at 2pm.

The **school reports** have been completed and will be distributed to students to take home on Thursday. We encourage parents to read the report with their child and discuss the different sections that are reported on. The school encourages parents to also take the opportunity to discuss their report with the school on any level of query. I have been delighted in reading all 688 reports and have been more than impressed with the growth of student achievement throughout all grades. I would like to thank all of the teachers and support teachers for their efforts in promoting such great student outcomes.

As we come to the conclusion of the term our **school planning** has been finalised with all staff aware of their class positions for 2019. We will be welcoming two new staff members to Orange Public School being Miss Leaza Konza and Mr Andrew McDonald. On the other side of welcoming staff we will be saying goodbye to Miss Curle who is moving to Sydney to be closer to her family and to Mrs Ryan who will be heading to Cowra which is her home town. We wish both of these ladies the very best for the following year. We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Wilson who is expecting, with his wife, a new baby in the new year and he will be taking time to enjoy the arrival of his new child. We are looking forward to seeing Mr Wilson in some capacity in 2019.

During the break the school will be a hive of activity with the school roof being replaced on the year 3/4 building. This will be a major undertaking and will involve major scaffolding around the building during the work period. Another major project that is well overdue is the upgrade of the primary asphalt playing surface with the first stage being the construction of a full size netball court on artificial grass. This will greatly improve the school in so many ways least of all being the look. We can't wait! Finally we will see the school have approximately 15 classes recarpeted which is also long overdue.

Speaking of upgrades the lucky students of Mrs Newcombes class are enjoying the **new smart TV** that our school were successful in winning with the efforts of Mrs Felice and Mr Wilson's classes who entered a video competition and won. These two classes don't go away empty handed and enjoyed a Pizza party today and we are so grateful for their efforts.

Great news, the **Winning House** that has accumulated the most points during class and sport activities this year is **Maranoa**. They will be treated with a free sausage sizzle next Tuesday for lunch. Well done on collecting all your house points this year!

MARANOA



Our **sunglasses** have been very popular with the students. **A new order just arrived today stocking us with medium and large sizes.** The children seem to love the shades and one parent mentioned the glasses bought were going under a certain tree for a few weeks which I thought was a clever idea.

Our **swim program** will conclude this week and I would like to congratulate all students for their involvement. I would also like to thank the staff attending but mostly I would like to thank all parents who took the opportunity to enrol your child. We can be close and vigilant as parents but kids are kids, they move so fast that they can be out of arms reach so quickly and the knowledge that your child can sufficiently swim is priceless.

On that note, we are still hoping to participate in the program with the **expected inclement weather over the next few days. Obviously a decision will be made on a daily basis depending on the severity of the weather. Please supply your child with a jacket, poncho or umbrella.**



Finally I would like to thank the P&C for the Christmas Concert BBQ and their endless support.

Enjoy the Week

*Bradley Tom
Principal*

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

All Library books need to be returned. Any outstanding returns a notice of remuneration has been sent to you. If you have lost a book it would be appreciated if you could replace that book. Any concerns regarding this matter should be directed to me.

HOLIDAY BORROWING

Over the last couple of years I have had borrowing over Summer holidays. This has been very successful. If you would like your child to be a part of this initiative please send a note. Students will be able to make their selections in Week 10.

*Ms Smith
Librarian*

OPS - 2018 School Year Dates

December 3-14	School Swimming Scheme Year 2 - 10.15am - 11.00am Years 3 - 6 - 11.00am - 11.45am
December 13	Stage 2 Movie Excursion
December 14	LAST DAY for CANTEEN 2018 No Canteen in week 10 - Please remember to pack lunch & recess.
December 14	Year 4 Christmas Party / Disco in the Hall
December 14	Year 5 Ten-Pin Bowling Excursion - details to follow
December 14	Year 6 Borenore Caves - details to follow
December 17	Year 6 Farewell - details to follow
December 17	OPS Presentation - Community Hall, Primary K-2 - 10am to 11am Stage 2 - 11.30am to 12.30pm Stage 3 - 1pm to 2pm
December 18	Change of Date Christmas Concert - 5pm BBQ 6pm Concert
December 18	Year 6 Water Fight and Softball match.
December 18	Stage 1 Movie Excursion
December 19	2019 SRC Induction & Year 6 Right of Passage Community Hall, Primary 2pm to 3.10pm
December 19	Last Day of Term 4 for students

OPS - 2019 School Year Dates

January 29	Staff Development Day, Term 1
January 30	First day of Term 1 2019 - Years 1-6 attend
February 19	OPS Year 2-6 Swimming Carnival
February 26	ODPSSA Swimming Carnival
March 14	Western Swimming Carnival
April 1 - 5	Year 6 Point Wolstonecroft Camp
April 12	Last Day of Term 1, 2019
April 29	Staff Development Day, Term 2
April 30	First Day of Term 1, 2019 Students attend



OPS Sport

K-6	Every Friday
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OPS Assemblies

Kindergarten	Monday 17 th December Presentation Assembly
Year 1	Monday 17 th December Presentation Assembly
Year 2	Monday 17 th December Presentation Assembly
Year 3-6	Monday 17 th December Presentation Assembly



Orange Public School Coffee Club



We would like to invite our school community to join Mr Tom, Mrs Oliver and our executive staff for a coffee/hot chocolate every Tuesday at the Infants Courtyard.

Where: Infants Courtyard
When: 2.40pm every Tuesday



Come and discuss your ideas and visions for Orange Public School.



Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool is located at the Primary Campus - Sale Street building. The Clothing Pool does not have EFTPOS facilities.

OPS Clothing Pool - Term 4		
Tuesdays from 2.30-3.30pm	Wednesdays from 9-10am	Fridays from 9-10am
16 th October	24 th October	2 nd November
6 th November	14 th November	23 rd November
27 th November	5 th December	14 th December

If you are able to volunteer in our Clothing Pool please call Michelle Blowes - 0434 947 836

Clothing Pool 2019

The Clothing Pool will be open on the first day back at school:- **Wednesday 30th January 9-10am**

Tuesday 5th February 2.30- 3.30pm

Any Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at anytime the clothing pool is open.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program - Ceases in 2019

The P&C wish to advise that the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program will no longer be run at Orange Public School - commencing from the start of term 2019. The process required by the Commonwealth Bank that our volunteers follow is unrealistic and unsustainable. We thank all of our families that have supported the program over the years and a massive thanks to all of the volunteers that have processed the children's deposits. The P&C are investigating other organisations that may be able to support our volunteers better. More details will be provided in the newsletter in due course.

If anyone has any concerns, please contact the P&C President: Kim Broadfoot 0428710773





OPS Canteen News



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SPECIALS VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, SEARCH @OPSCANTEEN

Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

It's been a busy year at the OPS canteen and we thank you all for your support. We have made many menu changes to comply with NSW Healthy canteen Strategy. We introduced meal deals days for the Infants sports day and the Bathurst Dance eisteddfod and we could not do any of this without the support of the school community and our wonderful volunteers.

This year we celebrated Mrs Dujchau's 30 years of service with OPS canteen. We acknowledged this milestone at an assembly and congratulate her 30 years with our School canteen.

We farewell some amazing volunteers. A special mention to Mrs White has helped at OPS canteen for the past 11 years and now leaves as her granddaughter moves to high school. Thank you Mrs White.

We have welcome many new parents to the canteen community this year and hope to continue to grow our community of volunteers in 2019.

Next year will start with a new menu, keep an eye on the flexischools app. We look forward to serving you in 2019

CANTEEN NOT AVAILABLE
NEXT WEEK.

LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN IS
THIS FRIDAY 14TH.

Counter Service
LUNCH PLAY 11.10 - 11.30AM
AFTERNOON RECESS 1.50 - 2.10PM

This is the last week
for 2018

Last day of service is this friday



NO CANTEEN NEXT WEEK

CANTEEN OPEN TUESDAY - FRIDAY

online ordering available at www.flexischools.com.au, download the app

Community News



**SWIM-IN
MOVIE**

MEET
**STUART
KEVIN
& BOB**

minions

Friday 14 December 2018, 6pm
Orange Aquatic Centre
Free for kids and young people
Kids under 12 will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult to be given entry into pool.

For more information, contact Orange City Council
via (02) 6393 8000 or council@orange.nsw.gov.au
orange.nsw.gov.au/young-people/

 **ORANGE
CITY COUNCIL**



**Would you like to play Hockey?
IT'S SIGN UP TIME!!**

Attend the Registration Day on Friday 8th February
from 4.30-6.30pm.
Everyone is welcome to attend (new and returning players)
Venue: Orange Hockey Complex, Moad St
Come along, meet our clubs and get all the information you need
for the year ahead.

Proposed Competitions for 2019: Junior Girls & Boys, Mixed Juniors, Men's and Women's
Planned Games Days for each age group:
Under 7s—Saturdays from 11am-12noon
Under 9s—Saturdays from 11.5am-12.15pm
Mixed Open Primary (9-12yrs)—Wednesdays from 4.30pm onwards
U12s Girls and U14s Mixed—Friday from 4.30pm onwards
U16s and 18s Girls—Mondays from 4.30pm onwards
U16s Boys—Mondays from 4.30pm onwards
Starting Dates: Juniors start in Term 2 (1st week of May) 6 Seniors start 30/31st March
All of our Hockey Clubs are registered for the Active Kids Vouchers so you will save \$\$
If you can't get there on the 8th February or if you have any further questions,
please email: orangejuniorhockey@hotmail.com

Come and try Hockey for free!!
Ages from 4 to 14 are welcome, it will be held on Wednesdays: 20th
March, 27th March, 3rd April, 10th April from 4.30-5.30pm
We look forward to seeing you there!



Santa Paws
is coming to town

Santa Paws will be stopping by to bring some Christmas cheer,
and to pose for photos with you and your pets. If you would like
a festive photo, here's where and when you can find Santa Paws:

Sunday, 16th Dec
10am to 3.30pm

To book, contact: **6362 6171**

RSPCA
New South Wales

Community News

VACATION CARE JANUARY 2019 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bookings open Monday 3 December 2018 @ 9am

Calare Public School	Spring Street Children's Centre
7.30 am to 6 pm	8 am to 6 pm
Monday 7 Jan to Friday 11 Jan	
Monday 14 Jan to Friday 18 Jan	
Monday 21 Jan to Friday 25 Jan	
Tuesday 29 January (Pupil Free day)	

- Booking forms can be emailed to childrensservices@orange.nsw.gov.au, completed and with credit card details for full payment.
- OR
- Presented in person between 9am and 4pm at Gyalang Ganya – Community Services, 286 Lords Place, Orange or Spring Street Childrens Centre, Spring Street Orange.
- Bookings are limited and fill quickly
- Full payment must be made and all forms signed and completed at the time of booking.
- Change of mind cancellations will only be refunded if they can be filled from the waiting list.
- New children will need to complete an enrolment form and confirm the enrolment on the MYGOV website or APP.
- For more information please call 6393 8607 or email childrensservices@orange.nsw.gov.au

For existing families, all Vacation Care documents will be emailed to you prior to bookings opening. Payment is available via credit card on the booking form. It will be charged as per the CCS/Hubworks estimate.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

ORANGE - MUDGEES - DUBBO

- ★ Galaxy Far Away (Inspired by Star Wars)
- ★ Knights & Wizards (Inspired by Nexo Knights & Harry Potter)
- ★ WeDo Robotics
- ★ EV3 Mindstorms Robotics

Orange
Bletchington Public School Hall, Matthews Ave
Tue 8th January 2019 – Friday 11th January 2019

Mudgee
Cudgegong Valley Public School Hall, Matthews Ave
Mon 14 Jan 2019 – Tue 15 Jan 2019

Dubbo
St Johns Primary School Hall, Sheraton Road
Thu 17 Jan 2019 – Friday 18 Jan 2019

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BOOK NOW!

bricks4kidz.com.au/nsw-centralwest
central.west@bricks4kidz.com
 0419 894 586



\$40 per day / \$25 for half a day

Extra cost - this is the cost of the activity on top of session rate.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL PRIOR TO DAY OF CHILD ATTENDING

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF BOOKING

Court play varies each day, it may be basketball, netball, volleyball, futsal, hockey or just general ball play on the courts.

- All children attending must be current members of the PCYC and have attended **KINDERGARTEN** (not pre kinder or pre prep) through to **YEAR 6**.
- **Parent must bring child to the front office at the start of each day, sign them in & drop off any spending money for the child to the front counter in a labelled bag/envelope.**
- **Fully enclosed sports shoes must be worn each day**
- Please ensure your child **does not** bring any items such as mobile phones, iPod or gaming devices to the PCYC as they are not necessary.
- Permission notes must be fully completed upon signing up to the program.
- Excursion fees vary & are payable on top of the session/daily fee
- **Hours are 8.30am-5.30pm **PLEASE NO EARLY DROP OFFS**, with pick up & drop off STRICTLY from the PCYC.**
- Please provide your child with lunch, snacks, drinks, a hat and sunscreen each day, our day is longer than a school day so pack lots of food to prevent your child from becoming hungry ☺
- PCYC accepts cash, credit card and debit card including over the phone payments.
- Please phone 63602249 for further details, please note **NO** tentative bookings will be made. All bookings will be confirmed upon payment.
- **Unfortunately refunds cannot be given – if your child is sick we can transfer their payment to another day or activity if we are informed prior to 10am on the day the child is sick.**
- 3rd child in family receives care for half price – activities are charged at the full rate.
- Activities may change due to circumstances beyond our control



January 2019 School Holiday Activity Program
2-10 Seymour Street, Orange
63602249



		Morning Session	Afternoon Session
Week 1	Thurs 20 th Dec	Gymnastics / Relay races / Outdoor play	Bootcamp / Court play / Board games
	Fri 21 st Dec Christmas Themed	Tenpin Bowling (extra \$10)	Ninja Warrior / Court play / Christmas movie
Week 2	Tues 1 st Jan	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Wed 2 nd Jan	Cheerleading / Outdoor play / Puzzles	Minute to win it games / Court play / Fort building
	Thurs 3 rd Jan	Fort building / Colouring / Gymnastics	Court play / Fitness circuit / In club disco
Week 3	Fri 4 th Jan	Hip-Hop / Court play / Trivia	Fort building / Outdoor play / In club movie
	Mon 7 th Jan	Fort building / Hip-hop / Court play	Zumba / Ball games / Colouring
	Tues 8 th Jan	Court play / Minute to win it games / Fort building	Boxing for fitness / Outdoor play / Board games
	Wed 9 th Jan	Trivia / Gymnastics / Zumba	Workshop 1 (extra \$3) / Colouring / Court play
	Thurs 10 th Jan Crazy hair day	Outdoor play / Board games / crazy hair (gold coin donation for us to do hair)	Court play / Bootcamp / Crazy hair competition
Week 4	Fri 11 th Jan	Tenpin Bowling (extra \$10)	Court play / Parkour / In club movie
	Mon 14 th Jan	Minute to win it games / Outdoor play / Board games	Court play / Ninja Warrior / Karaoke
	Tues 15 th Jan	Court play / Science experiments / Gymnastics	Bootcamp / Outdoor play / Hip-Hop
	Wed 16 th Jan	Outdoor games / Court play / Zumba	Workshop 2 (extra \$3) / Hip-Hop / Colouring
	Thurs 17 th Jan Talent show	Court play / Carers vs Children games / Gymnastics	Boxing for fitness / 'got talent' show
Week 5	Fri 18 th Jan	Ninja Warrior / Colouring / Outdoor play	Zumba / Gymnastics / In club movie
	Mon 21 st Jan	Cheerleading / Outdoor play / Hip-Hop	Science experiments / Court play / Karaoke
	Tues 22 nd Jan	Trampoline / Outdoor play / Minute to win it games	Fitness circuit / Court play / colouring
	Wed 23 rd Jan	Workshop 3 (extra \$3) / Circus / Hip-Hop	Court Play / Karaoke / Board games
	Thurs 24 th Jan	Court play / Gymnastics / Colouring	Bootcamp / Hip-Hop / Ball games
	Fri 25 th Jan	Hip-Hop / Outdoor play / Ninja warrior	Court play / Board games / In club movie