

Orana's fortnightly newsletter 17th May 2019

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT:

Year 9 girls' Building Stronger Connections event Friday May 17

Monday May 20 **Book Week Begins**

High School Student Exchange Information Evening 6.30 SRC

Tuesday May 21 Class 5ST Parent teacher interviews Wednesday May 22 Class 5ST Parent teacher interviews Thursday May 23 Class 5ST Parent teacher interviews

Big Science Competition, Years 7-10

Year 6 Excursion to Museum of Democracy

Reconciliation Day Assembly Friday May 24

Class 5ST Parent teacher interviews

Monday May 27 Reconciliation Day Public Holiday

Tuesday May 28 St John Ambulance visit

SSACT Secondary South region Cross Country

St John Ambulance visit Wednesday May 29

Friday May 31 Sun-smart hats off from today

** THIS TERM'S WORKING BEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 15**

The jobs conducted at the working bee will be many and varied, however please note that all will be of a physical nature. Morning tea and lunch will be supplied for those people who are attending all day. We are also looking for ten people to cook for the working bee: please register at working.bee@oranaschool.com if you are interested in this role. Community hours will be given to parents who would like to bake and prepare food for the day. If you would like to register to participate in the working bee, or have any questions regarding any aspect of the working bee please email workingbee@oranaschool.com PLEASE REGISTER ASAP IF YOU INTEND TO COME. Please note that whilst we are happy for children to attend we ask that infants and small children be cared for at home.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD:

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent Annual General Meeting the Board has decided to re-establish a number of sub-committees. Sub-committees have the responsibility to advise and make recommendations to the Board on particular matters to assist with the smooth running of the School.

The Board would like to establish the following three, expertise based, sub-committees:

- · Finance committee (2 parent members)
- · Audit and Risk Management committee (2 parent members)
- · Communications and Marketing committee (3 parent members)

Committees will report directly to the Board and will meet as required with a minimum of once per term.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers with skills and interests in these areas to contribute to the smooth and effective governance of the School.

Committee contact hours and preparation time will count towards community hours.

If you are interested in contributing, please respond to <u>board@oranaschool.com</u> with a few dot points expressing your skills, knowledge or interest for the particular committee member role.

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards

David Pearce Chair Orana School Board

CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN CARS:



We have recently been informed of several instances in which young children have been left unattended in cars during school drop-off / pick-up times. Please remember that — even in this cooler weather — this is not safe practice and, according to ACT laws, "It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly leave a child unattended in circumstances or for a length that could result in injury, sickness or other danger to the child."

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

THE WINTER FESTIVAL APPROACHES!

Term two sees us approaching the turning point of the year. To celebrate the solstice, Orana stages the Winter Festival. The festival, held on 21st June, is a chance for the whole school community to come together to see in the return of the longer days. This year class seven would like to invite YOU to be involved!

We will be running **lantern making workshops for adults** before the big night. If you have either made a lantern at a workshop, or constructed your own one at home, we invite you to be a part of the magic of the grand 'spiral walk' that will take place on the lower oval.

We will also be performing a spectacular fire ceremony that requires a contingent of **drummers**. If you can hold a beat, whether beginner or advanced, we'd love you to come to the drummer's rehearsal and then join in the spirit of participation on the night.

LANTERN WORKSHOPS (7MT CLASSROOMS)
Wednesday 29th May anytime from 2pm-4pm.
Tuesday 11th June anytime from 2pm-4pm.
Sunday 16th June 9-11am.
DRUMMERS' WORKSHOP (7MT CLASSROOMS)
Thursday 20th June 3:20pm
*If you can't make that time but would still like to be a part of the drumming on the night, please RSVP either Michael.thompson@oranaschool.com or khia.atkins@oranaschool.com to register.



AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK...



Year 6 Business Maths stalls



Years 1-3 take part in BD500



Class 3 visit Ingelara Farm



Year 10 geography excursion investigating human-induced environmental change and management in the alpine and subalpine region.

ORANA IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM!

Please head over to our page and follow us if you can — and help to raise awareness of our beautiful school!

https://www.instagram.com/oranaschool

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to Jamie Heiman, of class 3KS, who is the current and sustaining Australian National Cub Girl 3D Champion in Traditional Longbow and also holds the national record score as such.

Jamie competed over the Easter holiday at Mallee Sunset Field Archers in Mildura, Vic during the Australian Bowhunters Association (ABA) National Safari which is held every year at Easter at a different location across Australia. Well done, Jamie!



Congratulations to the Year 7/8 Basketball Team!



After their excellent performance at the Southside Basketball Tournament, where they came second to Melrose, the 7/8 Orana Basketball team competed in the state finals on Friday Week 1. Their daily lunchtime training payed off, as they used a stifling zone defence to get revenge on Melrose, beating them twice. Unfortunately, they went down to both Northside teams. They were competitive in the two games, but ran into depth issues against Harrison when players got into foul trouble and struggled in the second half against

Lyneham, when that school's SEAL students started to find their rhythm in the full court. Overall, it was an excellent season for the 7/8 team and they should be very proud of their improvement and teamwork.

RESTOCKED IN THE SHOP - HANDMADE SOAPS AND MOISTURISING LOTION BARS!

The shop's popular range of beautiful, handmade, all natural and palm oil free soaps and moisturising lotion bars have been restocked in a super-sized range of delicious fragrance combinations made using pure essential oils and edible ingredients.

Everyone needs a nice soap in their life and, for those winter days when your skin is so dry you feel like a reptile, lotion bars are what you need. Trust us.





Speaking of winter... the weather is turning, so don't miss out on our cosy fleece Orana logo jumpers – guaranteed to keep your little ones rugged up against the cold!

While you're stocking up on the good stuff, don't forget to take a look at our range of:

- handmade, wooden and felt toys
- wool, knitting needles, pencils, wax and crayons that the kids use in their Orana classrooms
- natural and holistic care products
- handmade candles
- gourmet chocolate and chai
- handmade jewellery, jumpers and beanies and much more!



We currently have a limited number of Sunshadow slippers available in various sizes (including some adult sizes). Unfortunately however, due to a change in their production output, this will be our last bulk order from the company, meaning we will no longer be able to stock these popular slippers. Instead, parents who wish to do so may order individual pairs direct from Sunshadow. Rest assured that we are researching suitable alternatives as we speak! Please call in to the school shop for further information.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN EASY WAY TO ORDER YOUR PANTRY ITEMS AND SUPPORT THE P&F COMMUNITY?

The P&F Shop runs a wholefood buying group that orders monthly. Organic and natural pantry staples, nuts, seeds and cleaning products. Wholesale prices with 10% profit going to the P&F to raise funds to support the School community and our children.

If you are interested, please email Bonnie at <u>oranaschoolshop@outlook.com</u> to be added as a member and receive login details.

All orders are placed and paid for online then collected from school when delivered.



RECONCILIATION DAY 2019. GLEBE PARK

This year's activities will be centred around creating meaningful conversations to develop a deeper understanding of our national story and Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. The day will also feature live music and entertainment, children's amusements and a good selection of local food and coffee vendors. Around the Park there will be a range of hands-on activities including craft, Indigenous art and language workshops. A number of ACT sporting personalities from the Brumbies, Cricket ACT, Netball ACT, Warriors Basketball Club and Volleyball ACT will also appear across the day with activities offered by many of the clubs and teams. Visitors both young and old will have the chance to leave a message of reconciliation in the Reflection Forest. There will also be a King Brown Walking Trail around the Park, with maps available on the day.



ADS:

Parents within our school community are able to advertise in our newsletter. The cost of advertising is \$5 for 5 or 6 lines of text. If you would like to use this opportunity please email your text through to info@oranaschool.com and pay for the ad at the Finance Office.

ARGENTINE TANGO CLASSES..... AT OVERTURE HALL!

Have you ever dreamed of learning to dance the tango?.... Now you can, through a series of uplifting classes specifically designed for beginners with little, or no, Argentine Tango



experience.
You'll learn the fundamental steps and etiquette of tango. You'll improve your skills at connecting deeply and engaging in respectful partnerships. You'll get to know, and appreciate, the unique beauty and joy of dancing together in harmony.

Classes are held on Monday and Thursday evenings at Overture Hall. A new term of classes is commencing on Monday 3 June 2019. Cost \$180 (for 9 classes) but if you mention ORANA you'll receive a \$50 discount – available for this term only.

A free taster class is also being offered on Sunday afternoon, 2 June 2019. Couples and singles are welcome. Singles do <u>not</u> need a partner to attend. For further information and bookings please visit <u>www.moondancetango.com</u> or contact Den (Orana's friendly Caretaker) on 0449567255.

