



Orana Leaflet

Orana's fortnightly newsletter
22 February 2019

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE NEXT FORTNIGHT:

Friday 22 February	Classes 4EM & 3KS return from camp Year 8 CogAT testing Whole School Welcome Picnic 5pm
Wednesday 27 February	Classes 6DF & 6JL class meetings 7pm
Monday 4 March	Year 10 Work Experience begins Year 9 Farm stay camp begins
Tuesday 5 March	High School Moderation Day

Reminder that Monday March 11 is the Canberra Day public holiday

Please note that the next Community Market will be on March 15



A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD:

The Orana School board would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Orana families. We hope your children are settling well and have enjoyed their first days at Orana. A warm welcome also to the students and their families who are returning after the summer break; we hope you have come back refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning.

The Board had its first meeting for the year on the 11th February 2019 and had the pleasure of welcoming Maia Harrison who, as the chair of the College of Teachers is replacing Roger Targett.

The board noted the recent resignations of Rob Clode and John Mavrogenes. Thank you both for your commitment to ensuring the long-term success of the school and contribution over the past few years.

As it stands the membership of the board is as follows:

David Pearce, Chair and College of Teachers nominee; Nico Padovan, Deputy Chair, elected Association member, Jacqui Lee, Principal, Maia Harrison, College of Teachers Chair; Marie-Anne Gigon, College of Teachers nominee; Merlin Kong, P&F nominee; David Hadfield, elected Association member; and Amanda Taylor and Michael Jansen Gibson (both staff selected nominees).

The board noted that three positions were expected to become vacant at the next Annual General Meeting and briefly discussed the skills and attributes that new board members should ideally have to ensure the board is well placed to meet its obligations. Specific skills and experience in the following areas were considered a priority: finance, law, marketing and communications, governance and fund raising.

The board discussed the planned Governance workshop to be facilitated by the Association of Independent Schools for Board members and noted its focus on the board's statutory obligations and strategic role. The Board agreed to seek deferral of the workshop until post the upcoming Annual General Meeting so that new board members could attend.

The Board noted the financial report and in particular, the sound end of year financial position of the school in 2018, the significant capital investments undertaken during this period and the need for continued strong financial management given the upcoming changes to Commonwealth funding arrangements for independent schools.

The Board noted the Principal's report and in particular, the high ATAR levels of Year 12 students in 2018 and the positive progress by the school's leadership team on a range of initiatives being undertaken in response to matters identified in the 2018 parent, staff and student surveys.

The Board noted the school had successfully gained ongoing registration through to 2020 following an independent review in 2018.

The Board discussed its proposed workplan for 2019 and likely areas of focus including: the establishment of an alumni program, a review of the Constitution and the Orana Strategic Direction Statement and underpinning performance indicators, and the school's engagement in the official program of activities to celebrate 100 years of Steiner education (<https://www.waldorf-100.org/en/>)

The Board will be meeting again in late February to prepare for the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 27 March 2019.

DUTY OF CARE AT SCHOOL:

Please remember that teachers are on duty between 8.30am and 3.30pm only. In order to provide adequate and safe supervision for your children, we ask that they not be dropped at school before 8.30am. Similarly, children need to be collected by 3.30pm; any children left unsupervised at this time will be taken to the front office. If we are unable to reach you, or your nominated emergency contacts, by 3.45 (when the front office closes), the children will need to be taken to After School Care. This will then incur an After School Care fee.

We very much appreciate your cooperation on this matter – thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORANA GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM!

In term 3 last year, students from Orana, Class 5 and 6 (at the time) began basketball training at Stromlo High with fabulous coaching and support from Ellie Gee - Coach and Gwen Angus - Assistant Coach.

The season started in Term 4 and the team was advised that it had to play in the Under 14 competition. With the majority of the team turning 12 in 2019, that made for some very tall competition.

All players were new to basketball and as the season has progressed the team has continued to improve. The Orana girls' basketball team has shown resilience in the face of many defeats against teams that clearly have been together for a while and many that are older than they are.

The team cares for each other and the teams they have played; they have shown fair play on and off the court and their ability to play as a team is evident in every game they have played.

On Saturday 16 February the Orana under 14 Girls Basketball Team won their first game of the season - a very well deserved win indeed. This photograph was taken just after the win. Congratulations team!



Pictured left to right.

Back Row: Gwen Angus - Assistant Coach, Amelia Justin, Jemima Chowns, Indigo Mitchell-Jenkins, Molly Mills
Front Row: Ishbel Swain-Marshall, Ellie Gee - Coach, Ava Lymburner, Mary Kearns, Sophia Samaras

Absent: Xanthe Pick

AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK...



Heading off to the swimming carnival



Class 4 practise putting up their tents before camp



Swimming carnival fun ☺



Carnival photos by Griffin Mitchell-Jenkins, year 9

COMMUNITY HOURS OPPORTUNITY:

Would you like to earn some community hours while taking in the gorgeous late-summer weather? We have an opportunity for several parents to do letter box drops of flyers ahead of our Term 1 Open Days in March. Please contact info@oranaschool.com if you would like to take part. Thank you!

PSSST! HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE SCHOOL P&F SHOP YET?

The school P&F shop has your needs sorted for indoor shoes, sunhats, school logo shirts and beautiful stationary items that the children use in their classrooms at Orana. But it's not just for the kids! The shop also has a range of unique, handmade and local items that inspire creative minds, spoil the one you love, or to treat yourself.

Come and see our range of:

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



THE P&F SHOP NEEDS YOU!

There are still shifts available on the shop volunteer roster. Each shift is approximately 1 hour and community hours apply. Tasks are easy and basic training will be provided.

Available shifts are:

Every second Tuesday afternoon (even weeks)

Every second Friday morning (even weeks)

Every Friday afternoon

Contact Rebeka Mills at oranaschoolshop@outlook.com to find out more!

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 oranaschoolshop@outlook.com to be added as a member and receive login details.

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

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.

CHILD CARE:

We are looking for someone to care for our 13 months old daughter on Mondays and Tuesdays, commencing on the 3rd of June to 30th of July, preferably in the Queanbeyan area. Please contact Riitta Korpinen (grandmother)

Ph: 0408 221 385



FOR SALE: half size much loved cello, suit student (see photo) \$600 cash.

Cello music: *Tricks to Tunes* by Audrey Akerman, Books 1, 2 & 3, all marked, each originally \$19-95, will sell \$10 each or \$20 in total.

AMEB Cello, series 2, Grade 2 & Grade 3 with piano accompaniments, marked with pencil, \$20 each.

Contact Tracey, 62889704



REDUCED RATE AT
OUR ORANA SITE

SWISH will be operating again in the April holidays from Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April - closed public holidays. Full details of our workshops can be found on our website as well as a comprehensive FAQ section for any questions you might have.

www.swisheducation.edu.au

WORLD DANCE CLASSES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



World dance classes give children a taste of cultural traditions through the joy of dancing together. Classes improve fitness and co-ordination in a relaxed way without competitions or dress-code.

WHEN (during school term):

2 to 4 years (with parent or carer), Thursdays 10 – 10:45am

4 to 7 years, Fridays 4:15 - 5:00pm

8 years +, Fridays 5:30 - 6:15pm

COST: \$8 per class (discount for siblings, carers free)

WHERE: Folk Dance Canberra
114 Maitland Street
Hackett ACT 2602

Enquiries: 0420 524 412 (Rebecca)

Email: folkdancecanberra@gmail.com

www.folkdancecanberra.org.au



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Moondance
Argentine Tango

Discover the immense beauty, connection and joy of Argentine Tango.

Classes for beginners are held at Overture Hall, Orana Steiner School, Hickey Court, Weston.

Information and bookings:
0449 567 255 | www.moondancetango.com

MOONDANCE ARGENTINE TANGO

Tango classes for beginners are held in the Overture Hall at Orana Steiner School. Give it a try and discover the beauty, joy and connection that is found in Argentine Tango. Come on your own or with a partner – couples and singles welcome!

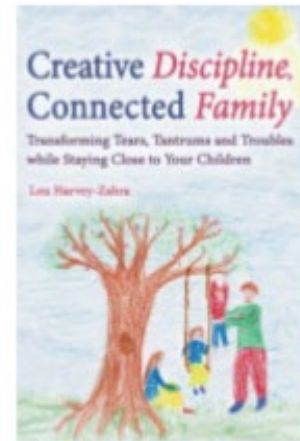
For further details please contact Den on 0449 567 255 or visit www.moondancetango.com

Lou Harvey-Zahra, author of bestselling 'Happy Child, Happy Home' and 'Creative Discipline, Connected Family' and her new book in 2019, 'Growing Children, Thriving Children' for parents with 7 to 12 year olds

**SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 9.15am to 12.30am
at Orana Steiner School**

**Creative Discipline Workshop for parents with
Toddler to Six Years, cost \$55 and \$95 couple**

How to discipline without using punishments and rewards and strengthen the parent and child bond? Ten Creative Discipline strategies covered with everyday solutions to meal times, bedtimes, sibling squabbles, listening, manners, and more...



**“Two days in and the methods are already
working – what a relief!” Belinda Donaldson
(parent)**



**SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1.15 to 4.30pm at Orana
Steiner School**

**Creative Discipline Workshop for parents with 7 to
12 year olds, cost \$55 and \$95 couple**

Positive Creative Discipline strategies for primary school children, how to install positive values and increase family harmony. Plus, answers to common questions: chores, honesty, puberty, anxiety, technology, growing attitude and more...

**“Creative Discipline will lighten the load and
enlighten the mind.” John Allison (Rudolf Steiner
educational consultant and teacher)**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: lou@skiptomylouparenting.com or
0425 780 681**

Lou Harvey-Zahra is a mother, Steiner teacher, bestselling parenting author with four books, she presents across Australia, LA and UK. Lou's books are available from the school shop, all online book sites and see Lou's website www.skiptomylouparenting.com

Thriving Children

Positive Rhythms of Connection from Toddler to Teens

Friday 22 February 7.30 to 9.00pm

\$15 per family

Tickets: on night or through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/orana-steiner-school-13658844279>

Orana Steiner School – Kurrajong Building

(afterschool care room / Periwinkles)

Contact for enquiries: info@oranaschool.com

An inspiring evening talk on rhythms of connection for parents with toddlers to teenagers. Lou Harvey-Zahra will cover daily, weekly, and yearly rituals and rhythms to create strong family bonds and for children of all ages to feel loved and valued. Rhythm is an important aspect of Steiner education. Practical ideas on how rhythms affect the physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual aspects of children.

'I love Lou Harvey-Zahra's advice, which is fun but practical, and rooted in love.' Saffia Farr (Editor, JUNO Magazine);

'Lou holds so much wisdom in her heart. I've learnt so very much from her in my parenting journey. She is a blessing.' Ilana Karst (Parent and Waldorf Education Administrator)

Lou Harvey-Zahra is a Rudolf Steiner teacher and author of four books including the bestselling *Happy Child, Happy Home* and *Creative Discipline, Connected Family*. Lou's new book is *Growing Children, Thriving Children: Raising 7 to 12-year-olds with Awareness and Confidence* (out in May 2019)

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