Term 4 Week 1

From the Principal
Welcome back to term 4. We hope everyone had a relaxing break and we look forward to catching up with all parents and caregivers at the special occasions planned for this term.

Returning to school was very exciting for all the students in classes 8, 9, 11 and 12 as they moved into the new building complex completed after 8 months of construction. While there are some minor works to be completed the new classrooms are absolutely magnificent and we are very fortunate to have had the school targeted for this latest capital works program. The official opening of the new buildings is likely to be early 2014. Two of the three demountable buildings have been retained at the school and these have been relocated to the southern boundary fence close to the play equipment and Liberty Swing. One of the demountable classrooms will be used as a base for the therapy programs operating at the school. As part of the capital works program a new bike track will be constructed around the perimeter of the playground. While this work is being undertaken over the next four weeks the playground cannot be used by the students. We have made alternative arrangements for the breaks which include using the agriculture site, the school hall and gym and other local park areas. Where required permission notes will be sent home regarding these alternative arrangements.

I have great pleasure in announcing a number of new permanent teaching appointments. After a merit selection process our congratulations go to Ms Elke McGrath, Ms Karla Parsonage and Ms Billie Jo Cook, all have been confirmed as permanent teachers at the school. We also welcome Mrs Angela Barlow (SLSO) who has transferred to the school and this term will be working in the Primary Tutorial Program. A number of new temporary staff will be working at the school this term. We welcome to the school Ms Melissa Woods (Class 11 Teacher) and Ms Natalie Ryan (Class 3 Teacher).

As usual in Term 4 a number of events and special occasions will be taking place. For your calendars please note the following significant dates;  
**Thursday 12 December** - Year 12 Graduation  
**Monday 9 – Friday 13 December** - Distribution of end of year student reports  
**Wednesday 18 December** - Last day of term for students.

Enjoy your weekend,
Anson Street School Excursion & Transport Supporters (ASSETS) Bus Contributions

The Bus Contribution is $25 per term and is to be paid as early as possible each term. This payment can be claimed on your tax return. Thank you to those parents who have already paid the Bus Contribution and are up to date.

School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory at Anson Street School and the school asks all parents and carers to support this policy. Polo shirts (both short and long sleeve), polar fleece jumpers, skorts (a skirt/shorts combination for girls) and limited size rugby jumpers can only be purchased through the school – they are not sold elsewhere. If you would like to purchase any of these items please request a uniform order from the office. Payment options include cash and cheque. If you are unable to purchase uniforms due to financial difficulties the school has limited funds available through the Student Assistance Scheme. These forms can be requested from the office and all applications are kept in strict confidence.

STUDENT SPECIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS AND CARERS

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to contact the relevant Special Transport Service (bus or taxi) if students do not require transport on a particular day. Transport can be cancelled by contacting: CareWest Bus Service 6362 6554 Orange Taxi Service 131 008

Medication at School – Reminder

If your child takes medication at school you are reminded that the following procedures need to occur.

- The school needs signed instructions on dose and time medication is to be given
- The medication must be brought into school in the original container from the prescription with name, dosage, time and expiry date
- The medication must be brought into school and signed in at the office by parents – not the student and not given to the bus/taxi driver
- If medication is changed you must notify the school, complete a form and sign it to allow staff to give the new medication/dose.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Absences

Please ensure a phone call or a note explaining your child’s absence from school is given as soon as your child returns. If no explanation is given the absence is entered into the computer as an “unexplained” absence. If too many unexplained absences occur for a particular student it is then followed up by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).

Lunch Order Program News

A new menu will be going home with this newsletter. This menu will commence for Term 4 starting next week.

Community News

Teen Time

The program, funded by ADHC and operated by Orange City Council, is based at Anson Street School in the hall. The after school program operates from 3.00 - 6.00pm during term time and from 8.00am - 6.00pm during vacation periods. There will be a maximum of 9 students supervised by 3 members of staff (employed by Orange City Council). Brochures are available from the school office. Please contact Teen Time Coordinator, Ms Margi Garretty, on 6393 8617 or 0418 403 367 for all enquiries.

Education Matters

Do you have a child with a disability who will be starting school 2014/2015? Now is the time to start planning!
Do you have a child with disability already at school? Are you aware of the different ways your school can support your child?

Lisa Whittaker from the Dept of Education will be giving an overview of the different types of support available through the public education system. Topics include: Learn about the options available – mainstream school or special school, What are the Dept’s disability criteria? Find out about regional placement panels and their role, Does your child need special equipment? Are there supports available to assist with transport to and from school? What are Learning and Support Teams? and How can we support with special needs as they progress through the education system?

When: Thursday 14 November 2013
Time: 6.30 – 8.30pm
Venue: Orange Ex Services Club
RSVP: By Friday 1 November to Suzi Welch on 6360 1455

Bookings are essential as there are limited numbers available. Dinner is provided.

East Orange Village Markets will be on Sunday 20th October 2013, 9am to 2pm. 45 Spring Street Orange - Entry by gold coin
Over 150 local market stalls, Laser skirmish, jumping castles, face painting and all day BBQ.