From the Principal

This week Anson Street School will be hosting 11 Year 10 students from Abbotsleigh School for Girls. This program has been operating for the last 3 years and provides an opportunity for the Abbotsleigh girls to experience school and life in a country centre. During the week the girls will spend some time in junior classes at the school as well as attending an excursion to Blayney and a special sailing day with Class 1.

The horse riding program has concluded for 2013 and we would like to thank all the RDA volunteers for their commitment and work during the year. Horse riding is a wonderful program that has many benefits for the students and we look forward to being involved again in 2014.

Yesterday School Captain, Mark Evans, represented Anson Street School at the Remembrance Day Service held at the Cenotaph in Robertson Park. Mark and the School Captains from The Canobolas Rural Technology High School laid wreaths at the Cenotaph on behalf of the schools in Orange. The Mayor of Orange, Councillor John Davis, presented Mark with a commemorative Remembrance Day badge.

Work is continuing on the school playground. Over the next few weeks the new bicycle track, cricket nets and irrigation system will be completed. The therapy equipment has now been moved in to the new demountable room and this will be in use at the beginning of the new year.

Dream Cricket will be taking place at James Sheahan High School this Friday. Mrs Priest will be sending home notes to students involved in this program.

Intensive Swimming Lessons are also being held for the next 2 weeks. Students involved in this program will be travelling to the local indoor aquatic centre for daily lessons. Mrs Priest is also the contact person for this program.

Enjoy your week,

School Noticeboard

Advance Notice for Year 12 Graduates and their Families
2013 GRADUATION
This year the Year 12 Graduation Celebration will be held on Thursday 12th December at the Orange Ex-Services Club.

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

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.

Lunch Order & Breakfast Buddies Programs

Please note: the Lunch Order & Breakfast Buddies Programs have concluded for the remainder of 2013.
**Healthy Tip**

Cut fruit and vegetables into bite size pieces and leave it on a plate for everyone to ‘graze’ on. You will find if fruit is prepared and easy to eat (not just sitting whole in a fruit bowl) people are more likely to grab a piece instead of a lolly or chips.

**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).

Please update contact details when necessary. New addresses and/or phone numbers should be provided to the school office as soon as possible to ensure you can be contacted quickly in case of emergency.

Mobile phones, iPods and other electronic equipment wherever possible should not be brought to school. Our experience is that this equipment can be easily broken or misplaced. Should phones be brought to school they can be left at the main office for safe keeping and collected in the afternoon.

**ASSETS News**

**Anson St Signage on Hiace Bus.**

Finally all people will recognise our new Hiace School Bus, with the new signage and school logo. As one staff member commented the signage is ‘subtle, not over crowded but effective!’

Peter Napier
ASSETS inc Public Officer

**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.

**Orange Buslines**

If your child utilises Orange Buslines please ensure they have your current contact details in case of address changes as new bus passes will be sent out during the January holidays.

Orange Buslines can be contacted on 6362 3197.

**Resourcing Families**

*Individualised Funding in NSW – What it could mean for you*

Individualised funding opportunities are becoming more available for people with disability in NSW. Resourcing Families is a statewide initiative that works with families that include a family member with developmental disability. It provides information, ideas and resources about developing a positive vision for the future, building informal supports, establishing networks, creating community connections and having more choice and control within people’s lives.

**When:** Thursday 21 November 2013

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Venue:** Ex-Services Club, Orange

**Bookings are essential** – phone: 1800 774 764

**ANGLICARE** No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is servicing eligible customers in your community.

You may be able to receive a subsidy for:

- Solar Hot Water Systems
- Instantaneous Gas Hot Water Systems
- Split System Heaters/Coolers
- Ducted Gas Central Heating
- Fridges/Freezers
- Washing Machines
- Clothes Dryers
- Dishwashers

We would like the opportunity to discuss how you can benefit so please don’t hesitate to contact us for further information call Anglicare on 1800 644 556.

**Cadia Valley Operations Open Day**

**Sunday 17 November 2013**

Experience firsthand the surface mining operations of one of Australia’s largest underground gold mines at the Cadia Valley Operations Open Day.

On the 2.5 hour guided bus tours visitors will see sweeping views of the open cut lookout, get up close to super-sized mining machinery, visit CVO’s ore processing plant and glimpse into the future at the progressive rehabilitation of CVO’s waste rock dumps. This year, the Open Day will be run exclusively out of Blayney and will be held in conjunction with the inaugural Blayney Festival.

Tickets are a gold coin donation and are available:

- Blayney Visitor Information Centre. Ph: 6368 3534.
- Orange Visitor Information Centre. Ph: 1800 069 466.

For more information, contact 02 6392 2317.