From the Principal

Last week Anson Street School hosted 11 Year 10 students from Abbottsleigh Girls School in Sydney. The program is now in its third year and once again has been an extremely successful initiative. During the week the girls spent time in a number of classrooms and also enjoyed the various games and activities during the morning and lunch breaks. On the Wednesday both Abbottsleigh and Anson Street students enjoyed a special excursion to the Blayney area visiting a cattle stud, the wind farm and Errowanbang Public School. On the Thursday the combined group enjoyed a day sailing at Lake Canobolas before the visitors travelled back to Sydney on Friday morning. Special thanks to all the staff involved in the organisation, in particular Mr Gell and Ms McGrath.

The intensive swimming school at the Orange Aquatic Centre will continue this week and has provided a great opportunity for students to improve their water confidence and swimming techniques. Of course the students are transported to and from the pool using the school buses which have been purchased and maintained by the ASSETS Committee. The parents who run this committee do a wonderful job and the buses are essential to the programs we operate at the school.

Next week a number of students will be travelling to Sydney to see the Schools Spectacular. We will be combining with Clergate Public School for this excursion and all enquiries should be directed to Toot Keegan.

Congratulations to School Captain, Mark Evans, who has been notified he is the recipient of Orange Daybreak Rotary Club’s Student Award for School and Community Participation. Mark will be printed with this award at the school’s Annual Presentation Day on Wednesday 4th December. Well done Mark.

The redevelopment of the school playground is progressing very well and should be completed in the next few weeks. The redevelopment has involved the relocation of two demountable buildings (and completely refurbished. One of the demountable buildings will be the base for all the therapy program’s operating at the school), construction of a cycle path, relocation of the cricket practice net, installation of an irrigation system and water access drilling to link the irrigation system to the bore on the agriculture site across the road from the main campus.

Assistant Principal Ms Pam Watson has been successful at interview and has accepted another executive position at Killarney Vale Public School on the Central Coast. Ms Watson will take up her new position at the commencement of the school year in 2014. Ms Watson has been a vital member of staff over the past 2 years and we wish her every success in her new position.

The traffic in Anson Street can be particularly busy so we ask that all visitors to the school use the pedestrian crossing and if driving into the school carpark enter the premises using the bottom or northern entrance and exit via the top gateway. The car space closest to the office is reserved for vehicles with wheelchair facilities or passengers/students who need assisted access.

Enjoy your week,

School Noticeboard

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A reminder to all visitors to the school, please proceed to the Administration Office on arrival. Mrs Owens and Miss Cridland will look after your enquiries.

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.

Anson Street School Concert DVD
The 2013 School Concert DVD “Step Back In Time” is now available to purchase.
The cost of the DVD is $11.00. If you would like to purchase this wonderful keepsake please request an order form from the office.
Community Support Grant
Recently our school applied for a Community Support Grant from the Orange Credit Union. Our application was successful and Orange Credit Union has donated funds to purchase a kitchen garden. This garden will be set up outside the cafe. Fruit and vegetables grown will be used for the Lunch Order Program as well as class cooking lessons. It will make students more aware of where food comes from and promote healthy eating. We have purchased the garden bed, tools, watering cans, gloves and other equipment. We will be asking students to assist in setting up the garden over the next few weeks. Thank you to Rev Anne and Mrs Dawson for coordinating the project. Thank you also to the Orange Credit Union for their wonderful support of the school and the Orange community.

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).

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.

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
- Don’t forget – water is the best option
- Try using Mineral or Soda Water with a slice of lemon or orange and small squeeze of juice added (instead of soft drinks with added sugar).

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.

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.