From the Principal

It is wonderful to be back at Anson Street after an extended period of leave and to see all the students so settled after the break and also after some necessary class changes due to new enrolments. I am very much looking forward to meeting the families new to the school and catching up with everyone as soon as possible. So much has been happening over the past few weeks apart from all the new students. I was quite surprised at the progress of the building work at the school, it is very impressive. I am advised the new roofing will be completed in the next 3 weeks including the additional downpipes. The major capital works program is ahead of schedule with two of the four classrooms having the frame and roof completed and bricklayers will be in next week to commence work on the walls. Staff have been assisting Mr Gell in the selection of wall colours and other finishing details for both buildings. You may have noticed the new signage in Anson Street warning motorists of the 40km speed restriction in the mornings and afternoons, these additional lights certainly enhance the safety of students and families walking to and from the schools.

A reminder for all parents and caregivers that the COLA area is now open again in the afternoons for everyone to sit while waiting to collect children. Access to the COLA is via the side gate. Where possible, it would be appreciated if the front office can be avoided during the afternoons as the office corridor gets very crowded.

I would like to take the opportunity of acknowledging and thanking Mrs Halls (who was Relieving Principal) and indeed the school Executive who have undertaken additional work over the past term. Mrs Halls and the team have continued to provide very capable and effective leadership at the school.

After many years working at the school Mrs Pat Clements will be retiring. Mrs Clements will be taking long service leave commencing next Thursday prior to her retirement at the end of the term. Mrs Clements started at Anson Street School in 1987 as a volunteer before commencing as a full time employee in 1990. During that time Mrs Clements has work with senior students in vocational programs and classes and with the younger students in the junior classes. In recent years Mrs Clements has been working with students in the tutorial programs based at the Orange Learning Centre campus across the road from the main school. Many of the staff have very fond memories of the many excursions and overnight camps involving Mrs Clements. On an abseiling excursion to the Blue Mountains some years ago Mrs Clements demonstrated to the students, staff and instructors how to abseil down front first at Mt York, needless to say we were all impressed particularly the students and some of the nervous ‘first timer’ teachers! In the class, on excursions or at sporting events, Mrs Clements has always demonstrated an exceptionally high standard, commitment and expectations in her professional work with all the students. As a valued staff member we will miss her wisdom, enthusiasm, sense of purpose and humour, and of course so will the children who have been influenced by her generous personality over many years. Parents and caregivers are invited to a special morning tea next Thursday morning at 10.30am in the school café to farewell Mrs Clements.

We are looking out for community members who would be interested in becoming a Travel Support Officer. TSO’s are sometimes called on to help transport students to school and home either in a bus or taxi. Potential TSO’s apply through Special Transport Services in Wollongong. If you are interested please contact myself for further information.

A reminder about attendance at school: if your child is unwell, please contact the school to inform. A note of explanation on the day back at school is kept as a record. If your child/ward is away for 3 or more days a medical certificate needs to be produced. If there are more concerning matters that need to be discussed please contact us.

Congratulations to all the Stars of the Week.

Enjoy your weekend,

Garry Brotherton

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**Term 2 Week 2**

**Issue 13 - 10 May 2013**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Farewell Morning Tea for Mrs Clements @ 10.30am**

**Thursday 16 May**
**CLASS 8’S MASTERPIECES**

Class 8 painted some lovely cupcake pictures for Racine’s Bakery. Willa and Shaun have been generously donating bread to us. The bread is used for breakfast, cooking, lunches and for those who wish to take some home. Class 8 were very lucky as they got to try Racine Bakery’s very yummy brownies on Thursday.

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**Stars of the Week**

**Term 2 – Week 1**

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**Upcoming Interrelate Course**

- **“The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child” – Wednesday 15 May 2013**
  - Assists parents to:
    - Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
    - Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
    - Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques
  - Time: 5.30 – 8.30pm
  - Cost: $25 ($15 if using multiple services or concession)
  - Bookings essential, fees to be paid in advance. For further information go to [www.interrelate.org.au](http://www.interrelate.org.au). Phone 6360 0895 to make a booking.

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**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.

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**Free Dental Care**

Free dental care is available at NSW Public Dental Clinics for all children under 18 years of age and adults who hold Centrelink Concession cards. All patients must have a valid Medicare Card. To access this service please contact the public Dental Service Call Centre on 1300 552 626.

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**ORANGE REGION FARMERS MARKET – A GREAT WAY TO CELEBRATE THE ORANGE APPLE FESTIVAL!**

Come to the showground for all your Autumn produce.

Saturday 11 May
Orange Showground.
8.30am – 12.30pm.

Come for breakfast. Come for lunch.
New season apples, cider, juices, dried fruit, toffee apples, apple pies, slices, muffins, sauces, jams & chutneys. Apple bobbing for kids from 9am.

Win an Electrolux fridge worth over $2200… guess how many apples are in the fridge!

For more info: www.orangefarmersmarket.org.au

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**A reminder to all parents/carers** visiting the school; *to minimise class disruption*, please proceed to the Administration Office on arrival. Miss Cridland and Mrs Owens will look after your enquiries.