From the Principal

The 7th annual Art On Anson exhibition will be on display from **Wednesday 31 July to Saturday 3 August between 9.30am and 2.30pm**. Art on Anson is now an integral part of Orange’s Frost Fest celebrations and also coincides with Education Week 2013, and features the creativity of the students at the school under the guidance of Art Director, Cathy Huggett. Parents and caregivers, the Orange community and visitors are warmly welcome to visit the school during school hours to view the wonderful art works created by the students.

We have had a number of new students enrol recently and we anticipate other enrolments will take place during Term 3. We will work very closely with all families to ensure any disruptions due to students transferring from one class to another are kept to a minimum.

Over the next few weeks teachers will be meeting with parents or caregivers regarding IEPs (Individual Educational Plans). It will be an opportunity to discuss your child’s progress, individual priorities and plans for the future. You may wish to bring other family members as part of this review process and we look forward to meeting with you.

The school is current reviewing the traffic and car parking at the school particularly at the peak periods during the day. Safety is always the number one priority and while we are confident the current arrangements are satisfactory a review may assist in detaining how we might improve the traffic flow in the mornings and afternoons. In the meantime could we ask everyone to park in Anson Street if possible, use the pathways and if driving into the school drive very slowly and be aware of pedestrians. When exiting the school, vehicles must use the top gateway and if there is congestion please be patient.

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health. You will receive a copy of the new forms with this newsletter and will need to fill them out and return them to school by **Wednesday 31 August**.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call 6362 4563.

We hope to see you at Art On Anson!

Enjoy your weekend,

Garry Brotherton

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STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK

**Troy Williams** – Teacher – Class 10

**Qualifications:** BA/BT 2007, undertaking MA Special Education 2012-2013


**Why I like working at Anson Street School:** I first worked at Anson Street School as a teacher’s aide in 2003 and loved the caring and supporting nature of the staff and the variety of students they worked with. When I completed my teaching degree I wanted to work in the school. I became a permanent member of staff in 2009 and have worked with students with Emotional Disturbance (ED), Behavioural Difficulties (BD), Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD), epilepsy and intellectual disabilities. Now that I am undertaking my masters in special education I look forward to working with other students with different disabilities to broaden my expertise and understanding. Anson Street is a school of professional, creative and inspiring executive, teachers and support staff.

Students should not be dropped off at school prior to 8.45am. Staff require this time to prepare and organise materials for the day. On occasions when this is unavoidable students should sit on the seats provided in the foyer area until the bell goes at 8.45am at which time they go to their classroom.
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.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Committee Request
The PBL Committee would appreciate any of the following items you would be willing to donate for the program.
- Used Car or motorbike brochures or magazines (with suitable content for children)
- Newspapers (any but herald in particular)
- Other suitable prizes and rewards for high school students
- Vouchers for free products (not for discounts)
- Used jewellery
Thank you for your support.

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

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.

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.

The Lunch Order Program and Breakfast Buddies will re-commence on Thursday 1 August.

If your child is sick at school we will monitor the situation. If we feel that your child is not going to manage we will phone you to collect them. It is not in their best interest to be at school if they are sick. If parents are not in a position to collect their child please make sure the emergency contact numbers are up to date so we can phone someone else to collect them.

When exiting the school at the top driveway vehicles MUST turn left. Turning right is not only dangerous it is also illegal and drivers may incur a penalty if noticed by police.

Please use the pedestrian crossing at the lights. It is most important we all set the correct example for the children.

Together Program
The ‘together’ program provides opportunities for new and existing support groups for carers of people with a disability in NSW to be linked in with each other and a Regional Assisting Organisation to receive assistance.

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