From the Principal

On Monday Reverend Anne Neville (Anson Street School Chaplain) organised a Community Reading Day with all the classes at the school. The community members involved included the Mayor of Orange, Councillor John Davis, who read *The 26 Storey Tree House*, Mr Andrew Gee, local State MP, who read *The Cat On The Mat Is Flat* and Officer Rachel Charlton from NSW Ambulance Services, who read *Dear Zoo*. Following the story each class was involved with craft or reading activities related to the book. The children really enjoyed having the visitors read these stories and the follow up activities.

The Community Reading event is all about fostering a love of literacy and learning and reinforcing the message that everyone, regardless of their age, is involved in reading every day and that learning is a life-long pursuit.

This week the RDA (Horseriding at the Clifton Grove Equine Centre) celebrated the horse’s birthday. The RDA organisation does a wonderful job in providing opportunities for both children and adults to learn to ride horses and maintain the necessary equipment. By participating in horseriding, children from Anson Street School gain confidence and improve coordination. A very special thank you to the dedicated volunteers who operate the centre and make themselves available for the riding lessons every week. One of the volunteers, Mrs Robyn Livermore, is an ex-staff member of Anson Street School and she continues her strong interest in the students and indeed the school.

Just a reminder for all families and caregivers; if students are riding pushbikes to and from school they should be wearing a helmet. It is a safety issue and everyone is required to wear a helmet whilst riding a pushbike by law. I would also strongly advise if students are using a scooter they also wear a helmet. As you would be aware, all students using pushbikes and scooters during the breaks on the playground must wear a helmet at all times.

Reviews meetings for students are continuing this week and we appreciate the advice and involvement of parents and carers. Families are encouraged to contact the school at any time regarding your child’s progress at school. For secondary students, families may wish to involve Ms Giovanna Cox (Transition Support Teacher) whose role it is to assist secondary students’ transition from school to employment and other post school options. Ms Cox can be contacted at the school through the office.

On Tuesday Mrs Keegan and Mr Sullivan took a team of senior students to Bathurst to contest the NSW Western Region Senior Indoor Soccer Carnival. The students had been training for months for the event and had really improved their soccer skills in the lead up to the carnival. The day started well when Anson St beat Carene 8 to 1 but they lost three close games to Cowra, Mudgee and Dubbo Senior College and were unable to qualify for the finals going into the final round. Anson St finished the day on a high by beating Bathurst 7 to 1. All of the student’s behaviour and sportsmanship was of the highest standard throughout the day and special mention goes to Brendon who was playing in his last Soccer Carnival and didn’t stop trying all day. A big thank you goes to Mrs Keegan and Mr Sullivan for helping organise the day.

Enjoy your weekend,

Garry Brotherton

School Noticeboard

**STAFF MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

**Stephen Gross** – Teacher – Class 3

Qualifications:  B. Ed. (Special Needs), Dip. Teach (Primary)


Why I like working at Anson Street School:  Anson Street School is a wonderful work environment with a high level of support from all teachers and SLSOs for students and staff members alike. The attention given to the individual needs of all students is superb and teachers and SLSOs spend a lot of time and effort improving on their skills through continual training and practise. The fact the school is K-12 gives a great opportunity to vary my teaching skills across different age levels and in my time at Anson Street School I have been privileged to teach children across all age groups in both the primary and high school curriculums. I have enjoyed my time at Anson Street School so far and look forward to continuing teaching and learning at Anson Street School into the future.
Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes Day at the school this year. An amazing $95 was raised for this worthwhile charity. Well done!

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.

**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).

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**Understanding Bullying**

This seminar aims to assist parents to understand bullying and how best to support their children who may experience it. Topics include the impact of bullying on children and their families, skills and strategies for children and their parents.

- **When:** Monday 12 August 2013
- **Time:** 10am to 12.30pm
- **Venue:** Cootes Access Centre, 8 Oxley Place Glenroi
- **Cost:** $10 per person (or a contribution you can afford)
- **For further info or to make a booking call:** 6333 8888