From the Principal

Recently the school was contacted by a national therapy equipment firm (Niagara Therapy) who have established a community/charity branch for their business. Niagara Therapy has already supported 1 special school in each state and the support provided to the schools involves a very generous donation of therapy equipment especially designed for a school setting. In their endeavour to broaden their support, Niagara Therapy contacted Anson Street School and we have had several discussions regarding equipment that would enhance the programs at the school. We expect the delivery of the equipment early next term and plan to organise a special morning for the school community to see the equipment in use. The owners and several senior managers from Niagara Therapy will travel to Orange to officially present the equipment. Once a date has been confirmed for the handover we will distribute all the details.

As you may be aware the school has established a strong relationship with the Physiotherapy Faculty of Charles Sturt University. Undergraduate students are now working at the school on a regular basis under the supervision of CSU staff and Jennie Kempson (Anson St School Physiotherapist) and are coordinated by Ms Christine McFarland. Clearly there are benefits for the children and the Physio students and we are very pleased to be working with CSU. For further enquiries please contact Ms Christine McFarland, R/Assistant Principal.

The Junior Indoor Soccer team recently participated in the NSW Western Region Indoor Soccer Carnival in Bathurst. Thank you to Ms Parsonage and Mrs Keegan for coordinating and accompanying the team. You will find a full report from Ms Parsonage in this newsletter.

The theme for this year’s Book Week is ‘Read Across the Universe’. This term, to help celebrate this theme, students have already participated in ‘Community Reading Day’ and a ‘Pre2 Book Rocket’ experience. This week students have been involved in a Book Week colouring in competition, literature activities and a ‘Guess the Staff Baby Photo’ competition. Staff member’s favourite children’s books were highlighted to the students. A wonderful week to encourage reading!

Enjoy your weekend,

Garry Brotherton
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 Program
A new lunch order menu will be sent home with this newsletter.
For the remainder of Term 3 the Lunch Order Program will be held on TUESDAYS each week.
Items from this menu will be available from Tuesday 28 August. We hope students enjoy the menu.

Medication at School – Reminder
If your child takes medication at school you are reminded that the following procedures need to occur.

- The school needs signed instructions on dose and time medication is to be given
- The medication must be brought into school in the original container from the prescription with name, dosage, time and expiry date
- The medication must be brought into school and signed in at the office by parents – not the student and not given to the bus/taxi driver
- If medication is changed you must notify the school, complete a form and sign it to allow staff to give the new medication/dose.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Community Noticeboard
10 hour Integrated Theatre Project
Think you’ve got what it takes to make theatre in 10 hours?
A team of artists from Sydney’s Riverside Theatres & Beyond the Square are keen to work with young people between the ages of 11-18yrs with and without disabilities on a mini theatre performance.
Work alongside members of Beyond the Square’s ruckus ensemble members Gerard O’Dwyer & Chris Bunton director Alison Richardson to cook up a mini performance to invite your friends and family along on Friday August 30th at the CWA Hall Byng St Orange.
Beyond the Square is a Riverside Theatre company in the west of Sydney’s inclusive creative arts program for people with disability. This performance project is part of the larger Blue Grotto video project working with students from Anson St School and schools in Sydney’s Western suburbs.
Take up the challenge- we are!
Dates: Tuesday August 27th- Friday August 30th
Time: 4-6:30pm Where: CWA Hall, Byng St Orange
Cost: FREE
Showing on Friday August 30th at 7pm at the CWA Hall.
Places are VERY limited. To register or for further enquiries contact Alison on 02 8839 3359 or alison@beyondthesquare.org
More information about Beyond the Square can be found at www.beyondthesquare.org
This project was made possible with the financial assistance of ArtsNSW and the Arts & Disability Partnership with ADHC.

FREE PARENT & CARER FORUM
Parent Forum – Puberty, Sexuality & Relationships (Orange NSW)
Find out how to support your family member’s personal development and sexuality in a positive way.
- Preparing for puberty changes
- Decision making and safety
- Sexuality and disability
- Books, DVDs and resources
- Tips for talking about sex and answering tricky questions
- Experienced presenters to answer your questions
- Meet other parents
- Free resource bag

Parents, foster parents, relatives and other unpaid carers of people with disability are welcome.
The forum is next running on September 23rd in Orange NSW at the CareWest Skills Development & Training Centre.
For more information or to register go to www.fpnsw.org.au/parentforums

FINANCIAL MATTERS
Interested in knowing more about Government services and Allowances for parents/carers of a child/ren with a disability?
Darienne Keizer and Kiera Jacobs from the Dept of Human Services will be giving an overview of allowances, supplements and schemes available to parents/carers of a child/ren with a disability. This will be followed by a questions and answers session. Lunch and tea/coffee provided.
When: Friday 11 October
Time: 11.30am to 1.00pm
Venue: Cerebral Palsy Alliance, 95 Prince St, Orange
RSVP: Suzi Welch on 63601455 by Monday 16 September