From the Principal
This week we welcome back to the school Mrs Trish Riley. Mrs Riley, who has been appointed permanently to the school as an SLSO (School Learning Support Officer), has transferred from Bathurst Public School. As you may be aware Mrs Riley, prior to her Bathurst appointment, worked at Anson Street School for a number of years.

Sailing has been postponed while the rescue boat is undertaking annual checks and repairs. With the work almost complete we should see sailing recommence in the next couple of weeks.

The Positive Behaviour Learning Program (PBL) is continuing at school this year and assists in students and staff maintaining a positive, happy atmosphere around the school. A part of the PBL program we often talk about at assemblies and in the classes is the school expectations which are; Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe. These expectations are also in place on school and class excursions, sporting visits and when we are looking after visitors to the school.

This week the physiotherapy students will conclude their 5 week practice place at the school. We thank Sophie, Bec and Young for their work in the school over the past 5 weeks and wish them all the best in their future careers. The school has a very strong partnership with the Medical Science Faculty at CSU and we look forward to the next group of students who will be working at the school. Special thanks to Lecturer Kay Skinner who plays a vital link between the university and the school.

Rev Anne Neville is once again running the Chaplaincy Program at the school this year. Rev Anne assists staff across the school in a variety of programs and is always available to assist parents and caregivers where possible.

Over the next few weeks a number of students will be training for the Regional Netball Carnival which will be held in Cowra. Throughout the year there are a number of sporting carnivals offering students the opportunity to compete against other students in touch football, cricket, netball and athletics. Every Thursday all the senior students are involved in tabloid sport which includes Zumba, community walks and skill sessions on the school oval.

As previously advised the new school building will be officially opened next term. It will also be an opportunity to officially open the new redeveloped oval. The new facilities are outstanding and a credit to all the architects, builders and staff involved in the planning and construction. With the official opening we are also looking at using this as an opportunity to recognise some of the people who have made a significant contribution to the school.

Enjoy your weekend
Garry Brotherton

School Noticeboard
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.

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).

ASSETS Noticeboard

ASSETSinc AGM
Friday 7th March 1:15pm in the RTSP building opp side to Anson St School.
Annual Report and election of office bearers. What is ASSETS - Anson St School Excursion Transport & Transport Supporters Incorporated. We are the parent group that assists in overseeing the school’s two buses and look at creative ways of raising funds to maintain these valuable assets for our school community. If you are interested in joining this committee, please fill out a membership application form which can be requested from the school office.

ASSETS Inc Secretary - Rhonda Cavalli

What’s this?

Why, it’s the new vinyl seat coverings fitted to all the seats of our new Hiace Bus! After a few stops and starts all of the seats are now well protected by these vinyl seat coverings. People may not realise that the vinyl seat covers are so much easier and cheaper to repair than the cloth that covers the new seats. Local upholsterer Garry Davidson of Orange Motor Trimmers in Byng St did a fantastic job with the fitting of these seat covers. Thankyou to the school and community who assisted in fund raising to get these important Bus improvements.

ASSETS Inc Publicity Officer - Peter Napier

School & Class Notes

Please remember to check school bags and communication books for any notes that may have been given out at school. These notes may include the newsletter, permission notes or information about what’s happening in your child’s class and may need to be signed and returned as soon as possible so your child doesn’t miss out on any outings or special events.

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.

Community Noticeboard

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.

Post School Services for People with a Disability

This free community session is specifically designed to deliver information and advice to Year 10, 11 & 12 students and others with a disability, and their carers, about the types of support services and programs available when they finish school or later in life.

Date: Friday 7 March 2014
Time: 10am – 12.30pm
Registrations & Coffee: 9.30am – 10am
Where: St Barnabas Church Hall, Corner of Dora and McLachlan Streets Orange

Upcoming Interrelate Course

• “The Challenge of Disciplining Children” – Wednesday 5 March 2014
Assists parents to:
  o Understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
  o Use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
  o 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. Phone 6363 3650 to make a booking.