From the Principal

Today students from both the senior and junior school competed in the Small Schools Section of the Orange Eisteddfod. They performed two songs; “I am Australian” and “Best Day Of My Life”. Our choir gave a fantastic performance and were awarded a Highly Commended. Congratulations to the students and thank you to Mrs O’Donnell and Miss McGrath for coordinating and accompanying the choir. Well done everyone.

Students from the Anson Street School Choir will be performing “I Am Australian” and the “National Anthem” at the Vietnam Veteran’s Day Commemorative Service on Monday 18 August. The service is held to commemorate more than 500 Australians who lost their lives serving in Vietnam, including 18 who died in the Battle of Long Tan. This service will be held at the Cenotaph in Robertson Park at 11am.

On Monday 18 August a group of staff and students will be attending the Penrith Panthers and North QLD Cowboys NRL game at Penrith. Thank you to Miss Parsonage, Miss McGrath and Mrs Keegan for organising this exciting excursion.

The 2014 WA Variety ‘Trans Australia’ Bash (Sydney to Perth 16-30 August) will be calling into Anson Street School on Tuesday 19 August. The Bash involves more than 500 Bash cars and 2000 people. Approximately 100 people will be visiting the school early Tuesday morning for a special breakfast. Afterwards they will be staying for a short while to display their cars on the back oval before leaving on their next leg of the Bash.

Since 1st July, 1991 cyclists of all ages have been required by law to wear an approved bicycle safety helmet whenever they ride in a public place, including roads, cycle paths and parks.

It is the school’s expectation that students travelling to and from school by bike will follow the law and correctly wear an approved bike safety helmet. Riders are to dismount prior to entering the school and walk their bike to and from the bike shed.

Book Week will be held next week and on Friday 22 August we will be having a Community Reading Day where member of the community have been invited to read at the school.

Enjoy your weekend,
Garry Brotherton

School Noticeboard

Attendance at School

It is important that all children are at school on time. Students are allowed to attend school from 8:30am, when a teacher is on duty.

Please do not send your child to school before 8:30am as there is no one available to supervise them. If your children need supervision prior to 8:30am then they need to be attending before school care or have alternate arrangements made for them.

The time before school can actually be quite important. It provides time for children to socialise with their friends and also allows students to assemble and then proceed to class in an orderly manner, without the stress of rushing or being late.

We understand that mornings can be challenging and difficult for families but it is our parents’ and carers’ responsibility to ensure their children are at school on time each day.

Unfortunately we still have a number of students arriving late. Classes often review and plan their day’s activities and learning at the beginning of the day so those students arriving late can miss out on this important information.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF GRADUATES:
Graduation Night Celebration
Thursday 4 December 2014
Orange Ex Services Club
Further details to come

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.
Please **update contact details** when necessary. New addresses and/or phone numbers should be provided to the school office as soon as possible to ensure you can be contacted quickly in case of emergency.

**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. The ASSETS Inc. group ensures that every student at Anson Street School is able to access the wider community for; educational programs e.g.: horse-riding, integration, sailing, work experience; excursions e.g.: athletics and swimming carnivals and special trips e.g.: schools’ performances, agricultural shows.

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.

**School Uniform Shop**

The School Uniform Shop stocks polar fleece jumpers and short and long sleeve polo shirts. All items include embroidery of the school logo. Please request an order form from the office if you would like to place an order.

**Reminder** – Please ensure all items (clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, school bags etc) are clearly labelled with your child’s name so as items are not misplaced and can be returned promptly.

**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.

**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.

**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

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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.

**COULD YOU BECOME A FOSTER CARER?**

Life Without Barriers is currently seeking compassionate people who are willing to share their homes with children and young people who require their support and care. We are looking for people who can provide a nurturing and stable home to a child or young person. We provide carers with: 24/7 support, extensive training and a tax free carer reimbursement. Our carers range in age and cultural background and can be single, same sex couples, defacto or married couples, with or without their own children.

If you would like to make a positive difference to a young person’s life, we’d love to hear from you.

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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.