

# Orama News

## Orama Public School

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Term 2, Week 4 Monday 21st May, 2018

## P & C Meeting

**Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm**

**Agenda:** Bunnings BBQ, Fixed Equipment, School Promotions, Future Dates and Initiatives

### Another great week at Orama!

#### Did you know we visited the Sydney Opera House on Thursday?

Mrs KD organised a virtual excursion to the Sydney Opera House. Students were treated to a performance of *Ruby's Wish*. The performance included puppetry, dynamic sound looping and simple but effective costuming to deliver a story about a sick girl, her dad and the clown doctor at the hospital. At the end of the performance the participating schools (both live and remotely) were able to ask questions of the performers. Xavier asked the performers about their performance nerves and what they do to relieve these nerves.



### Riverwatch Celebration

It has been 1 year of Riverwatch! Ms Anforth chaperoned an eager group of students on Friday night at 'The Point' where they engaged in night time activities of:

#### Macro-invertebrate viewing with Professor Pete 1



Curious Minds; Mitchel, Ash and Adrian



Ash and Adrian investigating the "water-bug" trays



**Micro Bat viewing with Professor Pete 2;**

Ash in control of the sound recording device – sound waves of the Micro Fishing Bat were located and then displayed on an i-pad for the children to see.



Micro-bats were seen skimming along the surface of the water catching bugs and minute fish. The camera and teacher weren't fast enough to get an image of these tiny creatures but we were lucky enough to capture a shot of the rarest **macro** bat of all ... Xavier.

**Bird Watching (mainly talking) with Professor Pete 3;**

Night time bird watching was a difficult task. We heard but didn't see any birds. The lovely Sue Lennox, (ex-teacher, scientist extraordinaire, and co-founder of OzGreen) offered to come to the school and walk us through some bird observation and recording techniques. This will add further scientific skills to the students' repertoire.



At the end of the evening our students were still companionable and well behaved.



Tye and auntie "Nae" joined us for the evening

Thank you to Sue Lennox and Jane Grant from OzGreen, Ingrid, all the scientists – Pete, Pete and Pete, and the OEH representatives who travelled to the region for this event and for sharing your knowledge with our students. Thank you also to the parents and carers for taking the time to deliver and pick up the children for this extra-curricular event.

**Leah Anforth**

**NAPLAN**

Congratulations to the year 3 and 5 students who participated in the NAPLAN assessments last week. The results of these assessments will arrive later in the year.

### Fixed Equipment

You may have noticed the temporary non-use of the fixed play equipment. This is only until we removed the sand and fill it with certified soft fall, a pine bark material. We are going to re-purpose the sand around the school but if you are after a few barrow loads of sand, please feel free to help yourself.

### Beginning School 2019

If you know of a child who will begin school in 2019, let their family know about our START program. The START flyer is included in this newsletter.

### Contacting Me

If there is a pressing need to contact me out of school hours, please do. My mobile number is 0413 053 921. However, please respect my precious family time and only contact me in relation to flooding and the like. Other information can be found here on the newsletter, in notes sent home, on the Facebook page or on the school website.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at Tuesday's P & C Meeting.

*Katharine*

Katharine Sutherland, Principal

### Week 4 Achievement Awards

**K-3 Achievement Awards:** Angelica for being a focused and motivated learner.

**3-6 Achievement Award:** Congratulations to Adrian with an award for Citizenship

**Team of the Week:** The Intelligent Whallicorns

### Bunnings BBQ Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>

The P&C have been fortunate enough to secure the BBQ at Bunnings Coffs Harbour on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great opportunity to raise much needed funds and an additional benefit is that this falls on a long weekend! The P&C are on the lookout for volunteers to run the stall. If you can help, let Rachel, Robyn or the school know. Any time you can offer will help.

Time	Volunteers
8am to 10am	Katharine, Rachel
10am to 12pm	Shaaron, Robyn
12pm to 2pm	
2 pm to 4pm	

### Absences

A short note of explanation is required when your child is absent from school. Please return this within 7 days of your child's absence. This is for legal purposes. Phone calls may be made to explain absences. You can use the proforma below if you wish.

#### Record of Absence

Student's Name.....

Date of Absence/s.....

Reason for Absence.....

Signed.....

Date.....

### WHAT'S ON @ ORAMA PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM 2, 2018 – WEEKLY CALENDAR

Week 4	
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Austrian Goulash meal – with Robyn <b>P &amp; C Meeting 2:30pm</b>
Week 5	
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Murat Dizdar (Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance) visit
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	START Program Begins
Week 6	
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen – with Sarah (menu TBA) School Photos Day
<b>SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>BUNNINGS BBQ P&amp;C FUNDRAISER- Volunteers Needed</b>
Week 7	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Life Education Van visit
Week 8	
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen – <b>Volunteer needed</b> (menu TBA)
Week 10	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Canteen – <b>Volunteer needed</b> (menu TBA)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> July	START Day Last Day Term 2





# Is your child starting Kindergarten next year?

*Please call the office or visit our website for more information.*

Prospective kindergarten students for 2019 please join us on the first Friday of each month from 11:30am – 2:40pm to participate in our **START at Orama Program**.

Dates for this year are:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Orientation days will be held in Term 4.

*No obligation to enrol. Just come and try it out ☺*

**START** at Orama Public School  
**S.T.A.R.T =**  
**School Transition And Readiness Training**  
**at Orama**



Orama Public School, located in the Thora Valley, is a NSW Government School set in beautiful bush surroundings next to the Bellinger River.

Orama Public School delivers a comprehensive curriculum which aims to support and encourage each child as an individual. A daily school bus services the school from Bellingen and the Thora Valley.



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For further details and a program outline visit [www.orama-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.orama-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)