



# Orana School Bulletin

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## Forthcoming Events

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### February

- Thurs 25th Sophia Group Meeting, 7:30 - 9:40,  
Fri 26th Classes 9, 11 & 12 return from camps  
Sophia Chat, Talk by John Davidson, 1:15pm, Bluebell  
Kindergarten, all welcome  
AFP presentation to Cl10's, 11:15 - 12:15pm, SRC

### March

- Mon 1st Class 4RT Parent/Teacher meeting, 7:30pm, classroom  
Tues 2nd **Moderation Day**, pupil free day Classes 8 - 12  
Class 4MA Parent/Teacher meeting, 7:30pm, classroom  
Thurs 4th Sophia Group Meeting, 7:30 - 9:30, Gumnut Room  
Sun 7th Screen Holiday, finishing 14th March

## College News

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Over the first 3 weeks of school I have had the pleasure to sit in on 3 class meetings. I have been reminded how a sense of community develops from these meetings, and how important that is to our feeling life and sense of belonging.

The first meeting was with Cheryl Prigg, our new Class 1 teacher. Class 1 can be a difficult time as some children are highly anticipating this new stage of learning, while some would much rather still be playing. Talking with Cheryl and her parent group brought flashbacks of my own family and how they made these transitions. Our school is privileged to have such experienced Class 1 teachers to guide the new group through this important stage.

At the other end of the spectrum the Class 6 meetings highlighted another important transition, the journey into adolescence. As Michael Thompson gave a picture of the Class 6 child I saw lots of heads nodding as parents discovered they were not alone in this journey. Discussions followed and the community helped each other understand the needs of

Class 6 children.

In understanding Steiner education, and the parenting of your children, I would encourage you to be part of our community by attending class meetings, and talks that are offered. The Sophia Group is pivotal in our school and offers many events to all our community. Look out for our special focus on learning in Class 1, 2 and 3 presented by the Sophia Group on the 20th March.

**Marianne Ackland**  
**for the College of Teachers**

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

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The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Canberra Rudolf Steiner School Association (CRSSA) will be held on **WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH 2010** in the Senior Resource Centre, starting at 8:00pm.

- The Annual General Meeting will:
- receive the report of the Board;
- receive the report of the College of Teachers;
- receive the audited financial statements for 31 December 2009;
- elect replacements for Board vacancies;
- appoint an auditor
- approve the revised Constitution, and
- provide an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss matters of interest to the school community.

The AGM is an occasion for the school community to reflect on the achievements of the previous 12 months, and planned activities for the current year. Questions on notice are welcome and may be handed in to the School Office or sent by email to [board@oranaschool.com](mailto:board@oranaschool.com). Questions may also be asked during the meeting without notice.

The Constitution of the CRSSA provides that all staff (full-time and part-time) of the School and all parents/guardians/care persons who have a child enrolled and in attendance at the school are members of the CRSSA on completion of a membership form. Forms are available from Carmela in the School Office.

**Peter Polkinghorne**  
**Business Manager**

# **Election of Board Members at the AGM**

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The School Board is responsible for the overall strategic direction, finances and facilities at the school. Its current membership is as follows:

- three members of the Association who are not staff, elected by the Association at the AGM - currently parents Greg Roche, Michael Stearn and Konrad Knerr;
- three nominees of the College of Teachers who are not staff of the Association - currently, Kathleen Plowman, Karl Kaltenbach and Rosemary Gentle;
- the Chair of the College of Teachers - Olga Blasch;
- the Executive –John Davidson, Marie-Anne Gigon and Peter Polkinghorne;
- two nominees of the College of Teachers - currently teachers Ray Millikin and Chris Matthews;
- the President of the Parents and Friends Association - Gina Howlett.

The term of office for members is two years.

This year the Association will elect three members of the Board. It is understood that two of the current members will not be standing again for election.

The Board invites interested members of the Association to offer themselves for election to the Board. The current Board members have a wide range of expertise, but the addition of a person with a marketing background would be valuable. Details of the work and responsibilities of the Board may be obtained by speaking to Greg Roche (Chair) on 0401 148 437 or any other member of the Board. There are two Board meetings each term. Meetings are held on Saturdays and run from 10am - 4pm.

Nomination Forms are available from Carmela in the School Office. Nominations close at 5pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> March (the day before the AGM).

**Peter Polkinghorne**  
**Business Manager**

# School Housekeeping

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## **Traffic Reminder**

It is essential that drivers do not park their cars in the "Set Down and Pick Up" areas. This causes traffic congestion in the mornings and at pick up times.

Thank you for your support. Let's keep our children safe.

## **Absences**

Please inform the School Office if your child is away for the day before 9:30am. You can also leave a message on 6288 4283 before office hours.

## **Late Pick Up**

Children who haven't been picked up at 3:30pm will be asked to come to the School Office. Parents need to come and pick them up from there. Children under the age of 12 will be taken to After School Care. A fee will be charged to families whose children have spent time in After School Care.

## **Nut Free School**

A warm hearted thank you to our parents for your cooperation in keeping our school a "Nut Free School". This means that Orana is a safe place for children at risk of anaphylaxis shock.

## **Important Reminder**

Expressions of interest for the 2 Kindergarten positions advertised in last weeks Newsheet are due in by Friday the 26th of February.

**Marie-Anne Gigon**  
**Resources Administrator**

## **Reminder...Orana School Phone Directory**

We are in the process of updating our School Directory for 2010. So parents please make sure we have your most current family details. If you have to report any changes please email [sally.washington@oranaschool.com](mailto:sally.washington@oranaschool.com) and place in the subject line "Change of Details 2010". We hope to have the new directory available before the end of term. Thank you.

**The Admin Team**

# Music Notes

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## **Peripatetic Music**

This term we have been sad to farewell Lada Marcelja (cello) and Bori Caer (clarinet) as they pursue new paths.

We welcome to Orana Tom Asoury (clarinet) and Jack Hobbs (cello) who will begin teaching in the next few weeks as timetables settle.

Last week classes 7-12 received a wonderful clarinet demonstration from Tom, and class 6 heard both Jane Rylands, our flute teacher, and Tom play. A few vacancies exist for learning these woodwind instruments for students in class 6 and above. If your child would like to learn please let us know via a note at the School Office or Kerrie Arthur (Peripatetic Music Coordinator). Lessons cost around \$25 to \$30 per half hour lesson.

## **Community Hours in Music**

Each year some parents elect to work their Community Hours in the Music Department. Jobs include help with mailouts, music sorting, concert set-up and other odd jobs! If you would like to do Community Hours in this way, please let Maia know via a note at the School Office.

## **Twilight Concert**

2010's first Orana concert will be held on 26th March, 5:45 – 7pm in the Senior Resource Centre. All are welcome to hear some of our wonderful musicians from classes 4 to 10.

## **Maia Harrison**

## **Orana Parents and Friends Association (P & F)**

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**Orana P & F Shop** - Finally the slippers were delivered late last week so if you have been waiting, you can drop in to the shop 2.30-3.30 weekdays and 8.30-10am on Fridays to purchase them.

**Craft 'n' Café** - This Friday in the Gumnut Room from 9 till noon, Craft group will be wet felting. Come along and watch the transition from separate wool colours to a beautiful piece of felt. This is a fantastic time for Class 1 parents to learn this skill as your children will be wet felting very soon in handwork. If you wish to wet felt, please bring rubber gloves if your hands are sensitive to laundry soap. Additionally, Rita is continuing with her crocheters, making the Autumn Picnic rug. All experienced crocheters are invited to help out. If you can't make Friday morning but can read a pattern, then your skill can still be used at

home. Just send me a quick email or contact Rita Reid directly. If you wish to crochet please bring a size 5 crochet hook. Craft, together with Cafe is also a great time to just come together for a chat. We welcome Shane Weatherstone this year as Cafe Coordinator. Children are most welcome, and there is a large play area outside.

If you would like to be on the Craft Group email list to find out more details of each session, please email me on [the5rosies@hotmail.com](mailto:the5rosies@hotmail.com) or call Heidi Rossendell on 0409 091 365.

**Fundraising Barbecue at Bunnings Tuggeranong – Saturday 27th February** - The barbecue stall is being run this Saturday in order to raise additional funds for the purchase of a barbecue trailer. If you can spare an hour on Saturday please contact Guy Byrne to put your name on the roster. It would be greatly appreciated. Guy's number is 62275 474 (home) or 62465720 (work) or at [p&f@oranaschool.com](mailto:p&f@oranaschool.com)

**Twilight Tea – Friday 12 March 5.30pm** - Yet another reminder that our Twilight Tea run by the Class 1 parents will be on next month. Please mark it in your diary as it is a lovely evening to catch up with other parents. Food will be available for purchase or you may bring your own picnic dinner.

**P & F Equipment** - As the P & F shed is now down to only 3 tea towels I am making a plea to everyone to return any P & F equipment that you may have lying around in your house. Any stray tea towels, table cloths, crockery and cutlery that came originally from the shed can be returned to the School Office – no questions asked!

**Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 24 March 7.30pm** - All members of the current P & F Executive Committee stand down at the March AGM. Most of them will re-nominate with the exception of Anne Fuchs as Treasurer and me as President. There are additional vacant positions for general members. I have been doing the job for two years and feel it is time to hand over to another person with new energy and enthusiasm for the job. I have enjoyed it immensely as I have learnt a great deal and been supported by a very competent committee. I would encourage any parents in the school to nominate for the position no matter whether you are new to the school or not. I am happy to talk to anyone who may be interested. My home number is 6287 5149 or work 6121 4688. Nomination and proxy forms are available at the School Office.

**Gina Howlett**

For the P & F Committee  
[p&f@oranaschool.com](mailto:p&f@oranaschool.com)

**Orana Parents & Friends Association (P & F)**  
**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

The Orana P & F Annual General Meeting will be held on  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**  
**at the Senior Resource Centre**

*ALL WELCOME*

The meeting will include the election  
of the following Executive Committee members:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Up to 3 Other Members

If you are interested in nominating someone for a position, please gain their consent, and complete a nomination form available from the School Office.

Please forward nominations to the Secretary, or bring them on the night.

Notice of any motion to be put to the meeting needs be given three days in advance of the AGM to the P&F Secretary, Eve Sparrow by email at [eve.sparrow@oranaschool.com](mailto:eve.sparrow@oranaschool.com)

Or P & F c/o Orana School, PO Box 3567 Weston 2611.

**Gina Howlett**  
**For the P & F Committee**  
**[p&f@oranaschool.com](mailto:p&f@oranaschool.com)**

# Sophia Afternoon Session

Independent Schools  
From Kindy to  
University Entrance

*With John Davidson*

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1.15pm  
Bluebell kindergarten

You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch to Bluebell Kindergarten garden and stay to listen to this interesting chat with our new School Director before picking up your old(er) children at 3pm.

Please remember that you are responsible for your children at this time, and any equipment used for play needs to be tidied carefully away afterwards (of course!)

Gold coin donation. Coffee/tea available  
All welcome

## **VACANT POSITION – President, Sophia Group**

I will be resigning as President at the AGM on 20 May. So this position will become vacant and I invite those interested in nominating to contact me on 6232 9299. The position involves chairing the meetings, a co-ordination role and managing the events organised by the group.

Community Hours are available for this position. I encourage you to consider joining the Sophia Group and participate in supporting the school community.

**Genelle Carter - President**

### **A word of thanks**

I have found the experience of being President of the Sophia Group very rewarding and worthwhile. I have also developed wonderful friendships and I would encourage any parent to consider nominating for the position or at least joining the Sophia Group.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Sophia members, the teachers, the office staff, the presenters and students for their dedication and support during my years with the group. It has been a blast!

I will definitely be re-joining the group upon my return to Orana School in 2011.

**Kind wishes & thanks**  
**Genelle Carter**

## Notices

*(Please note Orana School provides space for the following notices but does not endorse or guarantee these goods and services. Orana School reserves the right to reject or edit any material without notice)*

### **Tone Eurythmy**

'**Movement on Music**' - Discover within 3 sessions what Eurythmy can do for Body Harmony. 3 Monday evenings from 7pm to 8pm. Cost is \$85, to be paid on the first night. Dates are 22 February, 1 March and 8 March. Classes will be held in the Senior Resource Centre. Please support Eurythmy. Ellen Jane Schildt

### **Activities for the Anthroposophical Society**

**Study Group:** 'A Way of Self Knowledge' by Rudolf Steiner. This will be held on alternate Thursday evenings at 7.30pm beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

'**What is the Meaning of the Music of the Spheres?**' with Mary Masselos.

Mary will be talking about how she came to explore the power of the individual tones and how they affect our psyche.

Through working with individual musical tones, Mary discovered a whole universe of archetypal images, patterns, vivid responses and wonderful connections between inner life and the cosmic world based on Rudolf Steiner's insight into 'The Magic of Tone.'

As Mary continued to seek the voice or soul of the tones, this connection became a cosmic bridge of light/sound and she began to see what the mystics might have meant when they uttered their cryptic words on the magic of tone and the art of divine music. It is very natural to follow this bridge into planetary spheres, sensing inwardly the harmonies. Mary is a concert violinist, psychotherapist and teacher in a Rudolf Steiner school in England. She has studied and worked in Europe, US and Australia and currently teaches and gives talks and workshops in Sydney. She has also written a book 'Music the Healer' and has produced 10 CDs which will be available. Brochures with more details of talk and workshop will be available at the office.

Date and time: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm. Venue: Curative Eurythmy room. Cost \$10, concessions available.

'**Healing for the Heart: The Angelic Realm Through Music**', Workshop with Mary Masselos.

This is an opportunity to go more deeply into the transformative power of the images evoked by the tones. This touches on the archetype of the Divine Feminine -the source of creativity.

Date and time: 13<sup>th</sup> March (note amended time)

Cost \$60, concessions available. Venue to be confirmed.

Please let us know if you intend to come.

**Easter Festival:** Easter Contemplations, Talk with Karl Kaltenbach. Songs, music and verse. Date and Time: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm. Venue: Riitta Korpinen's Kindergarten.

'**The Heart as an Organ for Karma and Conscience**' and '**The Seven Life Processes and Their Planetary Correspondences as the Organic Basis for Assimilating Sensory Awareness and for Developing Life of Soul**', lectures with De James Dyson from England on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Enquiries for all events to Marilyn Lewis on 6288 1495.