



*"To raise up effective leaders of godly character who will blend academic achievement and biblical truth, to influence society for the glory of God."*

1<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to term 2. We hope everyone had a good break and that the children are ready for some really exciting things we have planned for the coming term.

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Prep is invited to the Orange Christian School Mother's Day breakfast. This will be held in The Learning Hub from 7.30am. Everyone is welcome to come along. So mums, aunties and grandmas come and enjoy some delicious breakfast treats.

This term we are introducing a movement and learning program. It will run for about 20 minutes each morning after we mark the roll. We will have three stations from which the children will rotate:

- Station One – Move to Learn –Olivia
- Station Three – Balance (non locomotion) – Rosa
- Station Four – Balance (locomotion – using straight line to move along) – Parent helper.
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As you can see, we need a parent helper for each day in order for us to address these areas. If you decide to help, we will train you – it's very basic but the benefits to the children are enormous. If you wish to know more about the movement and learning program, why we do it and its impact upon learning, please see Rosa.

One of the things we will be doing this term is learning Italian, so if you think your children are arriving home talking "jibberish", it's probably Italian. One of the reasons why we give a glimpse of a second language to the children is that research has indicated that if children between the ages of birth to five years are taught at least fifty words in another language (and are able to use it in some kind of context), their cognitive ability (problem solving and reasoning skills) is greatly enhanced.

The school will be hosting "All That Jazz" Fundraising Dinner on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. I will organize a Prep table for anyone who wishes to come along. I have attached a flyer with this newsletter.

The school is taking 2018 Prep and Kindergarten enrolments. The "Ready Set Go" Kindergarten Information Evening will be held in week 9, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to talk to me or Jenni Da Silva.

Yours in Christ

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