Social skill weeks 5&6

Preschool & Kinder: Offering help

The specific steps the children will use these 2 weeks will be:

• decide if someone needs help
• ask
• do it.

Children will discuss ways to offer help without being bossy.

Yrs1-6: Suggesting or persuading (instead of bossing)

People don't like being around other people who give orders, criticise all the time, and are bossy when they try to make people do things. The best way to convince others to do what you want and to co-operate with you is to make suggestions and give good reasons for your suggestions.

Children will practise some of the following:

• make a suggestion in a polite, tentative voice
• make your suggestion in a way such as: why don’t we... let’s... perhaps we could... let’s try... how about... maybe we could...
• give reasons for why it is a good idea.

If others don’t like your idea, try to persuade them by using a friendly voice and giving more reasons, or think of a better idea.

Calendar of events

November

Fri 14  Stage 2 camp
Sat 15  Car Boot Sale
Wed 19  Emmerick St. Preschool visit
        P&C meeting, 7pm
Thu 20  Assembly Yr 2, Stage 3
Wed 26  Yr 6 Games Day
Thu 27  2015 leaders campaign begins
Fri 28  Stage 2 picnic
Sun 30  Rozelle Street Fair

End of year activities

Don't forget to add the end of year event dates to your calendar so you don’t double book at this busy time of year.

December

Mon 1  Start Smart talks
Wed 3  Yr 6 High school Orientation Day
Thu 4  Canteen Healthy Lunch Day
        Assembly: whole school – captains speeches
Fri 5  Preschool Blue concert
        Parent volunteer breakfast
Tue 9  Preschool green concert
Wed 10  Preschool blue Christmas Party
        Assembly: whole school
Fri 12  Preschool blue last day
        K-6 Parsley Bay excursion
Mon 15  Yr 6 Farewell, K–2, 3–6 Dance
Tue 16  Preschool green party
Wed 17  Preschool closed
        Last day 2014 students K–6

Term dates

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2014 school year for students K–6 will be Wednesday 17 December. The last day for preschool will be Tuesday 16 December. Staff will be attending a School Development day on Thursday 18 December.

OSHC is available on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December, and will reopen for vacation care from 5 January.
Growing School Communities

Local bee keeper and educator Gavin Smith returned to Orange Grove this week to deliver lessons to four more lucky classes: KB, KW, 3/4H and 3/4B.

Gavin is highly knowledgeable about native bees and will soon be helping our school set up our own native beehive! Fortunately, native bees are stingless, so we will be able to learn about and observe the work of bees without any danger.

On Tuesday, Gavin spoke to participating students about the importance of these amazing insects, particularly native bees, working in our local gardens. Students were able to learn about bee basics, how honey is made, their importance in the continuing cycle of plant life, what happens in a hive and also how such a little creature can affect our community everyday in terms of what we eat. The students also got to eat fresh honeycomb and some were even chosen to wear a special protective bee suit. Thank you Gavin and also TAFE students Uma, Lina and Jason who assisted him throughout the day.

Junior garden club

We have been busy this week covering our potato crop; saving seeds (coriander and rocket); and finding and removing pests (caterpillars) from plants.

Talk with us – Parent meeting

Monday 1 December, 7–8.30pm, Block A hall

As well as surveys, we would like to meet with you face to face and ask you questions about what sort of school you would like OGPS to be in 5–10 years time.

It’s the time to think BIG PICTURE! This will drive our 2015-2017 school strategic planning, and keep us future focused.

If you are available, come and talk to group leaders who would like to ask you about anything and everything, and see what we all think, so we have a common vision.

Selective high schools


Future Leaders Program

An ideal development opportunity for school Student Representative Council (SRC) or any student who shows leadership potential.

To make a booking or find out more, contact Sport and Recreation on 13 13 02 or visit http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleadersprimary/ for primary school programs and http://dsr.nsw.gov.au/futureleaderssecondary/ for secondary schools.

Understanding climate change

Is your child learning about climate change at school?

CSIRO’s scientists are learning how the earth’s climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx

Little Aussie Songsters competition

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster

The competition is now open and will close on Saturday 14 February 2015.

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.


Charities Appeal clothing sale at OGPS!

Want a new or used designer outfit for a Christmas function? Then come to Block A hall on Monday 17 November and choose from dresses, tops, shoes, handbags – all at drastically reduced prices. All designer labels!

Low low prices with all funds raised going to the current school charity. Courtesy of members of our community. Don’t miss out. Open from 8.30–10.30am.

Senior harvest club

We have also recently been doing some seed saving; watering; and have harvested some fantastically fresh and organic produce for sale on Friday mornings under the COLA. Tomorrow will again be harvesting and selling bunches of spinach, parsley, rocket, and assorted herbs and edible flowers for salads. The money we make is used to purchase seedlings, mulch and seeds.
### MP3 players and hearing loss

**More kids are losing their hearing**

Connect Hearing confirms its audiologists are treating a much larger number of younger clients presenting with tinnitus (ringing in the ears) and hearing loss related to noise exposure.

Given the popularity of MP3 players, and the tendency to listen to them for long periods of time (while travelling for instance), the risk of permanent hearing loss rises the higher the volume is cranked up.

**Parent tips:**
- watch for warning signs of hearing loss such as vague feelings of pressure or a ringing sound in the ears (tinnitus) when in a quiet place.
- lock the volume on your child’s MP3 player to a safe listening level (no more than 75dB).
- if you can hear the music from your child’s headphones, it’s up too loud.
- over-ear headphones are less damaging than in-ear headphones or earbuds.
- limit the amount of time your child listens to their MP3 and advise them to give their ears a rest every hour.

### Plea for equipment!

We have started a ‘Billy Cart Club’ at OOSH and the children are getting really excited about building their carts. Any donations of building materials, hammers, rope and wheels would be gratefully received if you have them hanging around the house!

### Helping Hands Orange Grove December/January Vacation Care programme

Please see our programme below. Our booking forms will be available shortly. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact Kirsty: 0447 853670 orangegrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

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Classroom Capers

Children in KK have been learning about important milestones and celebrations in their life. They have been identifying changes that have occurred since they started Kindergarten.

We know each other now and have made lots of friends!
It is also proposed, as our school continues to grow and our events get larger, that we appoint a sponsorship coordinator to be the fundraising face of OGPS P+C within the community. This role is ready and needing to be filled immediately and Charlotte de Freyne (a former coordinator) is willing to assist to ensure a smooth transition. We need a keen person asap to kick things off now.

This role will include:
- revising official letter/sponsorship ts&cs
- contact current sponsors
- approach potential new sponsors
- collate/keep a register of donations; working with event teams on allocation throughout the year
- quality control - ensure logos are correct, banners comply, everyone is thanked, free tickets are issued etc prior to each event, manage sponsor acknowledgements in newsletter/FB.

If you are interested, email orangegrovepc@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from many of you and to working with you to make 2015 a great year on the fundraising and events front.

Sponsorship coordinator

Fundraising 2015: a message from our outgoing 2014 Vice-President, Leanne Granger

The current P+C is proposing that things be done a little differently next year on the fundraising and events front and there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to become involved.

What is proposed? Rather than a larger sub-group of P+C members being across all fundraising and/or event initiatives throughout the year, we think it may work better if we have many small sub-groups, each focusing on and being responsible for a particular fundraising initiative or school community event.

2015 events

It is proposed (subject to whole P+C approval at the first P+C meeting for 2015) that the key fundraising and school community events for next year will be:
- a welcome cocktail event in February
- a trivia night in June
- a family movie night in October

In addition, the usual fundraising initiatives will continue; car boot sale, cake stall, footy parking and the usual community events - Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day breakfast.

What we need?

We need team leaders and teams to “own” some of these events. In particular, we need an enthusiastic person to take on the trivia night in June, and also someone to coordinate footy parking. And they will need lots of people to form their teams.

So if you are interested in being a team leader for either of these events please email orangegrovepc@gmail.com.

At the moment, we have coordinators for the other events, but if you want to be part of a particular organising team, please also send an email.

Your thoughts?

We would also like to hear your thoughts on what the P+C fundraising goals/targets for 2015 should be?
Do you have a view or an idea about what the P+C should be raising funds for?
This will be discussed at the next P+C meeting on 19 November so come along to share your thoughts or to hear what others have to say.

Dates to remember in Term 4

Car Boot Sale – Saturday 15 November
P+C Meeting – Wednesday 19 November
Rozelle Village Fair – Saturday 30 November
A DAY ON THE WORKING BAY

SAT 15 NOV 2014 9.30AM – 3.00PM
A CHANCE TO SEE THE WORKING SIDE OF ROZELLE BAY

Many people walk or drive around Rozelle Bay and may wonder what the cranes, workboats and operations on the foreshores do, and what the stored materials are for. Come and discover what happens on Rozelle Bay and how Sydney’s waterfront infrastructure is built and maintained, as well as exploring some of our rich maritime history.

Please note there is no parking available on site, so access to the site is on foot or via shuttle boat from Bicentennial Park Jetty. This is a working site, so please wear sensible footwear and be aware that safety procedures will apply in some areas.

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[02] 9555 2211
Dear parents

Children in years 2-5 now have the opportunity to join the Orange Grove Primary School training band for 2015.

The instruments available to play in the band are: Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Oboe, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Bass Guitar, drums and keyboard.

No experience is required for most instruments, just lots of enthusiasm! If you would like to play keyboard you do require at least one year of experience and lessons.

To find out more about joining our band program please visit our website: www.musicpartnership.com.au
The password for the Orange Grove schools page is “orange”

To sign up for band fill out our online enrolment form and we will get in touch with you! Click below on the link to enrol now! http://musicpartnership.com.au/band-program-2015-enrolment-form/

If you have any questions and can’t see the answers on our website, please email us: info@musicpartnership.com.au

We’re looking forward to hearing from you!
Some Important band information!

Fees: Band is $15+GST for a weekly 1-hour session

When: Training band is TBA morning 8am-9am in the school hall. We will let you know shortly when the band session will be.

Private lessons:
As part of being in band, you will need to be having a weekly private lesson on your chosen instrument.

We have fantastic tutors that come to the school on a weekly basis to give private lesson on all band instruments. Lessons are held on the school grounds from 3-6pm, Monday-Friday. If you’d like for us to organise a lesson for you at school, please indicate that on our online enrolment form along with your preference of lesson day and time.

Lessons are $35+GST for a ½ hour individual lesson or $22+GST for a ½ hour paired lesson.

Students need to be having some form of private tuition to play in the Orange Grove band program. Paired lessons are subject to availability.

To enrol now please click on the link below and fill out our online form and we will email you back: http://musicpartnership.com.au/band-program-2015-enrolment-form/

You will need to hire or purchase your own instrument to play in the band. Visit our website and view our “Instruments Page” for more information about how to hire/purchase your instrument and for instrument resources. http://musicpartnership.com.au/instruments/

If you would like to speak with a member of our team, please email: info@musicpartnership.com.au
We’ll get back to you as quickly as we can.