Social skill weeks 7&8
Preschool & Kinder: Saying thank you
Children in Kinder and the preschool will follow the steps:
1. Was it nice to do?
2. When?
3. Say ‘Thank you’

Yrs 1–6: Saying thank you
In Years 1-6 children will be talking about how the other person feels when we thank them for something. They will practise in different languages.

Calendar of events

March
Sat 15 School Development Day for staff – Kidsmatter
Mon 17–Fri 21 Life Education sessions
Wed 19 Maths Information Night – 2 sessions
P&C meeting 7pm Block A
Thu 20 Assembly 2M
Fri 21 Grandfriends and Harmony Day
Mon 31 Stewart House Collection date

April
Wed 2 Stage 1 Schoolhouse Museum excursion
Cybersafety sessions for students and parents (6–7.30pm)
Thu 3 Assembly: Kinder, 3/4M
Sun 6 Football parking
Tue 8 Chess challenge – Canterbury PS
Wed 9 Parent / teacher interviews
Thu 10 Science Day
Fri 11 Preschool cleaning day – preschool closed
Movie Night from 5.30pm
Term 1 concludes

Parent interviews
Parent interviews will be held in the week beginning Monday 7 April. However, KB interviews will be held the week prior to this.

Mathematics information evening
All parents are invited to attend a Mathematics information afternoon/evening on Wednesday 19 March.

Cybersafety information sessions
Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online
The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.
When: Wednesday 2 April
Where: Block A hall
Students 3–6: 2–3pm, Staff: 3.15-4.30pm, Parents: 6–7.30pm

Grandfriends and Harmony Day
At Orange Grove PS we would like to combine Harmony Day activities with a celebration of our Grandfriends- grandparents and older friends.

Stars volunteer program
Skills, Training and Resource Service (STARS) is a service funded to recruit and train volunteers for community based organisations in the Leichhardt local government area.

Orange Grove PS is fortunate to have a former student, Andrew West, be part of this program. Andrew, and his support person, Tom, will be attending OGPS every Thursday to volunteer their services. Andrew is a keen gardener, and already has the front garden beds looking much tidier. We welcome Andrew back to Orange Grove.
Junior Garden Club

Junior Garden Club has started for K–2 children. Only three children from each of these classes can attend the LUNCHTIME club each Tuesday in Weeks 6 to 11 this term. Different children will get a turn every five weeks. Children attend the club in first half of lunch, after they have finished eating.

If your child decides they want to do a different activity, they need to let Ms Keane know so someone else can have a turn. Activities include: watering, planting, harvesting, snail collecting, weeding, rubbish collection, worm farming, composting and mulching.

NSW Public Schools - Arts Unit: Junior Dance Workshop

How To Be Involved

The NSW Public Schools Junior Dance Workshop is a three day intensive workshop for dance students in Years 5–6 and will be held in Term 1. This workshop is an excellent opportunity for students with talent and skills in dance to develop in this art form. Applications are now open online.


Date & Times: Years 5–6 only, Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 April 2014, 9am–3pm.

Venue: Sydney Dance Company Studios, Pier 4, Hickson Road, Walsh Bay

Cost: Years 5–6 $220.00 incl GST

Applications must be submitted by Monday 17 March 2014 and late applications will not be accepted.

Entry of Students

Year 7, Year 11

2015

Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2014 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2015 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.

Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 20th June – Thursday 26th June 2014

Year 11 Audition Dates: Wednesday 18th June – Friday 20th June 2014

Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.

Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website

www.nhspa.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2014

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts provides specialist education at the highest level to students having outstanding potential and/or achievement in, and commitment to, Dance, Drama or Music.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Gray
Principal

Conditions:

Each audition is assessed on its own merits. The examiner’s decision is final and no appeal can be made except on procedure. Information on individual student's performance in their audition will not be given. The purpose of the auditions is for the school to select the top students as assessed by the examiners. These are the conditions under which students and parents/carers must agree to when applying to audition.

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Number of School Days: 202 Eastern Division; 197 Western Division
3/4 H NEWSLETTER
Welcome to our class for 2014! We are having fun developing fast number skills. Each Thursday we have rotational number activities using dice, cards, an interactive game, problem solving and our favourite, ipad filming (where we have to teach a concept we have learnt this week while a friend films us))! We work in mixed groups and move around the different activities. WE LOVE IT.
Uniform news

**Fleecy Vests** – these are available by special order only. Please complete the order form and drop it into the uniform shop. The order form can also be found on our school website and on the Orange Grove Public School P+C facebook page.

Make sure you come in to the shop during opening hours to try them on for sizes as they are a very small make and orders cannot be changed once purchased.

The closing date for order is Wednesday 26 March for delivery after the school holidays, so get your orders in quick!

Uniform store regular opening hours: Mondays 2.50–3.30pm and Wednesdays 8.40–9.10am.

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**Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?**

The ‘First Child Tax Offset’, introduced in 2001 by the Australian Government, compensated parents for the reduction in their income following the arrival of a baby born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004. The offset can be claimed for five years, and it is really worth taking a look or talking to your accountant/tax agent about it. The Australian Tax Office has now placed a deadline on claiming this offset June 2014.


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**Canteen news**

It is time to start thinking about the roster for Term 2!

If you can help out any day please email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com and we’ll add you to the roster. Term 2 also means home-made soup on Fridays... and when we say home-made we mean it. If you’d like to volunteer to cook soup one week drop us an email letting us know your speciality!

Chicken/noodle, tomato & pasta, vegetable and even pumpkin have been very popular in the past!

Don’t forget, tuna sandwiches have been added to the canteen menu on Mondays and Tuesdays - an easy way to get some brain food into the kids!

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**Movie night**

**Save the date:** 11 April from 5.30pm. See you there!

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**Growing school communities**

Our garden facilitator will be starting in Term 2. She has visited the OGPS Kitchen Garden and is going to be volunteering in coming weeks to get a sense of the space and the school’s gardening/sustainability priorities.

We are very fortunate to have one of the best facilitator’s to guide us through the program. She is a parent at Annandale P.S. and has done remarkable work with that school. The Growing School Communities program started in 2008 at Dulwich Hill P.S. This program is now self-sustaining and has brought together the school and local community in a variety of ways. All teachers incorporate the school’s indigenous trail and kitchen garden into their programs.

**We need parent volunteers on Tuesdays for approx 1hr**

The garden facilitator will conduct the lessons with assistance from the classroom teacher over a 7-week period, preferably 2–3 parents will also become involved in the program to be mentored with the view to taking on the facilitator’s role in coming years. This will ensure that the program has continuity and is not reliant on one person’s expertise and time.

If you would like to know more come to the next P+C meeting, or speak with Ms Keane in the playground or email Toni ogps.garden@gmail.com.