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
Fri 21 Grandfriends and Harmony Day
Yr 7 EOI forms due
Kinder Best Start parent feedback distributed
Mon 24 External Drainage work commences (preschool)
Thu 27 Assembly: 1B 5/6M
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 K–6
No assembly
Fri 11 Preschool cleaning day – preschool closed
Movie Night from 5.30pm
Term 1 concludes

Grandfriends and Harmony Day - TOMORROW 9am
All our grandfriends are welcome to join us TOMORROW Friday 21 March. Start the day with a cuppa in the library at 9am while classes settle into morning routine. You are then welcome to visit classes from 9.30–10am. Children will have crunch n’sip, and then entertain you under the COLA at 10.15am. Children are invited to wear orange if they have something suitable to wear to school. We hope you can join us!

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

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.
Parents will be able to select an interview timeslot online. Details have been provided, so look out for this information!

Make Online Payments
It will soon be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other. This to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
• the student's name, and
• class and reference number OR
• the student's name, and
• date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them. These are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner. These details are not passed back to the school.
You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Cash is still an option
A reminder that cash payments will still be an option, but cash cannot be accepted at the office on a Friday afternoon as there is no banking facility at this time.

Groundworks happening
As an attempt to alleviate the continuing groundwater flooding problem in the preschool, some extensive drainage works are about to commence. The steps leading to the preschool will be barricaded for up to 2 weeks from Monday 24 March and the preschool and school WILL NOT BE accessible this way.

Parents will need to access the preschool from the Balmain Rd steps/ramp. Children accessing the main school site will not be able to come through the preschool gate. We apologise for the inconvenience but the long term benefit is worth the short term pain.

Best Start reports
This term all Kindergarten children took part in the Best Start assessments. The teacher observed the children individually while they completed a range of tasks. All Kindergarten parents will be provided with a report containing information about what the teacher learned about your Kinder child, including ideas on how to support at home.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.


Kidsmatter
Thank you to the 66 parents who were able to take the time to complete the Kidsmatter parent survey. This information will prove useful in helping the Kidsmatter Action Team to provide specific support to Orange Grove students and their families. Watch this space!

Stewart House collection
Don’t forget to clean out your cupboard and place unwanted clothing items in Stewart House bags. Collection from school is Monday 31 March. Time to clean out.

Sushi train
Brown rice sushi rolls are a nutritious change to pack for school lunches. Unlike white rice sushi, they can be made the night before, and the filling can be adapted to suit your child’s preferences. Pack in a chiller bag with an icepack and include some little soy sauce fish.


School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework?
Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables?
Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos’ amazing animals and interesting keepers.


Sydney Public Schools Drama Camp 2014
Providing enriching drama experience for students.

If you are interested in nominating your child for this activity, please note the information below. This camp is open to children in Years 3–6.

Camp dates are: Mon 19 May – Wed 21 May (3 days)
Location: Seymour Centre
Cost: $100

Please nominate by Friday 28 March to: www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au

Print off your online application paperwork and return to Ms Jamieson.
1A has been enjoying Dr Seuss

We celebrated his birthday on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of March and have been playing with words and developing our love of reading.

This is the poem we made with lots of rhyming words:

\textbf{1A is here but we could be away}
\textbf{Away away} – but where would we \textbf{stay}
\textbf{We could play like a horse} – Tye loves to \textbf{neigh}
\textbf{Don’t worry…. we will not go away.}
\textbf{We are here to \textit{stay}….. OK?}
Canteen news

Thank you to those who have already offered to make soup in term 2! Soup will be sold on Fridays, $2.50 for home-made soup and a bread roll... can you help? All you need to do is make the soup and deliver it to the canteen before lunchtime on any Friday... the Friday volunteers will heat it and serve it!

We are working on the soup roster now, so please email Meredith at ogpsscanteen@gmail.com with your soup speciality and the date you would like to be soup-maker!

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Orders in by Monday 31 March for Thursday 3 April delivery

Danny & Carla from The Boulevard Takeaway are Orange Grove parents and make the best Lebanese food (and hamburgers!) in the inner west! And we are lucky enough to have an ‘exclusive’ deal with them to provide a special for our canteen.

On Thursday 3 April the canteen will be selling Lebanese Mini-Boxes, made fresh-to-order by Danny & Carla.

For $5.50 your child can enjoy kafta (delicious Middle Eastern meatball), a chicken stick, a falafel ball, hommus and tabouli (wheat free), with Lebanese bread!

Orders (and payment) for this special must be in the canteen box by Monday 31 March so that everything can be freshly prepared. Look out for the signs at the Canteen for more details.

Gonski news

Don’t forget to go to www.igiveagonski.com.au and register your support...Gonski could make a world of difference to our kids.

But help is needed to make sure the politicians deliver the extra Gonski funding for the kids who need it most, in every school across Australia. The Federal Budget will be handed down in May and it is important that the Government is aware of how much community support there is to ensure the six year Gonski agreements are fully funded and that the money flows to schools.

Dates to keep marked on the calendar:

Sunday 6 April – Football parking 3pm
Friday 11 April – Movie Night! It will be a roaring good time...
Wednesday 21 May – P+C meeting, 7pm Block A

P+C Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the P+C meeting last night. Yet again we had a full agenda, discussing sponsorship, uniforms, upcoming events and even the popularity of pretzels in the school canteen! If you would like a copy of the minutes please email orangegrovepc@gmail.com

The Orange Grove Public School P+C facebook page is another way to keep up with school information – you’ll find regular updates about the canteen, uniform shop, upcoming events, handy reminders and more.

Uniform news

Fleecy Vests – these are available by special order only. The order form is available in store, on the door of block B, on our school website and on the OGPS 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.

Movie night

Friday 11 April from 5.30pm. It will be a roaring good time...

www.facebook.com/OrangeGrovePublicSchoolPC

Like us to stay connected and informed of news, upcoming events, and more!

Gardening & sustainability news

K-2 junior gardening club is going well Tuesday lunchtime. Watering of marigolds and other plants; planting - thyme seeds, rosemary. The club will change every five weeks, to allow all interested students to get a chance to have some gardening time.

Growing school communities

Four classes/teachers will participate in the Growing School Communities program for 7 weeks next term.

An introduction to the school via the P&C meeting this week. If you missed it or would like to know more speak with Ms Keane in the playground or email Toni ogps.garden@gmail.com

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