Social skill weeks 9&10
Preschool & Kinder: Rewarding yourself
Yrs 1–6: Positive tracking
This week and next children are looking at the good things that happen and rewarding themselves for doing well.
The younger children will ask themselves:
*How did I do?*
Then say ‘*Good on me*’.
Older students will look at the benefits of being a positive tracker. Looking at the good things is the way to succeed.
These people are nice to be around.

Calendar of events

March
Mon 31 Stewart House Collection date

April
Wed 2 Stage 1 Schoolhouse Museum excursion
Cybersafety sessions for 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 5pm
‘Go blue for Autism’ – mufti day
Term 1 concludes

Grandfriends and Harmony Day
- Thank you
*What can we say?* We were overwhelmed to see the wonderful turnout of visitors last Friday. Nothing brings more joy than to see the excitement of a young person when someone they adore comes to make a special visit. Thank you for helping us celebrate and for supporting public education as it is happening at Orange Grove PS. We hope you enjoyed yourself, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Cybersafety information sessions – IMPORTANT
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 Yrs 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 are able to select an interview timeslot online.

Outstanding payments
If you still have outstanding payments for term 1 events or preschool fees, please pay them as soon as possible, and before the end of term.
There is currently a large number of outstanding GOT game payments, where families have made no payments to date. Other outstanding invoices include Life Education, Kindifarm, and school magazines.
Movie night is coming!

Don’t forget to pack your picnic rug and bring the family and friends to the OGPS Movie Night on 11 April. Gates open 5pm to grab something to eat and drink, and the movie **The Lion King**, starts around 6.30pm. See you there.

Make online payments

**Starting from the beginning of term 2** parents will be able 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 schools 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.

SRC Upcoming Events

**April is Autism Awareness Month.** The SRC would like everyone to “Go Blue for Autism” on Friday April 11 2014. All students, parents and teachers are encouraged to wear blue clothes as our end of term multi-day and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for Aspect.

During the next two weeks, the SRC will be working with a small group of parents and teachers to raise awareness and promote understanding of Autism. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a lifelong developmental disorder that affects, among other things, the way an individual relates to his or her environment and their interaction with other people.

Please keep your eye out for further information about what we will be doing on 11 April in next week’s newsletter.

[www.autismspectrum.org.au](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au)

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the Stewart House bag collection. We look forward to seeing you all in blue very soon!

**WANTED: Parents for Term 2 Garden Project**

If you would like to support a class and the school garden please see Ms Keane. This is part of the Growing School Communities Project. Term 2 classes involved are KK, 1B, 2M and 3/4M. Don’t be shy! We need 2 parents for each class.

**Bouquets of produce**

The Kitchen Garden is selling small ‘bouquets’ of fresh edible produce on Friday mornings before school.

A limited number of bouquets will be sold each week for $1.

This week’s harvest includes: lettuce, green beans, rosemary, mint, parsley, rocket and oregano: perfect for a salad or a herb quiche! Money raised from sales will be used to buy seedlings, seeds and other gardening essentials.

**National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

The NAPLAN tests for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted 13–15 May 2014.

Tue 13 May – Language conventions, spelling

Wed 14 May – Reading

Thu 15 May – Numeracy

**Stewart House collection**

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

**Preschool groundworks**

If you have visited this week you will have seen this work happening in the playground. We apologise for the inconvenience, but it should be completed by the end of next week.
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 tomorrow, Friday 28 March to: www.sydneyregionarts.nsw.edu.au
Print off your online application paperwork and return to Ms Jamieson.

Congratulations

Two students in Yr 6 and Yr 5 represented the Balmain team at the regional swimming carnival recently. Results were outstanding with one swimming a PB, and one being placed third in his heat of the 50m backstroke. Well done to both.

Sydney Primary School Music Festival

Congratulations also go to the choir who have been accepted into the Music Festival. They will perform at the Opera House in August. Meanwhile, they have lots of songs to learn!

Dad and son time

A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship.


Motivating lazy children

All kids are born active. Some just learn lazybones habits and need a nudge. Find out ways to encourage your child to get up off the sofa and get a little physical.


Homework for little kids

Schools develop homework policies with the help of teachers and parents. These are used as a guide and are based on common sense. If you find homework is becoming too much or is too difficult for your child, have a chat with your child’s teacher.


Helping your child to become a good speller

What do you do when your child is struggling with spelling? Should you let your child use a spell checker, for instance? Here are a few tips and techniques to make spelling easier.

S/6C Classroom Capers!

It’s Electrifying!
Uniform news

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

Winter Uniform is in stock so think about ordering any items you need before the start of term 2 rush!

Did you know... we have extended the fleecy vests order deadline until next Wednesday 2 April. There will be no further extensions! Order forms are available from the store during opening hours or at other times on the door of block B (near the P&C box), on the school website and on the facebook page.

Movie night

Friday 11 April from 5pm. It will be a roaring good time...

We are looking for volunteers to assist with organising Movie Night on Friday 11 April. Volunteers would be asked to assist with food preparation and serving, ticket sales and general setup. If you are available any time between 3–9pm and are able to help out, please contact Diane Webber via email on dwebber@statestreet.com.

Tickets available from P&C, at the gate or online: www.orangegrovemovienight.com

Pre-order movie tickets must be placed by Wednesday 9 April. Order forms are included in this newsletter.

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!

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Speak to one of the P+C representatives if you can help out in any way - our President is Peter Lewis (dad of Lucia in year 5 and Frank in year 2), and Vice-Presidents are John Hayes Bell (dad of Matilda in year 5 and Billie in year 2), and Leanne Granger (mum of James in year 5 and Will in year 1). Or email orangegrovepc@gmail.com

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P+C Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the P+C meeting last week. 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.

www.facebook.com/OrangeGrovePublicSchoolPC

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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

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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.
Try our Big City Day Camps this school holiday

Wesley Vision Valley’s Urban Expeditions program is a fun alternative to your everyday vacation care.

- **Amazing Race day**
  Collect clues, discover Sydney’s hidden gems and race to the finish line.

- **Darling Harbour day**
  Catch a movie, have a game of ten pin bowling and then challenge your friends with lazer tag.

- **Manly Beach day**
  Try beach volleyball, a guided bushwalk or bike riding, then cool off while snorkelling or learning to surf.

- **Sydney Harbour day**
  Visit Green Island Navy base and Watsons Bay, then pop over to Bondi Beach for some fun in the sun.

Students are fully supervised by our experienced and professional team leaders.

All programs include a scrumptious lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

Central location—drop off and pick up at Wesley Mission, 220 Pitt Street Sydney

Prices start from $85.00 per person for a day program.

Find out more or book an expedition today

1800 043 344 or email urbanexpeditions@wesleymission.org.au

wesleyvisionvalley.org.au