SCHOOL NEWS
Week 10 - 3 April 2014
Term 1 Value: Co-operation

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

April

Sun 6 Football parking
Tue 8 Chess challenge – Canterbury PS
Wed 9 Parent / teacher interviews
Thu 10 Science Day K–6
Fri 11 Preschool cleaning day – preschool closed
     Movie Night from 5pm
     ‘Go blue for Autism’ – mufti day
     Term 1 concludes
Mon 28 SDD for staff, Mathematics syllabus
Tue 29 All children P–6 start Term 2

May

Thu 1 ANZAC assembly Yrs 2–6
Wed 7 OGPS Cross Country K–6
Thu 8 Assembly: K–2 singing, 3/4B
Tue 13 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Cybersafety information sessions

Thank you to the parents who came to this very important session. We hope it was beneficial to both you and to your children.

Upcoming staffing changes

Next week Ms Barnard (KB) will be on leave, replaced by Ms Sharpe.

At the beginning of Term 2, Mrs Gray (preschool) will be on leave for 6 days replaced by Ms Marcola.

Parent interviews

Don’t forget to check your interview time and be punctual as 10 minute interviews are quite short, and you don’t want to miss valuable discussion time.

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.

Movie night is coming!

Time to order your tickets! You will find an order form in this newsletter or on the website.

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!
SRC Upcoming Events

April is Autism Awareness Month. The SRC would like everyone to “Go Blue for Autism” on Friday 11 April 2014. All students, parents and teachers are encouraged to wear blue clothes as our end of term mufti-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

WANTED: 2 x 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.

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

Homework supports class programs

If you want to know what your child is doing in class, just check out their homework. It is a direct reflection of weekly class activities and will give you an insight into what they are currently learning. If you want to know more detail, make an appointment to speak with the class teacher.

Kids and phone bills

How do you teach your child to use their credit wisely? Ever seen the monthly phone or internet account and felt sick? It’s called “bill shock”, and there are many new ways families accidentally rack up hundreds of dollars of costs each month.


Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O’Loghlin on helping kids beat the blues.


What makes a good book for young kids?

Books with vivid imagery, exciting stories and strong characters will not only entertain your child but set them up to enjoy reading for the rest of their life.


Helping kids learn how to make friends

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. Teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


There are three places left for after school Art classes in Term 2 on Wednesday afternoon, 3–5pm.

If your child is interested, please email artsmartkidsogps@gmail.com

Friday 11 April 2014
Gates open 5pm
Movie starts 6.30pm
AN ALCOHOL FREE FAMILY EVENT

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Tickets available from P&C, at the gate or online:
www.orangegrovemovienight.com
Pre-order movie tickets must be placed by Wednesday 9 April.

email (required) ___________________________________ for electronic tickets/confirmation
Child’s Name____________________________________ Class________

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Place required amount in an envelope and put in the P&C mail box in the entrance of Block B. Cheques payable to ‘Orange Grove P&C Association’.
A Day in the Life of 2M

We participate in a wide range of fun and exciting learning activities everyday.

These photos show us making creative covers for our writing books in the art room, using adjectives to describe book characters in the library, practising our cross-country running during fitness, enjoying a healthy snack during ‘crunch and sip’ and writing interesting recounts about our weekend.
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!

Canteen news
How do you say ‘thanks’ in Lebanese?
The French Merci is the most used, pronounced mersii.
English’s Thanks is the second most common, Yislamo is a Lebanese term that can be used. Or Shookran (Arabic).

So Merci, Thanks, Yislamo and Shookran to the 66 Orange Grove children who ordered a Lebanese mini-box today for lunch... and a huge THANK YOU to Danny & Carla at The Boulevard who made all 66 boxes, fresh-to-order this morning!

What a feast it was... and it goes without saying we’ll be doing this again, we’ll even add a vegetarian option next time! The Lebanese boxes are available in an adult version so why not try one for dinner and find out for yourself how absolutely delicious they are!

Canteen schedule for next term
It is roster time for term 2... if you’d like to spend an hour or two making lunches and serving kids please email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com. Any time you can give is much appreciated!

And we are still looking for a few more soup makers. We offer soup on Fridays in term 2 (and 3 if demand is high!).... Let us know your specialty and we’ll put you on the soup roster – all you need to do is make it and deliver it to the canteen on the Friday morning, our Friday volunteers will serve it at lunchtime.
And pasta will be back on Thursdays in term 2 as well – pasta, meatballs and sauce – cooked to order in the canteen!

Keep an eye out for the term 2 Canteen menu to be distributed next week.

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.

Movie night - VOLUNTEERS
Friday 11 April from 5pm. It will be a roaring good time...

It’s not too late to get involved...

For our Movie Night to be the roaring success we know it can be, we need volunteers to help! Before the night even begins we will need some assistance getting the bbq set up (could be some heavy lifting...), and then we need ticket sellers, gatekeepers, and people to sell the popcorn and drinks! Please email Dianne Webber at dwebber@statestreet.com

Don’t forget, tickets are available from the 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.

Dates to keep marked on the calendar:
Sun 6 April Football parking 3pm at school, Wests Tigers Vs Manly
Fri 11 April The Lion King Movie Night in the school grounds!
Wed 21 May – P+C meeting, 7pm Block A