Social skill week 1 & 2

Preschool – Yrs 6: Asking for help

Children will practise identifying when they need to ask for help. The steps involved for the younger children will be:
1. Try it
2. Say ‘I need help’

The older children will:
1. Stay cool
2. When all else fails – ask for help.

Calendar of events

May
Tue 6  Monitoring of student lateness
Wed 7  OGPS Cross Country K–6
Thu 8  Debating 8am
      Monitoring of student lateness
      Assembly: K–2 singing, 3/4B
Fri 9  Mothers Day breakfast
      Movie Night
Tue 13 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Wed 14 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Thu 15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
      Assembly: KM 5/6C
Fri 16 PSSA sport commences

Movie night - 9 May

Make sure you have the date free for our next attempt at screening the movie “The Lion King”!

Opportunity class placement

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2015.

Application for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015 will be available from Monday 28 April 2014 until Friday 16 May 2014. Applications made after the closing date will NOT be accepted.

All applicants with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply online at this website at that time.

Applicants without internet access must complete a commercially printed form. Parents or caregivers of students who attend a government primary school may access an application package from the school. Parents or caregivers of students who attend a non-government school can obtain an application package from any primary school with opportunity classes. For a full listing of primary schools with opportunity classes, visit http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/oc_schools.php.

All candidates seeking Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2015 must take the Opportunity Class Placement Test which is conducted in test centres in NSW on one day only.

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

HSLO visit (Home school liaison officer)

The HSLO role is to monitor school attendance and support families who are struggling with maintaining acceptable school attendance.

The HSLO will be visiting Orange Grove PS in week 2 to talk to families who arrive late to school.
Safety vigilence
This week some community members have had property stolen from cars while picking up or dropping off students. Please keep your belongings safe while these people are in the vicinity. Make sure valuables are kept out of sight and cars are locked, even if you think you will only be a minute or two. That’s all it takes.

GOT Game
During Term 2 children in Kinder, Yrs 1–2 continue with the GOT game program. Students in Yrs 3–6 have an alternate school based sport program or are involved in PSSA sport.

If your child is in Kinder, Yr 1 or Yr 2, and you have paid GOT game by term, you now need to make a further payment for Term 2.

To pay online:
Go to the school website: http://www.orangegrov-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Click on $Make a Payment
Select: Sport
Payment description: Term 2 GOT game
Amount: $30

Staffing News
After a merit selection process we welcome Ms Laura Watt to the permanent teaching team at Orange Grove PS. As Ms Watt was currently filling a temporary position, Mr David Addley is now staying with 1A for the remainder of the year.

Ms English, Mrs Gray and Signorina Maria are currently on leave. Mrs Marcela is replacing Mrs Gray and Signora Dimarco is replacing Signorina Maria. Everyone will be back on board by week 3.

Annual Cross Country carnival
The 2014 Orange Grove Cross Country is to be held next Wednesday, 7 May at King George Oval. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be able to take part in the races. Children will walk to and from the oval in class groups. We will be leaving school at around 9.10am and will return to school by 2.30pm.

Children are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing in their house colours. Border–Blue, Fraser–Green, Pearce–Orange/Yellow.

There will not be a canteen running on the day, so all children will need to bring their lunch, recess and plenty to drink. However, a coffee van will be at the venue for adults to purchase drinks and snacks on the day.

Privacy Awareness Week 2014
Staying safe online, particularly in relation to personal information, is the focus of Privacy Awareness Week 2014, which is held on 4–10 May.

The Information and Privacy Commission says the increasing popularity of smartphones and mobile apps means it is important for people to know how to keep their personal information private.

The theme of Privacy Awareness Week is “Mobilise your privacy, stay safe online” and the commission is urging people to consider questions such as:
• What are my responsibilities when using mobile apps?
• Have I checked my privacy settings lately?
• What are my rights under NSW privacy law?
• Who can help me with this process?

To learn more about Privacy Awareness Week and download privacy resources, go to the Information and Privacy Commission website. (http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy/ipc_resources/privacy_awareness_week_2014.html)


Getting Ready for School Camp
School camp is one of the highlights of childhood – chances are you can still remember some of the campfire songs, the smell of damper cooking and the names of the kids you bunked with. However, it’s also true that for some children (and their parents) the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety.

It’s not uncommon for kids to worry about who they’ll room with, ‘being left out’ of things, whether something might go wrong, feeling homesick and other understandable concerns.

Even the most outgoing and confident child may have a few moments of separation anxiety as the time to leave gets closer.

According to NSW Sport and Recreation’s Christine Duff, who manages the Hawkesbury River Centre at Milson Island, helping your child feel positive about going to camp is important, as it provides a new opportunity for them to stretch their wings.

“Children enjoy the challenges that camps provide – sharing a room, embracing challenging activities, sharing responsibility for things like washing up and getting to know their teachers outside of the classroom.”

It’s worth remembering that every challenge your child overcomes contributes to their resilience and self-confidence when facing more unfamiliar situations later on.
An after school Visual Arts program

2014 TERM 3 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
CLASSES HELD AT ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
TUESDAY’S 3PM - 5PM

We have an exciting new Art Program for 2014
INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER WITH 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
$25 PER CLASS. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.
+ $30 ART MATERIALS FEE PER TERM.

CONTACT Sabina: e: sabina@kidsatthehouse.com
m: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
STUDENTS CHINESE NEW EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP
(DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014
WINNER: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY
AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011
Welcome back to Term 2

... it is a short one, but it is going to be a busy one! We have the Mother’s Day breakfast, two P+C meetings, a Fundraising Meeting, the Car Boot Sale, another Cake Stall (Kinder & Pre-School), and the Trivia Night! There will be more details about each event in the weeks to come. But right now you should mark down Friday May 9 for the Mother’s Day Breakfast & The Lion King Movie Night, Saturday 17 May for the Car Boot Sale and Wednesday 21 May for the P+C Meeting.

The Lion King

“Hakuna matata
It means no worries
For the rest of your days.
It’s our problem-free philosophy
Hakuna Matata”

And it also means that the Movie Night is now being held on Friday 9 May. Everything else is the same as before – bring a rug, tickets at the gate (if you don’t already have them), food available on the night... and a forecast of clear skies – Hakuna Matata!

Canteen news

Pasta is back on Thursdays and as popular as ever! And don’t forget SOUP-ER Fridays as well – all soup is made by school community members, and is just what hungry tummies want on cooler days!

See the attached Soup Menu – and don’t forget that soup must be ordered on the Thursday morning for made-to-order soup at lunch-time on Friday!

Volunteer vacancies!

If you are available between 12 – 2pm on any of the following days please email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com and you can help fill a vacancy – no experience needed!

Thursday May 22 and Thursday June 5

Soup needed for Friday June 20 and Friday June 27 if anyone would like to make a batch of soup for school... tomato and pasta/vegetable are always popular!

Term 2 means Trivia

We’ll be hosting our Trivia Night on 21 June so mark this date now and start studying... the sports pages, Who weekly, an atlas, history books, tv guides and even a cookbook or two!

Car Boot Sale

Need to get rid of some ‘stuff’ at home? Book your spot at the Orange Grove Public School Car Boot Sale on Saturday 17 May and not only will you clear some space at home and turn your ‘stuff’ into cash, but you’ll also help raise money for our school.

Call 0402 893 505 to book your spot – $30 for school community members ($40 for non-school members). Or if you are looking for more ‘stuff’ for home, turn up on the day and pick up a bargain or two!

Mother’s Day Breakfast

Friday, 9 May 7.30–9am under the COLA

Calling All Dads Who Care About Mums

Every year the Dads of OGPS take time from their busy schedules to host a breakfast for their dearest in recognition of Mothers Day.

Coffee is served, pastries are provided and the school’s glows with communal appreciation of our mums.

We need a team of loyal men and true to make this morning special - we need you from 7.30–9am on Friday 9 May.

If you can help email Peter - peter@essentialmedia.com.au

Relax... we have Mother’s Day gifts for sale! Please see the order form attached to this newsletter for some gorgeous jewellery pieces. The jewellery will be on display at the Mother’s Day breakfast (and available for purchase too)!
SOUP-ER FRIDAYS
AT ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN

$2.50 for home-made soup with a bread roll

Friday May 9 – Minestrone
Friday May 16 – Pumpkin
Friday May 23 – Chicken pasta
Friday May 30 – Ham soup
Friday June 6 – Potato, leek & bacon
Friday June 13 – TBC

Soup must be ordered on the Thursday morning for Friday lunch delivery. Children come to canteen at 1pm on Friday to collect their soup orders.
Mother’s Day 2014

Ssshhhhhh...Mother's Day is coming.........

This year Orange Grove P+C is pleased to offer a selection of lovely silver plated jewellery gifts to buy for mum, grandma or a special person.

Have a look –

These items will be on display outside the office from 1 May – 9 May, at the Mother's Day breakfast AND at Movie Night on Friday 9 May.

How to purchase –
Complete the form below and return it (with payment) to the P+C box on or before 7 May 2014.

OR

Jewellery will also be available for purchase (subject to stock availability) at the Mother’s Day breakfast and at Movie Night.

If you have any questions, please email orangegrovepc@gmail.com or call 0402 816 704.

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