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
Thu 8  Debating 8am
Monitoring of student lateness
Assembly: K–2 singing, 3/4B
Fri 9  Chess
Senior Harvest Group 8.15am
Mothers Day breakfast
Movie Night
Tue 13 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Junior garden club
Wed 14 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Thu 15 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Assembly: KM 5/6C
Fri 16 PSSA sport commences
School based sport commences, Grovers Oval – Stg 2 & 3
Sat 17 11am OGPS Band at Markets
Car Boot Sale
Mon 19 Recorder concert rehearsal 8.15–1pm
Sydney Schools Drama Camp
Tue 20 ICAS Computer skills test for paid
students Yrs 3–6
Wed 21 P&C meeting 7pm Block A hall. All welcome.

Movie night Friday 9 May
Make sure you have the date free for our next attempt at screening the movie “The Lion King”!
It’s tomorrow!!

Students are with us

We welcome students from UTS and University of Notre Dame to Orange Grove. Ms Kumar will be with 1/2F for the term, and Ms Loukedas with 5/6C for the term. We are sure Orange Grove will help them become great members of the teaching profession.

School asset news

A new Interactive whiteboard has been installed in 2M’s room.
The set of 30 iPads purchased previously are now in use across the school.
Quotes are currently being collected for the replacement of the damaged playground equipment softfall and the damage to the bitumen between Blocks B and C and the end of the basketball court.
Two trees in the playground have been deemed unsafe according to a tree report that was commissioned during the holidays. These trees are roped off for safety until a further decision about removal or making secure is made by DEC Asset staff.

PSSA Sport

Students in Yrs 5 & 6 have had the opportunity to attend trials to form 2 soccer and 2 netball teams. These teams have now started training and will participate in weekly competitive games against other schools in the local area. They will travel by bus to Tempe Reserve each Friday, leaving at 12pm and returning by 3pm.

Yrs 3 & 4, and non PSSA students in Yrs 5 & 6, will start a skills and game program each Friday at Glover St oval. They will walk to the oval at 12pm, participate in their sport program, eat lunch, and return to school for the afternoon session.
NAPLAN week next for Yrs 3 & 5
Don’t be late on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week as national testing will be occurring.

Cross Country report
A damp and cool day did not impact on student energy at the Cross Country Carnival held yesterday. Many thanks to parents who supported the event, and congratulations to all competitors. A list of students selected for the district cross country will be available shortly.

Mothers’ Day Breakfast
The P&C are inviting mothers to breakfast TOMORROW. Just let the P&C know you are attending for catering purposes. Details on the P&C page.

Recorder group information
Our recorder group, along with Ms Fleming, have been working very hard to learn the repertoire for their upcoming performance. Their first rehearsal will be on Monday 19 May, when they will meet together with other children who will be performing with them at the Acacia Concert later in June. Their rehearsal is at Salvation Army Congress Hall in the city.

ICAS Computer Skills Yrs 3–6
Children who have paid for this voluntary skills test will be sitting the exam on Tuesday 20 May.

Kids, social media and privacy
Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

• 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
• a quarter of Australian children 8–12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
• more than 20% of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
• young people 14–19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4–10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Printable planners for homework and study
School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2).

Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It’s a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they’ll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at http://bit.ly/UbmQz8

Is your child’s backpack damaging their spine?
A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It’s believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children’s Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

• not carry more than 10% of their body weight
• use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
• load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
• lift a backpack properly, bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands.

More tips at http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms
Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings.

They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.

Ask your child for an example, like this one:
I prefer a fine tip on my pen.
He gave me a tip for the Melbourne Cup.
Don’t tip the water on the floor.
You gave the waiter a generous tip.

Get ready for a blast by the band!
The Orange Grove Public School Band will have a public performance at the Saturday Growers Market on 17 May. This coincides with the Car Boot Sale. If you would like some great entertainment while you buy up your bargains, be at the markets at 11am.

Term 2 Visual Arts
Donations of storage boxes (cardboard or plastic, with lids if possible) and for old newspapers (for paper mache) and finally, empty meat trays or egg cartons (used to put paint into).

Wanted: Supplies for the homeless
Members of our school community are involved in supporting the homeless in our city.
A request for some urgent supplies has been made. What is needed:
- blankets
- soap
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
If you can donate any of these goods to help those less fortunate, please bring along to Block A hall and deposit them in the labelled box.

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3/4M are already hard at work after the Easter break. We have been learning about life cycles and living things as part of the Science unit ‘Which Came First?’

We are looking forward to taking our learning outdoors as we participate in the ‘Growing School Communities’ program.

This week, we are going to visit Aldersgate to perform our assembly item, ‘Land Down Under.’ It should be lots of fun!

You are most welcome to come and visit 3/4M to see some of our great work. Or you might be able to catch us out in the playground on Friday, participating in our Term 2 dance program.
We want it to be raining cakes on May 31!

This term it is Pre-school and Kindergarten that are responsible for our cake stall... traditionally this is the stall that breaks the record every year – can our newest families do it again?

Of course, all members of our school community are encouraged to bake – so lets make this once again the biggest money-making cake stall of the year (until next term when Yrs 5 & 6 try to break the record)!

Cake boxes and trays available from the P+C table on the mornings of Friday 23 & 30 May, or from the canteen. If you can spare some time to help out on the cake stall on Saturday 31 May shifts are available between 7-9am, 9-11am, 11-1pm or any time in between!

Contact Pia Raynard 0411 325 442 (piaraynard@bigpond.com) or Di Webber (dwebber@statestreet.com)

Canteen News

Our new Winter menu is off to a great start – pasta with napolitana sauce and meatballs for only $3 is a fantastic way to warm up at lunchtime on Thursdays and pick up the carbs growing bodies need to get them through until dinner time! And our home-made soup menu on Fridays is making a lot of little tummies happy!

Thanks to all of our volunteers for cooking and serving!

A few menu requests are coming through from the children via the SRC suggestion boxes... We are looking into a few options (subject to approval) – so if you have any suggestions or healthy requests please drop them into the canteen box or email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com

BUT no matter how many times it is requested – we won't ever be selling soft drink or Cadbury chocolate bars!

For all those who loved the Lebanese boxes – we are hoping to offer them again but in the meantime Danny & Carla now have a stall at the Orange Grove Markets on Saturdays so you can pick up some delicious Lebanese food there!

Trivia night

Our Trivia Night is on June 21 - if you would like to be part of the Trivia Night Team or if you can help out for a few hours before or after on the night, please speak to Charlotte De Freyne or Simone Bristow, or email ogpstrivia@gmail.com.