Social skill week 5&6
Ignoring someone who is giving you a hard time

Over the next two weeks the students will be learning skills to help them ignore someone who is giving them a hard time.
Preschool & Kindergarten will be working on the following:
1. look away
2. close your ears
3. be quiet.
Yrs 1–6 will look at the following:
1. stop looking at them
2. try to keep all the expression off your face
3. do something else
4. stay cool & walk calmly away.

Kidsmatter launch day
What a spectacular event! How can we ever thank everyone enough! Thank you to the many parents who were able to make time to spend it with us. I am sure you will agree it is a great way to spend a rec day if you took one! Also thank you to the volunteers who served, provided, supported, organised, and contributed in whatever way.
A special thank you to the many parents who volunteered to give it a go in the soccer and netball.
We hope the message is strong that families, teachers and kids matter at Orange Grove Public School.
The fabulous photos taken at the photo booth by Inlighten Photography will soon be available to view on a secure website, accessible only by restricted code. This information will be provided by your class rep by email when it becomes available.
Meanwhile, have a look at the day through the photos on the school website. Congratulations to everyone involved. I am sure you will agree it’s a great team at OGPS.

Calendar of events

June
Fri 6  PSSA sport
Mon 9  Queen’s birthday public holiday
Tue 10 Prac teacher with KM
Wed 11 Sydney East PSSA Cross country, Miranda Park
Choir rehearsal, Burwood
Thu 12 Girls Dance Day
World Cup day
Assembly KB, 5/6M
Tue 17 ICAS Spelling
Wed 18 P&C meeting
Thu 19 Assembly Stage 1, 3/4H
Sat 21 Trivia night
Mon 23 Acacia concert SOH – recorder
Stage 1 excursion – Botanical Gardens
Reports to parents
Thu 26 NAIDOC assembly

Consultation on strengthening public secondary education in the inner Sydney area

The NSW Department of Education and Communities is looking at how to address changing needs for public secondary education in inner Sydney. They want feedback from the community and have organised a number of ways this can occur. Full details are available at www.decd.nsw.gov.au/sydneyhssconsultation
Consultation is open to parents, teachers, students and the wider community. Comments can be made online, by attending a workshop or by hosting a Kitchen Table Discussion - please go to the website for more information.
The consultation period is from 16 May – 27 June 2014.

AFL Clinics

All classes K–6 have this week had the opportunity to participate in an AFL clinic. It was an enjoyable activity, introducing many students to this sport.
Netball success
Two students were selected as members of the Balmain PSSA netball team a few weeks ago. They ventured off with the team to Menai last week and participated in a gala day. The team came 4th in the competition involving all Sydney school PSSA areas. Congratulations on a great effort girls!

They run like the wind!
That refers to two students who both were selected to run in the Balmain PSSA cross country team. They will be heading off to Miranda Park next Wednesday. Good luck and well done!

Girls’ Dance Day
Girls who have elected to take part in this one-off activity will spend the day (Thursday 12 June) designing and rehearsing a dance. We hope they enjoy the experience and we look forward to seeing the end performance.

Trivia Night
Don’t forget to get your table together and pit your collective knowledge of trivia against the rest of the school community. Saturday 21st June – be there!

Orange Grove students win first prize!
Congratulations to the talented artists at Orange Grove, who, with Mr Madden’s help, won the local government Reconciliation Week art award. Their artwork will now be on tour, and will be on exhibition in Leichhardt and Balmain libraries in the future.

Evacuation and lock down drills – information
Schools regularly conduct evacuation drills including practising lockdown and lockout procedures. It is recommended schools conduct two evacuation and two lockdown drills each year. The days and times of day should be varied so that staff and students practise lock down when they are most likely to occur, e.g. before school, during recess and lunch breaks, and near the end of the day.

Alert
Schools occasionally go into lockdown simply to keep students and staff inside buildings. If there are safety reasons which make it necessary for students and staff to remain in classrooms, an alert signal can be given. It is not necessary to implement a full lockdown. An alert informs staff to keep all students inside buildings until further notice. Examples of where an alert could be used instead of lockdown include an aggressive person in the front office, a student with a disability acting out in one section of the school or a wild dog or other animal(s) in the school grounds.

Lessons can continue as normal, there is no need to secure doors and windows or have students seated out of sight. During an alert, classes on playing fields or other outside areas should immediately move to a classroom or predetermined indoor area such as the assembly hall or library.

Lockout
Lockout is a procedure which prevents unauthorised entry to the school and is commonly used when there is a general threat or an incident is occurring off school property. This procedure allows school activities to continue as normal during the external disruption. Lockout generally occurs when there is a risk of intruders coming onto the school premises or a police operation is in progress in the vicinity.
**Cake Stall – 31 May**

Another record-breaking cake stall – thank you to all who baked, sold & bought!

Our Pre-school & Kindergarten cake stall raised $1280.35 for the school – no doubt helped along by the delicious array of baked goods, the glorious weather and the fantastic crowd at the markets last Saturday. The challenge has now been issued to the families in years 5 & 6 who will run the cake stall in August next term!

**Chillin’ Out at OOSH!**

Sometimes kids just need to chill after a long day of learning, so a ‘chill out’ space is being planned at OOSH – a quiet place where books can be read, eyes can be closed and peace & quiet can be achieved!

But of course, a place of relaxation needs pillows/cushions/rugs... if you have any at home that you no longer need and would like to donate, Helping Hands will take them and throw them on the floor in the Hall – giving the kids a much-needed chill out space!

Please drop anything you are happy to donate to Before or After School Care in Block D. *Thanks!*

**Uniform store**

Open every Monday 2.50–3.20pm & Wednesday 8.40–9.10am.

**Did you know:** after a record number of consecutive warm days, autumn was one of the coolest on record. And while winter clothes have been struggling to sell in the stores, the uniform store has been busy selling tunics, track pants & jackets! Plenty of stock left so come in & see.

We are still selling the 2013 OGPS souvenir tea towels in the uniform store. For the absolute bargain price of $5 – beautifully illustrated by the students of OGPS and featuring all of their gorgeous self-portraits.

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**Trivia night – Saturday 21 June**

Have you booked your table yet?

Saturday 21 June at Balmain Town Hall. If you want more information email opgstrivia@gmail.com

**Canteen news**

Muchas Gracias to all those who ordered nachos, assembled nachos and ate nachos on Kids Matter day! Between the fettucine, the nachos and the toasties the canteen made over 140 lunches and raised $453 which has been handed to the SRC! Special thanks to Mark, Susan, Aileen, Lauren, Angelee, Tinna, Nidhi, Keely, Alison, Nina Jo, Ly, Evadne, Dave... I am sure none of you want to ever look at pasta, cheese or corn chips again!

Having said that – it is time to start organizing the canteen rosters for term 3! If you would like to help out please email Meredith at opgscanteen@gmail.com. We need volunteers for Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday. Just let us know which day suits you... you can even specify dates! You can volunteer once a week/once a fortnight/once a term... whenever you have a spare hour or two between 12–2pm.

**Safe School Hub**

Have you been to the Safe School Hub? All school students have the fundamental right to learn in a safe, supportive environment and to be treated with respect.

A safe school is a supportive learning community where all students feel safe and are safe. As a parent, you are an essential part of a safe school, as well as your child or children (the students), the teachers and the local community.  

[www.safeschoolshub.edu.au](http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au) is where you can learn how schools work to keep your child safe and supported and what you can do to support our school.

**Kids Matter day**

The Kids Matter day showed what an amazing community of parents we have at OGPS – a few hidden talents were revealed and professional contacts came into play. And it was incredible to see the whole school community together in support of our children.

The P+C would love to harness this energy and drive and take advantage of it for fundraising efforts for our school... why not come along to our next P+C meeting, or email orangegrovepc@gmail.com if you have contacts, talents or ideas that could help our school raise much-needed funds to ensure the best primary school education possible for our children!