Social skill week 7&8
Preschool & Kinder: Following directions
Preschool and kindergarten have been following the steps:
• listen
• think about it
• ask if needed
• do it

Yrs1–6: Standing up for yourself
Years 1 to 6 have had an introduction to responding to provocation. They will discuss the different approaches that can be taken when they encounter a situation where they will need to stand up for themselves.
They will look at an aggressive response, an assertive response and a passive response. They will also discuss victims and bullies.

Calendar of events
June
Sat 21 Trivia night
Mon 23 Acacia concert SOH – recorder
Stage 1 excursion – Botanical Gardens
Reports to parents
Tue 24 Stage 2 picnic, local walk
Wed 25 Stage 3 debate 2pm
Thu 26 NAIDOC assembly and activities, mufti
Fri 27 Last day term 2, preschool closed

July
Mon 14 School Development Day
Tue 15 All students P-6 resume for term 3

State netball knockout
Congratulations to the girls’ netball team who yesterday played Tharawal PS in round 3 of the state knockout. They were supported by stage 3 who walked to Richard Murden Reserve to provide support. Well done team!

NAIDOC celebrations
Orange Grove students will be participating in a variety of activities in rotating groups next Thursday to celebrate NAIDOC week. One of these activities will be run by John Lennis, an Aboriginal Educator and horticulturalist who will speak about bush tucker with examples. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you do not want your child to be involved in bush tucker tastings.
The SRC will be selling Indigenous Literacy Foundation stationery packs containing a ruler, pencil, eraser, wristband and pencil case for the cost of $3 during NAIDOC Week. SRC members will be selling these items under the COLA each morning during Week 9.

Email requests
To avoid the potential of staff being inundated with email, please be aware that staff are instructed not to resolve parental concerns via email. Should any personal issues arise that require clarification you will be expected to make direct contact with the teacher concerned in order to clarify any matters.

Emails sent to teachers out of school operational hours will not be addressed until the teacher is able to find adequate time (usually in their release from face to face periods). This means that NO requests requiring immediate action for the current or immediately following day should be sent via email. All requests requiring such action should be made by directly contacting the school on 9810 1378.

School does not operate in the manner of a normal business environment as teachers do not have regular email access due to teaching commitments and the operational requirements of the school eg playground duty. Email may typically languish unread for a considerable period of time and parents may think a request has been actioned when it actually has not. Please make yourself familiar with the DEC’s Communication Devices & Associated Services Policy which outlines employee use of public property.
Best wishes recorder players
We know our ten dedicated recorder players will do their very best in their concert at Sydney Opera House next Monday. We wish them well!

Refugee Week 2014
Refugee Week is a national event that raises awareness about the issues affecting refugees and celebrates the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society.

This year Refugee Week which is coordinated by the Refugee Council of Australia - will be celebrated from Sunday, 15 June to Saturday, 21 June. It includes World Refugee Day on 20 June.

The Restoring Hope theme reminds us that while a refugee's journey begins with danger, it also begins with hope.

Refugees flee persecution in their homelands because they hope to find safety and security for themselves and their families; they hope to be given a chance to start a new life and recover from past trauma.

The theme also calls attention to the role of countries which offer protection to refugees and provide them an opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Finally, the theme highlights the situation of those refugees whose hopes have not been fulfilled those who remain in seriously protracted situations - and asks us to consider how we can provide solutions for these refugees and restore their hopes.

Students do not need a formal disability diagnosis to access support through these resources, including students with autism spectrum disorders or mental health disorders who have lower level needs.

Trivia Night
Don't forget to talk to friends and neighbours and get together your brains trust for OGPS Trivia Night 2014. Balmain Town Hall, Saturday 21 June

Learning and Support Teacher -
Did you know OGPS has a LaST?
In fact, we have two—Ms Fleming & Ms English
Learning and Support Teachers have a role within whole school initiatives to improve outcomes for students with additional learning and support needs.

The role of the Learning and Support Teacher as a member of the school learning and support team, amongst other things is to:
• work collaboratively with the classroom teacher to support assessment for learning of their students with additional educational needs and identify specific learning and support needs
• plan, implement, model, monitor and evaluate personalised adjustments for learning where required, with the classroom teacher, student and/or parent or carer
• model exemplary classroom practice when tailoring adjusted learning programs for students with additional learning needs
• provide direct support for students with additional learning and support needs through a range of strategies (including direct instruction, delivery of adjusted learning programs, assessment and monitoring of progress) including the areas of social integration, language and communication, literacy, numeracy and behaviour. This may include students with confirmed disabilities.

Community Consultation on Secondary School Provision in Inner Sydney
Straight Talk has been busy collating, analysing and coding feedback from the Principals, teachers, ‘invited’ P&C and wider community workshops. This feedback, along with other comments received during the consultation, will be presented in a series of publicly available issues summaries identifying the matters raised.

All of these summaries will be available via the online forum in the coming weeks, accessible through www.dec.nsw.gov.au.

Straight Talk has heard that lots of people are hosting Kitchen Table Discussions but they are yet to receive much of this feedback. Would you please ensure you send your feedback to Straight Talk using the reply paid form provided. Alternatively, your Kitchen Table Discussion feedback can be scanned and emailed to events@straight-talk.com.au. All feedback must be received by Friday 27 June 2014.

The online forum is generating some interesting discussion and ideas. The forum will continue to operate for a further two weeks and can be accessed via the Departments website on www.dec.nsw.edu.au.

For more information about the project, please:
• Go to the website, www.dec.nsw.edu.au and click on the community consultation tab
• Contact events@straight-talk.com.au or
• Phone 9797 8004 and ask to talk to a member of the Straight Talk team.

The consultation period is from 16 May - 27 June 2014.
Thank you to the P+C for supporting this excellent program.

What are those little mounds of sticks, leaves and bark doing in our garden?
Children participating in term 2 gardening lessons with Leanne Eastway have been learning about biodiversity this week. They have been gaining an understanding that having a diverse range of animal and plant life is essential for all living things and the health of our world. So the children have been busy creating habitats to encourage a range of insects, lizards and invertebrates to bring greater diversity of life to our garden.
If you see a mound of sticks and leaves, please do not disturb it! It might be someone’s home.

What is ‘Growing School Communities’?
Growing School Communities is a great way for schools to have an organised and regular kitchen garden program so that all students can participate in sustainability learning. Orange Grove has joined the program this year, thanks to financial support from Marrickville Council and our P&C.
A trained facilitator delivers lessons once a week in the garden, with help from the classroom teacher and parent/grandparent volunteers. This term children from KK, 1B, 2M and 3/4M have learned about: plant botany; how to plant new seedlings; managing pests; soils; compost and worms; mulch; biodiversity and habitat.
The school would like to thank our facilitator Leanne Eastway for breathing new life into our wonderful kitchen garden and helping to create a new generation of gardeners and sustainability warriors.

National Tree day
Planning is underway for National Tree Day on Friday, 25 July, next term. The school is seeking several birds nest ferns for a planting project involving the whole school.
If you have an excess of these ferns in your garden, or know where we could get some, please let Ms Keane know.

Watering in the holidays
HELP needed! If you can spare some time in the holidays to water our kitchen garden, please see Ms Keane or Scuba Stackpool (Riley’s mum in 2M). We want to keep all our plants healthy so they can be harvested in spring.

If you would like to know more come to the next P+C meeting, or speak with Ms Keane in the playground or email Scuba ogps.garden@gmail.com.
At mid day there are loud and noisy cars
and birds in the air chirping like sirens
The equipment is quiet
It is like you are in a jar
The loud roaring noise of the trees
Whooshing everywhere
Kids playing games, running around
There is a dark shadowy garden
with a big scary scarecrow in it
Sunlight on the big grass area and
the smell of fresh air everywhere
Building curving over me blocking the sun
I walk and feel the nice fresh breeze push me
Kids sliding across the seats
like trains passing on the railways
The fences everywhere around us are
like lasers stopping us from going past
And the smell of the old wooden fence is
like your clothes are
when they are a million years old.
Little kids playing with sticks like they are toys.

By Jeremy

The morning wind blowing through my hair
The wintery breeze making me shiver
As the grass gets wet from the morning dew.
I see the light drizzle wetting the grass slowly
I can feel the ground shake as
I listen to the planes go by.
The cars go by like unlimited shooting stars
I can hear all the kids having fun
But as I walk the bell goes
And it’s time to go inside.
When I step in the door I feel warm and cozy
The teacher’s voice echoes across the classroom
As I slowly fade out into a dream.

By Danielle

Stage 3

Classroom Capers

Silver fish swim by
I see their glares from up high
Life is dark down here

Ava

I swam with my friends
Chips, lemon and tartare sauce
Are not sweet but sour

Aliya

I love my green scales
Because they blend with the sea
No one can see me

Lucia W

In the deep blue sea
A glittery silver fish
Swims away from sharks

Gyotaku Print by Leo

Nicole

Mysteriously
It swims away from death net
Miraculously

Eddie
Thanks to all who attended the P+C meeting last night. If you are interested in what happens and/or what is discussed please email orangegrovepc@gmail.com for a copy of the minutes... or keep an eye out for Peter Lewis (President), or either of the 2 Vice Presidents - John Hayes Bell and Leanne Granger and ask them a few questions in the playground!

**Trivia night**

Name 2 countries that border Chad... Who is the captain of the Canberra Raiders? Which country consumes the most ice-cream per capita? What year was Dawn Fraser born? Who is married to Jay-Z? Are you ready for the Trivia Night this Saturday at Balmain Town Hall?

Thanks to all of our Trivia Night Sponsors:

**GOLD**
- Bendigo Bank
- Centennial Dry Cleaners
- EVO Car Magazine
- Inlighten Photography
- Lilyfield Guest House
- Pizza Hut
- Simone Perele
- Stuart Norman – McGrath Real Estate
- The Offices
- Velofox.

**SILVER**
- Access Hair Design
- ARTSMARTKIDS
- Bella Emporio Rozelle
- Gartelmann Wines
- Goddess Outdoor Fitness
- NRMA Insurance
- Sattwa Skincare
- Sydney Portraits.

**BRONZE**
- 2Birds Espresso Bar
- Australian Maritime Museum
- Bakers Delight Rozelle
- Bed
- Captain Cook Cruises
- Celebrations Rozelle
- Darling St Meats
- Georgina Dunn Jewellery
- Herbies
- Lilyfield Life
- Marimekko
- Office Works
- Retravision Rozelle
- Robertson-Kirkwood Hair
- Rozelle Picture Framing
- Sackville Bottle Shop
- Sexy Nails
- Silver Fashion Jewellery
- Small to Tall
- Snap Printing
- Sydney Chess Academy
- Taronga Zoo
- The Boulevard Takeaway
- The Local Press
- The Music Bus
- Tilly’s Art
- Time Leveson Interiors
- Tom Gallo Barber.

**OOSH update**

The chill-out space at After Care is coming together nicely but more cushions/rugs would be appreciated... there’s nothing better than snuggling up with a good book and a soft cushion after a long day at school! If you can spare any ‘comforts’ the children (and the staff at After Care) would really appreciate it! Drop them off at Helping Hands in Block D.

**Only 1 more week of school**

Looking for things to do in the school holidays? Why not try some of our Kids Matter day sponsors? Haberfield Tennis Centre and the Australian Martial Arts Academy have a few options for fun, fit activities during the holidays – visit their websites for more details.

**Tigers game**

There’s also a Tigers home game during the holidays – Sunday 6 July. If you can help out with parking cars in our school grounds before the game contact Peter Lewis on 0413 873 285 or Louise Appel on 0437 105 073... and you’ll score a free ticket to the game!

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**Canteen news**

**Hamburgers news**

Have you pre-ordered your hamburgers and home-made apple crumble yet? Don’t forget to note if you’d like custard served with your crumble! All orders must be in by Monday 23 June so that Danny & Carla at The Boulevard Takeaway know exactly how many beef patties to cook. The burgers will be assembled in the school canteen so make sure your order has your class clearly written on it.

- **Hamburger** - $2
- **Cheeseburger** - $2.50
- **Apple Crumble** - $2 (with or without custard)

Soup for Term 3 will be served on Tuesdays only. If you’d like to volunteer to make some soup please email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com The soup roster will be available in week 2 next term.

A new canteen menu will come home in week 1 of Term 3. We have tried to keep our prices low but suppliers and supermarkets are making it harder and harder – so there will be a few price rises on the new menu, a new item or 2 added, and we will no longer be selling banana bread!
Helping Hands Orange Grove OSHC Update

As ever, we’ve had lots going on here at Helping Hands. We celebrated Reconciliation Week by learning about Aboriginal culture through arts and crafts and games. We also carried on the momentum gained by the School’s KidsMatter day by having a whole week focussed on ‘Why I matter’. The children did self-portraits and other activities that explored their identities.

This week we are jumping on the World Cup bandwagon by having food from different countries around the world, playing games from other countries and looking at their arts and crafts.

We are pleased to announce to that the ‘Chill Out’ room is now up and running during After School Care in Block B. This space can be visited by children at any time in the afternoon, for however long they like and is a quiet area with blankets, rugs, cushions (designed by the children) and lots of relaxing activities. Many thanks to all the parents that donated various soft furnishings, it is much appreciated!

We are running a full Vacation Care programme for the July holidays, including 2 excursions, 2 incursions and lots of fun themed days at the centre. Please drop into the OSHC room for more information or to book your child in.