SCHOOL NEWS
Week 9 - 26 June 2014
Term 2 Value: Respect

Social skill week 9
Preschool & Kinder: Following directions
Preschool and kindergarten have been following the steps:
• listen
• think about it
• ask if needed
• do it

Yrs 1–6: 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.

Calendar of events
June
Fri 27 Last day term 2, preschool closed
July
Mon 14 School Development Day
Tue 15 All students P-6 resume for term 3
Mon 28 Create East workshops –Wed 30
Wed 30 OGPS Athletics Carnival
August
Wed 6 Kinder 2015 Information evening 7pm
Tue 12 ICAS Maths

Congratulations recorder players
What a fantastic performance! Congratulations to everyone. Your hard work was well rewarded.

NAIDOC celebrations
Today OGPS celebrated NAIDOC week with a host of different activities, including trying bush tucker. Thank you Stage 3 for leading your tribe today. Well done.

Trivia Night
What a fantastic night. Bet you didn’t know what you didn’t know! Now you do.

Congratulations to everyone involved. Information about the fundraising totals will be available soon. Thank you!

Semester 1 reports
You should now have your child’s semester 1 report. Please read it carefully and make an appointment with your child’s teacher for an interview for further clarification if required.
Stay safe these holidays
Keep our kids safe near roads

School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about:

- Hold your child’s hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult’s hand up until they are eight years old.
- Stop, Look, Listen, and Think!
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Thousands of families will be on the roads setting off on road trips these holidays. As more people use our roads, it increases the risk of road trauma!

Here are some useful road safety tips to make sure your family’s journey is a safe one:

- Set off on a long trip feeling refreshed. Sleep well before travelling.
- Drive at times you’d normally be awake. Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
- Observe the speed limit and drive to the conditions. Take your time and enjoy the scenery.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Secure your mobile in a fixed cradle mount and operate hands free or via Bluetooth only.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.


Have a happy & safe holiday, from OGPS.

Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit’s vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax®, is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays

It's harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

Destination NSW (http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI)
Winter school holidays in Sydney (http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
School holidays in Newcastle (http://bit.ly/1nljApr)
Winter school holidays Central Coast (http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)
Attractions for kids in regional NSW (http://bit.ly/1lE8vMw)
Australian Museum (http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD)
Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation (http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)
Keep brains ticking over these holidays

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

Preschool 2015

The first round of preschool offers will be sent out at the beginning of term 3. If you have your child’s name down for a preschool place, please watch out for this.

Kindergarten 2015 information evening

All families who have made an enquiry regarding Kinder 2015, will be sent an invitation to attend the information session on Wednesday 6 August at 7pm. If we have missed you, could you please inform the office of your intention to start a child in Kinder next year.

Farewell Mr Morabito

Mr Morabito will be taking a relieving position in a different school from the beginning of term 3. This will be for the remainder of 2014, and could potentially also be for 2015. We wish Mr Morabito well for these changed circumstances and look forward to his return.

Meanwhile, Orange Grove PS is seeking a replacement Assistant Principal and Stage 2 teacher through an expression of interest process which is beyond the school. We look forward to welcoming a replacement teacher for 3/4M, and a new member of the executive team as soon as possible.

Thursday Art Classes Term 3

ArtSmartKids will be running a Thursday afternoon (3-5pm) Art Class in Term 3 (in addition to the existing Wednesday class). If you’d like to enquire or enrol your child (Years 1-6 only), please email Tiffany Hutton at artsmartkidsogps@gmail.com by Friday 11 July.
Thank you to the P+C for supporting this excellent program.

We were very lucky to have Gavin Smith, a local bee keeper and educator come and speak to the classes participating in the Growing School Communities program. The students and teachers found him to be very knowledgeable, engaging and fun. He spoke about the importance of these amazing insects, particularly native bees, working in our local gardens. Students were able to learn about bee basics, how honey is made, their importance in the continuing cycle of plant life, what happens in a hive and also how such a little creature can affect our community everyday in terms of what we eat. The students also got to eat honey from a bee hive!

**A little fact!** There are over 1600 species of bees in Australia. 200 of them are in Sydney! Look out for the Teddy Bear Bee next time you’re in your garden!


We are also SO VERY pleased to announce that we will be continuing with our Growing School Communities program in Term 3 and Term 4. With the support of the School and the P+C, we have a commitment to have four more Stage 2 classes be involved in this coming term, and more classes from other stages in Term 4. Thank you to our parent and grandparent volunteers who have been helping in the garden during Term 2. And we look forward to ongoing support from parents and friends.

If you would like to volunteer to help at these classes, please contact ogps.garden@gmail.com.

**Holiday garden support**

It would be great if we could get some volunteers to help water the garden during the holidays. Our classes who participated in the Growing School Communities program, and our Garden Clubbers worked very hard this term to plant and look after their little patch!

We just need about half an hour or so. If you have a moment, please contact ogps.garden@gmail.com or call Scuba on 0401096843.

**Enviro education in the school garden**

**A course for parents and community volunteers**

During semester 2, Petersham TAFE Outreach is delivering a free course for people interested in working as a volunteer with a focus on learning in the outdoor classroom. Skills for Work & Training 10697

**Information session:** 10am Friday 1 August 2014
West St Campus of Petersham TAFE, West St/Boulevarde, Room 17, Level 1, Building A.

For more details contact Tricia at Petersham TAFE Outreach, 9335 2790, patricia.kenney@tafensw.edu.au.

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 or Toni ogps.garden@gmail.com.
KM have been reading ‘Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?’ and ‘Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?’ written by Bill Martin Jr. and illustrated by Eric Carle.

This inspired them to become authors and illustrators and create their own versions of the stories. Here is just a small sample of KM’s great work!

**Eike, Eike what do you see?** I see a pink pig looking at me.

**Ellis, Ellis what do you see?** I see a purple octopus looking at me.

**Abe, Abe what do you see?** I see a red dragon looking at me.

**Emma, Emma what do you hear?** I hear ants cheering in my ear.

**Abby, Abby what do you hear?** I hear a snake hissing in my ear.

**Emily, Emily what do you see?** I see an elephant looking at me.
P+C Mid-year report

It has been a busy first-half for 2014, with some hits and some misses... and an amazing group of volunteers to thank.

If you have made a sandwich, sold a uniform, baked a cake, dug up a weed, scooped gelato, donated time/goods/money, parked a car... we say THANK YOU! And please, help us again over the next two terms.

February/March/April – The welcome morning coffee was a great way to start the school year, followed closely by a cake stall that made $1173 in the rain! Movie Night was postponed... The Canteen teamed up for the first time with Danny & Carla at the Boulevard Takeaway and sold 66 Lebanese boxes to OGPS students!

April/May/June – The movie night went ahead at long last, we started making money with football parking – for the first 2 Tigers home games, mothers were treated to parries in the playground for Mother’s Day, Our Car Boot Sale was a record for May, the Cake Stall broke it’s own record with $1280.35, Kids Mattered at OGPS, Trivia Night exceeded all expectations, and the Canteen sold 100 hamburgers thanks to Danny & Carla at The Boulevard Takeaway!

And there’s more to come next term!

But where does the money go?

The P+C keeps asking for volunteers to help us raise funds for the school, but do you ever wonder where it goes?

We buy books to be used as home readers, contribute towards the cost of teaching staff, assist with the purchase of new classroom equipment, buy representative sports uniforms and do all we can to give all of our children the best education possible. Our aim is to make sure the children at OGPS are given every advantage to enjoy their school days and to learn as much as they can with the things they need both within and outside of the classroom.

We discuss and debate, disagree and decide... and we always welcome new ideas, new members and new challenges!

We have a Canteen Committee, Uniform Committee, Gardening Committee, Fundraising and Events Committee and a Planning Committee. If you’d like to get involved in any committee email the P+C Secretary, Kim Bold and she can put you in touch with the right people – contact Kim on orangegrovepc@gmail.com

More trivia

Q. What event raised more than $15,000 for the school last weekend? A. School trivia night

Thanks for all those who made Saturday a great night of slippery questions, displays of skill and deep, deep pockets.

Special mentions to The Real Housewives for winning the night and the McEnroes for best costume!

Uniform store

Did you know the Uniform Store is happy to take no-longer-needed uniform items off your hands – we sell them for a gold coin donation!

Canteen

Did you know the Canteen is offering soup on Tuesdays for term 3 but we need some more soup makers. Email Meredyth at oppscanteen@gmail.com if you’d like to make a pot of soup for 1 Tuesday next term.

All volunteers

Thanks again to all volunteers and sponsors for the first half of 2014!

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Canteen volunteers, Cake Stall volunteers, Uniform Store volunteers, Mother’s Day breakfast helpers, Movie Night volunteers, Garden Club volunteers, Car Boot Sale helpers, Trivia Night volunteers, Football parkers and anyone else who helped with anything at all at any time!

Happy and safe holidays...

TexTech is back!

...embrace your creativity through textiles

TexTech sewing and textile classes with restart in term 3 on Thursday 17 July at 3.30pm. Orange Grove students will be collected and escorted to my home and given afternoon tea before the commencement of the lesson.

Please call me on 0407702880 to enroll.

Annie Zimmermann (mother of Zoë, year 4)
Experience iStar! StarTime's dynamic after-school film making program is coming to your school!

iStar is where you get to write, act, direct and edit your own movie production using the power of an iPad!

With fast, fingertip control you’ll learn the fundamentals of film making and how to engage some of the latest and greatest apps, including; green screen technology, time-lapse sequencing and other special effects and music making programs

Each week, you’ll be guided by our expert coaches and undertake a film making challenge. Draw on writing, acting, directing, camera and editing skills to work in groups and create your own film to be shown on the big screen to family and friends for our grand finale, iStar film festival!

So unleash your imaginations onto the big screen with iStar!

iStar Film Making Workshop

**When:** Mondays
21 July - 15 Sept (9 weeks)

**Where:** Orange Grove Public (in the library)

**Time:** 3.00-4.30pm

**Cost:** $25/class per student

**To enrol:** visit startime.com.au
or phone 1300 463 513
KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE

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CONTACT Sabina: sabina@kidsatthehouse.com M: 0403768282

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(DARLING HABOUR) “DREAM” EXHIBITION - 2014
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013
FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2013
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY POSTER COMPETITION 2012
WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2011
WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2010
COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH:
THE AUSTRALIAN NUMERACY AND LITERACY FOUNDATION 2013
THE TAFE ULTIMO SCREEN PRINTING DEPARTMENT 2011

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