Social skill weeks 1&2
Preschool & Kinder: Trying when it is hard
Preschool and Kindergarten will be practising this skill in all lessons. The steps will be:
1. Stop and think
2. Say – “It’s hard, but I’ll try”
3. Try it.

Yrs 1–6 How to act confidently
Years 1–6 will be working on controlling body language and acting confidently.
They will:
• stand tall
• look into the person’s eyes
• speak clearly
• don’t give little laughs
• don’t smile too much
• don’t hesitate or fidget.

Calendar of events

July
Thu 17 Assembly: whole school
Wed 23 Year 5 OC test
Thu 24 Assembly 1A, Yr 6 Tree Day
Sun 27 Inner West Ensemble Festival (band)
Mon 28–Wed 30 Create East workshops
Wed 30 OGPS Athletics Carnival
Thu 31 Education Week open morning

August
Wed 6 Kinder 2015 Information evening 7pm
Tue 12 ICAS Maths

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.

Preschool 2015
The first round of preschool offers will be sent out next week. If you have your child’s name down for a preschool place, please watch out for this.

Staffing changes
Welcome to Ms Tiffany Hutton who will be with us as the classroom teacher of 3/4M for the remainder of the year. While Mr Morabito is working elsewhere Ms Ellie McCall Power (2MP teacher) will be part of the executive team, relieving as Assistant Principal. Also welcome to Ms Louisa Glindemann who is working full time as a school learning support officer this term.
Education week 2014
Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August
Public Schools NSW – Celebrating the 60th Education Week

2014 marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week and is an ideal opportunity to take stock and measure progress.

The tagline for the original, 1954 Education week was: "Lighting the way to a better world".

We have adopted that slogan for this anniversary celebration and the artwork from the 1954 poster has been adapted for use.

The New South Wales syllabus incorporating the Australian curriculum

New South Wales joined with the Australian Government and all other states and territories to develop an Australian curriculum. The Board of Studies NSW has developed K–10 syllabuses for English, Mathematics, Science (incorporating Science and Technology K–6) and History that incorporate agreed Australian curriculum content.

In NSW primary schools, the implementation schedule for the new syllabuses Kindergarten–Yr 6 is:

- 2014 English – start teaching
- 2014 Mathematics – become familiar, option to start teaching
- 2014 Science and Technology - become familiar, option to start teaching
- 2015 Mathematics – start teaching
- 2015 Science and Technology – start teaching
- 2015 History – become familiar, option to start teaching
- 2016 History – start teaching

Tree Day

OGPS will celebrate National Tree Day on Friday, 25 July with a beautification program of the garden bed outside the library. Any donations of soil, manure or mulch would be appreciated.

String ensemble

This year, many OGPS students have been having after school violin lessons with The Music Partnership. Students at Orange Grove now have the chance to join the school string ensemble!

- Where: at Orange Grove PS
- When: Wednesday 8am-9am starting Wednesday 23rd July
- Cost: each class will be $10+GST per child
- Who can join?: String ensemble is open to any child that has been learning violin, viola, cello or double bass for at least 6 months. Students will need to be learning to read music.

To find out more email alexbieri@musicpartnership.com.au
Band
The school band will be performing at 11am at the Inner West Ensemble Festival held at Burwood Girls High School on Sunday 27 July. Come along to support our school!

Traffic blitz
From now until the end of July there will be a blitz on traffic around our school. Please take more care than usual and keep our school and surroundings a safe place for everyone – particularly on the roads.

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE
2014 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!
EXCITING NEW AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM
INCLUDING SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!
CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES
OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.
CLASSES HELD AT ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL
TUESDAYS 3PM - 5PM.
VISUAL ARTS TEACHER WITH 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE!
$25 PER CLASS. AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED.
CONTACT Sabina: sabina@kidsatthearthouse.com M: 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:
STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP (DARLING HARBOUR) “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
Thank you to the P+C for supporting this excellent program.

The Growing School Communities program is continuing in Term 3, thanks to generous support from the P & C and the school's commitment to providing all students with sustainability education. This term 1A, 2MP, 1/2F and KM will participate in the seven week program which covers topics such as plant features, composting, worm farming, soils, organic pest control, planting edible crops, mulching and habitats.

Our new facilitator this term is Scuba Stackpool. She will teach participating classes for one hour each week with assistance from the class teacher and volunteers.

*Can you help?*

Lessons in the garden are more successful with a few extra adult helpers. If you can volunteer one hour each week to help out, please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible. You do not need to know anything about gardening! Grandparents, uncles, aunts and parents are all welcome.

**National Tree Day**

Orange Grove students will be participating in a very hands-on National Tree Day next Friday, 25 July. All students will work throughout the day to prepare an empty garden bed for planting in front of the library/boys toilets alongside the COLA. This area is in dire need of beautification and greenery.

A small ceremony will be held under the COLA at 2.45pm, following the planting. Visitors are welcome to attend. We are seeking donations of bags of cow manure and garden soil to help with this project. If you can help out, please let Ms Keane or Ms McCall Power know.

**Junior Garden Club and Senior Harvest Club**

Junior Garden Club is continuing this term for a new group of K–2 children. Activities include: watering, weeding, mulching, worm farming and planting. Senior Harvest club is also continuing on Friday mornings at 8.15am.

Harvesting cannot occur every week, but keep an eye out for sales of fresh, organic herbs, spinach, rocket and Asian greens in coming weeks under the COLA before school on Friday mornings. Money raised from the sales is used to buy new seeds, seedlings and resources for the garden.

**Habitat Club**

Planning is underway to introduce a new club for children interested in building habitats for native wildlife. This club will require assistance from one or two parent/grandparent helpers for one lunchtime each week.

*Someone with woodworking skills and tools would be ideal!*

Students involved in the club are likely to research wildlife, such as lizards, nesting birds and frogs, that would once have inhabited the school site. Students will explore ways of creating habitats that might encourage a return of some of these species. Please speak with Ms Keane, Ms McCall Power or Ms Baines if you think you might be able to help out.

**Daffodil alert**

Keep a look out for daffodil shoots poking through the soil in the native garden next to the COLA and around the kitchen garden. Bulbs were planted on Kids Matter launch day and by garden club members last term. We hope they will provide some wonderful spring colour.

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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.
Enviro Education in the school garden

A course for parents and community volunteers

During semester II 2014 Petersham TAFE Outreach is delivering a free course for people interested in working as volunteer or paid school assistants with a focus on learning in the outdoor classroom.

Skills for Work and Training 10697 (National Code: 10089NAT)

- Learn to assist teachers in delivering the school curriculum in an outdoor environment
- Develop skills in fruit, herb and vegetable growing, composting, site design and analysis
- Pathway to a Certificate III in educational support
- Learn about Aboriginal seasons and land & bush regeneration techniques.

Information session

10am Friday 1 August 2014
Room 17, Level 1, Building A West St Campus of Petersham TAFE, West St and The Boulevarde

For more details please contact Tricia at Petersham TAFE Outreach
Phone: 9335 2790
Email: patricia.kenny@tafensw.edu.au leonie@shy.net or patricia.lane@tafensw.edu.au

All courses run subject to demand and available resources.
Who remembers seeing the tea towel/poster:

“It will be a great day when our schools get all the money they need and the air force has to hold a cake stall to buy a bomber”?

Sad, but true... our schools still need to hold cake stalls to get the funding they need – but fortunately we have some amazing families at OGPS who never hesitate to bake a cake, buy a cake or serve at a cake stall!

Our term 3 Cake Stall is the responsibility of the year 5/6 families, and it is on Saturday 9 August – so mark that date now on your calendar!

And speaking of tea towels – we still have some of our 2013 tea towels for sale in the Uniform Store – only $5 for a tea towel screen-printed with the hand-drawn face of every student (and teacher) from 2013.

The Uniform store is open Monday afternoons from 2.50–3.30pm, and Wednesday mornings from 8.40–9.10am.

And speaking of posters – the OGPS Art Show will be upon us before we know it! Held in September this is a wonderful opportunity for the school to come together and celebrate the amazing artistic talents of all of our children!

If you would like to help with the Art Show please contact Alison Taylor – aellem@hotmail.com A lot of hands are needed to set up and display hundreds of pieces of art!

And back to tea towels and all things kitchen-related... you may have noticed a new canteen menu was emailed to all families care of the OGPS Parent Rep email system. If you didn’t get one, please email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com and one can be forwarded to you. We have resisted for as long as possible but the time has come – our prices have gone up to cover costs and allow us to make a profit that can then be donated back to the school!

We’ve added some new items too – all approved by the Fresh Tastes @ School Policy... Vaalia low-fat yoghurt in assorted flavours, Bega Cheese Stringers, Hommus dip with carrot sticks. The hommus is made fresh for us by Danny & Carla at The Boulevard Takeaway!

And back to funding... The Senate Select Committee on School Funding has released its report: The Committee recommends the Abbott Government honour its pre-election commitments to fully implement the national needs-based, sector-blind funding model to improve equity across Australian schools. The Inquiry has found in favour of six years of Gonski funding and warned unless schools get funding certainty achievement gaps between students of different backgrounds will widen.

So what can we do? Register at igiveagonski.com.au and make sure you support the rallies and email campaigns to urge the Abbott Government to listen to parents and educators!

2013 tea towels

Orange Grove 2013 tea towel order form

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Cheques payable to: Orange Grove Public School P&C Association. Place your order in the P&C mail box in Block B.