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
Fri 25 Tree Day
Sun 27 Inner West Ensemble Festival (band)
Mon 28–Wed 30 Create East workshops
Tue 29 Choir & Snr recorder performance
Marketplace
Wed 30 OGPS Athletics Carnival
Create East performance 7pm
Thu 31 Education Week open morning

August
Wed 6 Kinder 2015 Information evening 7pm
Thu 7 Assembly: 2MP, 3/4H
Tue 12 ICAS Maths
Thu 14 Assembly: 1/2F 5/6M
Wed 20 Indigenous performer: Wuruniri
Balmain PSSA Athletics Carnival 1
P&C meeting 7pm
Thu 21 Book Fair
Book Week author sessions – Richard Tullock
Assembly: whole school

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.

Education week 2014

Monday 28 July – Friday 1 August

Public Schools NSW – Celebrating the 60th Education Week

We invite all parents and friends to celebrate Education Week with us on Thursday 31 July.

Join other visitors in the library from 8.30 am. Children will welcome visitors into classes at 9.15 followed by an assembly including performances at 10am.
Tree Day
OGPS will celebrate National Tree Day tomorrow, **Friday 25 July** with a beautification program of the garden bed outside the library. Any donations of soil, manure or mulch would be appreciated.

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.

Lost property
There has been a significant amount of lost property since the cooler weather has been with us, in particular jumpers.

However, many children who have misplaced their hats cannot locate them as other children are ‘borrowing’ hats from lost property. These hats have other children’s names clearly marked. Please check all school uniform items at home and return anything that belongs to others to lost property.

Don’t forget to check OSHC as well if you are trying to locate an item.

Personal playground equipment
Children are allowed to bring tennis balls or handballs from home to use in the playground. Please have them clearly labelled. All other personal balls and equipment are not allowed. Children can access soccer balls, basketballs and other larger balls from the school for lunchtime games.

Choir & Recorder visit Marketplace
Members of the choir and senior recorder group will be visiting Marketplace next **Tuesday 29 July** to entertain shoppers as part of Education Week. **Why not do your shopping on Tuesday around 11am and support them!**

Athletics Carnival next week
The school Athletics Carnival will be on next **Wednesday, 30 July**. Students will participate in a variety of races and activities. We will be walking to King George Oval after 9am and returning by 3pm. Please come down to the oval and join in all the fun.

Kiss n’ Ride update
Please DO NOT park in the Kiss n’ Ride area. Members of our community who are abiding by the regulations and using Kiss n’ Ride are having to double park in the road to collect children as cars are parked in the designated area. Traffic wardens will book any cars parked and causing an obstruction during the Kiss n’ Ride time period.

Student health
There is currently a high level of student absence due to ill health. However students will not learn to the best of their ability if they are at school and are not well. Sending children to school when they are not well also provides opportunities for spreading of colds and flu. Please make sure your child is well enough to attend school if they have been sick.

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.

**2014 SRC Semester 2**

1/2F  Nicholas Zanetic, Ella Mitchell  
2M  Oscar Mabbott, Alice Grant  
2MP  Tom North, Alannah Marocchi  
3/4H  Callan Landers, Amelia Stamford  
3/4B  Daniel Dequara, Valerie Granatelli  
3/4M  Hugo Duffy, Sasha Green  
5/6C  Stefan Vasilious, Nina Granatelli  
5/6M  Riley Volz, Nakia Cain

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**Growing School Communities**

Firstly, a belated thank you to the volunteers who watered our garden over the holidays. Your time in the garden really paid off, with the plants looking happy on our return to school last week! Your help is very much appreciated.

We have commenced lessons in the Garden this week, with KM, 1A, 1/2F, and 2MP participating. We learnt about plant botany, with the children talking about and sketching the various parts of plants, their functions and very importantly what part of the plants we can eat! It was wonderful to see children trying fruit, vegetables and seeds that they may not have eaten before. Some of the them were very adventurous indeed, with pepitas being very popular and nasturtiums not popular at all!!

Thanks to the class volunteers for coming along and helping out during the lessons, we hope you enjoyed it as much as the kids did.

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.
3/4H Newsletter

Last term in our Science unit, Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed looking at plants and animals. We researched many life cycles, including those of plants, animals and even stars! We enjoyed cutting flowers up into pieces and identifying their parts. After exploring the range of shapes, sizes and colours that flowers come in, we decided to create our own arrangement! Enjoy.
Dates to Remember in Term 3

• Cake Stall – Saturday 9 August, Yrs 5&6
If you can spare some time to help out on the cake stall on Saturday 9 August shifts are available between 7–9am, 9–11am, 11–1pm... or any time in between!
Contact Pia Raynard 0411 325 442 (pia-raynard@bigpond.com) or Di Webber (dwebber@statestreet.com)

• P+C Meeting – school library, 7pm Wednesday 20 August

• Father’s Day Breakfast – Friday 5 September TBC.

• Art Show – Friday 12 September
If you would like to help with the Art Show, please contact Alison Taylor, aellem@hotmail.com

• P+C Meeting – school library, 7pm Wednesday 17 September

National Gonski Week
28 July – 1 August
Please visit the Gonski website to find out what you can do. www.igiveagonski.com.au

Uniform store
Looking for the best quality tea towels for under $5 – drop into the OGPS Uniform Store and pick up a 2011 tea towel for $2 or a 2013 tea towel for $5!

Running out of ideas for dinner? The Uniform Store has the limited-edition 125th Anniversary OGPS Cookbook for $5 – all recipes were supplied by OGPS families, so you know they are delicious!

Lost jacket? Why not pick up a ‘spare’ second-hand school jacket at the Uniform Store – for a gold coin donation you can keep a spare in the bottom of the school bag!

Uniform Store hours: Monday 2.50–3.30pm, Wednesday 8.40–9.10am.

THANK YOU!!!!!
An enormous thank you goes out to everyone who helped organise and prepare for or donated to trivia night. Special thanks to Justin, Angelee, Stewart, Marcus, Nicholas, Peter, Suzie, Ly, Jeffrey, Simone and Charlotte.

Final figures are just coming in and it looks like just under $18,000 was raised. Keep an eye out for what this money is used for in 2015 or come along to the P&C meetings so you can have your say!

Canteen news
JULY SPECIAL – hommus and carrot sticks – $1 per serve
The hommus is made for us by Carla at The Boulevard Takeaway and it is one of the most nutritious snacks available in the OGPS Canteen. Hommus is a great source of protein and calcium, whilst carrots are a great source of dietary fibre... and they help you see in the dark!

Tuesday Home-made Healthy Treats
Each Tuesday the canteen will be selling a home-made healthy treat for $1. It could be muffins, or a slice or even a cookie – each week it will be something yummy and sugar-free/low-sugar. The first treat is next Tuesday, 29 July!

Continuous sponsor support
Has the Tour de France inspired you to get on a bicycle?
Why not drop in to see a proud OGPS sponsor – Velofix at Rozelle for a bike... or a spin class... or just some amazing cycling apparel so that you can at least look the part!

Not ready for cycling yet?
Get in touch with Amy at Goddess Outdoor Fitness – another proud OGPS sponsor and healthy-treat baker for our school canteen – and you’ll be fighting fit and feeling healthy!

And then spoil yourself with a well-earned Lebanese box from OGPS sponsor and school canteen ‘specials’ provider The Boulevard Takeaway... it’s all home-made and surely good for you!

Please continue to support our sponsors so that they can continue to support us!

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