Social skill weeks 3&4
Preschool & Kinder: Interrupting
This skill helps children practise positive ways to interrupt a speaker. The steps to follow are:
1. Decide if you need to
2. Walk to the person
3. Wait
4. Say “Excuse me”.

Yrs1-6: Dealing with fights and arguments
“Don’t let fights create enemies” is the lesson to learn. Focus skills include:
• Stay calm and talk in a respectful voice
• If you are getting angry, leave it for later
• When calm, talk to the other person
• Put your point of view and tell about your feelings
• Let them put their point of view
• Listen without interrupting until they’re finished
• Try to find a way to be friends again.

Calendar of events
August
Tue 5 Debate v Rozelle
Wed 6 Kinder 2015 information evening 7pm
Thu 7 Assembly: 2MP, 3/4H
Sat 9 Cake stall
Tue 12 ICAS Maths
Thu 14 Assembly: 1/2F 5/6M
Mon 18 Stewart House collection day
Chess semi final
Tue 19 Book Fair – Kindergarten
Wed 20 Book Fair – Stage 1
Indigenous performer: Wuruniri
Balmain PSSA Athletics Carnival 1
P&C meeting 7pm
Thu 21 Book Fair – Stages 2&3
Book Week author sessions – Richard Tullock
Assembly: whole school
Fri 22 Balmain PSSA Athletics 2

Education Week 2014
Thank you to the many visitors who spent the day with us today. We hope you enjoyed your morning and are proud of your children and grandchildren! Congratulations also to the choir and recorder groups who performed at Marketplace on Tuesday.

Tree Day
If you have been at school since Friday you will have noticed the new greenery outside the library. Thank you to Ms Stackpool and Ms Keane for organising all classes and sourcing resources for the garden establishment. It looks terrific!

Band
Well done to the band who performed at Burwood Festival on Sunday. Also a big thank you to the “band” of supportive parents who gave up their Sunday morning to support our Orange Grove students. Well done everyone.

Athletics Carnival
What a perfect day for a run in the park! Well done to all students for the great participation rates and wonderful support of your friends. It certainly showed team spirit at its best. You could give the Commonwealth Games some serious competition! Thank you again for the wonderful parent support.

Kindergarten 2015 information evening
Don’t forget, next Wednesday 6 August at 7pm.

Preschool 2015
The first round of preschool offers are in the mail today. Watch the mailbox if you require this information.
Library news

This term is an exciting one for our school library with Book Week quickly creeping up on us in Week 6 (16–22 August). This year OGPS will be involved in a range of activities and special events to celebrate this occasion. The highlight will include a visit from author and playwright Richard Tulloch, an incursion kindly donated by the Duffy and Lozevski families—a HUGE thank you to them!

This year will also see the return of the Book Fair, which gives students the opportunity to purchase and donate a book to our school library during Book Week. As our school has grown significantly over the past few years, each year group will have a specified day they may visit the Book Fair, either from 8:20am in the morning until bell time or immediately after school. Books will cost from as little as $5 and titles include both fiction and non-fiction texts. Please note all books purchased during the Book Fair are a donation to the school library and students will have their name written inside the front cover as an acknowledgement of their contribution. Parents are encouraged to attend the Book Fair with their child and assist in their book selection.

I am also seeking parent volunteers to help during the Book Fair so if you can assist, please see me in the library as soon as possible.

Timetable for the Book Fair:
Tue 19 August: KB, KK, KM & KW
Wed 20 August: 1A, 1B, 1/2F, 2M & 2MP

Thanks, Miss Whitney

Ceramics classes for children

The Jimmy Little Community Centre, 19 Cecily Street, Lilyfield is a part of Leichhardt Council and we are running:

Ceramics classes for primary school aged children from 3.30 to 5pm on Tuesdays, commencing Tuesday 29 July.

Cost is $125 for 8 lessons including all materials. This is subsidised by Leichhardt Council.

Bookings essential: phone 9810 1622 (Tuesday)

Join in the Bay Run Primary Schools 2KM Challenge!

The Bay Run is coming - Sunday, August 3! Dobroyd Point Public School invites your school to compete. Have fun, get fit, and compete for individual AND school prizes! You can also help raise money for CanTeen, a charity that gives help to kids with cancer.

You can win by having the fastest top three times OR by entering the most students. The usual prizes are also on offer for the fastest three boys and girls overall.

It’s easy to register. Just include your school name when you sign up, and you’re on the school team! Parents can register to run along with their kids if they like.

So join in the fun, and show off your speed!

You’ll find more details at www.bayrun.com.au/2km. Remember to include your school name when you register.

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Growing School Communities

We have had another wonderful week in the edible garden with the Growing School Communities program for KM, KA, 1/2F and 2MP. Classes planted some new seedlings that will hopefully flourish during this term and provide us with healthy produce.

We discussed seasons and the different needs of different plants, such as warm weather, cooler weather, sun and shade. Children determined the what, when and how of planting. What to plant, which season to plant them in and how to be gentle with seedlings when planting them, measuring the depth of roots and distances between plants. We also touched on planting calendars and their use. Classes also planted some seeds in recycled egg cartons, and we will see how they fare over the next few weeks. Maybe some of our seeds might grow into little seedlings for our next planting lessons!

Thanks once again to all the parents and grandparents who came along to help out. Other volunteers are always welcome to join us.

National Tree Day

The skies turned grey and then it rained last Friday morning, threatening to wash out our National Tree Day planting activity under the COLA. And then the showers disappeared allowing everyone to play a part in the planting of four vibrant, green birds nest ferns in front of the boys’ toilets. Some children dug out old dirt from the garden bed, with Rose showing great strength and horticultural skills when she used the mattock to break up the clay (she has a blister to prove it!). Other Stage 3 students were very handy with the broom, helping to keep our worksite clean and tidy. The whole school joined together in the afternoon for a ceremony to celebrate our planting activity. Thank you to Stage 2 students Molly, Claudia and Olivia for running the ceremony. Students, staff and parents extend a huge thank you to our garden facilitator, Scuba Stackpool, for giving up her day to coordinate the planting activity.

BIG harvest

The spinach and Asian greens are flourishing and the coriander is thriving. If you would like to share some of our Kitchen Garden harvest, children from the Senior Harvest Club will be selling produce between 8.30–9am tomorrow under the COLA. You can buy bags of the following:

- Parsley: 50c
- Spinach: $1
- Lettuce: $1
- Coriander: $1
- Mixed salad greens, including baby rocket: $1
- Asian greens (bok choy, choy sum, baby bok choy): $2

The produce has been grown by children who participated in the Growing School Communities program last term, and by garden club members.

Spring bulbs

Daffodils and other colourful bulbs have been planted in various locations around the school. Look out for the signs. Discourage young children from playing in the native garden alongside the COLA before and after school, otherwise they may trample on the young shoots coming through the soil.

If you would like to know more speak with Ms Keane in the playground or email Scuba ogps.garden@gmail.com.
We love writing about what we did on the weekend and sharing it with the class.

We are trying hard to edit our work by reading it aloud to a friend and checking for spelling and punctuation.

We have also started to use a thesaurus to make our writing more interesting.

Here are some better words that we have come up with to replace “good” – enjoyable, delightful, lovely, fantastic, amazing, excellent, fabulous, superb, merry, tremendous and beautiful.
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

Support for our sponsors

Did you know you can spoil your skin this winter and be helping your school?

Sattwa Skincare is a proud OGPS sponsor and is all the brainchild of an Orange Grove mum! Sattwa Skincare has all the essential oil skincare products you need and they are all handmade in Australia. Find them on Facebook.

And then your beautiful skin is the perfect place to show off some gorgeous Georgina Dunn Jewellery! Treat yourself, knowing each piece has been handcrafted in Sydney by an amazingly talented OGPS mum. You’ll find Georgina Dunn Jewellery on Facebook.

And the natural next step is a trip to see Inlighten Photography! Special moments can be captured perfectly, and they promise family photos that aren’t cheesy or clichéd. Inlighten Photography did a fantastic job with crazy photos on Kids Matter Day and photos from Trivia Night, and they are generous OGPS sponsors!

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Uniform store

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

Don’t forget, the OGPS Sun Safe Policy requires all children to wear a school hat when outdoors and the weather report is indicating that the sunshine has chased the rain clouds away – so pick up a spare school hat to keep in your child’s bag!

Canteen news

The first batch of home-made treats sold out on Tuesday... but there will be more next week and every Tuesday in Term 3.

Only $1 for something made by an OGPS mum and guaranteed to be healthy and yummy! All treats will be no-sugar or low-sugar, and there’ll even be gluten-free on offer sometimes.

The canteen is losing a valued volunteer this week (maternity leave!) – a gigantic “thanks” to Rebecca Huntley, one of the most over-qualified cheese toastie makers in the history of school canteens!

If anyone would like to try to fill the void left by Rebecca, or to volunteer any Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri please email Meredyth at ogpscanteen@gmail.com