Social skill weeks 5&6
Preschool & Kinder: Greeting others
Over the next two weeks children will be working on friendship skills.
The steps involved in greeting others are:
• smile
• say hi
• walk on

Yrs1-6: Be yourself
Children will discuss tolerance, acceptance, and different ways of being noticed, and practise good ways.

Calendar of events
August
Sat 16 Football parking 4.30pm
Mon 18 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 Character parade
   Book Week author sessions – Richard Tullock
   No assembly
Fri 22 Balmain PSSA Athletics 2
Sat 23 Green Day Out, Balmain
25-29 National Literacy and Numeracy Week
   Enviroweek
Mon 25 SOH choir rehearsal & performance
Wed 27 Stage 2 Chinese Gardens excursion
Thu 28 Assembly Kinder, 3/4M

September
Mon 1 Stewart House collection day
Wed 3 Australian National Flag Day

Library News
Book Week is almost upon us and here in the library, we are very excited for our activities and events scheduled for next week.

Book Parade
There have been many rumours circulating about whether we would be hosting a Book Week Parade this year and, after much discussion, the answer is “YES!” We will hold a short K–2 and Yrs3–6 parade between 9–10am on Thursday 21 August to celebrate all the wonderful book characters we know and love. Students will have the opportunity to parade in their costume with their class and may stay in costume for the duration of the school day. Please note this event will take the place of the scheduled whole school assembly.

Book Fair
Book Fair will run next week on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. 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. Cash only please!

Timetable for the Book Fair:
Tue 19 Aug: KB, KK, KM & KW
Wed 20 Aug: 1A, 1B, 1/2F, 2M & 2MP
A big thank you to the many parent volunteers who have kindly donated their time to assist on Book Fair days.

Thanks, Miss Whitney
Stewart House clothing appeal
Stewart House bags were distributed yesterday. Please fill with unwanted items and store in Block A hall. Collection date is 1 Sept.

Stage 2 excursion coming up!
Yrs 3–4 are off to the Chinese Gardens on Wednesday 27 Aug. They will be supplied with a tasty lunch as well as learn about cultures.

New syllabus 2015 – Science and Technology
In 2015, schools will start teaching the new NSW Science and Technology K–10 Syllabus (http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/science/science-k10/) which is available on the NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum website.

Science and Technology:
• Students develop their skills in using processes of Working Scientifically and Working Technologically to answer interesting questions and develop creative solutions to important 21st century problems.
• They develop their curiosity and understanding about the Natural Environment and the Made Environment through learning about the Physical World, Earth and Space, the Living World, the Material World, Built Environments, Information and Products.
• Students learn about the influence and relevance of science and technology in their lives now and in the future.

In addition to subject-based content, all syllabuses address important contemporary themes and general capabilities as students prepare to live and work successfully in the 21st century.

These include Australian curriculum cross-curriculum priorities and general capabilities, and other learning across the curriculum areas identified by the Board of Studies.

Enviro Week
Just filling you in on what’s happening for Enviroweek in Week 7 (with some activities in Week 6):

We will be having a major blitz on litter in our playground. Enviroweek (from 24–30 August) challenges young Australians to take positive everyday action for a sustainable Australia.

All Enviroweek challenges are about making smart choices and have Co2-e (black balloon) measures for students to watch their action grow across their school, community and Australia-wide.

The main goal of this year’s Enviroweek action at our school is to eliminate litter from the school grounds and encourage all students and staff to pack their food with less packaging.

Stage 3 sustainability committee students have made some boxes to put in the playground at recess and lunch, so that children can pick up litter each day. They’ll advertise this at assembly on Thursday.
Historical Areas at OGPS

Honour Roll
The Honour Roll is very important to our school. There are people that died in World War 1. It is made of wood and it has lots of names. It is in a classroom.
Erin

Block A
Block A is a two storey building. It has two chimneys and slash windows. It also has a big hall and lots of stairs. Upstairs there is my class, 2MP’s and 2M’s room. Downstairs is the office and the staffroom. Next to Block A is a water tank and the playground. Block A is made of wood and bricks.
Scarlett

Block B
Block B is an old fashioned building. It has two chimneys. It also has a boot scraper. It has very big windows. It has lots of bricks at the front.
Remy

Honour Roll
The Honour roll is lots of rocks with writing on it. The people on the Honour Roll are people who went to this school who died in World War 1.
Eddy
MULCH, glorious MULCH
We had a generous donation by Trees Company at Annandale of mulch early in the week that parents and children have been helping to spread around the Kitchen Garden and other dry areas of the school grounds. Thanks parents and Junior Garden Club members and all the extra students who helped out. Let’s hope we get some more rain now to help keep down the dust.

Daffodils
Take a walk around the native garden next to the COLA and the Kitchen Garden and you will notice that our very first Spring bulbs have started flowering! Many of these were planted many weeks ago when we celebrated our Kids Matter fun fair. Others were planted by the gardening clubs and on National Tree Day. Apart from looking beautiful, these flowers will help to attract butterflies and bees to our garden.

Growing School Communities
Classes involved in this program this term have been learning this week about the good insects and bad pests that inhabit our gardens. They’ve been experimenting with organic pest control measures to help protect our edible crops. You may notice upturned orange halves, eggshells and coffee grounds around some of the plants: these are all effective ways of keeping some of the bad pests away from our spinach and lettuce.

TAFE students training to be school garden facilitators have begun their course at Orange Grove each Friday. Each week, classes not currently receiving Growing School Communities lessons with Scuba Stackpool, will have an opportunity to participate in an additional lesson offered by the course trainers. This week 3/4B will learn about the parts of a plant.

If you would like to know more speak with Ms Keane in the playground or email Scuba ogps.garden@gmail.com.

ENVIROWEEK: SMART WAYS TO LIVE
Litter blitz!! Help save our planet’s sea creatures and birds.

Next week we are hoping that students, parents and staff at Orange Grove will start seeing a big difference to their school grounds. We’re all going to become WASTE WARRIORS and we’re declaring war on every piece of litter that is spoiling the beauty of our playground and ending up getting washed into the storm water system and then the rivers and then the oceans where it harms precious sea creatures and birds.

To become WASTE WARRIORS, we all need to reduce the amount of packaging in our lunchboxes and make sure that not one piece of plastic, paper or foil wrapping ends up on the ground. Look out for the special litter boxes that will be under the COLA every recess and lunchtime over the next fortnight and let’s see how much we can collect. We will turn this despicable litter into a work of art for our Art Show next month, instead of allowing it to harm sea creatures and birds.

You can get involved in other ways:

Students, teachers and families
- Visit www.enviroweek.org or check out the Orange Grove challenge action: http://www.enviroweek.org/teams/kk-kitchen-gardeners/
- Support Enviroweek fundraising for our school. Bendigo Bank has chipped in $50 and will sell reusable bags on our behalf throughout the week. All money raised will go towards our Growing School Communities program, which is all about sustainable living and promoting a healthy school environment. We will put a photo display in the bank to let people know about our Growing School Communities program. Families can also buy a reusable sandwich sleeve for lunches, or a reusable coffee mug. They can also visit Orange Grove’s fundraising profile page and make a donation. http://shoutforgood.com/events/enviroweek/participants/79
- See the black balloon Co2-e savings for our school and for Australia
- Check out other schools’ actions
- Attend a parent talk about ways to reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox (Monday, 25 August after school - under the COLA with Claudette Rechtorik)
- Pick up litter every time you see it
- Look at the sea and bird life posters around the school to understand the connection between litter and the damage it causes to living things
- Help create an artwork from the litter we pick up in Enviroweek

our garden
our community
Dates to Remember in Term 3
• P+C Meeting – school library, 7pm Wednesday 20 August
• Art Show – Friday 12 September
• P+C Meeting – school library, 7pm Wednesday 17 September

Cake Stall thank you!
If you baked, sold or bought a cake – thank you!
The Cake Stall raised $694 for our school. The next cake stall is in October, term 4 – let’s see if our 3/4 families can beat this total!

So far this year OGPS cake stalls have raised $3147 – thanks to everyone involved, especially Pia who keeps everyone motivated and organized!

Uniform store
Spoke too soon – it seems the cold weather is hanging around for a little bit longer. If you need a spare jacket or to go up a size, drop in to the Uniform store and grab a pre-loved jacket for a gold coin donation... or help relieve the shelves of some stock and buy some brand-new uniform must-haves!

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

Canteen news
Thank you to all families who have adapted to our price rises this term – we have tried to keep walk-up items under $2 so that children do not need a pocket full of money at school... but the healthier the item it seems the more expensive it is to stock.

The cold weather has beaten us – a 20c slice of buttered raisin toast has taken over again as the most popular item, and the hommus has disappeared until the weather gets warmer.

But don’t forget – we have Valiaa low-fat yoghurt in assorted flavours for $2, Bega cheese stringers for $1, and Ripperz fruit snacks for 80c a bag!

We hope to have another canteen special before the end of this term – wondering how we can outdo the hamburgers!

Did you know?
Volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health.

Volunteering increases self-confidence. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment.

Volunteering combats depression. A key risk factor for depression is social isolation. Volunteering keeps you in regular contact with others and helps you develop a solid support system, which in turn protects you against stress and depression when you’re going through challenging times.

Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy. Volunteering is good for your health. Studies have found that those who volunteer have a lower mortality rate than those who do not, even when considering factors like the health of the participants.

There’s a lot of opportunities to volunteer at OGPS – the canteen, uniform store, cake stalls, art show helpers, gardening, carboot sale, classroom assistance... Come along to a P+C Meeting to see what you can do to help the school (and yourself)!
Australian Hearing Hub Open House

Discover the ground-breaking research, education and clinical services available at this unique new facility

Saturday 23 August 2014
12pm to 3pm (doors open 11:45)
To register or find out more at www.hearinghub.edu.au

- Free hearing screening tests for adults and children (limited spaces)
- Learn about hearing health from industry leaders
- Free jumping castle, face painting and other fun activities for children
- Bring your music player and headphones to test volume safety
- Experience the amazing anechoic chamber

With 1 in 6 Australians impacted by hearing loss, it's never been more important to focus on hearing health.

To celebrate Hearing Awareness Week, we’re opening our doors to raise awareness on healthy hearing and the services available at the Australian Hearing Hub.

Come to our Open House Day and learn from some of the country’s best researchers and service providers in hearing, psychology, reading, speech and language.

Exciting short talks on the day will include:
- Opening address by The Hon. Jillian Skinner, MP
- How to protect your hearing at home, work and play
- The Interactive Ear: Hearing loss and hearing technology made easy
- Top tips for supporting children with dyslexia, reading difficulties and youth anxiety
- Hearing heroes - personal stories from people growing up with a hearing loss

And much more! See all the details at www.hearinghub.edu.au

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