Social skill weeks 1 & 2
Preschool –Year 6: Listening
Steps to follow:
• Being still while listening to others
• Looking at the speaker
• Asking relevant questions.

Calendar of events

February
Fri 6 Scripture classes begin
Chess begins
Mon 9 Canteen begins
GOT game
Tue 10 GOT game
Wed 11 GOT game
Meet the Teacher evening, 6:30pm
Thu 12 Swim carnival Yrs 3–6 + 8 yr old swimmers
GOT game
Sun 15 Garden working bee 9am–12 noon
Wed 18 P&C meeting 7pm library
Fri 20 Postponed Parsley Bay excursion Yrs 1–6
Sat 21 Garden Cocktail Party

February P&C meeting
The Parents and Citizens Association meets on
the third Wednesday of every month during school
term.
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18
February commencing at 7pm in the school library.
Come along and find out about your school.

Swimming carnival
The annual swimming carnival is to be held
at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre (LPAC) on
Thursday 12 February.
The carnival is for all children in Yrs 3–6, and any
children in Year 2 who are 8 or turning 8 in 2015.
Children are invited to come in their house
 colours. They must have a hat and sun protection.
A note about this event will be sent home.
All parents are welcome as volunteers or
spectators. See Mr Barbuto if you can help.

Parent Information Evening
A meeting for all parents P–6 will be held on Wednesday 11
February, commencing at 6:30pm in Block A hall, where the staff
2015 will be introduced.
This will be followed by information in classrooms by class
teachers. If you would like to know how your child’s class will
operate this year it is a great opportunity. We hope as many
parents as possible are able to make it. Information leaflets will
be available.
Please be aware that this evening is not for individual parent
interviews. If you would like an interview to discuss your child,
please make an appointment with your child’s class teacher
who will only be too happy to do this.

Kinder off to a flying start!
Well done to all Kindergarten children and families who got into
the swing of school life with a flourish. Best Start assessments
were finished today and reports to Kindergarten parents will be
available later in the term.
Please don’t hesitate to ask a staff member if you need to have
something clarified, either of a general nature or specific to
Kinder.
House captains

Congratulations to the children who have been elected by their sport team as their leaders for 2015.

2015 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there’s a plan. The 2015 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year.


Doing well in class

Our expert panel shares tips about how parents can help their younger and older kids reach their full potential at school and motivate them for learning. Watch the video.


Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?


Chess

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Orange Grove Public School is held on Fridays from 8–9am in classroom 3/4M. Term 1 lessons will commence this week on 6 February, 2015.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.
Growing School Communities

Our Growing School Communities lessons have started again this term, with every class enjoying a TRUE FOOD lesson with our garden facilitator Scuba Stackpool this week.

What is TRUE FOOD? True Food is food that is healthy for children and produces minimal waste. Examples of TRUE FOOD and TRUE FOOD resources are:

- fresh fruit and vegetables (they have their own natural “packaging”)
- snacks in reusable containers
- drinks in a reusable container
- reusable utensils
- reusable lunch boxes
- washable sandwich wrappers

Orange Grove children are learning about TRUE FOOD because the school is introducing WASTE WARRIOR WEDNESDAYS. On this day each week, everyone will be encouraged to bring as little pre-packaged, or over-packaged food as possible. This will help reduce the enormous amount of waste we are generating, reduce littering in the playground; and children will be eating great, healthy food.

Operation marigold

Every child at OGPS will plant a marigold seedling this week and next week, as part of our school’s annual preparation for Harmony and Friends Day on 20 March. Scuba has been kindly assisting classroom teachers in this gardening endeavour and working hard to prepare the Kitchen Garden beds for another productive year of growing healthy, organic produce.

Junior garden club

This club started again on Tuesday lunchtime with 18 very hard working students from Years 1–2. They helped Scuba and Ms Keane to rejuvenate the birds nest fern bed under the COLA with some new plantings and lots of watering. This group of gardeners will continue in the club until week 6 of term 1. A new group of students will get a turn in the club for the second half of the term. Kindergarten children will be able to join the club in term 3.

Senior harvest club

We had a wonderful harvest last Friday, with plenty of freshly picked spinach, basil and other herbs sold under the COLA before school. Families were also able to buy tomatoes and excellent homemade chilli/tomato chutney made by Scuba in the school holidays. All produce was planted and looked after last year by students during gardening club activities and as part of our Growing School Communities teaching and learning program.

Students from Years 3–6 who would like to join the Friday morning harvest club need to get a permission note from their teacher, or Mr Ashworth, who will be supervising the club each week. The club starts at 8.15am and involves harvesting and selling produce when it is available, watering, seed collecting, weeding, making signs and other routine garden jobs. Parents and carers are also welcome to join this club on Friday morning. We need extra hands to assist us with our expansion plans and to help with the care and maintenance of this wonderful school resource. Gardening knowledge isn’t necessary!
TERM 1 2015 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

EXCITING NEW AFTER SCHOOL ART PROGRAM

PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING, SCULPTURE, FABRIC ART

AND SUBMISSIONS TO ART COMPETITIONS!

CREATIVE AND STIMULATING CLASSES

OPEN TO K - 6 STUDENTS.

CLASS HELD AT ORANGE GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

VISUAL ARTS TEACHER WITH 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE

CONTACT SABINA: sabina@kidsattheearthouse.com or 0403768282

KIDS AT THE ARTHOUSE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP

(DARLING HARBOUR) ‘DREAM’ EXHIBITION - 2014 & 2015

WINNER: AVANT CARDS “CALLING ALL ARTIST’S” COMPETITION 2013

FINALIST: AUSSIE ART COMPETITION 2014

WINNER: SYDNEY PORT AUTHORITY PORTER 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

TEXTECH – SEWING & TEXTILE CLASSES FOR STUDENTS YEAR 3-6

… embrace your creativity through textiles

In 2015, we will continue our mastery of the sewing machine as well as exploring other fun textile techniques such as wool felting, tie dying and screen printing.

Lessons will be held in my home on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm. The first lesson will be held on 5 February finishing on Thursday 2 April. This is a nine week term. The fees will be $225 + $30 for a sewing kit if your child does not have one.

Orange Grove students will be collected after school and escorted to my home where I will give them a nutritious afternoon tea.

Please call or text me on 0407702880 if your child is interested.

Annie Zimmermann (Mother of Zoe in Year 5, 2015)
Walk-up items:
- Toast: raisin, vegemite, honey, buttered 20c
- Frozen pineapple rings 20c
- Icy Poles 50c
- Popcorn 50c
- Apples (slinkied or whole) 50c
- Pretzel bag 50c
- Fruit bars / ripperz (100% fruit) varies with availability $1.00
- Orange – bag of 4 quarters $1.00
- Bega cheese stringers $1.00
- Juice (100% juice - apple, orange, apple & blackcurrant) $1.00
- Milkshakes (Milo, strawberry or banana nesquick) $1.50
- Carrot/celery/crackers/hommus $2.00
- Vaaila low-fat yoghurt – assorted $2.00
- Gelato – FRIDAY ONLY $2.00

LUNCH ORDERS: write order on paper bag (with money enclosed) and place in box at canteen by 9.10am each morning

Monday and Tuesday – Sandwich Days
- Vegemite Sandwich $1.00
- Tuna $2.00
- Ham + Cheese OR Ham + lettuce OR Ham + tomato $2.50
- Ham, Cheese and Tomato $3.00
- Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, cucumber, beetroot) $3.50
- Cheese and Salad $4.00
- Additional fillings .50
- Toasted or plain/multigrain or white bread

MONDAYS ONLY Sausage rolls with/without sauce (2 per serve) $2.50, OR $1.25 for 1

TUESDAY ONLY Mini-pizza:
- Junior – tomato/cheese $2.50
- Garden – tomato/cheese/capsicum/mushroom $3.00
- Italian – tomato/cheese/pepperoni $3.00
- Tropical – tomato/cheese/ham/pineapple $3.00

Thursday – Home cooked Day
- Homemade meatballs (3 in a serve) $2.00
- Meatball “subs” – meatballs on a roll $3.00
  (please specify: with/without cheese & sauce – tomato or BBQ)
- Cheese Toasties $1.50
- Ham & Cheese Toasties $2.50

Friday – Sushi orders to be placed by 9:10am on Thursday
- Teriyaki chicken, cooked tuna, cucumber, avocado, salmon (raw) with avocado $4.50
- Cheese toasties $1.50
- Ham & Cheese toasties $2.50
Welcome back or welcome to Orange Grove!

“Parents – as partners in the education process – have a right and a responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children.” P+C Federation website.

Sounds good, but what does it mean? It means – get involved!

How? Come to the first P+C meeting of the year – Wednesday 18 February at 7pm in the school library.

Why? It is better than watching I’m A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here – although the rules of the jungle could still apply!

The Orange Grove Public School P+C is not a cult/pyramid scheme/social club/linked-in exercise/self-help group or prayer organisation. It is a group of people with 2 things in common – we have primary school children and we live in the Lilyfield area. That’s it… but somehow we manage to meet once a month and achieve some pretty good things for our kids and this incredible school! We raise money for educational supplies and teachers, we decide on canteen menus and cake stall dates, we organise events for families and some just for parents, we plant/weed/water/feed/clothes/argue/park cars/sell/bake/buy/agree/commit/design/cater/disagree/propose/second/vote and so much more!

Canteen news

The canteen will open for the new school year on Monday 9 February and is open for lunch orders every Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. We also open between 1.10pm and 1.35pm for walk-up sales.

• Please have lunch orders in the box by 9.10am each day. Orders should be written on a brown paper bag, indicating name & class and order. Money is to be placed in the bag – and change will be returned in the bag (remind your child to look for it). Or you can try online ordering…

• Much and all as we love kind and generous children, please remind your child that buying for their friends/sharing their money is not allowed.

• Walk-up items at the canteen range from 20c - $2, so children don’t need a lot of money at school. And we do keep an eye on the quantities they buy – don’t worry, we’ll never sell one child 5 pieces of toast or 3 milkshakes!

• If you’d like a copy of the menu or to help out in any way please email Meredyth at ogpsecone@gmail.com

Online ordering at OGPS Canteen!

We have a great online ordering system through School24. You can place orders from home or work at any time. Payment is also done online, so you don’t have to search for paper bags/loose change in the morning as you’re trying to get organised and out the door!

The online orders (with printed labels on a paper bag!) are delivered to the canteen before 9.10am each morning so the lunch order bag is never forgotten/missed/lost in the bottom of a school bag! Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register, visit www.school24.com.au for more info.

Uniform shop

Still looking for some last-minute bits & pieces or wanting some ‘spares’ for the school bag? Don’t forget the Uniform Shop has pre-loved items available for a gold coin donation… Uniforms that have been too quickly outgrown or ‘mum, I don’t want to wear that any more, I want to wear this’ donations are also gladly accepted!

The Uniform Shop is in Block D – the 3 /4 & 5/6 classroom area –tucked into the neat corner that looks like a carport!

The Uniform Shop is open Monday 2.50–3.30pm, Wednesday 8.40–9.10am.

If you’d like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop just drop in and leave your details… help is always appreciated.

Dates to remember

P+C Meeting – Wednesday 18 Feb, 7pm school library
Garden cocktails – Saturday 21 Feb, 7.30pm school garden

"OK, all those in favour of delegating decision-making, shrug your shoulders"