



ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Principal: Pat Nottle

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Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

We have had a fabulous start the year. Everyone should be commended for their effort.

We are moving into our second year of the Parent Funded 'One to One Laptop Programme' which should prove to be more successful than the last. The children were very excited and proud to bring their new laptops (computers) to school on the first day of term. Once again, I am amazed at the amount of support our parents will go too, to support their children. Thank you.

Welcome to our new families to the school, the Bastin, Collins, Figliomeni, Goodall, Humphries, Hunt, Kitson, Landon, McKenzie, Pulfer-Melville, Regan, Richardson, Rogers, Ross and Rowland-Treloar families. Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you need support.

This year, we are trying a different procedure in sending home information and documents that need to be signed at one time to assist in the communication process. Feedback is welcome.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of the Victorian bushfires.

STAFF ORGANISATION 2009

Principal - Ms Nottle Deputy Principal - Mr Wilson

Teaching Staff:

Pre Primary - Mrs Turner/Ms Nesbitt

Yr 1/2 (Room 1) - Mrs Dickens/Mrs Nesbitt

Yr 2/3 (Room 4) - Ms Harrington

Yr 4/5 (Room 3) - Mr Fuller

Yr 5/6/7 (Room 2) - Miss Anderton/Mr Wilson

ART - Mrs Louise

LOTE (Japanese) - Miss Hoe

Support Staff:

Library Officer - Mrs Smith

Educ Assistants - Mrs Burette/Mrs Veen/Mrs Smith/Mrs Faranda

Gardener/Handyperson - Mr Burrow/Mrs Thiel

Cleaner - Mrs Kennedy

Registrar - Mrs McHugh

LEARNING PROGRAMMES

This year we will be offering Physical Education (Mr Wilson) and Art (Mrs Louise) as our specialist programmes. Class teachers will be teaching Music and Drama and we will have special events to support this area. As you are aware, we have switched to the students learning Japanese as their LOTE option. We are looking for new resources to support Miss Hoe. If you have items of interest, you can talk to Miss Hoe on Mondays.

GET IT RIGHT LITERACY

This year we are not receiving funding for the "Getting it Right Project" but I will be releasing Mrs Dickens on Tuesdays in the morning to work in Mr Fuller's class to focus on literacy skills while Mr Fuller is supporting technology throughout the school. In the afternoon Mrs Dickens will focus on support teachers in literacy.

Mrs Nesbitt will be teaching in the year 1/2 class on Tuesdays to enable this to happen. This way we can utilise the expertise of staff.

FUNDRAISING - VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

Yesterday at our school meeting (Monday Assembly) the children decided to have a free dress day to support Animal Aid - support to bushfire victims. With one day's notice the school community were able to raise \$281.75. Wonderful effort kids.

みなさん、こんにちは

Minasan Konichiwa! Hello everyone!



I am the new teacher who will be taking Japanese and I hope to bring to the school many interesting and exciting lessons. This term, students will be learning about various cultural related activities such as the festivals in Japan and also learn how to say a few things about

themselves and count in Japanese. Some of the activities planned for the year will include making sushi, Japanese calligraphy writing and learning how to draw *manga* (comics in Japanese). So I look forward to having a great year with everyone. *Did you know?*

In the past, Japanese people did not sleep on beds like we do. They slept on a 5cm thick mattress called *futon* that is folded and put away in the morning. *Futons* are still commonly used in many traditional styled homes and Japanese inns.

CLASS MEETINGS

All classes will hold information sessions in the next few weeks (see below). It will be a good opportunity for parents to develop their understanding of how each class operates and what exciting learning programmes have been organised. Interviews will be available at other times indicated by teachers.

Pre Primary - Wednesday 18th February at 2.40pm

Yr 1/2 - Tuesday 17th February at 3.10pm

Yr 2/3 - Tuesday 17th February at 3.05pm

Yr 4/5 - is on TONIGHT at 7.00pm

Yr 5/6/7 - Monday 16th February at 3.10pm

WARNING

Please talk to your children if they are walking to or from school about the dangers and what to do if approached by a stranger.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The children are to be congratulated for wearing the correct uniform. We now have 95% of the children wearing the correct hat. Let's work towards having 100% by the end of Week 3. A Uniform Order form is being sent home today.

CAR PARK

It is extremely important that parents follow the policy for the safety of all children. Safety is extremely vital.

Coming Events at Orange Grove Primary School

AFL Footy Clinic Yr 3	18 February
P&C AGM 6.30	18 February
Assembly 8.45 (School Library) hosted by Yr 1/2	20 February
Yr 7 Immunisation	26 February
Go-Go Golf Yr 4/7	27 Feb 6, 13 March
Scitech excursion Yr 4/7	12 March
AFL Footy Clinic Yr 4/7	18 March
Assembly 8.45 (School Library) hosted by Yr 4/5	20 March
Assembly 8.45 (School Library) hosted by Yr 5/6/7	3 April
Yr 4/5 Astronomy night	6 April

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Mr John Baxter is back with us this year. He has recently been trained in running Rainbows courses or supporting children who are experiencing various aspects of 'grief'. Mr Baxter is available on Mondays and Tuesdays.

SCHOOL HOURS

Children are encouraged not to arrive at school before 8.25am and should be picked up immediately at the end of the school day. Should a parent be unavoidably delayed or an early drop off is necessary, please contact the school. School times are as follows:

Start	8.45am
Morning Recess	10.30am - 10.50am
Lunch	12.20pm - 1.00pm
Finish (Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri)	3.05pm
Finish (Thursday)	2.30pm

WONDERFUL WRITERS

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts in their writing:

PP - Kynan, Yr 1 - Paige R, Yr 2 - Owen,
Yr 4 - Jamison, Yr 5 - Teisha, Yr 7 - Klara and Rhiannon

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Have you looked at our Website lately? Please investigate by going to www.ogps.wa.edu.au. Let us know if you have any ideas on how to improve communication via the Web.

LAPTOP PROBLEMS (Yr 4 -7)

Winthrop will be at school this Friday 13th February to fix any problems with laptops. Parents please let Mr Fuller know by Thursday.

RAINBOWS PROGRAM

We are very pleased to offer the Rainbows Programme once again this year. Rainbows offers children from families who have experienced a major loss, either through the separation/divorce of parents or through the death of a family member, the opportunity to meet in a weekly support group over a period of approximately 12 weeks.

It has been found that when something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. If a parent dies or divorce occurs, not only do the parents grieve, the children do also. Because of their age and short life experiences, children find it very difficult to verbalise their feelings.

We will be sending letters out to families today. If you would like your child to be included please fill in the tear off slip and return it to the school by the date indicated. This offer of support will depend on the response.

The sessions will be held at school with a trained facilitator working with each group. If you have any queries please ring Mr Baxter, Rainbows Coordinator, or Mrs Smith, our Library Officer.

REMINDERS

- All student absences must be explained in writing. Please send a written explanation to your child's teacher as soon as possible after any absence.
- Students who arrive late must "sign in" at the office and take a late card to their teacher.
- **Parent Car Parking - please follow policy as our children are very precious - let's keep them safe.**
- **Uniforms - The policy has been included in the package. Please follow carefully especially with hats. CAPS are NOT part of the uniform.**
- Professional Development/School Development (pupil free) days for this year are scheduled for the following days. Please note these dates on your calendar - Tuesday 28 April, Monday 20 July and Monday 12 October.
- Library - all students will require a library bag on Tuesdays for library.
- Year 7 Vaccinations will be held on: 26 March, 11 June, 20 August and 12 November.

OUR "VALUE" FOR THE FORTNIGHT IS

EVERY INDIVIDUAL IS UNIQUE!

Every person at Orange Grove is truly "Unique". It means that all of us are one of a kind this makes us very rare indeed (after all there is only one of us). In fact, no 2 people here at this school, within in this community, throughout Australia, or around the world, who are exactly the same; every person here is unique/special in the way they are made. You may ask, "How should that impact upon how we view and treat one another at school?" and people we work with as if each one is special and valuable, because we all are? Over the next week or so, we will be considering and reflecting upon the uniqueness of everyone here at Orange Grove School and within our whole school community. May we appreciate our own individual uniqueness and that of others this week.

John (School Chaplain)

You are truly "Unique!"

U - Unequaled

N - No one person the same

I - Individual, Incomparable

Q - Quality person

U - Unparalleled, Unequaled, unmatched

E - Extraordinary



DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

Medicare Teen Dental Plan Vouchers are redeemable at Dental Therapy Centres for school students up to Year 11. Please bring your Medicare Teen Dental Plan Voucher and Medicare Card when you attend for your examination appointment.

P & C UPDATE

Welcome to 2009 everyone, we hope you enjoyed your holidays.

Canteen (biggest fundraiser for OGPS P & C)

During 2008 Canteen raised \$6000. By supporting the canteen we work hard not to have to send home excessive raffles, choc runs, etc.

We will endeavour to open Canteen, at this stage, on Fridays only. We are seeking a Canteen Coordinator and obviously canteen volunteers for Friday's (yes this Friday included). Kathy did an awesome job last year but this job is too big for one person to manage, please consider how you can help.

There are various roles involved in Canteen and so if Canteen days do not suit there is always preparation, stock orders, etc to be done. Please see Kathy or Jodie if you able to support in any way.

OGPS Bunning's Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to the amazing families that helped at the Sausage Sizzle on the holidays. **We raised \$2725.15** excellent results for 2 days work. Super big thank you to Carolyn and Dean Thiel, Peter Sharpe and Gavin Schimmel, who were the backbone to the two days. Thank you also to the Minissale, Brown, Cassidy, Ozanne, Orrell, MacCormack and Pacak families. Thank you to Isabelle and Kathy for assistance in storage and preparation.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

School Banking

Start your kids early in learning how to save money. Jackie is at the school every 2nd Wednesday, she will open new accounts, arrange and take your deposits. We received over \$300 from CBA to the OGPS P&C for our school children doing some regular banking. Easy work but most importantly it teaches our children to save. Next banking day is the 18th February.

OGPS Annual General Meeting (AGM) & P&C Meeting

18th February – 6.30pm (in the office) next Wednesday
All P & C Positions become vacant and should you wish to nominate for a role please complete nomination form. New members most definitely welcome. Come enjoy a coffee.

Regards Jodie Smart
OGPS P & C President

OGPS P & C Roles, Responsibilities and Nomination Form

Objectives of the OGPS Parent & Citizens' Association are,

- 1) Co-operation between parents, teachers, students and members of the general community
- 2) Assisting in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities for the school.
- 3) The fostering of community interest in educational matters.

OGPS P & C Association is a member of the WACSSO (Western Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc.)

Below is a list of roles required to run an effective P & C Association, provided is some general responsibilities each role has.

School Council –

- 1) Take part in establishing, and reviewing from time to time the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions.
- 2) To take part in planning of financial arrangements, take part in evaluating school's performance,
- 3) To promote the school in the community, to take part in formulating codes of conduct for students.

President –

- 1) To chair P & C Meetings, be present at Meetings, to support sub committees in various roles.
- 2) To be able to openly communicate to parents, teachers and community members.
- 3) Provide support at assemblies and generally work with parents and community members to become involved in the school.

Vice President –

- 1) Being present at P & C Meetings, support sub committees in various roles,
- 2) Fill the President's role in their absence.

Secretary –

- 1) Conduct of all correspondence (in and out), keeping minutes,
- 2) Maintaining a register of financial members, retaining documents relevant to the Association.

Treasurer –

- 1) Receipt of all monies paid to or received, proper book of accounts
- 2) Issuing receipts, paying monies (i.e. Canteen Invoices), making payments by cheque following all correct rulings,
- 3) Prepare and present financial reports, ensuring all dealings for the Association are audited and meet standards.

Committee Members –

- 1) To provide discussion and points of view on various school related topics.
- 2) To make decisions and then support the P & C Committee decision while in the surrounds of the school.

Canteen Coordinator –

- 1) Administrative stock control, trained in various workshops (this is provided and paid for by the P & C)
- 2) Meeting health regulations while canteen in operation,
- 3) Ordering stock, preparing canteen items for canteen days, preparation and assistance in filling volunteer list,
- 4) Managing the traffic light system on the Canteen Menu, resource for queries about canteen,

Uniform Manager –

- 1) Preparing uniform orders, ordering stock, and distributing uniform orders to students.
- 2) Maintaining a small stock level of uniforms, coordinates the Second Hand Uniform Stalls.

Our AGM (Annual General Meeting) is to be held on the 18th February 2009 at 6.30pm. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your child/s time at Orange Grove Primary School then we would be appreciative of your support. We consider our P & C Committee to be a proactive group, with a common goal being that our child/ren have a happy, safe, friendly and educational journey at Orange Grove Primary School.

P & C - A.G.M.

Nomination Form to be returned to the school office by Tuesday the 17th February 2009

I _____ would like to nominate for

Nominating Position: _____ Signature: _____

Positions Vacant

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator,
Uniform Coordinator, Committees and School Council.