

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to term 3. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I enjoyed my break and caught up with friends and family as well as those boring jobs around the house.

MINISTER CONROY'S VISIT

On the last day of term, we had a wonderful time talking with our special visitor, Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.



Senator Conroy was joined by Ms Sharryn Jackson MP, Member for Hasluck. The pair toured the classrooms observing our one-to-one laptop program and Minister Conroy even agreed to be interviewed by the Year 4/5 students for their class podcast. The podcast is currently being edited and will be available on the website shortly.

CELEBRATIONS - PRINCIPALS LUNCH

Our school implements many strategies to encourage students to do the right think! At the end of each term two children are invited from every class to have lunch with me to reinforce the positive behaviour and aiming for excellence. Congratulations to:

Kynan & Scout – PP
Jordan T – Yr 1
Samantha & Koby Yr 2
Shayna – Yr 3
Ruby H – Yr 4
Blake S – Yr 5
Jayden C & Emily B – Yr 6



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS TERM 2

Congratulations to the Gold Card winners for each class. Chloe T was the overall school winner. Well done.
Blue Card (Homework/Dairy) Award - Samantha B Yr 2
Gold Card Lucky Dip - Hannah VR

CAR PARK DANGER

It has been reported to me that parents are allowing their children to run through the parent car park. I have taken an extract from our policy for you to reflect on. **Please keep our children safe.**

Orange Grove is fortunate to have the space to allow for a variety of parking procedures. It is very important that parents follow local rules with a notion of COOPERATION and PATIENCE to ensure the safety of the children.

- No parent parking in the Administration driveway/car park.
- All pedestrian traffic to walk around the outside of the car park **NOT** through it.
- Vehicles to **reverse** into the parking areas.
- Parents must collect children from the waiting area (A) and walk them back to their cars via walkways.
- Kiss and Drop Zone is not a parking area. Parents are asked **NOT** to leave their vehicle.

BUILDING WORKS

Rendering work commenced during the holidays which has made the outside of the storage room's look much better. This project has not finished yet. Blue colour bond sheeting will be replacing the wire mesh at the top of the wall, the woodwork under the eaves will be painted and metal frames will be placed around the doors.

PARENT INTERVIEWS - Week 3

The following times have been set aside by teachers to assist the reporting process. Please make an appointment.

CLASS	DAYS & TIMES
Yr 1/2	Tuesday - all day Monday & Wednesday - after school
Yr 2/3	Tuesday - 2.30 - 3.05 Wednesday - 2.00 - 3.00 Monday & Friday - 3.00 - 3.30
Yr 4/5	Monday - after school Tuesday - all day Wednesday - after school
Yr 5/6/7	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - before school Wednesday - after school

STUDENT TESTING

Throughout 2009 all students throughout WA will sit special tests. The NAPLAN tests were conducted in May. The next round of testing is the *Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education*. The WAMSE assessment will be held from 3rd to 7th August 2009. The Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE) assessment program appraises the performance of students in aspects of Science and Society and Environment. This complements the information from the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). In 2009, WAMSE will assess: Science in Yr's 5 & 7 and Society and Environment Yr 7.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly is being held on Friday 7th August in the library and being presented by the Pre Primary class from 8.45am. Hope to see you all there.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who received Honour Certificates at our last Assembly.

Pre Primary: Lucy
Year 2: Joe & Caitlin B
Year 3: Luke & Ronan
Year 5: Aimee & Nicole
Year 6: Tamika & Emily Mc
Values: Faith (PP) & Bobby (Yr 1)



Coming Events at Orange Grove Primary School

PEAC Testing Yr 4	30 July
OGPS Lap-a-Thon 31 st July Friday 9am – 10.30am	31 July
Healthy Banquet (morning tea)	Every Thursday
P&C Meeting 6.30pm	5 August
Assembly hosted by Pre Primary	7 August
Life Education Van	11 & 12 August
Book Fair - school library	12 - 19 August
Year 7 Immunisation	20 August
Assembly hosted by Yr 5/6/7	21 August

Wonderful Writers

Congratulations to our "Wonderful Writers"

PP	1/2	2/3	4/5	5/6/7
Daron		Taylor P Lauren M	Teisha	

These children have been striving for excellence in their writing and have either produced work of a high standard or have shown great improvements. Well done everyone!

PEAC TESTING

On Thursday 30th July the Year 4 students will be tested for eligibility to attend the Primary Extension and Challenge program in 2010. Only the top 2.5% of students in the district are accepted into the programme. Good luck to all the Year 4's

ARE YOU THINKING OF MOVING/LEAVING SCHOOL

Let us know as soon as possible if you are thinking of moving, we are currently looking at our numbers for the future. Either phone (9459 3601) or pop into the office to let us know.

KINDY/PRE-PRIMARY and YEAR 1 ENROLMENTS 2010

We are still accepting applications for enrolment in the Pre Primary program for 2010. Call into the school office for an application form or if you know of anyone that would be interested please let them know.

LIBRARY - "BOOKFAIR"

It's that time again. Please come and support your school and buy some great books for your children. 12-19 August 2009. All books sold at the fair will get a 30% commission on sales, which we will spend on books for **LEXILE** books to supplement our Reading Programme. Mrs Smith

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

The Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be at our school on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th August. The aim of the program is to encourage students to make healthy lifestyle choices. The programmes cover a broad range of issues to cater for all age groups. A parent information session will be held on Tuesday 11th at 9:30 in the library for parents who would like to find out more about the programme. All classes have been timetabled to attend these sessions. The cost is \$6:00 per student and \$2 per Pre Primary student.

WORLD VISION

We have just received our annual photo and report about Lea, the child we sponsor through World Vision. Her photo will be placed on the library door with those from previous years. Please take the time to have a look.

POSTER COMPETITION

How are those posters coming along everyone? At the end of last term we asked children to design a poster to advertise and name our fruit and vegetable garden. Prizes will be given for the most original posters and one lucky person will have their garden name chosen. Please give completed posters to your classroom teacher. Entries must be in by Friday 7th August (that's the end of week 3).



MADDINGTON KENWICK SCHOOL READINESS PROJECT

Parents of Children 0 - 4 Years of Age

There will be an **information session** about the School Readiness Project on **Wednesday 5th August**. The session will commence at **9.30** and run for about an hour. The session will be run by the School Readiness Project Managers. Teachers will be in attendance.

The aim of the School Readiness Project is to help parents better prepare their children for school. Support will be offered to parents of children attending the supported play sessions run via the school based Playgroup.

We would like to encourage all interested families to attend. This will be a good opportunity for you to find out more about the Project and have any questions answered.

HEALTHY BANQUET

As part of our school's focus on developing healthy eating habits we will be re-introducing a whole-school shared fruit and vegetable morning tea each Thursday at recess time, the **first one being this**



Thursday. Each class gathers outside (undercover area or under trees) and passes round prepared platters, selecting pieces of fruit and vegetables to eat. It is not only a positive opportunity to practise manners and socialization skills but also encourages the children to widen the variety of fruits and vegetables they eat as it exposes them to different varieties they may not normally have.

We ask that each child brings along a piece of fruit, vegetable or healthy snack (like sultanas or dried fruit – no processed food bars etc please.) each Thursday to share. The children do not need other morning tea items in their lunch box on this day. Parents are encouraged to cut up the fruit and vegetables at home to put on platters once at school. We would also love to have a small band of helpers who could spend 10-15 minutes on Thursday mornings cutting up any unprepared fruit and arranging it on platters. If your child has any **specific allergies** to fruit and vegetables please **notify your classroom teacher** before Thursday. We look forward to your support. Thanks from Jean Dickens and all staff.

Our current Value is "LOYALTY"

What is Loyalty?

- To love and care for someone or something, to stick by them for better or for worse; through good times and bad times; even when they may make a mistake, or when we may not totally agree with them. To stand by one another through thick and thin.
- To not be fickle; it does not depend on how one feels, but comes from a decision to be committed to someone, or something, regardless of feelings.
- To believe the best about someone regardless of what others may say about them

What does it look like at our school?

When a person is loyal, they can be depended upon for support and give a helping hand or listen when it is needed.

WHAT'S ON IN SPORT

State Cross Country Championships

This event, which involves students from Years 4-7, will be held on Tuesday 18th August. Cross Country training will continue on Thursday mornings at 8:30am (when it's not too wet) and Monday afternoons 3:15pm until 17th August. All students are welcome to attend the training. It's great for fitness and will improve performances in the Faction and Inter-school Athletics Carnivals.

Athletics Carnivals

Faction Athletics

Monday 31st August: Cross Country

Friday 4th September: Carnival-individual events (am), team games (pm).

Inter-school Athletics

Tuesday 15th September: Jumps and Throws

Friday 18th September: Track and team games events.

Please put these dates in your diary. The children love to have their parents supporting them at the carnivals and we need a lot of parent help to make our carnivals a successful event.

Clinics - A representative from 'WA Little Athletics' came to school and ran a coaching clinic for the Year 2/3 class on Wednesday 22 July. He will return on Wednesday 29 July to take the Year 4/5 and 5/6/7 classes.

The 'Value' we are currently focusing on is "LOYALTY"

AHTLETICS FACTION CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as the Faction Captains and Vice Captains:

ELLIS: Captains - Mitchell, Rachel-Lee

Vice Captains: Jayden C, Tamika

MASON: Captains - Sara, Klara

Vice Captains- Jaidyn B, John

BICKLEY: Captains: Nathan McK, Rhiannon

Vice Captains: Steele, Emily B

The Captains and Vice Captains will assist with the organisation and training of their faction. Faction training will occur every morning.

BASKETBALL CLINICS

A basketball coach from Basketball WA will run basketball clinics for the students from Years 1-7 on Friday 21 and Friday 28th August.

DANCE

Jemma Armstrong (So you Think You Can Dance), who ran dance workshops with our Year 4-7 students last term, will return this term to train a small group of talented dancers. We hope to see them perform at an assembly later this year.

HUMAN SWINE FLU UPDATE

Current Status

Human swine flu is a mild illness in most people. People with underlying conditions will be a target for testing, treatment and care.

Western Australia is now in the PROTECT phase. The World Health Organization (WHO) pandemic alert level is now at phase 6. This indicates that a global pandemic is under way.

Changes due to PROTECT phase

- Normal operations will resume at international airports.
- Schools will not be closed if students are found to have human swine flu. Children are urged to stay home if they are unwell, to protect their classmates. Children no longer need to be kept home after travelling.
- Voluntary home isolation is recommended for those who have mild illness. Contacts will no longer be quarantined.

People with influenza-like symptoms

We are now focusing our attention on those in the community who may be at risk of severe illness. This may include pregnant women and people with underlying conditions including:

- respiratory disease such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- heart disease
- diabetes
- renal disease
- morbid obesity
- weakened immune systems

These people are urged to seek medical attention if they have acute respiratory symptoms.

Antiviral medication will be limited to people with moderate or severe illness, or whose underlying conditions could make them vulnerable to the virus.

If you need medical advice, telephone your doctor or *healthdirect Australia* on 1800 022 222. There may be no need to see a doctor if your symptoms are mild.

<http://www.health.gov.au/swine-flu/home/>

P & C Update

OGPS Lap-a-Thon 31st July Friday 9am – 10.30am (this Friday)

All money raised from this event goes directly to new library books for the new Lexile Program. The event is a family and friend's morning you are all welcome to come and enjoy the activities. Prizes go to the highest money raiser of each year

Egg Cartons COLLECT-A-THON We are asking families to bring in egg cartons (more specifically the 50c Token) from Farm Pride and Golden Eggs. For every token we collect our school receives 50c each. Easy fundraising money, we hope you can help. Please drop your tokens in on Canteen Days. Samples on the noticeboard at school or for extra information check out www.collectathon.com.au

Canteen Term 3 Roster - Canteen Open this Week

Term 3 roster is up. Please consider how you can help??? Our biggest fundraiser, please support us by helping us keep it open.

Some Other Important Dates for your Planners

P & C Meetings – Wednesday 5th August 6.30pm

Tuesday 8th September 6.30pm

Bunnings BBQ Weekend – 26th to 28th September

Schedule will be posted shortly please write your name down if you are able to help out that weekend.

Jodie Smart, P & C President