

NEWSLETTER

Principal: Pat Nottle

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Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

The fine weather we are starting to have is allowing the "paint" to dry, the gardens to grow and practice for our Athletics Carnival to occur.

Speaking of fine weather, I am taking a few days of Long Service Leave to visit Queensland and to listen to what Australia has to offer in the 'country music' scene.

PAINTING OF THE BRISTOL BUILDING HAS STARTED!



Past and present school community members will be very pleased to know that the exterior painting of the Bristol building started last week. This photograph shows work in progress. The final top coat will colour coordinate with our existing buildings.

SCHOOL WEB SITE

The staff at Orange Grove make great use of technology in the school including the interactive whiteboards and the school website.

By visiting the website you can read the school newsletter, our 'Monday Times' which is produced by Ms Harrington's Year 2/3 class, podcasts made by Mr Fuller's class and many other articles.

STUDENT MEDICATION

If your child needs to take medication during school time, there are two ways this can be done.

1. Parents come to school and give the medication to their child.
- OR
2. The school can support the parent request to assist in medication.

Processes need to be followed which include forms to be completed for parent requests. Please go to the office for advice and support.

REPORT GRAFFITI HOTLINE: 1800 44 22 55

If you are the victim of graffiti or witness an act(s) of graffiti, call **1800 44 22 55**.

Calling 1800 44 22 55 will enable quicker response times to graffiti crime, resulting in faster clean-up and removal, and the graffiti hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Rewards of up to \$1000 are available to people providing information leading to the arrest of a graffiti offender. Operators may ask you:

- Where is the graffiti and when do you think the attack occurred?
- What type of graffiti has been done (e.g. paint, text, scratched, etc)?
- Does the graffiti contain any offensive messages? What are they?
- What has been damaged by the graffiti (e.g. fence, bus stop, building, etc)?
- Can you indicate the repair cost for the damage caused by the graffiti?

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.

LIBRARY - "BOOKFAIR"

Thank you to all parents, students and staff who helped out the school by purchasing books through our "Bookfair". We had a very successful event and raised approximately \$490.00 to purchase more "Lexile" resources for the library. Mrs Smith

BONDING WITH BOOKS (Free)

The City of Gosnells Early Years Action Group (GEYAG) in collaboration with Centro Maddington is launching Bonding with Books at Centro Maddington on 27th August with free storytelling and reading sessions being held throughout the day. This will be followed by free storytelling reading sessions held at the shopping centre the first Thursday of every month between 10-11am except during school holidays.

ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly is being held on Friday 11th September in the library and being presented by the Year 1/2 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: Jacob & Caitlin
Year 1: Meisha
Year 2: Samantha
Year 3: Mason & Gursheer
Year 4: Connor M & Chloe
Year 5: Joshua
Year 6: Daniel



CAR PARK

I am concerned with the number of children who are walking in the car park unsupervised especially near the Kiss & Drop Zone. For safety reasons I ask parents to walk in and pick up their children from the classroom or the pick up area near the front entrance to the Staff driveway. Please talk to your children about Policy procedures. Thank you.



HEALTHY BANQUET

Don't forget to send in a piece of fruit for our healthy banquet on Thursdays.

Coming Events at Orange Grove Primary School	
Healthy Banquet (morning tea)	Every Thursday
Book Parade for "Bookweek"	27 August
Faction Athletics Cross Country	31 August
Faction Athletics Carnival	4 September
P&C Meeting (6.30pm)	8 September
Assembly hosted by Yr 1/2	11 September
Interscholar Athletics (jumps & throws)	15 September
Interscholar Athletics Carnival	18 September
Year 4/5 Assembly (Animation Launch)	25 September

RAINBOWS PROGRAM

This program is being offered once again early in Term 4. Rainbows is an extremely helpful program for any child who has suffered grief or loss in their lives, as it gives these children some useful coping strategies to deal with their situation. When something significant happens in a family, the whole family is affected. Even though divorce or death appears a grown-up problem, it does also have a profound effect upon the children it touches. A letter will be sent home to all students in Yrs 2-4.

Our current Value is "PATIENCE"

What is Patience?

- ✓ The capacity, will or ability to wait calmly for something to happen, or endure difficult situations without complaining or giving up:
- ✓ Steadiness, endurance, or perseverance in the performance of a task.

What does it look like at our school?

- Not giving up when the school work is hard.
- Not complaining about things when they are tough.
- Being willing to help someone who is slower than you.
- Taking time to understand someone who is different to you, or does not agree with you.

WHAT'S ON IN SPORT

State Cross Country Championships

On Tuesday 18th August, 11 of our students from Years 5, 6 & 7 represented the school in the State Cross Country Championships held at UWA sports ground. The students ran the following distances:

Year 5: 1500m, Year 6: 2000m, Year 7: 2500m

While all the students ran wonderful races, of particular note



were Teisha who came 68th out of 268. Tamika who ran a fantastic race and Rhiannon, who was a reluctant starter, exceeded all of our expectations in her race. The students were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to all

competitors.

Special thanks to; Candy Gribble, Di Karniewicz, Kathy Van Reeken, Isabelle Sauzier-Sellers and Judy McKenzie for assisting with transport; Miss Anderton for supervising and inspiring the runners; and Jan Orrell who organised the competitors uniforms

Faction Athletics Carnival: We still need more helpers for the carnival next Friday 4th September. If you can help for a few hours please complete the attached form below.

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.

FACTION SHIRTS

If you have any 2nd hand faction shirts that you no longer need, please bring them into school.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL - UPDATE

Take an ordinary shoe box, fill it with toys and other presents and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. That is the motivation behind Operation Christmas Child, the unique project of Samaritan's Purse that enables caring people to share kindness with hurting and needy girls and boys in the far corners of the globe. The Orange Grove Primary School community is invited to participate in this project, to make up at least 6 shoe boxes full of gifts.

Who can make up a shoebox full of gifts?

- ❖ A family unit or several families together
- ❖ A classroom or several classrooms corporately.
- ❖ An Individual or several individuals together.

What gender? – You can make up box/es for a boy or a girl. The age categories/levels to choose from are:

2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, 10-14 years old.

Gifts - The types and makeup of gifts are listed in a brochure that we can provide you with, upon request.

Information & Labels - The information you need, and the labels that correspond to your choice of gender and age level can either be collected from the front office at school; or you can ask me (John) directly for the materials that you need. The box/es need to be fully packed and handed in by AM Tuesday 22nd September 2009 (just over a month's time) so that I can then transport them to the nearest collection location. Much appreciated, John Baxter (School Chaplain)

P & C Update

Faction Carnival Cake Stall – 4th September Friday



It's on again, seeking donations of cakes, fruit, etc for the OGPS Faction Carnival Cake Stall. The stall is set up to sell coffee, tea and cakes with all money raised going to the P & C (your kids). We do need 2 volunteer parents from each class to man the stall for 30 minutes on the faction carnival day. Please write your name on the list on your child's classroom door if you can help.

Cake stall will run from 9am until 12pm, so it counts as recess. Please be aware, **NO** Canteen on this day, so don't forget to bring your picnic lunch.

Bunnings BBQ Weekend – 26th to 28th September

CALL TO ACTION – we need your help. Roster is now posted. Pick your time. We need 3 adults manning the station at all times. We will operate from 8.30am until 4.30pm. The weekend will raise \$3000 for the school, and this time it's only our time and effort, not our money. The Bunnings Customers will help us achieve our goal, we cook, and they spend and donate the money. Get a team of parents together and select your timeslot.

Still need 8 volunteers please. Super big thank you to Carolyn, Dean, Paul and Jackie who will run full days as co-ordinators.

Canteen Term 3 Roster – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Closed – Wednesday 26th August

Open – Friday 28th August

Open – Wednesday 2nd September

Closed – Friday 4th September.

CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR STILL REQUIRED

Yes we are still searching for a Co-ordinator, can you help???

Egg Cartons COLLECT-A-THON Still collecting egg tokens, if you have any please hand into the office. For extra details check the website. www.collectathon.com.au

Fathers Day OGPS Raffle

Closes the 4th September – Faction Carnival. Get your donations and raffle tickets in as soon as possible.

Some Other Important Dates for your Planners

P & C Meetings – Tuesday 8th September 6.30pm

Hope you enjoyed the update.

Jodie Smart, P & C President



ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL - FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELPERS FRIDAY 4th SEPT 2009

Please Return This Form to Your Child's Teacher by Friday 28th August

I am willing to help out:

Early Morning (Setting up)

Morning only

Afternoon only

Anytime

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Phone: _____