

NEWSLETTER

Principal: **Pat Nottle**

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Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,



I had a wonderful LSL break in Melbourne. If you are visiting there in the future, I can highly recommend the Melbourne Aquarium particularly the penguins at play on the ice.

STUDENT REPORTING - INTERVIEWS

At the end of term 2 you will be receiving a formal Semester 1 Student Report. Sometimes, teachers indicate that an interview is requested or parents may wish to have an interview. This process normally starts early next term although some teachers may decide to do this towards the end of this term. Please take up these opportunities.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, you may notice a few differences in the report. Grades will be given for all learning areas but only Mathematics and English will have a comment. Each child will have an overall general comment. If you require more information please do not hesitate to ask for an interview. Teachers welcome feedback on the reporting process.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners. The standard of spelling was very high and the sportsmanship shown by all participants commendable. Well done everyone.

- Year 1 - Paige
- Year 2 - Jazmin
- Year 3 - Lauren
- Year 4 - Jamison
- Year 5 - Emilka
- Year 6 - Kia
- Year 7 - Corinne



2008 SCHOOL REPORT

The schools Annual Report is now available from the office. Various information and celebrations have been presented throughout 2008/09 in our newsletters.

We are aiming to improve our NAPLAN results through good teaching strategies, online learning programmes such as "Spelladrome" and competitions for example "Spelling Bee". In 2008, the number of students at or above the national minimum standard in spelling was:

Year 3 - 95%, Year 5 - 94% and Year 7 - 68.7%.

NAIDOC WEEK

During the last week of school we will be taking part in NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee).

NAIDOC Activities - NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will have little activities for the students to enjoy at different times during the week.

ASSEMBLY

The year 2/3 assembly will be held this Friday 19th June, at 8.45am in the library. Hope to see you all there.

HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

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

Pre Primary: Tatiana
Year 1: Adrien & Jayda
Year 3: Shanae
Year 4: Steven
Year 5: Nicole & Jessica
Year 6: Shelby

VALUES AWARD

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr Wilson and Ms Harrington have been attending specialist training in Behaviour Management. This training will reinforce and build on skills and knowledge that staff already has. Miss Anderton has already undertaken this course.

CANTEEN

The school canteen provides a wonderful service to its community. The students have healthy options of what they can purchase at a very good price. Thank you to Kathy and Jan for working very hard for our kids. 22% of our families help in the canteen which is a good effort but I am sure this could increase with a few more volunteers. Grandparents are welcome.

POSTER COMPETITION

Our school's fruit and vegie garden doesn't have a name. Can you design a poster with a 'catchy' name and illustrations? Prizes will be given for the most original posters and one lucky person will have their garden name chosen. More details later.

IKEA ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Georgia and Emily M for submitting outstanding entries into the IKEA Art Competition and will be representing Orange Grove. Students were asked to create a piece of art work that represented their idea of 'home.' The top 40 entries will be displayed in the IKEA store from Monday 6th July until Friday 14th August and customers will be able to vote for their favourite entry during this time. The school with the most votes will be announced on Friday 21st August and will win \$10,000 in cash. Good luck Georgia and Emily! Please visit and have a vote.

Coming Events at Orange Grove Primary School

P & C Meeting - TONIGHT 6.30 in school boardroom	16 June
Playgroup 9.00 - 10.00	17 June
Assembly Year 2/3	19 June
Head Lice Check - 2.00pm	25 June
Semester One Reports sent home	2 July
Assembly Year 4/5	3 July
OGPS Lap-a-Thon 31 st July Friday 9am - 10.30am	31 July

Wonderful Writers

Congratulations to our "Wonderful Writers"

PP	1/2	2/3	4/5	5/6/7
1 st June				
Scout	Paige R Nathan L	Kaileesha Kai	Emilka Nicole	Sara Mitchell
8 June				
Faith		Sophie Miah	Travis Jaydon	Corinne

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!

KINDY/PRE-PRIMARY and YEAR 1 ENROLMENTS 2010

Applications for enrolment in kindergarten and pre-primary programs in 2010 close on Friday 24 July 2009. Call into the school office for an application form.

FREE BIKE HELMETS

For the next few weeks we are looking at our cyclists to reward those who cycle regularly and responsibly to school. Several new helmets will be awarded due to the support of the **Gosnells Bicycle User Group** (local residents that promote everyday cycling) and the **Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Grants** (Kevin Allen - Manager Woolworths Centro Maddington).

HEAD LICE CHECK

These pesky little insects are causing problems again. It would be wonderful if every family in the school checked and treated their children this week and on the weekend. Remember to follow up on the conditioner treatment.



Next week, a group of parents (*still require 1 more volunteer please let the office know if you can help out*) will be checking all students (with permission) and follow up notes will be sent home. Parents are welcome to come along and observe. Attached to this newsletter is the latest information from the Department of Health on Head Lice.

2009 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The Orange Grove PS School Council has endorsed the attached schedule of Charges and Voluntary Contributions for 2009. The total amount of Voluntary Contributions parents are being asked to pay is \$50.00 for 1 child, \$80.00 for 2 children or \$100.00 for 3 or more children. The school has set a target goal of 80% of families paying this contribution in 2009. Part payments will be accepted throughout the year.

SPORT

Cross country training is held every Thursday morning at 8:25am (weather permitting). Any student from Years 1-7 is welcome to join the training sessions which involve a run around the oval and a designated course through the bush tracks on the school property. Students from Years 4-7 will compete in the State Cross Country Championships in August this year.

CALLING ALL FILM-MAKERS!

Are you interested in making a two minute masterpiece? Would you like to have your film shown at a red carpet premiere? Would you like to win great prizes? If you answered 'yes', and are in Years 4 to 7 at Orange Grove P.S. then you should be a part of the Orange Grove Animated Film Festival! Please see Mr Fuller for further details or you can call into the office for an Expression of Interest Form.



DRESS CODE

The majority of children are wearing the appropriate hat but there is a group of children who are always borrowing hats from the office. Could parents please ensure that their children are dressed according to the dress code.

Our Value is
COMPASSION

What is Compassion??

- ✓ Showing kindness
- ✓ Compassion can be described as the humane quality of understanding the suffering of others and wanting to do something about it; then putting it into action by showing acts of kindness.

What does it look like at our school?

People showing pre-meditated or random acts of kindness, in lots of different ways. This may include: being a friend to a new student at school; offering a helping hand & then helping someone; comforting someone who is sad, and more.

P & C Update

Canteen Thank you to the families that helped fill the Term 2 Canteen Roster. We only have the 1st July (last Wednesday of Term 2) to fill, can you help??? Term 3 Roster will be posted shortly, yes we are seeking assistance here. Please consider how you can help???. Thank you.



Profit – As promised we would like to update everyone with the money raised from Canteen operating in 2009. **Congratulations we have raised \$2651.00** year to date. This simply can't be done without the efforts of Kathy, Jan and the other 16 volunteers. Thank you your efforts are brilliant.

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

Lock this date in your diary. It's a family and friend's morning you are all welcome to come and enjoy the activities. Donation sheets will be distributed to each child shortly. Prizes for the highest money raiser of each year level.



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

Some Other Important Dates for your Planners

P & C Meetings – Tuesday 16th June 6.30pm (tonight)

Cheese and Wine Night – see you tonight.

Bunnings BBQ Weekend – 26th to 28th September

Finer details to the above dates will follow shortly.

Jodie Smart, P & C President

PLAYGROUP - UNWANTED DRESS UP COSTUMES NEEDED

Playgroup is searching for unwanted dress up costumes. Do you have any at home? Are they not being used anymore? We have little ones at our playgroup desperate to extend their imaginative play. Can you assist with any donations? If so please drop your donations into the office or to playgroup this Wednesday in the Library.

Community News

City of Gosnells Women's Health Service

Staying Positive and Being Happy Workshop

Life is full of unexpected stresses and because of that we can often find ourselves losing motivation for life. Learn how to stay positive and cope with daily life stresses to help you stay motivated and achieve your goals. When: Friday, June 19th, Where: Gosnells Women's Health Service, Time: 9.30am - 11am, Cost: Free

Bookings Essential 9490 2258

Knitting Group

Gosnells Women's Health Service is running a knitting group who will be knitting for those in need. If you have any wool or needles, we'd appreciate their donation to this worthy cause.

If you're interested in joining our knitting group, please contact

Jemma Snow 9490 2258 or jemma.snow@gwhs.com.au

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