Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

A reminder to all parents and caregivers to please observe the road rules in the car park and Kiss & Drive to keep all our children safe. **If you have young children please ensure that you keep hold of them for their own safety, please do not leave them in the car in the car park.** Thank you.

### SCHOOL SAFETY RULES IN CAR PARK
**DRIVE SLOWLY 8KMH**
CAR PARK: Don’t walk through car park, walk around the outside of the car park.
Reverse parking only.

**KISS & DRIVE: Drop Off and Pick up ONLY**
No Parking - only for pick up after 3.05pm if child is waiting.

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Assembly
Well done to the year 4/5 class for the first assembly item of the year that was held last Friday. It was a rendition of the Beach Boys surfing song. It was a very appropriate and brought back lots of memories of summer fun at the beach for a lot of us. I’m glad no sharks were mentioned!

Minor Works
To improve safety of students at the school the Department is installing railing around the high part of the undercover area, installing hand rails on both sides of the steps leading up to the veranda from the staff room and enclosing underneath the building housing the art room, canteen and the year 2 classroom. There will be work going on around the school in the next few weeks so please avoid the areas where the workmen are working.

P&C
The P&C is a very important body representing the school community and as such is a great support to the school and students providing much needed resources and services. The Annual General meeting to vote in a new executive committee and office bearers was to be held at 6.30pm yesterday Tuesday 25 February. Unfortunately due to lack of numbers at the meeting, it had to be abandoned. It has been rescheduled to 8am Thursday March 6 with breakfast provided to all who can make it to the meeting. Please make an effort to attend as without a P&C we cannot have a canteen nor run any fundraising events for more resources. It is only 50c to join up so that you can have voting rights. It is vitally important that the school has a P&C. Meetings are held only twice a term and we can discuss at the AGM as to what times and days would be suitable for future meetings. Please complete the slip on back of this newsletter if you will be attending.

Heritage Garden
Bunnings in Maddington have very kindly agreed to help us develop our Heritage Garden to complete our 90th Anniversary celebrations. I have asked for help to build a gazebo and lay the bricks purchased by families to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the school.

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IPS Development Program
The new development program as part of the Independent Public Schools initiative started this week. Orange Grove Primary School has expressed interest in being part of the program and Carolyn Simmonds, School Council Chairperson representing the school community and I attended the first workshop on Monday. The program involves an extended period of action learning through which school communities develop their readiness to become Independent Public Schools. The program combines workshop sessions, tutorials and feedback over several months that principal’s action within their particular school contexts. The support of the school community is an integral component.

The three selection criteria to become an Independent Public School are rigorous. They focus on the capacity of schools to assume greater responsibility for their own affairs, and the level of local support, including staff support. Schools must also clearly articulate the potential benefits to students and the broader school community. I will keep you advised of developments and what it means for Orange Grove Primary School to become an Independent Primary School.

KidsMatter Primary
The PAThS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Skills) program has been implemented at Orange Grove Primary School as a whole school focus for the past year. It is a program to assist the social and emotional development of children. In order to build on the work we are doing in these areas, we have registered to be a KidsMatter Primary School commencing in 2014.

KidsMatter Primary is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools. It can be tailored to schools' local needs.

Through KidsMatter Primary, schools undertake a two to three year cyclical process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and that promotes:

- social and emotional learning (including evidence-based social and emotional learning programs eg PAThS)
- working authentically with parents, carers and families support for students who may be experiencing mental health difficulties

KidsMatter Primary provides a range of resources and support to all interested primary schools. These are provided free of charge. KidsMatter is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

To complete the parent survey online log into [https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey](https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey)

However if you prefer to complete the survey on paper you can collect one from the school office.

School Development Day
A reminder that Tuesday 4 March is a School Development Day and student **do not** attend this day.

Lesley Ghent - Principal
CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Congratulations to the following students who recently received Certificates

**Honour Certificates**
Pre Primary: Oliver
Year 1: Orion
Year 2: Nathan
Year 3: Connor
Year 4: Paige
Year 7: William & Beth

**Mathletics Awards**
*Silver: Zak, Zac, Erin, Imogen, Jonathon and Tahlia*
*Mathlete of the Week*
Junior: Brook  Senior: Ellie

**Values Award—Friendliness**
Pre Primary: Finlay
Year 2: Sienna
Year 4: Ellie
Year 5: Scout

**Wonderful Writer Award**
Pre Primary: Kaylee & Stephanie
Year 1: Tayjus
Year 2: Sofia
Year 3: Dila
Year 4: Nadin
Year 6: Baran

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### IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

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**Voluntary Contributions and Charges**

A reminder that voluntary contributions of $45 per student are due and a discount is available bringing the fees down to $40 per student if paid by the end of March. Please consider paying the voluntary contributions to the school as it assists towards the cost of resources for students attending the school. We are only a small school and every contribution helps. Last year only 59% of contributions were paid to the school. Part payments are available please see the office to setup a payment plan.

Sadly there were a number who did not pay for various excursions and incursions in 2013 but attended the activity and as a result it was left to the school to pay the balance of all outstanding money owed. This has created pressure on the schools finances and this is no longer sustainable. As of 2014 no child will be able to attend any excursion or incursion unless they have paid for the activity by the due date.

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**Snakes**

- Please report sightings of snakes to the school office.
- Treat all snakes as potentially venomous and rely on the experts for identification.
- You should not chase or attempt to capture the snake. Snakebites often occur when people accidentally step on snakes or when they are attempting to kill them.
- Action Required—when you see a snake
- Remain calm
- Leave the snake alone and remove yourself from its path or location
- Do not approach the snake or aggravate it in any way
- Do not ‘corner’ a snake
- Avoid sudden movements
- If the snake is in a room and its possible and safe to do so, shut the door and turn the lights off

**School Times**

- Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri: Start time: 8.45am — Finish Time: 3.05pm
- Thursday: Start time: 8.45am — Early Finish Time: 2.30pm

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**P & C AGM Meeting Breakfast**

Breakfast will be provided to all adults who can make it to the P & C AGM meeting on Thursday March 6 at 8am. Please complete the slip below indicating who will be coming and return it to the school office by 5 March.

I / we (full names) will be attending the breakfast.

Or email your reply to orangegrove.ps@education.wa.edu.au