Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

Interschool Cross Country, Jumps and Throws
Orange Grove Primary School hosted these events on Tuesday and the weather was perfect making it a great day for all! Congratulations to all the students who represented their school. The next part of the event will be held on Friday 24th October commencing at 9.00am.

All students representing their school will be supervised in their tents and parents are asked to please refrain from entering these tents. Students will be released during recess and lunch breaks to sit with their parents.

All students not involved in the interschool activities will remain in their classrooms and play on the bottom oval during breaks.

Kindergarten Enrolment Vacancies
There are still vacancies in the kindergarten for 2015. I will need 17 enrolments to start a straight Kindergarten or at least 10 to have a mixed K/P. Therefore I am inviting applications from parents with kindergarten children who already have siblings attending this school and who would be applying to attend Pre-primary at Orange Grove in 2016 and any new parents who only have kindergarten children. Unfortunately I have no vacancies in any other classes for 2015 but will still have to accommodate those children living within the school boundary. As Orange Grove PS is a non-local intake area, applications are only accepted in order of distance to the school.

Specialist Information Communication Technology Program
Thank you to the handful of parents who attended the technology information session held this morning. Even though this session was directed at year 3 parents as their children will be in year 4 when the program starts, all parents were invited through last week’s newsletter.

Orange Grove Primary School has had a specialist information communication technology program from year 4 onwards since 2008. This is a parent-funded program meaning parents purchase laptops for their children to use at school. From 2015 this will be iPads instead of laptops for a number of reasons which were explained at the information session. Trials at many primary schools have shown that the use of iPads in primary school settings:

- Enhances student’s learning in literacy and numeracy;
- Expands teachers’ classroom practices; and
- Facilitates the development of critical and creative approaches to teaching and learning.

If you have any queries regarding this program please don’t hesitate to come and discuss this with me.

Bushfire and Snake Season
It is now the start of the bushfire season and although our school is in a lovely environment surrounded by bush we are in a high risk zone for bushfires and snakes. Please make yourself familiar with the school’s evacuation plan for bushfire that is posted on all noticeboards around the school and is also printed on the back of this term’s school planner attached to this newsletter.

School Safety Rules in the Car Park
Drive Slowly—8km per hour
Don’t walk through the car park.
Walk around the outside of the car park.
Reverse parking only.

Kiss & Drive:
Drop Off and Pick up only
The Kiss & Drive is a No Parking zone.
It is only for pick up after 3.05pm if your child is waiting.

Instrumental Music Test-Guitar
All Year 5 students at Orange Grove will complete a Music Aptitude Test on Tuesday 28 October. Any student who satisfies the criteria for instrumental tuition will be offered a place in the Guitar Program for 2015.

If you do not want your child to sit the Music Test please contact Ms Cole in writing by Friday 24 October.
Have you noticed that there are more rose bushes planted in our Heritage Garden? In keeping with our school activities and our motto of “Friendship and Achievement”, the following rose bushes have been planted:

- Thank You
- RSL Rose
- Shooting Star
- Fire Fighter
- Happy Anniversary
- Fiona’s Wish
- Heritage
- Golden Celebration
- Happy Child
- and two thornless climbing roses: Zephine Dronghin and Pinkie

A Busy Bee is being held over the next 4 weeks on Thursdays between 1.00 and 2.30pm (early close). Your help would be greatly appreciated. Come along and meet new people!

- Mrs Smith