Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

Welcome Back to 2015
Welcome back to all the families at Orange Grove Primary School. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and hope that your journey at this school will be a very happy one. A very special welcome to our Kindergarten children, our first Kindergarten in a very long time! I hope that everyone had a safe and refreshing break ready for another special year of schooling at Orange Grove, our first year as an Independent Public School.

Staff at Orange Grove 2015
I wish to welcome the staff that are back this year and new staff who are starting at our school. The classes at Orange Grove Primary School for this year are as follows:

Kindergarten/Pre-Primary:
- Teacher - Mrs Banzic
- Education Assistant - Mrs Faranda/Ms Honeysett

Pre-Primary:
- Teacher - Mrs Turner & Mrs Hefferman
- Education Assistant - Mrs Burette/Mrs Faranda

Year 1:
- Teacher - Mrs Wilson (Semester 1)
- Education Assistant - Mrs Smith

Year 2/3:
- Teacher - Ms Harrington
- Education Assistant - Mrs Smith

Year 4/5:
- Teacher - Mr Bathols

Year 5/6:
- Teacher - Mrs Reed

Music:
- Teacher - Mrs Alderson

Art:
- Teacher - Mrs Jacquier

Physical Education:
- Teacher - Mr Friday (Term 1)

Other Staff
- Registrar - Mrs McHugh
- School Officer - Mrs Appleby (relief)
- Library Officer - Mrs Smith
- School Cleaners - Mrs Kennedy & Ms Houston
- School Gardeners - Mr Burrow & Mr Panizza
- Chaplain - Mr Collins

Staff Leave
Mrs Dickens is unfortunately on leave following her knee operation and we wish her a speedy recovery.
Ms Anderton is on maternity leave having given birth to a bouncing baby girl!

Vacancies for 2015
There are a few vacancies available only in the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes for the 2015 school year. If you are aware of anyone with children in these years looking for a place, please let them know. Unfortunately there are no vacancies in the other year levels.

Student Leadership
Welcome to our student leaders for 2015.

School Captains:  Bridie and Kynan

Faction Captains:
- Ellis - Scout and Bridie
- Bickley - Kynan and Luke
- Mason - Lucy and Chad

Congratulations again to these students for being elected to our leadership positions for 2015. They will be attending a Young Leaders Conference at the Perth Convention Centre on Friday March 6.

Supervision of students before and after school 8.15 – 8.30am
Unfortunately, due to the lack of staff availability, it is not possible to provide supervision of students prior to 8.15am. Parents will need to organise their own supervision with day care if they need to drop off students before 8.15am. Students arriving at school between 8.15am and 8.30am will be supervised at the Reading Club in the room next to the staff room. All students who arrive at school between these times need to go directly to the Reading Room as classrooms will not be open till 8.30am while teachers are preparing for the day. Students arriving between these times that are being supervised by their parents need to stay with their parents until 8.30am.

Students waiting to be picked up between 3.10pm and 3.20pm will be supervised under the trees near the Kiss & Drive.

Safety
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Song Room Program

Song Room is a national not for profit organisation with a vision that all Australian children have the opportunity to participate in quality music and arts programs to enhance their education, personal development and community involvement. We are very fortunate this year to have been selected by Song Room in providing an artist in residence for workshops in African Drumming at Orange Grove Primary School for the first semester. This is a wonderful incursion which will involve our children from Pre-Primary to Year 6. The children will be exposed to the music and culture of West Africa and be taught to drum. The teachers will be workshoped on how to teach African drumming. The cost for this incursion will be $5 per child and incursion notes will be sent out shortly.

School Newsletters

In order to be environmentally friendly and save on the use of paper, the school newsletter will be published from the next and every fortnight thereafter, in an electronic format available on the school website and through the Skoolbag App for Orange Grove PS. Paper copies will be posted on school noticeboards and available on request only. If you wish to have a paper copy or have the newsletter emailed to you, please contact the office and provide your email address to the office staff.

The Orange Grove PS Skoolbag App can be downloaded free on to Apple and Android smartphones from the Apple App store or Google Play. Just search “Orange Grove Primary School” in either store to find the App to install.

Lost Property

The Lost Property baskets are still over flowing with items not collected at the end of last year. Please come and have a look in the baskets on Friday in the Undercover area. Uncollected items at the end of the day will be donated to a local op shop.

School Safety Rules in the Car Park

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 and for their own safety, please do not leave them in the car 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.

School Uniform

School uniforms are compulsory for all public schools and as an Independent Public School, it is important that we project a good public image and be united in our presentation. All uniforms must display the correct logo for our school and follow the school dress code.

The school dress code states that the uniform is:

- Polo red shirt with blue collar displaying the school logo
- Navy blue pleated skirt or skort, shorts or trousers
- Black closed in shoes/flat semi closed sandals/ or black or predominantly white sneakers
- White ankle socks
- Navy school hat (wide brimmed or bucket)

The faction shirts may be worn for Physical Education (PE) lessons on Tuesdays or for sport and at faction carnivals but not for school excursions.

A detailed School Dress Code Policy is attached for your information and is also available on the school website www.ogps.wa.edu.au

Concerns or Issues

Should you have concerns or issues with your children at school please don’t hesitate to make an appointment to speak with the class teacher, Miss Cole, the Deputy Principal or me before you post anything on social media. It is better to have issues clarified and cleared up first and remember that for most of you Orange Grove Primary School is your school of choice and we hope that your children will have a very positive learning journey here. Our vision is about creating positive and resilient global citizens.

Gifted and Talented Programs

Gifted and Talented Academic, Language and Arts Programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed to bring out the very best in gifted students. Applications for Year 6 students going in to Year 7 in 2016. The selection process will take place when students are in Year 6. Applications close on Monday 9 February 2015.


Voluntary Contributions and Charges

A reminder that voluntary contributions of $45 per student are due and a discount is available bringing the contributions 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. Part payments are available please see the office to setup a payment plan.

Lesley Ghent - Principal

School Times

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

Values Award “Friendship”

For taking an interest in other people and sharing your time and happily sharing the things you have.

On Entry Assessments

On Entry Assessments for Pre Primary to year two will commence on Monday 16 March.