

Dear Parents and Community Members

## Year 1 Assembly

Well done to the year ones for their wonderful action song on Kindness at last Friday's assembly. They looked like they really enjoyed performing the song and so did everyone else.

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## Staff Retirements



One of our most experienced and dedicated teachers, Mrs Harrington has decided to retire at the end of this term after 45 and a half years' service educating children. She will be leaving a big void in the school. Mrs Harrington has provided a secure, safe and nurturing environment for her students at Orange Grove Primary School over the past 29 years, and encouraged parents to be partners in the education of their children. Her strong belief in children setting personal goals in their quest for self-improvement and excellence is reflected in the many achievements of her students past and present. She has also been the backbone of the school and played an active role in supporting staff and mentoring trainee teachers. Her firm no nonsense approach has also been instrumental in challenging her students to make the right choices to become better citizens. She took a particular interest in Science and encouraged students and teachers to become familiar with scientific knowledge and experiences. She will be sorely missed but I wish her all the very best in her journey to the next chapter of her life of well-deserved leisure.

Mrs Turner is another of our most experienced and dedicated teachers who actually retired at the end of last year after a 46 year career in education. She has been enjoying a leisurely lifestyle with the occasional stint at relief teaching. Mrs Turner, as a Pre-primary teacher, taught many young children starting on their first journey into education at Orange Grove Primary School for 26 years. She has been a delight to have in the school and has provided quality education to many young children. She often talks about her early days when she taught all the children in the classroom which is now back to being the Pre-primary classroom. Mrs Turner was a great asset to the school and provided support, expertise and experience to many children, parents and teachers with whom she worked. Her humour and no nonsense approach to things made her a respected and popular staff member who filled many roles and she will be dearly missed. I send my sincere wishes to Mrs Turner for a happy and wonderful retirement.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank both teachers most sincerely for their dedication and commitment to improving the lives of children through education in Western Australia and particularly Orange Grove Primary School where they have made a significant contribution to achieving the best outcomes for our children.

## *Lesley Ghent - Principal*

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## Boral Open Day

The Boral Open Day for this year was held on Sunday 21 May 2017. Boral is our industry partner and the open day was a great day for looking around the quarry. The bus tours with commentary about the workings of the quarry were a great experience. It was good to see so many children from the school come with their families to take a tour of the quarry.

The cake stall and sausage sizzle run by the P&C to raise money for school resources was a success. Thank you to all the families that supported the stall with donations and a huge thank you hug to all the Mums that turned up on that wet day to work in the stall and at the sausage sizzle. Your tireless work for the school is very much appreciated. Money raised by the P&C ladies has



already so far been used to subsidise the CREEC excursion attended by the year 2 to 6 classes and to subsidise the workbooks for the forthcoming Life Education Van incursion. All these wonderful experiences have been organised to enhance the learning of your children which may not have been possible without the P&C fundraising.

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## National Walk and Ride to School Day

This was another successful day with many children and parents walking or riding to school despite the threatening weather but thank goodness it stayed away until later. All children walking or riding to school received a raffle ticket and the three winners were Caleb, Rheanon and Liam.



The free breakfast in the undercover area donated by Foodbank and picked up by Mr C was enjoyed by many children. Thank you to all the teachers, Izzy and Mr C who helped out in the morning to make celebrating a healthy lifestyle such a joyous one.



## Kindergarten and Pre Primary 2018

Applications for Kindergarten places for 2018 are now open. If you or your friends have children starting Kindergarten in 2018, please contact the office for an application. Pre Primary applications are also available from the office, if you currently have a child in kindergarten at Orange Grove you will need to submit an application for enrolment for Pre Primary 2018.

## School Contributions

If families still haven't paid school fees for this year, please consider paying to assist the school to purchase student resources. We are a very small school and rely on fees to supplement the Student Centred Funding we receive from the Education Department. Our fees are the lowest in the area at \$45.00 per student.



Honour Certificate Recipients



Values Recipients



Mathletics Certificates Recipients

**Congratulations to the following students who received certificates at our last assembly**

### Honour Certificates

PP Connor B  
Yr 1 Joe  
Yr 2 Kalayshia  
Yr 3 Nicholas  
Yr 4 Keely  
Yr 5 Anthony

### Mathletics

Junior: Ethan  
Senior: Zac W

### Values Certificates

Junior: Jasper  
Senior: Anthony

### SCHOOL SAFETY RULES IN CAR PARK

- ✓ **DRIVE SLOWLY 8 Km/H**
- ✓ **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.

## Chaplain's Chat – "I have a plan"

I reckon "life" is great when everything around me is going to plan. It feels like the sun is always shining, the birds are singing and we have a spring in our step as we enjoy the beauty of our situation. Pure paradise!

However, have you ever had one of those 'out of the blue' moments when, all of a sudden, something unexpected happens and your paradise stops in an instant?

Well that happened to me the other day. Just when I thought things were under control, I was shocked to receive some bad family news. When paradise is shattered, soul searching begins. If this has happened to you, then I encourage you to let 'life' run its course because we never know how it will finish or what we will discover along the way. Who you are today may be different to who you will become tomorrow as you pass through the deeper waters of life.

Hang in there, my friend. With the support of loved ones, I truly believe all will be well in the end.

Chat soon, Mr C (Chaplain)

## Tonka Trucks Wanted

If you have any old Tonka Trucks lying around that you no longer want, Jan Orrell would greatly appreciate them. Jan has some creative fundraising ideas for our P&C Father's Day stall. The Tonka Trucks can be dropped off to the office and we will pass them on to Jan.



## P&C LOTTO WEEK 1 WINNERS – Congratulations to

19 – Kara Brown  
83 – Jan White

## IMPORTANT DATES

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June     | Public Holiday                 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June     | PP - Yr 6 Scitech Incursion    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> June     | Student Leader Assembly – 8.45 |
| 22/23 <sup>rd</sup> June | Life Education Van (Incursion) |
| 23 June                  | Student Leader Assembly – 8.45 |