Dear Students, Parents and Community Members

**Graduation Photos**
Tomorrow, Thursday 5 November at 10am, students in the year 6 class will be having their graduation photo taken by MSP Photography. Please ensure all year 6 students come to school in full school uniform and their graduation shirt for the photo session. Please ensure that the students wear black shoes with white socks and no faction shirts.

**P&C Fundraising - Halloween Disco**
Thank you so much to the wonderful mums who spent hours/days of their time preparing to make the disco a really fun time for the children who attended and to raise funds for more resources for the school. A number of parents also donated snacks, drinks and decorations for the disco. Your donations were very much appreciated. The CAVE looked amazing with the decorations and the children had a wonderful time with Mums working at different activity stations which included a photo booth, icy pole station, face painting, pin the wart on the witch and stick on tattoos. Thank you to all the teachers who supervised and Mr Bathols for being the DJ for the afternoon.

**Sporting Schools**
The school has once again received a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation to engage children in sport. We are running this in school time on Thursdays as part of school sport so all children from pre-primary to year 6 can benefit. We have secured the services of a volleyball coach to teach the children the skills required to play volleyball.

**Open Day – Friday 6 November 1:15pm**
This is a special afternoon particularly for our grandparents but the school community and friends are also invited to attend. There will performances by the school choir, year 3/4 drummers and the guitar ensemble at the assembly commencing at 1:15pm. There will be afternoon tea provided after which classrooms will be open at 2pm.

**Kindergarten Grounds**
We finally have contractors who are reticulating and putting grass down in the Kindergarten grounds which will be completed by this Friday.

**Interschool Athletics**
Congratulations to all the children who represented Orange Grove Primary School at the Interschool Carnival on Friday 23 October. The children were great ambassadors for the school as they were impeccably behaved and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Orange Grove Primary School came second again for the second year in a row, so well done to all the children who represented the school on both days of the carnival.

Congratulations to the place getters who are as follows:
- Runner-Up Intermediate Boys Champion: Jacob E
- Runner-Up Senior Girls Champion: Kiara
- Runner-Up Senior Boys Champion: Jacob P-M

**Peace Garden and Kiss and Drive Paths**
We are very grateful to our industry partner Boral for donating gravel dust and the Conservation Volunteers for improving our sandy path in the Peace Garden and for extending the path down to the Kiss and Drive for children to walk on. It all looks wonderful and is a huge improvement to what we had before. Parents and children are welcome to have a look and walk through the garden together but please take care and be wary of snakes in this weather.

Lesley Ghent - Principal
P&C Update

The Halloween disco was a great success again, with fun had by all. We raised approximately $500 so well done and thank you for supporting the P&C!

Thank you to those who helped by donating items, making goody bags, decorating the CAVE, helping at the disco and packing away afterwards. It took a lot of time and effort and without the following people’s help and support these sorts of events would not be possible. So thank you to the following families;


A big thank you also to the teachers and our resident DJ – Mr Bathols!

We also appreciate Lyndal Seaton and Carol Rusch for organising the Parents Day Off (PDO) recess and lunch on Friday.

Applications Now Open for Gifted and Talented Programs

Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs offer children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent the opportunity to study an enriched and challenging curriculum at one of 17 public secondary schools. Applications are open for children entering year 7 in 2017. Apply now through the link above.

Chaplain’s Chat - Bigger Thinking

I find it amazing that when two people are faced with a similar dilemma, they will often respond in very different ways. Is this by chance, by choice, or something else?

Last week I spoke to Spencer, a seven year old boy grappling with the normal grief and loss associated with the impending death of his beloved puppy, Molly, from cancer. Spencer is deeply saddened by this reality, but has responded in a remarkable and ‘bigger thinking’ way.

Such tragic news could easily result in anger and bitterness, however, Spencer has chosen to think of others, not himself. He has decided against being paralysed by his grief and has proactively chosen to organize a fundraising walk called “Molly’s Walk” (see details on Facebook) to raise money for the Australian Animal Cancer Foundation. A great example of responding to a difficult situation in a positive way.

This young boy has chosen to ‘think bigger’ by looking after the needs of others rather than being swept away by his own circumstance – remarkable!

We too can think this way. As we ‘think bigger’ we can rise above our present difficulties, look out for the needs of others and unlock this potential in our community.

Together we make a big difference.

Mr C (Chaplain at Orange Grove Primary School)

Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who recently received certificates.

Mathletics

Silver Certificates
PP: Ronan
Yr 1: Dechlan
Yr 2: Calen
Yr 2: Lachlan
Yr 3: Jessie
Yr 3: Miya
Yr 4: Bonnie
Yr 4: Lilly
Yr 4: Zac

Gold Certificates
Yr 4: Imogen

Mathletes of the Week
Junior: Lachlan
Senior: Dila

Honour Certificates
Kindy: Jeremiah
PP: Nate
Yr 1: Giovanni
Yr 1: Jazmine
Yr 2: Brock
Yr 3: Jacob E
Yr 4: Oliver
Yr 5: Asees
Yr 6: Jacob P-M

Values Award - Gratitude
Junior: Grace
Senior: Lilly

Important Dates

Thursday 5 November
- 10:00am Year 6 Graduation Photo

Friday 6 November
- 8:15am P&C Meeting in School Board Room
- 8:15am-8:45am Secondhand uniform stall
- 1:15pm Open Day for parents, grandparents and friends

Friday 13 November
8:45am Assembly - Kindy and PP