Dear Students, Parents and Community Members

Assembly

Congratulations to Mrs Wilson and the year 1 children for their fantastic performance of the “Wonky Donkey” at last Friday’s assembly. It was a wonderful rendition of the story. Well done Year ones, I am very proud of you all.

P&C Fundraising - Playground Art

Thank you to the fundraising committee headed by Carol Rusch for organising the playground painting of children’s educational games which was completed last week and available for the children to play on from Monday. The children are very excited and many have been playing on the painted games; apart from the fact that the playground area looks very colourful and child friendly.

Giant Chessboards

The school has also paid for two giant chessboards to be painted in the CAVE. The painting was finished on Monday and will be available to children to play on next Monday. The school has also purchased a giant chess set and giant draughts for children to play with on the boards.

Volunteers Morning Tea

A thank you morning tea for all volunteers who have helped out at the school is being held on Tuesday 8th December at 10:15am in the CAVE. An invitation was sent home with every child yesterday. If you haven’t seen the invitation, please ask your children for it. It was also sent out on the school app. We appreciate the time volunteers give to the school and if you have helped the school out in any way whether it be in time or donations, please come to the morning tea so we can personally thank you.

Swimming

The children from PP to year 6 started swimming lessons last week at Darling Range Sports College. Learning to swim and refining skills plays an important part in our curriculum. The children have been learning new skills and having fun too.

CAR PARK SAFETY

Please follow the rules and reverse park and walk around the outside of the car park NOT THROUGH IT. Please drive slowly, maximum 8km, and please be courteous and patient when driving through the school. There is no place for road rage or bad manners. Please make sure you lock and leave and don’t leave any bags (even if there is nothing precious in them) in view of would be thieves. Thank you.

Lesley Ghent – Principal

In Term Swimming - Student Report

Every year in term four the school does swimming lessons at Darling Range Sports College. At swimming we learn lots of fun swimming techniques that help us to survive if anything happens to us in the water. Swimming lessons consist of ten fun days that we all enjoy and on the 10th day we have a test and then play games.

Chad and Jacob, Yr 6
Chaplain’s Chat - Eating Ants Work

I’m sure you have heard of Reg Foggerdy, the Perth grandfather who was lost in the desert for six days with no food or water, only surviving by desperately eating black ants. Yum, yum!

Reg, within hours of death, recalled saying his ‘goodbyes’ to loved ones, then peacefully laid down and closed his eyes for the last time – so he thought. Only then was he unexpectedly woken up by his rescuers!

I find it significant that Reg, after expressing how he felt about his loved ones, was then overcome by a sense of peace in such a dire situation.

As we head towards Christmas in 2016 I encourage us all to express the love we feel towards those around us. Be brave and say the things that are often left unsaid. You might be surprised, like Reg, at the inner peace and contentment that will come your way.

Happy ant eating!!

Mr C
Chaplain at Orange Grove PS

Our Generous School Community...

As a practical example of our ‘value of the month’, the Orange Grove Primary School community will be generously giving to the 2015 Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. This community service is organised by the local Salvation Army Church in Gosnells and will be helping local families this Christmas. All members of our school community are invited to generously donate:

- new Christmas gifts for kids up to 16 years old (NB: please do not wrap presents and soft toys are not needed this year).
- food and/or trimmings associated with a traditional Christmas meal.

Donations are required at Orange Grove Primary School by Thursday 10 December 2015. Early contributions are most welcome.

Need more info? Contact Grant Collins (Chaplain) at Orange Grove Primary School or call Mavis Clarke (Appeal Coordinator) on 0403 097 412.

May you have a very merry Christmas season filled with love, joy, peace and hope for the coming year.

Cheers, Mr C. (Chaplain)