

Dear Parents and Community Members

Assembly

I was very impressed with the year 5/6 assembly last Friday on the school's value of the month which is "Bravery". They took the definition of bravery to another level and gave some excellent examples. I am sure that the majority of the student body in the school will remember and practise this value.

School Robbery

It is with a very sad and heavy heart that I let everyone know that the reason there hasn't been any messages or photos of children at school events on our visual display unit because it was stolen at the end of the school holidays. The office was broken into and the school camera also stolen.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting for 2017 is being held at 8.45am on Thursday 23rd March. It will be held in the Board Room at the office. Please consider nominating for a position on the executive committee to head the P&C or joining to assist your children with fund raising for resources for the school. Nomination forms are available from the office.

School Contributions

If families still haven't paid school fees for this year, please consider paying before the end of March 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, \$40 for the year if you pay before the end of March and \$45 from 1st April.

Vacancies for 2017

There are a few vacancies available in Kindergarten only. Unfortunately there are no vacancies in any other year levels.

Sporting Schools Grant

Orange Grove Primary School has been successful in receiving a grant from the Federal Government to run a sport program during school hours. Students from years 1-6 are receiving coaching in cricket on Mondays for this term during physical education classes.

School Board

The first School Board meeting for 2017 is to be held in the Board room next week on Tuesday 28th February from 5pm.

Staff Leave

Miss Cole has decided to extend her long service leave till the end of the term. We all wish her an enjoyable break from a very busy school life. In her absence, Mrs Heffernan will be acting Deputy Principal with Mrs Dowe continuing to teach in Pre-primary from Monday to Thursday each week. Mrs Banzic will take over on Fridays.

Lesmurdie SHS Extension and Acceleration Program (LEAP)

An Approved Specialist Program in Science and Mathematics for Students in Year 7 – 9 gives your child the opportunity to explore their talents and extend their learning at a specialist level. If your child is entering Year 7 in 2018 you can apply for selection. Testing will take place at Lesmurdie Senior High School on Saturday 25th March 2017, commencing at 8.45am. Information and application forms are available on the LEAP page at lesmurdie.wa.edu.au or telephone Jessica Cabbage LEAP Coordinator, on 9291 1247.

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.



Lesley Ghent, Principal

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

Honour Certificates

PP Liam B
 Yr 1 Braden B
 Yr 2 Peyton B
 Yr 3 Stephanie D
 Yr 4 Ethan B
 Yr 6 Stephen K
 Yr 6 Joshua S

Mathletics

Zac W
 Finlay A
 Ronan B
 Jerry B
 Liam W
 Taia W

Values Certificates

Junior Ryder U
 Senior Jonathon P

Chaplain's Chat – Brave generosity

Once upon a time there was a widowed woman with no family support trying to make ends meet. She lived in a country where there was no government help and no organized relief agencies. She was in a difficult financial situation.

One day she came across a fundraising project aimed at helping people in need. Many rich people in the local community were donating large amounts to the worthy cause. The woman also felt drawn to give, however she only gave a very small amount.

Seeing all this, a wise man was quick to say, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has given more than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Some decisions in life need us to be brave. This woman showed great bravery in generously giving all she had. Some people may not have seen her gift of a few cents as significant, but to her it was everything. The significance was not about the money, but her selfless 'gift'.

I encourage us all to be bravely generous with others - people we know and those we don't. Brave generosity grows and changes us for the better. No matter what or how much we give, we make a difference to others and ourselves.

Bread Run News: OGPS has been generously offered Bakers Delight's left over bread each fortnight. After Friday Assemblies, please feel free to take what bread you need from the bench outside the staffroom.

Mr C (Chaplain)

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box outside Pre-Primary if you are missing any items. All lost property not collected by Friday this week will be given away to charity.

