

Dear Parents and Community Members

Pre Primary Assembly

It was such a delightful way to start the day last Friday with the Pre-Primary assembly item "Going on a Bear Hunt". They finally found the bear and what a happy, friendly bear he was! The children recited and performed the actions so well. Well done Pre-Primaries and thanks to Mrs Heffernan and Mrs Burette who came in on their days off to make sure the children were comfortable performing.



Playgroup

The playgroup coordinated by Vanessa Inwood in the Kindergarten started last Monday 8 May at 8.45am. The playgroup is not only restricted to families attending Orange Grove Primary School. If any parents are interested in bringing their pre-school children to a playgroup, come along on any Monday. Please bring a piece of fruit for the children to share and a gold coin donation for refreshments.

Boral Open Day

The Boral Open Day for this year will be held on this Sunday 21 May 2017. Boral is our industry partner and the open day is a great day for looking around the quarry. There are bus tours with commentary about the workings of the quarry. There will be a cake stall and sausage sizzle run by the P&C to raise money for school resources. The P&C is asking the school community for donations of cakes and slices to sell and for help in the stall. Please take this opportunity to help the P&C raise funds for resources for your children which includes subsidies for excursions, cost of the Athletics program, subsidies towards the Year 5/6 camp and graduation lunch.

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.

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.

National Walk and Ride to School Day

This is being held on Friday 19 May and children and parents are encouraged to walk or ride to school if possible. All children walking or riding to school will be met at the path by Mr C with a sticker and Izzy the mascot will greet children at the gate to the school. I hope the weather stays fine for the morning. **Breakfast** - There will be a free breakfast donated by Foodbank for all children in the undercover area to celebrate National Walk & Ride to School Day.

Canning River Eco Education Centre

Children from years 2 to 6 are going on an excursion to the Canning River Eco Education Centre on Monday 22 May. The bus departs the school at 8.45am so please make sure your children are at school by 8.15am to prepare for departure. A reminder note is being sent out by the teachers. Thank you to Miss Anderton and Mrs Wilson for organising this excursion. This excursion would normally cost \$12 per child but due to the PALS grant that the school received and the P&C subsidy the cost is down to an affordable \$3.00.

Staff Movements

Congratulations to Miss Cole who has been offered a temporary position as Principal of Westfield Park Primary School commencing on Monday 22 May till the end of term. In Miss Cole's absence, Mrs Heffernan will be stepping up as Deputy Principal. Interviews are being held to appoint a full time qualified early childhood teacher to the Pre-Primary class commencing Monday 22 May. I will announce and advise parents of the successful applicant as soon as it is decided.

Lesley Ghent - Principal



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

Honour Certificates

PP Alyssa
 Yr 1 Raaeen
 Yr 2 Mia
 Yr 3 Kierah
 Yr 4 Tyga
 Yr 6 Dila
 Yr 6 Zac

Mathletics

Junior: Kyhe
 Senior: Keely

Values Certificates

Junior: Lawson
 Senior: Brook & Rheannon

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 – Joy despite Crime

A couple of weeks ago my home was the target of robbery. Someone was 'kind enough' to park in my driveway, kick down my front door, rummage through my home, steal our belongings (some irreplaceable), then drive off. Generally, this would not be a joyful experience, but in moments like these we learn much about ourselves.

Spookily, OPGS's value this month is 'joyfulness'. As we have been discussing in class, joyfulness is a "deep down feeling of happiness which rises from knowing that I am loved". Happiness comes and goes with the ups and downs of life.

However, joyfulness is not so fickle because feeling loved gives us a deep calmness of spirit inside, allowing us to ride the bumps of life whilst retaining a sense of joy and peace.

Back to my story. To my pleasant surprise, even in the midst of unpleasant circumstances, I actually experienced joyfulness arriving home that day. I had a strangely comforting sense of peace despite just being robbed. Knowing that I am deeply loved gave me perspective and there was no way such a crime was going to steal my joy.

So, go forth to love and be loved. It will make a joyful difference to you and those around you...

Mr C (Chaplain)

FREE FAMILY OPEN DAY



SUNDAY 21st May 10am-2pm

BORAL'S ORANGE GROVE QUARRY: STEPHEN STREET, ORANGE GROVE!

- Experience Family Fun Activities (for kids, young and old).
- Face Painting & Jumping Castle.
- Cake stalls, Making of pet rocks and Colouring in.
- Free Sausage Sizzle.
- Free Massages.
- Tour of Quarry (guided tours of the quarry, throughout the day).

HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS !

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Please wear clothing suitable for the outdoors and ensure your family are wearing sturdy enclosed footwear. Wet weather clothing may be necessary in case of rain. All visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Your safety is important to us, please follow all instructions given on site during your visit. We look forward to seeing you there.

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