Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

**Safety**
*If you have young children please ensure that you keep hold of them when walking to your cars for their own safety and please do not leave young children unattended in the car in the car park.*

**Assembly**
The year 2/3 class in room 4 did an awesome job in singing the dinosaur song with actions at the school assembly last Friday. The masks they made for the item were great! Well done to all the children in room 4.

**Young Leaders Conference**
Our school’s young leaders (Student Councillors and Faction Captains) visited the Perth Convention Centre on Friday 6th March for a full day of activities including listening to inspiring talks by the author Andy Griffiths and aspiring Mars astronaut Josh Byrne. By all reports, it was a fantastic day for our young leaders and I hope that it inspired them to develop their leadership skills and become better young leaders.

**Harmony Day**
21st March is Harmony Day in Australia and events are being held Nationwide to celebrate the cultural diversity that is Australia. The school will be holding its own celebration on Friday 20th March with a national costume parade in the covered assembly area. Children are encouraged to wear a national costume to celebrate their own or others’ cultural diversity or wear orange or an orange ribbon to signify harmony. There will be some entertainment with selected students performing ethnic dancing and African drumming.

**Thank You**
A very big thank you to Adrian Humphries for digging out the bench from the now closed Maddington Community Kindergarten and Lyndal Seaton for delivering it to the school. It will be installed at the Kiss and Drive so that children waiting to be picked up can be seated. Thank you also to Cindy Johnston for donating quick set cement for its installation so that it doesn’t get stolen!

**Successful Artwork**
Congratulations to Imogen Alexander for her artwork being selected for the month of April in the 2015 Roadwise School Road Safety Calendar. This competition was sponsored by the City of Gosnells. It was open to all local schools and attracted a large number of entries.

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**The School Board**
The School Board members for Orange Grove Primary School in its inaugural year as an Independent Public School are as follows:
- Carolyn Simmonds (community member) – Chair
- Vanessa Lennon (Parent)
- Cindy Johnston (Parent)
- Lesley Ghent (Principal)
- Cass Cole (Staff)
- Clare Heffeman (Staff)
- Phillip Harris – Boral General Manager WA Quarries (Industry)
- Associate Professor Susan Beltman (Curtin University)

The first Board meeting will be held on Monday 30th March at 5.30pm to develop the school’s Business Plan.

**Voluntary Contributions and Charges**
To date we have received 41% of our voluntary contributions. The voluntary contribution of $45 per student is discounted to $40 per student if paid by the end of March. Please consider paying the voluntary contributions to the school as it assists towards the cost of resources for students attending the school. We are only a small school and every contribution helps. Part payments are available please see the office to setup a payment plan.

**National Ride 2 School Day**
On Friday 13 March 2015 we celebrated the ninth National Ride2School Day event. Over 300,000 Australian students, rode, walked, scooted or skated to school.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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When we left the school, we were all noisy on the bus talking about camp and what we were going to do. When we got there, we unpacked in our dorms. The dorms had bunk beds that were really squeaky. We then went to the Big Swing and Crate Climb. We all faced our fears and had a great time. Then we went back to camp and had a quiz night, then went to bed. When we woke, we did four activities. They were the Lost Pilot, Caving, Flying Fox and Archery. We all had so much fun! Then we came back and had a talent quest and watched a movie. On our last day we went to the beach and did Surf Lifesaving and Team Games. We then came back to Orange Grove Primary School. We all had a great time at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp.

By Ebony-Grace Newman.

On Friday the 6th of March the eight young leaders from Orange Grove Primary School went to the National Young Leaders Day. At the Young Leaders Day we listened to 5 different speakers and one of them was Andy Griffiths. In the theatre there were one thousand five hundred people. All the young leaders thought it was really inspirational and AWESOME!

By Chad Hosie
Wonderful Writers
K: Bentley, Year 1: Mia, Year 2: Cassie, Year 2: Tony, Year 4: Imogen, Year 5: Betty, Year 5: Damien

Mathletics Awards
Gold: Caleb, Miya, Dila
Silver: Nadi, Joshua, Tyler, Connor, Declan, Ethan S, Lilly, Sofia, Ebony-Grace, Anthony, Tahlia, Imogen

Mathlete of the Week
Junior: Caleb
Senior: Lilly

Values Award - “Excellence”
Junior - Brianna  Senior - Caleb
For giving your best effort and developing your gifts further. For setting realistic goals, not being afraid to fail and never giving up.

CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS
Congratulations to the following students who recently received Certificates

K: Kiara  Year 1: Nazrinna
Year 2: Tony  Year 3: Caleb
Year 4: Dakota  Year 4: Zac
Year 6: Ashleigh  Year 6: Ebony-Grace
Year 6: Jackson

P&C Corner
Second Hand Uniform Shop
The P&C will be running a second hand uniform shop again this year. If you have any uniform items at home that you no longer have a need for we would really appreciate any donations. This includes shirts, hats and jumpers with the NEW school emblem or plain navy blue shorts, pants or skirts etc.
We will be organising a “donation day” (date TBA) when you can bring in your old uniforms or if you are unable to make it on that day feel free to give them to me when you are able to make it into the school. From term two we will have regular open days.
Many thanks, Stacey Verco
Co-ordinator - Second hand uniform shop

Hot Cross Bun Orders
The order forms for our Easter Hot Cross Buns are due back on Wednesday 25 March. The Hot Cross Buns will delivered to the school on Monday 30 March and sent home with the children just in time for the Easter weekend.

Curtin University
School of Physiotherapy & Exercise Science
Back Care Awareness Program
On Wednesday April 1st 2015 a group of 3rd year Physiotherapy Students from Curtin University will present valuable information about back care that the school students can incorporate into their everyday lives to the Year 5/6 class in Room 2.
Topics covered will include:
- Common causes of back injuries
- Basic anatomy of the spine and the way in which these structures respond to injury
- Postural awareness and good ergonomics when sitting, using a computer (desk top and lap top), lifting, carrying schoolbags and other relevant activities
- The importance of health and exercise
The classroom teacher will be present throughout the talk.

P&C General Meeting
The next P&C General Meeting for 2015 will be held in the Music room at 8am on Thursday 19th March. Voting will occur at this meeting for the position of Vice-President and two more Executive Committee Members. All financial members of the P&C are eligible to nominate for positions and vote.

School Times
Monday 8:45 am - 3:05 pm
Tuesday 8:45 am - 3:05 pm
Wednesday 8:45 am - 3:05 pm
Thursday 8:45 am - 2:30 pm
Friday 8:45 am - 3:05 pm

*Please note early finish*
School Photos
Our School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 25th of March 2015. Personalised Envelopes were sent home to parents yesterday. PLEASE NOTE You now have the option of placing your photo order ONLINE instead of filling in the pre-paid envelope, refer to your child’s personalised envelope for details about online ordering, or phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465 if you have any queries. If you are placing your order through the pre-paid envelope please make sure that your child brings the envelope to school on photo day to hand to the photographer, otherwise your order will be missed. NOTE: If you have placed your order online, you DO NOT need to bring in your envelope to hand to the photographer.
If you wish to purchase a family photo, please come to the administration office to collect a Family envelope. It is the eldest child’s responsibility to collect their siblings at the scheduled time for family photos. On delivery of the school photos the family photos will be left at reception for parents to collect, they will not be sent home with the children. NOTE: Family photos cannot be ordered online.
NO CHANGE will be given so please ensure correct money is enclosed in your envelope. We now offer online ordering for your convenience. Payment for photos can be made by cash, cheque or money order in your prepaid envelope or via Credit Card for Online Purchases Only.
All children will have an individual portrait taken whether purchasing photos or not for the school data base. If you have not placed an order on photo day you can still ORDER ONLINE up to 6 days after the last photo day. If you wish to place an order and it is after the 6 day period please phone MSP Photography on 08 9342 3465. PLEASE NOTE: Orders placed after the 6 Day period will incur late fees.
All children will have the opportunity to purchase Specialist Group Photos, once the photos have been delivered to the school, at $15.00 each. The photos will be on display at reception for 2 weeks after the delivery of our photos for ordering. Please go to School Reception for viewing and ordering. Any Special orders placed after the due date set will incur late fees.

Library Corner
It has been wonderful to see the children borrowing books and bringing in the fantastic creations they have made. Levi from the Pre-Primary made a wonderful robot and Dila from Year 4 a lovely little papier mache bowl. These books can be found in the non-fiction section 745.5. The new Litpro non-fiction books have also been flying off the shelves with children eager to read them and take quizzes.

It is lovely to see the enthusiasm and interest that the children are taking in their school Library. Any parents available to help make up pamphlet boxes on Thursdays between 1-2.30pm please see Mrs Smith. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Smith

Neighbourhood Watch Anti Theft Screws
We are in need of a few volunteers that might have an hour (or more) to spare on the following dates and times that could help the community by installing anti theft screws into vehicles to help avoid the theft of number plates.
Maddington Bunnings – Sunday March 15th from 9am to Midday
Armadale Bunnings – Sunday April 19th from 11am to 2pm
In 2011 there were over 3100 number plates stolen in WA
In 2012 there were over 4200 number plates stolen in WA
In 2013 there were over 4500 number plates stolen in WA
Bunnings is supporting Neighbourhood Watch by supplying 850 Anti Theft screws per event. This is a safety initiative for the community, so if anyone has any queries then please don’t hesitate to make contact with me at any time.
Terry Brown
Chairman – Gosnells District Neighbourhood Watch Committee
Home: 9459 9693 Mobile: 0419042377 Email: teb@tpg.com.au

What is the Safety House Program?
Safety House is a community based “Good Neighbour” program of volunteer householders willing to help any young child in need in their local community. The Safety House program offers a place of help and safety for children if they ever feel unsure or unsafe when they are away from home and school.
A Safety House sign on a letterbox or shop window means that the premises are safe and the adult residents have been thoroughly Police Checked. Regular checks are made on each Safety House to ensure it is a safe place. If you would like further information on the Safety House Program please go to their website; www.safetyhousewa.org.au or contact them on 9434 7511.