Dear Students, Parents and Community Members

Welcome back to our final term for 2015. I hope that you all had a very restful break from the routines of school for the past two weeks.

**Safety in the school grounds**

Please ensure that you reverse park in the designated areas and keep to the school speed limit of 8km/h. Our children's safety is paramount.

**Bush Fire Season – Are you Bushfire Ready?**

It is that time of the year again when we need to be very aware of bush fires. Our school is in a lovely bush environment and therefore in a dangerous bush fire zone. Please make sure that you become familiar with the school's bush fire and evacuation plan which is posted in the School Policies section on the school website.

**Term 4 Events**

We have a very busy term ahead of us. School events have been listed on the school calendar and the term planner on the website. A printed copy is available at the office if you would like one.

Please note in your diaries, the following major activities which will be occurring this term:

**Tuesday 20 October**

Interschool Athletics jumps and throws - from 9:00am at Herne Hill Primary School

**Friday 23 October**

Interschool Athletics Carnival - from 9:00am at Herne Hill Primary School

**Friday 6 November**

School Open Day for Grandparents, Parents and Friends - from 1:15pm

**Monday 14 December**

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony - from 8:45am

**Tuesday 15 December**

School Presentation Night - from 6:30pm

**Wednesday 16 December**

School Reward Day Giant Water Slide (P&C funded) - 9:00am-12:00pm

**Sporting Schools Program**

This program will run again this term in the same way that it was offered last term. In order that a majority of students can benefit from this program and teachers can also learn and gain tips from the coaches it will be offered during school sport time. We are hoping to get the services of a cricket or T-ball coach. More information will be provided when we have obtained the services of a coach.

**Orange Grove PS Technology Program Information Session**

As you are all aware, technology is a focus at Orange Grove Primary School and has had the parent funded 1-1 device program in place since 2008. As from 2015 the device chosen is the iPad as it is more flexible and suitable for Primary students. With the departure of year sevenths from Primary School this program has been extended to year 3 students as we have a year 3/4 class (middle primary) and a year 5/6 class (upper primary). There will be an information session in the library and classroom observation of students using iPads for all parents of year 2 students at 8:45am on Wednesday 21 October regarding the parent funded program for year 3, 2016. An invitation will be sent to each individual parent of year 2 students to attend the session, however other parents are very welcome to attend to find out what the expectations are for their children when they reach year 3.

**Lesley Ghent – Principal**

**Second Hand Uniform Stall**

The second hand uniform stall will be open in term 4. The first stall will be this week on Friday morning (16 October 2015) in the Undercover Area from 8:15am to 8:45am. After week 1 the stall will be on the first Friday morning of each month, 6 November 2015 and 4 December 2015, 8:15am to 8:45am.

If there is something in particular you are after feel free to contact me any time on 0438 990 531 or email staceyverco@iinet.net.au and I can let you know if it's available.

Donations are still more than welcome. We can only accept shirt/jumpers with the new emblem - red school shirts, long and short sleeve, faction shirts, jumpers, sun smart navy coloured hats with or without an emblem, navy coloured bottoms (shorts, skirts, skorts, pants etc).

We will also take things (only in excellent/good condition) like school bags, pencil cases, lunch bags, library bags or anything of the like that you think someone else may be able to make use of.

I am available to collect donations at any time.

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