Dear Students, Parents and Community Members,

**Welcome Back to 2016**

Welcome back to all the families at Orange Grove Primary School. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families especially to our Kindergarten children and their parents and caregivers and hope that your journey at this school will be a very happy one. I hope that everyone had a safe and refreshing break ready for another special year of schooling at Orange Grove Primary School.

**Traffic and Parking at School**

Please take great care when driving through the school and car park. There are rules that all drivers need to follow for the safety of our children which is paramount. The rules are as follows:

- Speed limit is 8km
- Reverse park in the car park
- NO PARKING around the Kiss & Drive and that includes the tree. Drivers must remain in the car.

Walk around the car park not through it

Please take note of all traffic signs at school. Under the School Education Act, Regulation 88 states that a person must comply with a sign, notice or marking or with a direction while on school premises with a penalty of $200 to $1000 for non-compliance. I would hate to have to enforce these penalties so please take care and follow the rules. Thank you.

**Smoking and dogs on School Grounds**

Smoking is prohibited on all Public School grounds which includes the car park. Please refrain from smoking on the school grounds. Dogs no matter how friendly are not allowed on school grounds as there may be children who are frightened of dogs and also it is very busy at drop off and pick up times and there is not enough space.

**Bushfire Plan**

As the school is in a bushfire zone it is very important that all families become familiar with our bush fire evacuation plan which is attached to this newsletter.

**Staff at Orange Grove 2016**

I wish to welcome back all our staff this year especially Mrs Dickens and Ms Anderton who are both returning from a year’s leave. The classes and staff at Orange Grove Primary School for this year are as follows:

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<td>Mrs Smith, Mrs Honeysett Mrs Faranda and Mrs Burette</td>
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**Supervision of students before and after school 8.15 – 8.30am**

Unfortunately, due to the lack of staff availability, it is not possible to provide supervision of students prior to 8.15am. Parents will need to organise their own supervision with day care if they need to drop off students before 8.15am. Students arriving at school between 8.15am and 8.30am will be supervised at the Reading Club in the room next to the staff room. All students who arrive at school between these times need to go directly to the Reading Room as classrooms will not be open till 8.30am while teachers are preparing for the day. Students arriving between these times that are being supervised by their parents need to stay with their parents until 8.30am.

Students waiting to be picked up between 3.05pm and 3.20pm and between 2.30 and 2.45 on Thursdays will be supervised under the trees near the Kiss & Drive. Please advise the office if you are going to be later than these times on the rare occasion that this might happen. If it’s going to be a regular event, please organise day care or make other arrangements to have your child/ren picked up on time.

**Student Leadership**

Welcome to our student leaders for 2016.

**School Captains:**
Betty and Asees

**Student Councillors:**
Ellie, Isabella and Nadiv

**Faction Captains:**
Ellis - Betty and Cody
Bickley - Taleah and Madison
Mason - Isabella and Nadiv

Congratulations again to these students for being elected to our leadership positions for 2016. They will be attending a Young Leaders Conference at the Perth Convention Centre on Thursday 17th March.
Vacancies for 2016
There are a few vacancies available in Pre-Primary only. Unfortunately there are no vacancies in any other year levels.

Visual Art Mural Program – Parent Help
We are very fortunate this year to have Mrs Jacquier returning to our school as artist in residence on Tuesdays to paint murals across the school. Thank you to Mr Burrow for erecting boards along the verandah from the art room through to the Pre-primary for the murals. Children will be painting the murals in small groups on Tuesdays. Parents may participate if they wish; check with Mrs Jacquier as to when your children may be painting.

Kindergarten
It was lovely to see so many children attending our Kindergarten. We have a full class this year. More work will be done and play equipment will be purchased for outdoor play. A mural will also be painted on the back wall of the library facing the Kindergarten playground as part of the artist in residence program. The children will paint part of the mural and parents will be invited to participate with their child/ren.

HELP – Parents/Caregivers
If there are any parents and caregivers who could give us some time to help priming the walls of the library in the Kindergarten area and the boards on the library we will be eternally grateful. This would save time and the children can start painting the murals. If you are able to help please see Mrs Jacquier in the art room on Monday morning before school.

Parenting Workshops
The School Psychologist is prepared to run parent workshops in a number of areas that may be of concern to parents regarding their children’s behaviour eg anxiety etc. Please contact the school office (9459 3601) if you are interested in attending workshops.

Should you have concerns or issues with your children at school please don’t hesitate to contact the class teacher, Miss Cole, the Deputy Principal or me before you post anything on social media. It is better to have issues clarified and cleared up first and remember that for most of you, Orange Grove Primary School is your school of choice and we hope that your children will have a very positive learning journey here. Our vision is about creating a positive environment and providing opportunities for all children to achieve their best.

School Newsletters
In order to be environmentally friendly and save on the use of paper, the school newsletter will be published from the next week and every fortnight thereafter, in an electronic format available on the school website and through the Skoolbag App for Orange Grove PS. Paper copies will be posted on school noticeboard and available on request only. If you wish to have a paper copy or have the newsletter emailed to you, please contact the office and provide your email address to the office staff.

The Orange Grove PS Skoolbag App can be downloaded free onto Apple and Android smartphones from the Apple App store or Google Play. Just search "Orange Grove Primary School" in either store to find the App to install.

School Uniform
School uniforms are compulsory for all public schools and as an Independent Public School, it is important that we project a good public image and be united in our presentation. All uniforms must display the correct logo for our school and follow the school dress code.

The school dress code states that the uniform is:
- Polo red shirt with blue collar displaying the school logo
- Navy blue pleated skirt or skort, shorts or trousers
- White ankle socks
- Navy school hat (wide brimmed or bucket)
- Black closed in shoes/flat semi closed sandals/ or black or predominantly white sneakers
- White ankle socks
- Navy school hat (wide brimmed or bucket)

The faction shirts may be worn for Physical Education (PE) lessons on Thursdays and at the OGPS faction carnivals but not for school excursions, special school events or school photos.

School Banking
Is on Wednesday’s from 8.30 - 9.00am in the Art Room.
Thank you to Mrs Bresland for taking on this important position.

School Safety Rules in the Car Park
Drive Slowly—8km per hour
Don’t walk through the car park.
Walk around the outside of the car park.
Reverse parking only.

Kiss & Drive:
Drop Off and Pick up only
The Kiss & Drive is a No Parking zone.
No Parking - only for pick up after 3.05pm if child is waiting.

Safety
Our children are very precious so please be very careful when crossing the road with your children when coming into the school. Please ensure you walk along the verge alongside the car park and not on the road, and cross over alongside the Administration building.

A reminder to all parents and caregivers to please observe the road rules in the car park and Kiss & Drive to keep all our children safe. If you have young children please ensure that you keep hold of them and for their own safety, please do not leave them in the car in the car park. Thank you.