

*Our vision is to provide opportunities that challenge all students to achieve their personal best.*

## ASSEMBLY

I was very impressed with the Room 3 assembly item last Friday on our value of the month “Friendliness”. Their poem on friendship was well put together as a class collaborative effort and their rendition of the poem together with the use of Auslan was exceptional.



## P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C annual general meeting for 2020 was held at 8:45am this morning, Wednesday 26 February. Due to the changes in legislation regarding the formation of incorporated P&Cs under the umbrella of WACSSO in 2018, changes are required to be made regarding the constitution of the Orange Grove Primary School P&C. Until the new constitution is ratified, a temporary executive committee to head the P&C was elected as follows:

### Executive Committee -

**President:** Aimee Troy

**Vice-President:** Kara Brown

**Secretary:** Zoe Bailey

**Treasurer:** Cathy-Lee Wansi

**Other executive members:** Amanda Kinsella, Debbie Quartermaine, Wendy Burke and Lyndal Seaton

Please consider joining or assisting with donations or physical help to fund raise for resources for the school when events are held. The funds raised each year go towards half payment of the shortfall of the Chaplain’s salary, the end of year reward day and cost of staging the school’s outdoor concert, subsidies for incursions and excursions, the biannual camp, the graduation lunch for the senior students, Reading Eggs and Athletics programs.

## VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

If families still haven’t paid their voluntary contributions 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 contributions to supplement the Student Centred Funding we receive from the Department of Education. Our voluntary contributions are the lowest in the area, \$40 for the year if you pay before the end of March and \$45 from 1 April.

## SCHOOL BOARD

The first School Board meeting for 2020 is to be held in the Boardroom on Tuesday 10 March from 6pm. Please consider nominating for a position on the board. The role of the School Board is to assist with the direction of the school. If you are interested to find out more, please don’t hesitate to contact the office for an information package and nomination form.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder to all parents and carers that school photos are being taken on Thursday 27 February with a catch up on Wednesday 4 March for those students who may be absent on Thursday. Please ensure that your children all come in full school uniform with black or white closed shoes and not in their faction shirts.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Thu 27 Feb	School Photos
Fri 28 Feb	8.45am Friday Morning Meeting
Mon 2 Mar	Labour Day—no students at school
Wed 4 Mar	Catch up school photos for absentees
Thu 5 Mar	8.15am Breakfast Club
Fri 6 Mar	8.45am Room 5 Assembly
Mon 9 Mar	Young Leaders Conference
	Year 4-6 ThinkUKnow Incursion
	2.15pm ThinkUKnow Parent Session
Tue 10 Mar	6.00pm School Board Meeting

## SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thank you to all those families who have returned expressions of interest for the School Breakfast program and to those parents offering to help serve breakfast. We now have enough students interested in participating, to start a breakfast program. If you haven't returned the expression of interest, you can still do so until Tuesday 3 March so we can cater for the numbers coming to breakfast. The first school breakfast will be offered outside the kitchen in the undercover area on Thursday 5 March from 8.15am. The breakfast program will be offered once a month on the first Thursday of every month. However, if it is successful and we have enough help, we might consider holding it once a fortnight. We will also have special breakfast events such as on "Walk/Ride to school day etc.

## BIRTHDAY CAKES

I have no objections to parents supplying cupcakes to their child's class on their birthdays at the end of the school day. Please limit this to your child/ren's birthday occasion only. Thank you.

## HOT WEATHER RISKS

At this time of year when the weather can be extremely hot, please ensure that you supply your child/ren with water in a reusable container and sunscreen, if you don't wish them to use sunscreen supplied by the school in every classroom. Another risk at the school which is surrounded by natural bush is the risk of snakes on the grounds particularly at this time of the year which is hatching season. Please send your children to school in closed shoes and not sandals.

The school is also in an extreme bushfire zone so please make sure you familiarise yourselves with the school's bushfire and evacuation plan which is posted on every noticeboard in the school and on the school's website.

## SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

The school's pastoral care program includes the services of the Chaplain in helping families overcome any issues they may be having, and to support children when there are upheavals in their lives. The Chaplain's role is not a religious one but that of pastoral care. I do understand completely if there are

parents who do not wish to use his services or want their children involved with talking to the Chaplain. In order that we know what families want, I would appreciate it if each family could complete the attached form and return to the office to give us an indication as to whether they want to access the services of the School Chaplain or not. Thank you.

## 2021 KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY

Applications for Kindergarten and Pre-Primary are now open until the end of the second week in July. Please contact the office for an application form. Attendance at Kindergarten is optional; however, it is recommended that all eligible children attend to develop foundational skills in literacy, numeracy and social interactions. As Orange Grove PS is a non-local intake school, attendance at Kindergarten does not guarantee a place in Pre-primary for the following year in 2022. All applications are assessed on distance to your home from school, if application numbers exceed vacancies.



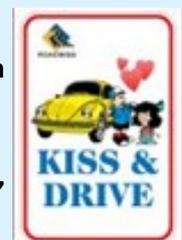
*Lesley Ghent - Principal*

### SCHOOL CAR PARK SAFETY RULES

- 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.

#### CAR PARK

- Drive slowly it's an 8km an hour zone
- Reverse parking only.
- Don't walk through car park, walk around the outside.



#### KISS & DRIVE

- Drop Off and Pick up ONLY

#### BOYLE LANE SCHOOL ZONE

- All of Boyle Lane is now a school zone. From 7:30am to 9:00am and from 2:30pm to 4:00pm on school days you must obey the 40km/hour speed limit.

## Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who recently received certificates



### Honour Certificates

Ariana C.	Nicholas D.
Eve U.	Em-Jae M.
Jaxon R.	Cassidy B.
Yasmin S.	Chloe F.
Charlee W.	Liam W.



### Values Award

Senior: Ryder U.      Junior: Peta A.



### Mathletes of the Week

Senior: Liam W.

### Silver Certificates

Peyton B.      Levi R.

## FROM THE DEPUTY

### ThinkUKnow

A member of the Australian Federal Police will be joining us to present a program called ThinkUKnow on Monday 9 March for students in Years 4, 5 & 6. Due to parents interest he will also be presenting a free parent session at 2.15pm. He will provide information on the technologies young people use, the challenges they face and importantly how they can be overcome. The presentations cover topics such as social media reputation management, cyberbullying, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong. Further information can be obtained from the office or by speaking to Mrs Heffernan.

*Clare Heffernan - Deputy Principal*

## ZERO WASTE WEDNESDAYS

Orange Grove Primary School participates in Zero Waste Lunches on Wednesdays every week. A Zero Waste Wednesday is a day when Orange Grove aims to have no waste sent to landfill by not having disposable packaging in students' lunch boxes and by composting food scraps. There will be composting bins available but no rubbish bins so disposable rubbish will be sent home with the student. Australia is one of the biggest producers of waste and as our population grows, this problem only grows more concerning. Zero Waste Wednesday encourages our community to reduce the amount of waste we produce. By bringing less waste to school we can minimise litter, create less waste, save money, develop healthy eating habits and look after our student's environmental future. Our school community thanks you for your participation and support in ensuring Orange Grove Primary School continues to be a waste wise school. Please [click here](#) to see our fact sheet.

*Jessica Sparre—Room 3 Teacher*



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### Chaplaincy 'Opt-Out' Form

I (Name of Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ request that the following child/children under my guardianship be **excluded** from: (Please tick)

- One on One Care Sessions from the YouthCARE Chaplain**
- All Programmes run by the YouthCARE Chaplain (e.g. reading a story to the class, games)**

I understand that my child/children will be directed to other support staff and services within the student services team.

Children/s Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_