

Orange Grove Primary School Newsletter

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From the **Principal**

Dear Parents and Community members,

Before the Year 5/6 Point Walter Camp fades into a distant memory I would like to thank those staff members who generously gave up their time to ensure our students had a successful camp. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Harris, Ms O'Neill and Mrs Honeysett for their dedication to the Orange Grove Learning Community in ensuring our students gained maximum benefits from the camp experience.

Interestingly enough while our students were given the opportunity of engaging in many wonderful events such as archery, ultimate sports, pool games, flying fox, kite making and raft building it was the team games that intrigued me the most. Students had to choose groups and take turns at leading their respective teams in order to achieve a common objective. In the beginning teams worked in isolation and wasted much time trying to put their personal opinions forward. However, students quickly learned the art of listening to leaders who could communicate and direct their teams to successfully achieve a specific objective or outcome. For me, this was the true value of the activities in developing each student's individual character as they worked to positively contribute to our society in the future.

Personally, I hope this is something that we are collectively trying to do as a wider learning community, prepare our students to become valued members of a high functioning society.

Kindest regards,

Stephen Boon



From the **School**

Staff Movements

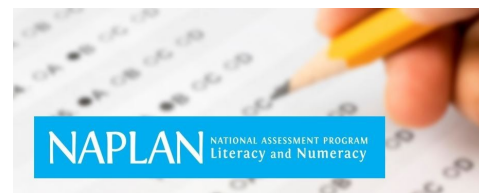
With the end of Term 1 in sight, we would like to wish the following staff members all the best for their futures:

- Ms O'Neill has worked with our Year 5/6 classes over the past 2 school years and has been an integral part of our team.
- Mrs Sparre is leaving to welcome her new baby and we wish her all the best.

P&C Meeting and Nominations

There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens (P&C) Association on Thursday 25th March 2021 at 8.45am in the boardroom. Interested parents are invited to attend the meeting as there are office bearer positions available for 2021. Nomination forms are available from the office or [click here](#) for a link.

NAPLAN Test



NAPLAN Online will be conducted in Term Two for students in Year Three and Five. On Thursday 25th March the school will be running a test of the system with our students to ensure that the program will be running smoothly when the official testing begins.

School Photos

A reminder to all parents and carers that school photos are being taken on Wednesday 31st March. Please ensure that your children all come in full school uniform. Year 6 students are invited to wear their graduation shirts. Money envelopes will need to be returned by Thursday 25th March.

Assembly

We will host our final assembly for Term 1 on Thursday 1st April. All families are most welcome to join us for this event. Please be mindful of physical distancing and hygiene if you attend.

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Important Dates

Easter Hat Parade and Casual Dress Day



Our last day of Term 1 will be a Casual Dress Day and Easter Hat Parade. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go towards P&C fundraising.

School Times for Term 2 and ongoing

In response to the parent survey from last year, overwhelming majority was to change the early school closure on Thursdays. Please note, as of Term 2 our new times will be **8.45am to 2.55pm each day**. Classrooms will open from 8.30am with the bell ringing for instructional time at 8.45am. Please ensure if your child arrives after this time that you sign them in at the school office.

Water Corporation Upgrades



Work is being completed to upgrade the water network at the end of Boyle Lane, just outside of Orange Grove Primary School. There are planned traffic impacts to Boyle Lane commencing from Thursday 25 March 2021.

The entrance to 'kiss and drive' will be diverted to allow for work to progress safely. You will still be able to drop your children off and the 'kiss and drive' roundabout will remain accessible. Traffic management will be in place to direct you each morning and afternoon between Thursday 25 March 2021 and Thursday 1 April 2021.

We are aiming to complete the majority of work during the school holidays, however should there be any traffic interruptions in the first few weeks of term 2, traffic management will be in place to assist drivers. For safety reasons fencing will be installed around our work sites.

We ask all parents, teachers and students to be mindful of the work and please take care around the work areas.

We thank you for your patience while we complete this essential work.

MARCH

31 School Photos

APRIL

1. Assembly 8.45am
Easter Hat Parade & Casual Dress Day
Last Day of Term 1
2. Good Friday Public Holiday
19. First day back for Term 2



From the Chaplain

Hi everyone, it is so hard to believe that we are nearing the end of term one 2021! I do hope you are able to spend some quality time with your children in the school break and build some priceless memories.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and let you know a little about me. For those I have not had the privilege of meeting, I am the new school chaplain Diane Thoomes. I have been made feel so welcome and I've had the most wonderful time meeting the students, staff and parent community. I have been a chaplain coming up 13 years, working in a number of schools. I am currently at Bletchley Park Primary for 3 days, with my days here Thursday-Friday.

For those of you who aren't familiar as to the role of a chaplain, I have the privilege of caring for the social, emotional, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of students, families, and staff within the school community. I am available to listen compassionately, refer to extra help where necessary and run programs which not only address issues but to help create a positive culture within the school.

This year I have the privilege of facilitating the year 6 Leadership Program, Drumming Program and overseeing the Values Program. On a needs basis I can run the Rainbows (grief & loss) Program; small groups and 1:1 chats with students.

On a personal level, I go by Mum and Granny. I have 3 fur babies; 2 dogs and a cat who are thoroughly spoilt. I love all things craft. Did someone say "would you like some chocolate" ... yes please! I confess, I can't function in the morning without my first cup of tea which does need to be followed on by a close second. I am a huge advocate for laughter...it is good for your health; I recommend a huge dose daily.

Please don't hesitate to come say hello and I'm happy to answer any questions. You can also contact me via email diane.thoomes@education.wa.edu.au

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who recently received certificates



Week 5

Honour Certificates	Lena J.	Warren S.	Aiden H.	Values	Jnr: Vivienne E.	Snr: Abhijot S..
	Phoenix W.	George H.	Kyhe J.	Mathletes	Jnr: Emma K.	Snr: Alison F.
	Satkar D.	Sedel D.	Atticus U.			
	Alexander E.	Sophie K.				



Week 7

Honour Certificates	Casey F.	Zander H.	Jackson E.	Values	Jnr: Charlee A.	Snr: Mackenzie E.
	Aaima S.	Jacob L.	Charlee W.	Aussie of the Month	Mackenzie E.	
	Cedric F.	Riley T.	Jerry B.	Mathletes	Jnr: Jaspar W.	Snr: Alison F.
	Lance P.	Abhijot S.	Alison F.			

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Be fitter, healthier and happier!

The Better Health Program is a free 10-week healthy lifestyle program for 7-13 year old children who are above a healthy weight, and their families. The program is available face-to-face or online in selected areas throughout Australia.

Get in touch to find out if the program is available near you!

