Thursday, 3rd November 2016

TERM 4  WEEK 5

KEY DATES:

NOVEMBER

4   Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 2.20pm - 3.20pm
    Junior School Disco - 6.00pm - 7.00pm
    Senior School Disco - 7.10pm - 8.30pm
13  Working Bee - 9.00am - 1.00pm
14  Starlab Excursion - Year 5
17  Brickworks Incursion - Foundation
18  Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 2.20pm - 3.20pm
25  Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 2.20pm - 3.20pm
    Last Day of Canteen
28 - 30 Swimming

DECEMBER

1 - 9 Swimming
2  No Assembly
6  NO SWIMMING
    Foundation 2017 - Transition Session 9.30am - 11.00am
8  Christmas Carols Night
9  No Assembly
13  Walk to MCG - Year 6
15  Year 6 Graduation
19  Taskworks Excursion - Year 6
20  LAST DAY TERM 4 - 1PM DISMISSAL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and had an enjoyable time with the family. We had a successful curriculum day on Monday with staff working on assessment and reporting, which is very timely at this point in the year.

2017 classes and enrolments
We are well and truly underway with working out classes for next year and recruitment of staff for 2017. If there are any families who know they won’t be with us next year, please come into the office and let Lauren know as soon as possible. This is vital information for us as we plan the make-up of classes and the hiring of appropriate staff. Once all our classes are settled, we will be having three transition sessions for all of the students in an effort to assist the children in feeling peaceful and settled about their class for 2017. Dates of these transition sessions are in the events planner sent home earlier in the term.

School Philosophy
Orchard Grove Primary School is committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment that engages curiosity, promotes learning, personal growth and wellbeing for all students. We strive to develop adaptability and resilience so students can become valued members of the local and global communities and be prepared for future life experiences.

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I would like to draw your attention to the continued problem of lice amongst some of our students. This is a very annoying and time-consuming problem and many of our families are distressed at the amount of reinfection that is happening. It is, therefore, vital that if your child has got lice that they are treated immediately and not sent back to school until the problem is clear. Some families have found it beneficial to attend special 'lice treating hair salons'; this could be a great idea as it is consulting with the experts and can help eradicate the problem. The whole school community needs to work together on this issue to minimise the impact of lice at our school.

**Coffee Club at OGPS**

For a number of years now, members of our school council and community have wanted to set up a coffee cart here at school. We think it may be a nice way for parents and care givers to socialise after dropping off the children in the morning. The thought was that we could run this out of the canteen space a couple of mornings a week and create a seated area, under the large shade sails, where parents could purchase a coffee and muffin and spend time with each other. We would like some feedback about this idea before we pursue the concept, so we will put the suggestion up on our school Facebook site and, if you think it is a good idea, please ‘like’ the idea, so we can get a feel of the level of support.

**Working bee**

Sunday week, 13th November, is our last working bee of the year. We are in need of significant support on that morning to insure all the jobs we have on our list are done in preparation for our summer vacation and to be ready for 2017. As the working bee was cancelled last term due to poor weather we do have a lot to do. One of the most important jobs is to top up the soft fall around the playgrounds to make sure it continues to be a safe place for the children to play. We have just spent close to $1000 on the soft fall so we need as much help as we can to move it to the right places. We also would like to clean up the space at the back of the portables on the north side of the school. It is a real mess around there and is an eyesore for the classes that are situated along that space and have this as an outlook. So lots of weeding and tan bark distribution is necessary to get it ready for some lovely new plants to be planted in that area. Even if you can only spare an hour on the 13th, please come along and help – "many hands make light work".

**Swimming and School Fees**

Swimming notices went out recently and are due back by 11th November. Once again, we do offer a payment plan. Swimming is such an important skill to learn and I am thrilled that we are able to offer the highly coveted time slot of the last few weeks of 4th term for our program. All schools are envious of our booking at this time of year, as the weather is usually great but, more importantly, the children learn this vital skill and have lots of practice swimming right when they are about to go off on summer holidays when these skills are most needed. Please get the swimming form and payments back as soon as you can to help us finalise our numbers.

In the next week or so, our 2017 school fees notes will go home. There is also a payment plan for this, which many families find helpful. School Council has decided that there will be no increase in school fees this year. Fees at OGPS are one of the cheapest in the area; we try hard to make sure that it continues to be the case, while not compromising the great teaching and learning and program opportunities that we provide. We appreciate your continued support of the school in paying fees on time.

**English award**

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Imogen in Grade 4GH who was one of the state’s highest achievers in this year’s English ICAS testing. Imogen has done so well that she is receiving a medal at a special ceremony in town on 26th November. We look forward to seeing her magnificent medal and congratulate Imogen on a marvellous achievement.

While still on congratulations, we would like to acknowledge the great achievement of Justin Forster who heads up our **On Line Music Solutions** program here at school. Justin’s band the ‘Melbourne Ska Orchestra’ just won an ARIA for best album in the category of ‘World Music’. How good is that? The album name is Sierra Kilo Alpha. Huge congratulations to Justin and his band; we are all so thrilled for you and we know the students will be very impressed.

Finally, you may have seen the message on Facebook and on Skoolbag about the new extra-curricula coding program that is now being offered after school. Have a look at the inserted flyer as I am sure there are many students who would benefit and enjoy such an opportunity to learn more about coding.

Well that’s all from me for this week. Take care and talk soon.

Glenda Harry
Principal

**PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE**

- Swimming (28th November - 9th December)
  - first instalment - $35.00 due 14th October
  - second instalment - $35.00 due 28th October
  - final instalment - $35.00 due 11th November
- Canberra camp (March 2017)
  - first instalment - $100.00 due 26th October
  - second instalment - $100.00 due 9th December
  - balance due March next year
- Starlab - Year 5 - $13.00 due 7th November
- Brickworks - Foundation - $10.00 due 7th November
- Walk to MCG - Year 6 - $16.00 due 2nd December
- Year 6 Graduation - Year 6 - $20.00 due 4th December

**SCHOOL ABSENCES**

If your child is away sick or going on a holiday, YOU MUST advise the school. This can be done by:
- ringing the absence hotline on 9894 3400
- emailing the school on orchard.grove.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- via the Skoolbag app
- filling in an absence note and handing it in at the office
PRINCIPAL AWARDS - 21st October

Cooper – FBB
Sophia - FCT
Philip - FTR
Minh - 1-2W
Rurie - 1BS
Leon - 1BW
Ramin - 2CM
Aleisha, Whole Class - 2LS
Maritte - 2SP

Izzi - 3KM
Indie, Nicholas - 3TK
Will - 4GH
Anna, Jackson - 4MA
Ashley - 5CP
Sienna - 5KT
Mandy - 5SG
Felix, Jonah - 6EW
Thomas, Lily - 6HW

PRINCIPAL AWARDS - 28th October

Noah - 1-2W
Joshua - 1BW
Dwayne, Reyaan - 1JF
Elliot - 2CM
Benjamin - 2KM
Anabel - 2LS
Aiden - 4KT
Corey, Jack - 4MA

Hannah - 5CP
Aidan - 5KT
Ryan, Kiara - 6EW
Emma - 6HW
Martin - 6SR

SICK BAY ROSTER

Friday 4/11
Adriana Antonello

Friday 11/11
Elena Jenkin

PARENTS’ CLUB

LAUNDRY MARKERS FOR CLOTHING
We have black or white laundry markers for sale at the office for $6.00.

Stuck On You Fundraiser
Order forms are available at the office or if you want to order online at www.stuckonyou.com.au our Unique Code is: ORCHARDGROVEPRIMARYSCHOOL

MANGO FUNDRAISER
Delivery is expected mid November.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - December 8th
Volunteers are needed to help with the BBQ, if you can help please add your name to the roster.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers still needed for help with:
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/firstaid_004
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/libraryroster_004
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/uniformshop_004

Grove Rosters:
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3tk
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3km
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/grove3g_004
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove3tk
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove4gh
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove4kt
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove4jl
http://ogps.ivolunteer.com/t4grove4ma

Bronwyn McIlroy
Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL DISCO
Friday 4th November

PARKING REMINDER

Parking tomorrow night may be an issue, as the sporting grounds surrounding the school will be in use.
Parents may need to park in the street and walk into the school grounds.

Come and visit Sam at their new location at PetStock Shop 4
313 Middleborough Road
Box Hill South
(next to Spotlight)

WASH YOUR CAR EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Drive fundraising for OGPS by washing your car at Bubbles Car Care and we will donate $1 for every $10 you raise. Remember....
Tell your friends, family and neighbours. the more cars we wash, the more money the school gets. Don't forget to tell us your from OGPS and your name because the builder/s painted a logo with the exact words using a $200 voucher of change. Thank you for being so generous.

630 Canterbury Rd, Surrey Hills. Open 7 Days. Ph: 9838 4449

Proud sponsor of RUFY - Kimberley Grove’s School dog

The Dog Dazzlers Dog Grooming Services
For an appointment please call:
SAM: 0438 759 854

Bubbles Car Care & Cafe

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Boost your Child’s Education through Code

To support the growing emphasis on coding in early education, an after school coding programme will be held at Orchard Grove Primary School (OGPS).

Run by third party provider Code for Life, this programme will:

- Introduce children to commonly used coding tools, language and principles
- Reinforce reading, logic, written problem solving and math skills
- Build creativity and collaboration
- Challenge children to think about what computers can be used to do

This school will be run out of the OGPS Computer Lab and will use school equipment. Students can opt to BYO iPad/Tablet (Little Bits) or PC (Super Bytes) to provide a consistent experience during lessons and at home.

Special 2016 Short Course:

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| Little Bits: Introduction to Visual Based Coding using Scratch Junior | - Foundation - Gr 2  
   - Teaches logic and problem solving skills while introducing basic coding concepts.  
   - Fun activities and practical coding sessions, kids will learn to build basic programs and stories.  
   - No reading, computing or coding skills necessary. | Tuesday 3.45-4.30 | $100 |
| Super Bytes: Introduction to Visual Based Coding using Scratch       | - Grade 3 and 4  
   - Builds problem solving and logic skills while introducing foundational coding concepts.  
   - Fun activities and practical coding sessions, kids will learn to build basic programs, pictures and stories.  
   - No computing or coding skills necessary. | Tuesday 4.45-5.45 | $130 |

Term 4 dates

Tuesday 8th November – 13th December

To Enrol

Please email Kirsten on Kirsten@codeforlife.com.au or call me (0406 040 430) for more details, or to receive an enrolment form.
There will be amazing rides for all ages, a delicious selection of food stalls, beer and wine, market & craft stalls, a silent auction plus loads of entertainment including the SFX Factor, live bands and Chris Doheny!! This is our major fundraiser so we would love for you to come and support our school.

Purchase your unlimited rides wristband before the day for $30 via www.trybooking.com/233018

Bid for some of the great items in our online auction www.32auctions.com/SFX

Showcasing original artworks from over 40 professional and emerging artists

Featuring guest artists Dianne Fix and Pete Groves

OPENING NIGHT Friday 4th November 2016 7pm
EXHIBITION & SALE Saturday 5th November 2016 10am-5pm
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Take the **SCOUTS** challenge

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Joeys: 6-7
Cubs: 8-10
Scouts: 10-14
Venturers: 14-17
Rovers: 18-25
Leaders: 18+

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