Thursday, 12th February 2015

TERM 1

WEEK 3

KEY DATES:

[44x631]FEBRUARY 2015
17 Chinese Lion Dancers - Years 1- 6
18 Immigration Museum Excursion - Years 5- 6
19 Immigration Museum Excursion - Years 5 - 6
21 Outdoor Cinema "Lego Movie"
25 Whole School Athletics Day

MARCH
1 Working Bee
10 Curriculum Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
16 - 20 Year 6 Camp
24 Sushi day
26 School Photos
27 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was such a delight to see our new little Foundation/Prep students start last Friday. It was truly an easy transition for these little ones, given the time they have already spent at school during the Story Time Program and our transition sessions last year. We were all so proud of them as they confidently said goodbye to their parents and within half an hour they were happily down to work and their parents were enjoying morning tea in the staff room. This year we had trialled a delayed starting date for the Preps, allowing the teachers to complete all the testing of each student in the first week. This has given the staff an excellent view of each child’s skill set and ability right from the beginning of the school year, enabling the teachers to begin teaching exactly at the child’s point of need. This delayed start has however meant that the Preps/Foundation students are full time from now on with no Wednesdays off as we have done in the past. So you may see some tired little faces around until they get use to the long school days.

It is always important at this time of year to remind everyone of the importance of our ‘no nut’ policy. We have quite a number of students at OGPS with nut allergies and these can be life threatening. Some children are so sensitive that to even touch a table where nuts have been, is enough to cause a reaction. So please no peanut butter, Nutella or loose nuts as snacks.

Many people have enquired as to how little Coco is going after the horrific car accident she was in last year. Coco is now able to come to school for a few hours every couple of days. With the aid of a wheel chair and crutches she is able to get around slowly and the specialists are encouraged that over time she will make a good recovery. For now though, it is lovely to have Coco’s smiling face at school again.

You will have seen, in the last newsletter, that the Parents Club have organised a wonderful Movie night for the community on Saturday 21st February This is such a fantastic idea – an Outdoor Cinema set up outside the office – showing the Lego Movie. How good is that!! What a fabulous opportunity to get together as a community, bring the family, rugs, seats and food, spend the evening enjoying great company and entertainment. It’s a cheap night of entertainment and definitely something that your kids will remember doing with you in the years to come. More details are further down in the newsletter or see Margaret for another flyer if you missed yours. It would be great to see as many people come as possible, as it is a lovely idea and great way to support the school and we know you will enjoy yourself.

Finally, the children are practising madly for our House Athletics day on Wednesday 25th February. If you can come along on the day we would love to see you.

A big thank you to the ladies who ran our 2nd hand uniform sale yesterday. There will be another opportunity to purchase 2nd hand uniforms week 3 of next term.

Now I am handing over to our new Assistant Principal, Michelle Ogilvie, who is going to introduce herself to you all.

Take care and talk soon.

Glenda Harry
Principal

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School Philosophy

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,
Welcome to Term 1. This week we are working towards welcoming our new Preps! We have had lots of new arrivals this week. Feel free to come in and say hi and meet the team.

It is Term 1, so we ask all children to please bring hats to aftercare.

A kind reminder that the OSHClub team will pick up and drop off the Preps from their rooms during Term 1.

Could we ask of all families to donate any recycling materials including but not limited to: boxes; shoe, tissue, anything, books, games, clothes for dress ups, cushions, blankets?

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the program on 0438 565 727. Calls will be answered/returned between 7-9am and 3-6pm.

Also, please remember to book your children into the program online to avoid the casual fee surcharge and assist the program to be appropriately staffed to comply with regulations. Be sure to book in early.

Have a great week,
OSHClub Team

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will start Wednesday 18th February. Bank books are to be handed into the office by 9.10am on Wednesday mornings. New account forms are also available from the office.

SUSTAINABLE MATTERS

Smart Food Tuesday begins next week on Tuesday 17th February. As part of our sustainability practice, we aim to reduce our rubbish going into landfill. On Tuesdays, can you please provide a healthy snack and lunch in containers that can be re-used or re-cycled. Please see the flyer for all the information. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

‘GET TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS

Dear Parents,

‘Get to know you’ parent teacher interviews will be held for Years 1 - 6 on the week beginning the 2nd March. The purpose of these interviews is for you to meet your child’s teacher and to share information about your child.

Each year level will have one late night of interviews – Years 1 and 2 on Monday 2nd, Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 3rd and Years 3 and 4 will be Wednesday 4th March. Teachers will also have some availability at other times during that week. Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.

For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). This will save time for parents, staff and students! Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best using any internet-connected computer.

If you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere, you will be able to contact the school on 9894 3400 and a staff member will book the most suitable time for you.

A parent letter with further details will be sent home on Monday 17th February. This will explain the procedures you need to follow to make your booking

Please contact Mrs King (Assistant Principal) on 9894 3400 if you have any queries.

Thank you,
Leanne King
Assistant Principal

PARENTS’ CLUB

Movie Night - The Lego Movie - Saturday 21st February

Order forms came home last week and are due back by 16th February. Tickets are still available and spare forms are available from the office. Family & friends are welcome! On the night please enter from Orchard Grove gate or the bottom carpark. There will be fences around the area. If the weather is wet we will reschedule to another night. Tickets will come home next week.

Next meeting - Wednesday 11th March 2015 at 2.45pm in the staffroom.
Bronwyn McIlroy
Coordinator

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday, 19th February
Ken Setawan
Louise Cooper

SICK BAY ROSTER

Friday, 13th February
Karen Vitiritti - 3KM

PAYMENTS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- Year 6 Camp - full payment $406.00 due Wednesday 25th February OR 1st instalment $200.00 (or $100 if deposit already paid) due Friday 13th February
- Year 6 Bomber Jackets due 13th February
- Lego Movie ticket orders - due 16th February
- Immigration Museum Excursion - $10.00 - due 13th February - Years 5 & 6
- Whole School Athletics Day - $7 - due 20th February

SPANISH CORNER

Señorita Raquel has returned to Barcelona after holidays spent travelling in Australia and New Zealand rock-climbing, bungee jumping and cuddling kangaroos. She has loved her experience here and said she will think of the Orchard Grove students every time she passes one of Gaudi’s magnificent buildings. There are lots of Spanish and Latin American cultural activities coming up in the next few months in Melbourne so watch this space!
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Intermediates: 13-16 yrs
Monday 6.30 – 9.00
Seniors: 16 yrs & over
Tuesday 7.30 – 10.00

Contact Person:
Michelle: 0417 883 393

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ORCHARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SIGN UP NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS 2015

Dear Parents and students,

Instrumental music lessons will commence from Week 3 of term 1. 2015 options include keyboard, guitar, violin, cello, drums, sax, clarinet, flute and trumpet.

Students wishing to participate in any of these programs will need to get themselves an enrolment form from the school office, have their parents fill it in and either leave it at the school office or post it directly to Online Music Solutions. Information about the programs may be found on the reverse side of the enrolment forms. All families will receive a phone call close to lessons commencing to confirm the lesson time.

Note: Students from 2014 need to re-enrol to continue in 2015.

Website link: visit www.musiclessonvideos.net
Further enquires: ph: 9874 6667 or email omgs@bigpond.net.au

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PLAYERS & VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR

2015 RUGBY LEAGUE SEASON

The Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club provides the opportunity for Boys & Girls to play Rugby League from 5 – 18 years and League Tag for Girls 12 – 18 years.

The Club invites all interested players to come and have a TRY at one of our upcoming events!

Sunday 15th February 12-3pm – Early Bird Registration Day with Melbourne Storm Players in attendance.
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Sunday 15th March 12 – 3pm - Registration Day & League Tag Games
Wednesday 8th April 10 – 12pm – FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC (bookings required)

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TRY AND MAKE EVERYDAY A SMART FOOD DAY!
It was so irritating, yet so effective.

I’m talking about my boyhood mate Terry’s habit of shrugging his shoulders whenever anyone teased him or tried to persuade him to their way of thinking.

‘Hey Terry, you’re a *&@!!@!’

Shrug.

‘Hey Terry, everyone says your…….*, @&TR!’

Shrug.

‘Hey Terry, I’m going to tell on you!’

Shrug.

His nonchalance used to drive everyone nuts!

So much so that he was rarely targeted for teasing despite the fact that he wasn’t sporty, he wasn’t cool and he was late maturing – all of which back then, as now, would put a boy in the ‘to be picked on’ category.

I thought of Terry recently when I was coaching a young person about how to respond to some schoolyard taunts.

This young person wore his heart on his sleeve, taking taunts and even witticisms too seriously for his own good. Unfortunately, some of his so-called mates used to enjoy seeing him become angry.

The best way to break this toxic cycle of taunt-react-taunt was for him to change his reaction.

So we did some coaching in the art of shrugging and before long my young charge was shrugging his shoulders, as if to say ‘Whatever’, and walking away at the first sign of a taunt.

Eventually he was channelling Terry so well that his nonchalance even began to irritate me.

**Some things can’t be ignored**

Don’t get me wrong. Kids cannot and should not ignore all negative comments directed at them.

There are times when they need to stand up and be counted. They don’t need to be aggressive about it, but they do need to be assertive from time to time. Sticking up for a friend, rescuing someone who is being taunted or even looking out for a sibling’s best interests at school are times when children need to assert themselves rather than shrugging off a problem.

**Kids practise on their siblings**

Socially savvy kids know that some of the negative peer comments directed at them need to be ignored. However, this is quite a skill.

Ignoring comments and choosing your arguments is something many kids learn in their battles with siblings.

Those noisy sibling skirmishes that annoy the hell out of parents actually toughen kids up for the less-than-pleasant social interactions that take place in the schoolyard.

Interestingly, my boyhood mate Terry was the youngest of four brothers. I guess he would have perfected the art of shrugging out of sheer necessity.

So, if you have a sensitive child who wears his or her heart on their sleeve, or a child who reacts impulsively to both taunts and witticisms alike, you may wish to introduce the art of shrugging into their repertoire of responses.

**How to create a good shrug**

Kids can practise shrugging in front of the mirror so that they can see what a good shrug looks like. There are 4 ingredients:

2. A shrug of the shoulders.
3. A simple, non-combative, non-sarcastic line such as ‘You may be right’, ‘Whatever’ or ‘I hadn’t thought of that’.
4. A final breaking of eye contact that indicates that they are in control.

**A word of warning**

If you teach your kids to shrug, you need to be prepared for them to use this shrugging technique against you when you direct some criticism or constructive feedback their way. If they do, you’ll find out how damn infuriating nonchalance (even when it’s fake) can be.

Oh, and you’ll be seeing a child or young person who is exercising a degree of personal power that, when used smartly, will increase their overall social effectiveness.
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Most of our Under 6s come from the local AUSKICK centres and we would love to have your son or daughter join us in 2015.

For the 2015 season all registrations for existing players will only be accepted online; however if you are registering for the first time in 2015, you will need to complete a manual registration form and make payment at Registration Day.

Registration Day is on Saturday the 15th February, 2015 between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Monte Park, Central Road, Blackburn.

On Registration Day you will also be able to meet the coaches, buy club merchandise, undertake mouthguard fittings and participate in the boot swap.

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