Thursday, 26th February 2015

TERM 1
WEEK 5

KEY DATES:

MARCH
1  Working Bee
2  Parent Teacher Interviews - Years 1 & 2
3  Parent Teacher Interviews - Years 5 & 6
4  Parent Teacher Interviews - Years 3 & 4
10 Curriculum Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
11 - 13 Clean Up Australia Day
16 - 20 Year 6 Camp
23 Sushi Day
26 School Photos
27 LAST DAY OF TERM 2.30PM FINISH

*** Save the Date ***
Friday 16th October - Fiesta and Fireworks

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is not often that I feel exasperated, but this week I must declare that my frustration around the lower cricket pavilion car park is overwhelming. We all know that we have had our issues in that car park over the years and from time to time we have needed Police and Whitehorse Council intervention. Overall our community has responded appropriately to those incidents, however at the moment, driver behaviour in the car park is at an all-time low.

This was definitely evident yesterday morning when we were trying to get the students off to our House Athletics Carnival. There were parents blatantly ignoring and even moving the witches hats that we had strategically placed in the car park to allow the buses to safely enter and exit the car park. We had other parents parking illegally in non-parking bays and blocking the road for the buses, parents parking for 20 minutes and more in 5 minute parking bays, parents just propping in the middle of the road and blocking all the traffic while they let their children get out of the car, resulting in students weaving their way through the cars, and also parents not obeying the direction arrows. Understandably the frustration amongst many parents mounted about this poor behaviour however, in some instances this got out of hand as parents traded rude comments in front of students.

Just to clarify, it is important that we all realise that this is a Council car park. It does not belong to the school or is in any way the school’s responsibility, and our community is allowed to use this parking area at the discretion of the Council. As a community we need to address the problems in the car park. We are all aware that there are not enough car spots for everyone. It is important that everyone obeys the parking restrictions – 5 minute parking means 5 minute parking. Drivers should not prop in the middle of the road and drop off their children. If people can’t find a park they will need to exit the car park and park in the street. Only parking in designated car spots is acceptable, and if there are witches hats placed in car parks DO NOT move them.

We are really blessed as a school to have so many options for parking around the school grounds. Most other schools have limited street parking and it is extremely difficult for parents to park close to their child’s school. We have lots of options here at OGPS. We don’t want our car park issues to escalate into a real nightmare, so we need, as a community to take stock now. Council parking inspectors and police have been notified and they will be visiting from time to time. Let that be a waste of time for them.

Our Athletics Day yesterday was a huge success. The weather was absolutely brilliant and the children were fabulous at the Bill Sewart facility. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents come along to cheer and the general vibe was just delightful. It was hard to keep the smile off my face as I took photos of the children having such a good time. We had quite a group of Orchard Grove photographers so if you missed the day there are photos up on the TV in our foyer. Thank you to Kate Enticott and Kiralee Molnar for organising the day and to the staff and parents who assisted with all the activities. Presentation of Athletics Day results, along with District Swimming results, will be announced at tomorrow’s Assembly.

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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Since last year we have been working on modernising our school stationery to bring our ‘public face’ to a more contemporary 21st Century look. Of course, our beautiful Orchard Grove Tree will always be the core of our emblem, however we have some extra graphics now that we will be using from time to time that also help to depict our school and the many and varied programs and elements that showcase our school. Usually the tree logo with the coloured rings will be used, however, when we want to make more of a statement, we have the extra graphics that we can employ. We have now modernised all our school certificates, from the old Publisher version of certificates to a beautifully bright and individualised certificate that represents us as a 21st Century exciting educational facility. As we have a real ‘green’ feel to our school with our amazing grounds and acclaimed sustainability program, we have introduced a green and blue ring option around our tree as alternative to the blue and yellow ring. Both will be used for different purposes.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work of Di Storrar, one of our amazingly clever parents who has been tirelessly working on our ‘new look’. It is always very difficult to please everyone; however we believe we have a consensus now with the focus groups that we have asked for feedback from, and we have certainly had a wonderfully positive response from the students. When our stash of newsletter pre-printed paper has been used, you will see our revised logo on top of the newsletter too. So there will be a period of transition with all of our stationery.

What a fabulous night we had last Saturday for our Movie Night here at school. The response from our community was marvellous and the feedback was so positive. An outdoor cinema is an experience that we don’t often have anymore and the novelty of watching the Lego Movie with all your friends, while picnicking at school was a brilliant idea.

Thankyou to Bronwyn and the Parents Club who work so hard to raise much needed funds for the school and they think of these wonderful events to run.

Our 2015 School Council will be functioning from next month and we have 3 vacancies for this year’s council. I already have 3 nominations however if you are interested in joining council and would like to stand, we can activate the school council election process. Please see Margaret at the office for a nomination form if you are interested.

This Sunday is our first Working Bee for the year. We would really appreciate as much help as possible. We have quite a bit of sand for the sandpit to move and soft fall for our playgrounds amongst other jobs. The old adage ‘many hands, make light work’ has never been truer. If you are available, we kick off at 9am Sunday morning and usually finish before midday. Please consider coming along and supporting the school.

We have inserted in the newsletter this week a list of teachers and what year levels they are teaching. This will help you familiarise yourself with ‘who’s who in the zoo’.

Well that’s all from me for this week.

Please take heed of my comments re the car park. Together we can do this so much better.

Have a lovely weekend.

Talk soon

Glenda Harry
Principal

PAYMENTS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- Year 6 Camp -
  3rd instalment $106.00 due Wednesday 11th March

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PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Whole class - FAD, FJF, FSK, FTR
Evie, Jack, Nicholas, Brendan - 2KE
Phoebe, Sophie - 1DW Max - 3KM
Zahra - 1KC Cyanne, Iri, Manahil, Pia - 3KT
Genevieue - 1LC Zane - 3TK
Charlotte - 1/2M Alex - 5/6B
Claire, Jack, Roy - 2CM Jane - 5/6T

LIBRARY NEWS

There are many exciting events to look forward to in the Library this year. Once again Orchard Grove will be participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge, our Scholastic Book Fair will be held in May and there will be Book Week celebrations later in the year. I’d like to thank the many parents who have volunteered their time to assist us in the Library this year. A roster will be sent home this Friday.

Thanks

Deb Chamberlain

PARENTS’ CLUB

Movie Night
The Lego movie night on Saturday was awesome and the weather was perfect. These events need volunteers to run, so a huge thank you goes to Lyn & Doug Newton, Danni Carboon, Bridget Morcom, Alina Collins, Trevor Hookey & De neefe signs, Karin Maddison and all the lovely people who offered to do things on the night.

Metal 2 Metal School Challenge
11th - 25th March
Over the last year, the school community has filled three large bins with metal and recyclable products, and raised lots of money for the school. This year the bin will be at the Orchard Grove side of the school.

Easter Raffle
Raffle books will be coming home from Monday 16th March, with the raffle being drawn on Friday 27th March. A note will come home next week regarding donations for the raffle.

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

Bronwyn McIlroy
Coordinator

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Thursday, 4th March
Michelle Kaila
Kat Perera

SICK BAY ROSTER

Friday, 27th February
Helen McLaughlin - 3TK
SPANISH CORNER

Spanish and Latin American Film Group
Melbourne Filmoteca was started in 1999 by volunteers to concentrate on screening films from Spain, Portugal and Latin America. The sessions are held at ACMI cinemas at Federation Square on the First Tuesday of every month at 7pm. All films have English subtitles. The next movie is on Tuesday 3rd March and is the Mexican movie The Amazing Catfish. There are some programs at the office or online at: www.melbournefilmoteca.org

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

We are currently in the process of re-printing our newsletter paper. If you are interested in permanent advertising on the back page of the school newsletter please contact Natalie Simpson on the number below.

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Mel Firth – 0432 684 845
(Mum of Alimee 5/6W & Imogen 2KM)

NUNAWADING VIKINGS BASKETBALL CLUB

2015 WINTER SEASON REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

EDBA Competition (Domestic Saturday)
MEBA Competition (Weeknights)
BOYS & GIRLS Ages 7 to 20
3 on 3 Competition (Primary School Age)

For further information and to REGISTER, log on to:
www.nunawadingvikings.com.au

NVBC Training Venues:
Blackburn Lakes Primary School
Blackburn Primary School
Laburnum Primary School
Mildura Primary School
Old Orchards Primary School
Slater Reserve, Blackburn North
Whitehorse Primary School

Contact: Jody Walker, NVBC Registrar: 0497 995 457
registrar@nunawadingvikings.com.au
Chris Lloyd-Owens, NVBC Secretary: 0414 785 682
secretary@nunawadingvikings.com.au

Blackburn Newhope Football Club
welcomes new players to season 2015

Details
• Catering from beginner to experienced players, every player gets equal playing time in a fun and encouraging environment.
• We have 19 mixed teams in ages from 7 through to 17
• We play in the Victorian Churches Football (Soccer) Association
• Training is on a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
• Games on Saturday mornings, with home and away format. First game starts on April 18th
• Our ground is Mirrabooka Reserve, off Holland Rd, Blackburn South
• Come and see us on our Registration Day on Sunday 22nd February from 2-4pm at our grounds
• Early Bird Discount till 21st Feb and very reasonable fees.
For more information check our website or call
Rob van der End, President, mobile 0412 581 122 or email
president@blackburnnewhopesoccer.com.au

To register or for more information go to www.blackburnnewhopesoccer.com.au

Proud sponsor of RUBY Orchard Grove’s School dog
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Many apologies for the glitches that were experienced by some families on Monday when trying to access the new online booking system.

Everything is working well now. Just go to the school’s website:  
http://orchardgroveps.global2.vic.edu.au

Click on the link to take you to the login screen and enter your surname, then enter your PIN which was sent home on Monday with the eldest student in the family.

If you did not receive your PIN or do not have internet access at home, please contact Mrs King on 9894 3400 and she will make the booking for you.

We currently have over 400 interviews booked and would love to see all parents taking the opportunity to meet their child’s new teacher for 2015.

Please note: online bookings will remain open until 10.00am, Monday 2nd March.

Mrs King
Assistant Principal

WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS
Swimming Carnival 2015

What a beautiful morning to go for a swim

On Monday morning this week, 33 students travelled to Monash Aquatic Centre to compete in the District Swimming Carnival. We had a very exciting morning, luckily we were all done before the rain came.

We looked pretty swish in our new Orchard Grove Swimming caps, swimming down the pool. It was very close with the points all day and at the start of the relay events it was a tie for first between Orchard Grove and Livingstone PS. So, it came down to our relay teams who all did an amazing job. The boys that were not in a relay were counting madly around me trying to keep score as each race finished.

At the end it came down to 6 points. Orchard Grove 128 and Livingstone 134. Overall it was a great morning and we have 19 students going through to Division.

A big thank you to Mark Lane for travelling with us and being a great helper down at the pool.

Congratulations to all students who competed, we had an amazing and very successful day.

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All students that came either 1st or 2nd will be swimming at the Division Swimming Carnival on Thursday 5th March. Good luck and congratulations to all.

Kiralee Molnar
PE Teacher
### Teacher and Home Group Assignments

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Premier's Reading Challenge 2015

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 is underway and open to students from Foundation to Year 6 at Orchard Grove. The Challenge aims to promote reading and to foster a lifelong interest in it.

Students will receive permission forms as soon as they are available, which need to be signed and returned to classroom teachers. Once these are received they will be registered on-line. (Usernames and passwords will be sent home, along with information on how to enter books on-line.)

Foundation to Year 2 students are required to read or listen to 30 books. At least 20 of these books must be from the Challenge Booklist. Year 3 to 6 students need to read a total of 15 books, with at least 10 from the Challenge Booklist.

Our Library has a large selection of the Challenge books which are easily identified by the coloured dots on the spines. Yellow dots are for Foundation to Year 2, red dots are for Year 3 and 4 students and blue dots are for Year 5 and 6. Students are permitted to read books that are above their year level.

The Challenge Book List will be available soon on the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/

Please encourage your child/children to accept the Challenge and take part in this valuable experience.

Thank you
Deb Chamberlain
(Librarian)