Thursday, 11th February

TERM 1

WEEK 3

KEY DATES:

**FEBRUARY**
12  Assembly
22  Swimming Carnival
24  Whole School Athletics Day
25  School Photos

**MARCH**
4   Immigration Museum Excursion - Year 5
14  Labour Day Public Holiday
24  Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
24  Easter Raffle Drawn
24  Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal

2016 TERM DATES:
Term 1  27th January - 24th March
Term 2  11th April - 24th June
Term 3  11th July - 16th September
Term 4  3rd October - 20th December

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has continued to be a beautifully smooth start to the year and we have many new families that have joined our school community. Our school is growing amazingly with now over 630 students enrolled. One of our challenges as we grow is to help people to feel connected and part of our community. This is where our system of parent class representatives can help, with setting up a contact list and keeping the information and communication flowing. There is also our school official Facebook site, along with our website, newsletter, Parent and Friends communications and so on, that will help to keep us all informed. We are constantly looking at ways to help in this area, and to improve our systems of communication, so watch this space and we will let you know of any new initiatives.

The start of the school year marks the beginning of many experiences in new year levels, with new teachers and with new classmates. The lunch time break gives students the opportunity to imagine, play and create games freely with these new classmates in our beautiful grounds. As we have organised in the past few years, the play boxes will be out and on offer during lunch. This year we will be putting the play boxes just behind the amphitheatre for students to borrow and share. Having a like toy or a similar interest can ‘break the ice’ for some students and see them fully enjoy the company of others and the lunch break as well. We are looking to refurbish and re-stock the toy boxes and would greatly appreciate your help. If you have been clearing toys from around the house and would like to donate them to our play box scheme there will be a box outside the office. All donations will be very gratefully received.

As you are all aware over the past few weeks there have been a number of hoax bomb scares phoned through to Victorian schools. Thankfully, Orchard Grove has not been one of them. However it is reality and something we must be prepared for if such a situation arises. On Wednesday we had the first of a number of emergency evacuation drills that we hold during the year and all went really well, even the little preps handled the whole process with confidence. In the event of a hoax phone call, it is important that we take it seriously and evacuate the school. As it would be a number of hours before we would be allowed back in the building and receive the ‘ok’ from the police, we have now set up a reciprocal arrangement with Aurora Deaf School and St Lukes PS on Orchard Grove, to take the children to these schools until we have the all clear.

BELL TIMES:
8.50am  classrooms open
9.00am  classes commence
11.00 - 11.30am  recess
1.10pm  students eat lunch in classrooms
1.20 - 2.10pm  lunch outside
3.30pm  dismissal

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 emphasise the School’s No Dog policy. The only dog that is allowed on site and has been given permission to do so by our School Council is Ruby. If your family has a new little puppy, by organisation with your class teacher you may be able to bring it in to class – but you must be holding the dog at all times. We are having a consistent problem with dogs mingling with students before and after school, and even though the owners may feel that their dog is safe around children, it is not always the case when the animal is surrounded by so many unknown kids. We also have a continual problem of dog droppings on the oval which is really problematic when our students are using the oval. We would really appreciate your cooperation with this.

Next week is Information week, please look out for the notices explaining time and place. This is a very important meeting to attend as it will assist you in understanding what the expectations are of your child this year, the class routines and how we will need to be partnering together with you to get a great outcome for your child’s education this year.

The following week beginning the 22

PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- Year 6 Bomber Jackets - due 12th February
- Local Excursion Permission Forms - whole school - due 12th February
- Working Bee Forms - whole school - due 19th February
- Immigration Museum Excursion - Year 5 - due 16th Feb

School banking will start Wednesday 17th 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.

PARENTS’ CLUB

There is a new online system that has all the events we are running this term. If you are able to help with anything please add your name to the rosters at ogps.volunteer.com/ogps.

Easter Raffle

This will be drawn on Friday 24th March. More information will be coming home soon.

If you are able to help out please add your name to the roster at ogps.easterraffle@volunteer.com

Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

This is being held on Friday 24th March and order forms will be coming home soon.

If you are able to help out please add your name to the roster at ogps.hotcrossbunmorningtea@volunteer.com

Bronwyn McIlroy
Coordinator

**ATTENTION ALL CURRENT HEALTH CARD HOLDERS**

The Camp Sports and Excursions Fund will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. So, if you have a current Health Care card, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to be used towards those expenses. Annually, the CSEF amount per Primary School student is $125.

If you have a current Health Care Card and believe you may be eligible, please see Lauren in the office. All applications have to be lodged by Monday 22nd February. If you would like more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEWSLETTER ROSTER

Wednesday 17th February

Sreevidya Iyengar
Lindy Merry

SICKBAY ROSTER

Friday 12th February

Helen McLaughlin

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 15/2

Rowena Garrett
Lisa Tierney
Jenni Minniece

Wednesday 17/2

Eirini Tzortzis
Lee Decker

Friday 19/2

Lisa Duck
Kellie Perry
Jacquie Luke

There are still quite a few spots open - please contact Sophie on sophiep62@hotmail.com if you are able to help.
LIBRARY NEWS
Firstly, how lovely to see so many parents who have volunteered to assist us this year and thank you to Bronwyn McIlroy for organizing the roster.
We also have two fabulous library captains, Abbey and Thomas, as well as a group of Year 6 students who will assist as monitors. We have had a great start to the year with the majority of our students arriving for their first lesson with their library bags. All Foundation to Year 6 students are required to have a library bag to borrow.
Finally, Orchard Grove will be participating in the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Registration forms and further information will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.
Deb Chamberlain
Librarian

OGPS DOG POLICY

Purpose
Orchard Grove Primary School is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all students and staff, to taking all steps to ensure the risk of legal liability is minimised and to comply with Local, State and Federal Laws. This policy has been adopted in the context of these commitments.
This policy does not apply to the School therapy dog. (Please refer to the School Therapy Dog Policy)

Guidelines
• Dogs are prohibited within the school boundaries between the hours of 7.00am to 6.00pm during normal school operating days.
• The prohibited school boundaries are from the most northern boundary (residential fence line behind the portables) to the most southern side of the school oval (fence line) and from the eastern service road of the Wal Wicking Hall to the entrance gates on Orchard Grove inclusive of the western boundary of the school oval and all areas contained therein.
• The School or School Council will contact local law officers to remove dogs from school grounds if dogs are within the school boundaries and not under effective control between the hours of 7.00am to 6.00pm during normal school operating days.
• Specific “No Dogs” signage will be displayed prominently within the school boundaries at various locations.
• Dog owners are reminded of their obligation to clean up after their dogs in compliance with Local Laws.
• Dog owners may, within the context of local laws, bring dogs within the school boundaries prior to 7.00am and after 6.00pm during normal school operating days.

The Dog Dazzlers
Dog Grooming Service
for an appointment please call
SAM: 0438 759 854
CHRIS: 0438 759 105

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2016 OPEN EVENING
Wednesday 4 May
Commemorating with a
YEAR 7 2017
INFORMATION SESSION
6:00pm to 6:30pm
in the college gymnasium followed by the
COLLEGE OPEN EVENING
6:30pm to 8:30pm

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EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM
The Early Learning Program at Taralye offers small groups for children between 18 months and three years. All programs advocate a play based learning philosophy that supports the varied interests & developmental needs of each child. Children are supported by teachers (ratio 2 adults : 8 children) to enable them to participate fully in the programs offered. The room is optimally adapted to the needs of children with a hearing loss through the use of assistive technology and environmental modifications to reduce background noise. Providing high quality education for all children in the group.

2016 GROUPS

Taralye provides opportunities for children with hearing loss and children from the local community to interact and learn alongside each other. Promoting social and language experiences, the Therapy Group (includes 2-5 years) and Early Learners (2-4 years) include seminars. Programs include up to four children with hearing loss and four children from the community.

$45 per session (2.5 hours)

For more information (or to enrol) please contact:
Christina Koikipsakis
e: christina@taralye.vic.edu.au  p: 9877 1300
2016 Photo Day
Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear parents and students,

Orchard Grove Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 25/02/2016
School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

ONLINE ORDERING Your child’s school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING
- Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device: Click Here
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [CWG LQR DB6]
- Step 2: Enter your student’s details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)
Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING
- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [CWG LQR DB6]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 23/02/2016
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE
ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

- Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.
  Please use black or blue pen.
- Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
  Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
  Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
  Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
  Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child’s school photo order.
info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

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SIGN UP NOW FOR MUSIC LESSONS 2016

Dear Parents and students,

Lessons in Keyboard, Guitar, Drums, Strings Brass and Woodwind are once again available this year. Instruments are available for hire or purchase at discount rates. Families wishing to participate in any of these programs will need to get themselves an enrolment form from the school office, have a parent fill it in and either leave it at the office or post it directly to Online Music Solutions.

Information about the programs may be found on the reverse side of the enrolment forms (also visit www.musiclessonvideos.net). All families will be directly contacted prior to the lesson commencement date to confirm the lesson time and details.

Note: Students from 2015 need to re-enrol to continue in 2016. All enquiries please phone 98746667 or email oms@bigpond.net.au

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23 STEVENS ROAD, FOREST HILL
JUNIORS: 7 TO 13 YEARS, 6:15PM TO 7:15PM
TEENAGERS & ADULTS: 8:15PM TO 9:45PM

LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY

TUESDAYS:
Templeton Prim. School
Crestdale Rd.
Wantirna

THURSDAYS Also at:
Essex Heights Prim. School
Essex Road
Mount Waverley

WEDNESDAYS:
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Cnr Roseveil & Cassowary St
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2016 East Burwood Junior Football Club
Registration Day

New players welcome!!!

When:
Sunday 14 February 10.00am – 1.00pm

Where:
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BURWOOD HIGHWAY, MEL REF 62 B8

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8-18 year olds

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- Weekly rehearsals with a professional drama director
- Perform in fully costumed theatrical productions at the Union Theatre each semester
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8-18 year olds

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- Develop performance skills - singing, dancing and acting
- Perform in fully costumed musical theatre productions each semester at the National Theatre
Instilling confidence takes more than heaping praise on kids. Here are 10 practical confidence-building strategies for parents and teachers of children and young people.

1. **Model confident thinking**
   Kids soak up the language, thinking and behaviour of those closest to them in their environment. Parents and teachers play a part in modelling confident thinking and behaviour particularly when it comes to tackling new activities. In particular, let kids hear positive self-talk when you tackle something new. They should hear something like, “I’ll have a go at this, if I don’t do so well then I can try again tomorrow.” This is far more effective than “I’m no good at this. I’ll probably stuff it up.”

2. **Focus on effort & improvement**
   Current thinking shows that people who believe that they can increase their intelligence through effort and challenge actually get smarter and do better in school, work, and life over time. One way to develop a growth mindset is to focus your language on effort and improvement rather than on the results of what they do. By linking success with effort you are teaching them success comes from something other than purely their ability, talents or smarts.

3. **Praise strategy**
   While effort is key for achievement, it’s not the only thing. Kids need to try new strategies and seek input from others when they’re stuck. They need this repertoire of approaches – not just sheer effort – to learn and improve. It helps too to focus language on better and smarter ways on improving. Comments such as “That was a smart idea to tackle the hardest task while you were fresh” (strategy) and “You recognised the first few steps were the most important but then after that you were right” are descriptive statements that have significant instructional value for kids.

4. **Develop self-help skills from an early age**
   A child’s self-esteem comes as a result of his or her successes and accomplishments. The most important competencies to build confidence are basic self-help skills. These form the building blocks upon which other competencies such as organisational skills and many social skills are formed.

5. **Give them real responsibility**
   From a young age start giving children responsibility for some aspects of their lives. By giving kids responsibility we are sending a powerful message that we think they are capable. Also they are learning the skills necessary to care for themselves.

6. **Practice unconditional acceptance**
   Your ability to accept children and young people’s best efforts in any area of endeavour, irrespective of the results, will go a long way toward determining their self-esteem and confidence.
... 10 confidence-building strategies every parent and teacher should know ...

If a child makes their bed to the very best of their ability, resist fixing it, even though it may fall short of your adult standards. Instead remind them next time of how to do it well.

7 Expand their horizons
Some kids are confident and capable at home but are fearful and nervous when it comes to new social situations and unfamiliar environments. Children today have less opportunity than those in the past to negotiate and explore unpredictable situations. Wherever possible look for opportunities to expand children’s horizons to include unfamiliar places and unfamiliar locations including catching public transport and walking to friends’ places unattended when capable.

8 Recognise improvement
Focus your comments on children’s effort and improvement rather than on winning the game or getting top marks. Help kids set realistic goals in line with their capabilities and interests. Learning five new spelling words a week maybe more realistic than 20 words that school may require.

9 Put the training wheels on to support learning
Putting training wheels on a bike is a great way to teach a young child to ride. They keep them upright and mobile while they are getting the knack of balancing. We can use the same principle to support kids learning while they develop independence in many areas of life. For instance, we can accompany anxious kids to birthday parties and stay for a short time so they become comfortable before leaving.

10 Build teaching and training into your day
Teaching and training needs to be part of the every day repertoire of a parent. This means we need to add a little extra time to many of our interactions so we can help children acquire many of the basic skills of living, whether it is a young child learning to do up his or her shoelaces or a teenager learning how to fill out his or her tax form for a part-time job. When adults are busy it is often easier to do things ourselves.

Most importantly, great parents and teachers have a knack of communicating confidence in kids. They find ways to let kids know that they believe in them – that they know their kids will perform and succeed, that they have faith that they can deal with life’s challenges and know that they can become more independent.

Want more ideas to help you raise confident and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.

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