Thursday, 25th February

TERM 1

WEEK 5

KEY DATES:

MARCH
4  Immigration Museum Excursion - Year 5
9  Cooper's Settlement Excursion - Year 2
10 Cooper’s Settlement Excursion - Year 1
14 Labour Day Public Holiday
24 Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
24 Easter Raffle Drawn
24 Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal
(No Canteen)

APRIL
11 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2 (No Canteen)
11 - 15 Canberra Camp - Year 6

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

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It’s been a busy week as we complete our initial start-up Information Nights and Get to Know You Interviews. I hope you all took advantage of the opportunity to hear what is happening in your child’s year level in 2016 and spoke with the teacher. Communication between home and school is vital in a strong partnership and we all want the best outcomes possible for the students at Orchard Grove.

On Wednesday, we had our whole school Athletics Carnival. It was marvellous to see the level of support with the parents and grandparents who came along to watch and cheer. It was quite a warm day but we had plenty of water, sunscreen, hats, food and even a coffee cart for the adults to enjoy. So, all in all we were well catered for. Thank you to Mezze Café who bought along the coffee cart. Mezze Café does a fantastic job supporting the school and I know for one, enjoyed being able to grab a hot chocolate on the day.

The children did so well at the athletics, moving from event to event and supporting their houses. The student house Captains had worked hard assisting our PE staff to organise the day and they ran a house meeting this week to inspire and encourage their groups. We loved seeing the house mascots come along to bring in a fun element. This year was the first time we had allocated staff to houses. We think this will help to support and promote the house system here at school and means the student leaders have a group of teachers to assist them. Each child has received a ribbon for their involvement and the major place getters will be acknowledged at Friday’s assembly, along with the announcement of the winning house. Students who have done particularly well will go on to represent the school at the District Level in the weeks to come. A big thank you to Kate Enticott and Kiralee Molnar for all their organisation of the Athletics Day, there is a lot involved in making this day a success and once again they excelled.

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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Still on Athletics I would like to acknowledge Alannah 4GH and Ethan 5SG who competed in the Regional Track and Field Championships last weekend. Alannah won a gold medal in 80m hurdles and she is ranked 11th in the state. She also won bronze in the 70m sprint and won bronze in high jump ranking 14th in the state. Alannah has now made it into the State competition in each of these events. Ethan made it to state competition in Javelin with a throw of 18 metres.

The State Track & Field Championships are in 3 weeks time on 19th March and we wish them all the best.

While still celebrating the achievements of our students, I would also like to acknowledge Sam 5CP, who last week received the Grey Wolf Award at Cub Scouts. This is the pinnacle of achievement in the Cub Scout Section. Cubs who have achieved this award have put in significant additional effort beyond their normal badge work and have shown they live up to their Cub Scout promise. In speaking to Sam, I realised that this is an amazing achievement and he has worked very hard for this honour. To earn the Grey Wolf Award a Cub Scout must hold a Gold Boomerang badge, participate in a minimum of four outdoor activities and attend two Pack Councils in the previous 12 months, complete four Level 2 Achievement badges (one from each category) and one Special Interest badge, and develop and present a resource for the Six or Pack based on the Cub Scout’s understanding of The Jungle Book. Samuel’s Special Interest badge was Local History, in which he researched and presented information about the Blackburn area, his school, and the Black Saturday bushfires. Samuel also created a website using Google sites to share his Grey Wolf journey. Many students from Orchard Grove PS and their parents are involved in Cubs and it is a fantastic organisation to belong too. Maybe if you’re interested in becoming a Cub, you could talk to Sam, I’m sure he would love to tell you all about.

I received an email from a gentleman from our local area that was involved in a cycling accident last Friday. Evidently one of our lovely parents (Andy) stopped and helped this man and he was very keen to try and contact him and thank him for his kindness. He wrote......To Andy (school parent) who helped me after my cycling accident on Friday the 19th: thank you for your kindness as I would not have been able to get home otherwise. At Knox Hospital Emergency Department they found I had a fracture of my right humerus. However the joint was not damaged and it is likely to heal with a good result. Best Wishes, Richard.

Hopefully Andy is reading this and will know how much his kindness last Friday was appreciated.

Now on a totally different note, I thought I would address a couple of rumours that have been floating around about the new land. When we receive a portable, it is placed on the site with a set of stairs, a concrete path of no more than 10 metres, electricity and data cabling connected, but no water. Any other development of the site must be done at local school expense. Placement of these proposed buildings are being carefully considered as the useable portion of this block is quite narrow and we need to be clever in the economical and practical development of the site. By next term we are hoping to have both new fences and a beautiful new surface on the existing netball court. This will be followed by stairs leading down from the netball court to the basketball courts and some retaining walls and garden beds. As you would understand the school can only spend the money on such refurbishments and site development once, so we are very keen to get it right. I am excited about how this space will look in time; however we are very blessed to be able to use this piece of land as it was not earmarked for Orchard Grove use and it has been a significant amount of time and work to be able to use this space and to now have it as part of our school.

Finally we have had a fantastic response to my call for nominations for a place on our School Council for the next two years. The nominations have exceeded spaces available, so we will need to go to election. You will receive forms and ballot papers home shortly so you can vote on who you would like to represent the parent body on School Council, so look out for those notices.

Well that’s all from me for this week.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family

Talk soon.

Glenda Harry
Principal

The whole class - FBB, FCT, FJM, FSK, FTR
Liam - 1BW
Jayden - 1BS
Lucie - 1JF
Elias - 2KM
San, Shiro - 2LS
Stanley - 2SP
Micah - 1/2W
Juli - 3GT
George, Lily - 3KM
Marcus, Scarlett - 3TK
Imogen - 4GH
Meg - 4JL
Jade - 4KT
Josh - 4MA
Jade, Grace - 5CP
Mitchell - 5KT
Anna - 5SG
Ivy - 6HW
Ivan - 6SR

PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE - Please pay asap at the office
- Excursion Levy - 2nd instalment - $50.00 - Now Overdue
- Local Excursion Permission Forms - Now Overdue
- Working Bee Forms - whole school - due 29th Feb
- Cooper’s Settlement Excursion - Year 1 - due 25th Feb
- Cooper’s Settlement Excursion - Year 2 - due 25th Feb
- Year 6 Camp - 2nd instalment - $100.00 - due 26th Feb
- Year 6 Camp - 3rd instalment - $100.00 - due 4th March
- Year 6 Camp - final instalment - due 10th March
NEWSLETTER - EMAIL / HARD COPY
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District Swimming Carnival 2016

WOW! Perfect weather for a swim

On Monday morning this week, 28 students travelled to Monash Aquatic Centre to compete in the District Swimming Carnival. The weather was absolutely perfect; overcast, but it was warm.

There were certainly a few nerves and some very excited students. We had a warm up and then we got down to business. We started off with the Medley relay, which is where we got our first points on the board. Then into the individual events: Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly. At the end of these races we were in second place. The Freestyle relays were next where we did an amazing job. The last race was going to decide the winner and, lucky for us, it was Orchard Grove!!

Well done to everyone who competed. It was great to hear that some people smashed their own PBs. We have 20 students who will be heading off to Ringwood Aquanation on Monday.

A big thank you to Paul Tierney for traveling with us and being a great helper down at the pool. Also, a big thanks to all the parents for coming to support the team and helping on the day.
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All students that came either 1st or 2nd will be swimming at the Division Swimming Carnival on Monday 29th February.

Good luck and congratulations to all.

Kate Enticott and Kiralee Molnar
PE Teachers
Whole School Athletics Day
2016

KILLOURA

MIRRABOOKA

WARRAWONG

WURUNDJERI