Thursday, 24th March

TERM 1

WEEK 9

KEY DATES:

MARCH
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
21  Cross Country - Year 3 - 6
26  Cross Country - Foundation - Year 2

MAY
6  District Cross Country
9 - 11  Yarra Junction Camp - Year 4
17  ICAS Competition - Digital Technologies
27  Interschool Sport - Year 5 - 6

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, here we are at the end of first term. The time has just flown by, however, as usual, we have packed in so much.

Our wonderful school student leaders have concluded their series of assembly items exploring the behaviours associated with our five guiding values of respect, integrity, working together, fostering growth and valuing diversity. They gave meaningful and engaging messages to all our students. A conversation at home about the importance of these values in guiding us, in all that we do and say to each other, either face to face or when using the internet, would certainly strengthen the understandings introduced during assembly. Next term our class levels will begin wellbeing rotations exploring further positive behaviours. Examining character strengths such as empathy, persistence and resilience for example, are important in helping to shape our students’ personal development. Encouraging our students to be the best they can be is always foremost in our minds as we plan these activities and encourage the children to develop their character in a positive way.

As you know, last Friday was the fundraiser for our friends in Fiji, many of whom have lost their homes. Unfortunately, the weather wasn’t quite what we were wanting with the rain and colder temperatures, but the lovely vibe and level of support and enthusiasm for the cause certainly made up for the weather. We raised $980.40, which will assist them in buying a chain saw to help with the clean-up. Thanks everyone.

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

2016 TERM DATES:

Term 1  27th January - 24th March
Term 2  11th April - 24th June
Term 3  11th July - 16th September
   29th July - Curriculum Day
Term 4  3rd October - 20th December
   31st October - Curriculum Day

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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Orchard Grove Primary School NEWS
On Wednesday, we had our final School Council Meeting with our outgoing Council. This was a meeting tinged with sadness as we said farewell to a number of long standing councillors and huge supporters of our school. David Wiener, our School Council President, has served on Council for over 10 years and most of those as President. The support he gave the previous Principal, Jan Oliver, and then me over the last 6 years has been tremendous as has the change we have seen in this time. Gary Woodford, our Treasurer, has also served on Council for a similar period of time and has contributed at a high level throughout this period. Gary has had the very important role, along with the finance committee, to assist us in managing the school finances effectively. We have been very successful in doing this, particularly as the school has doubled in size in the time these men have been on council. Adrian Devey is also leaving his position on School Council, after being on Council for around 8 years. Adrian has been invaluable as a hands on, practical and insightful member of School Council. He has been instrumental in his work on the Education Committee and, in particular, assisting in policy making and correct compliance, along with significant work on our risk management procedures. Finally, we also say farewell to Bruce Dyason, who has served this last 2 year term on Council. To have councillors who have been so prepared, as these four men have, to really get involved in school life, whether it be policy development, working bees, attending official engagements and so on, has been tremendous. A huge heart felt thank you for your services, gentlemen!!

On a positive note, it is with great pleasure that I welcomed our new School Council members to the team. As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, Andrew Cameron, Drew Sinclair, Nicola Major, Rod Mudford and Craig Williams are all joining the council for a two year term. In addition, we would also like to welcome Trevor Hockey who has agreed to be seconded onto the Council to complete Gary Woodford’s final year of tenure which heis now unable to complete. Trevor nominated and stood for our School Council elections and in number of votes was the next in line. Our new office bearers as voted by the new Council are Fiona Ross - School Council President, Andrew Cameron - Vice President and Rod Mudford - Treasurer. Congratulations to all.

Thank you to all those who bought tickets in our annual Easter Raffle. Again, it was a great success. It was drawn this afternoon and there were a number of happy faces carrying away the sensational prizes. This is just another example of how well our community supports our school through fundraising activities. Thanks for all your donations and to the Parents and Friends group for organising the raffle.

An update on our renovations to the netball court leading into the new ‘meadow’ area; unfortunately, work has been delayed due to issues around the powder coating of the new fence. We need to make sure that we have this area secure at all times, so the work cannot go ahead until all the elements are ready for installation. I have not, at this stage, heard of the new start date, but we are hoping it is not too far away.

The holiday time is always danger time for our school facilities, so we would really appreciate if you could be vigilant over the break. If you see any suspicious or inappropriate behaviour around the school, please ring 000. Graffiti and willful damage costs the school significant money that could otherwise be spent on the educational needs of our students, so to have help in keeping our school protected is tremendous.

Finally, all the best for a great Easter break with your family and we will see you back on Monday 11th April. A reminder that our Year 6 students will be off in this first week on their very exciting camp to Canberra, so that is a wonderful way for them to start the new term.

Talk soon

Glenda Harry
Principal

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**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

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**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**
- **Gateways Expression of Interest Form - due 15th April**
- **ICAS - English, Writing, Spelling, Maths - due 6th May**
- **Adanac Camp - Year 4 Deposit**: $110.00 - due 15th April
  
**Balance**: $110.00 - due 29th April
  or payment in full - $220.00 - due 29th April

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**PARENTS’ CLUB**

If you are able to help with anything we are running this year, please add your name to the rosters at ogps.ivolunteer.com/ogps.

Bronwyn McIlroy
Coordinator

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Canteen News

Well, it seems the end of the first term has just crept up on us, and we are excited about the Easter break. We’ve had a great term at canteen, with the children ordering lunch and slushies on a regular basis. Please note that slushies will not be available next term, but the delicious Belgian hot chocolate will be available for the winter terms (2 & 3).

The updated winter menu will be coming home next term and copies will be available from the office, or from me at the canteen.

The roster for Term 2 is now available and, if anyone wants to change their timeslots, please come and see me.

If any new parents would like to volunteer for canteen duty, even for just a short time, please let me know, and I can include you in the roster. An extra pair of hand is always appreciated.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break with your families.

Many thanks to all who assist at canteen, your help and continuous support is greatly appreciated always.

Happy Easter and happy holidays to all.

Sophie Polites
Canteen Manager

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Tennis lessons here at school

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Date: Wednesday 20th April - Wednesday 8th June (3 Weeks)

Time: 

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Wednesday lunchtime from 1:10pm - 2:10pm (4 week session)

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