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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

After a highly successful District swimming carnival last week where OGPS won, our swimmers went on to the Division competition at Ringwood this week. We were really proud of all our participants and 6 of our students will now be going through to the Regional Finals next week. We will all look forward to hearing how they go.

At last Friday’s assembly, the winning house was announced from the House Athletics Competition. Warrawong (Red House) was the winning house and huge congratulations to them on the win. The competition was close and all the students did extremely well.

It was great to see our new peer mediators out in the yard this week at the lunch breaks. The students have been trained and wear a Fluro jacket so they are easily spotted in the yard. There is no doubt that their first week has been a great success. They have been a great support to the yard duty teachers and the students have enjoyed their input.

I would like to thank the many people who came to the working bee last Sunday. It was a tremendous turn out and many jobs were done around the school. To have such support is absolutely fantastic and we appreciate the strong community we have at OGPS that contribute so well and support the school.

As I mentioned last week, we had such a strong response to our vacancies on School Council that we will now be going to an election. Please look out for the ballot papers, which will be coming out very soon. Each parent at the school can vote and we encourage everyone to cast their vote. In the pack we will send home will be a brief statement and photo of each candidate to assist you in making your decision. Our first council meeting with our new Council will be on Wednesday March 16th following our AGM.

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**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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This week, a note went home for the Prep to Year 2 parents who would like to be involved as parent helpers. We have decided to run some information and training sessions in the next 2 weeks so that we can make sure that we have a unified approach to protocols and expectations. We are hoping that, once again, we will have many parents who are able to help us here at school, so, if this applies to you, please fill in the slip on the bottom of this note and send it back to school as soon as possible.

Today we ran our Clean Up Australia program for our school and the surrounding Wurundjeri Walk. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the children and the pride they have in our local environment. They did a great job.

Finally, a couple of weeks ago we sent home photo permission forms for you to fill in and let us know what your wishes are regarding the use of photos of your children. Here at school, we love taking photos of the students, capturing them during their learning time and school activities and it is a lovely way to celebrate what happens here at school. Unfortunately there was a little bit of confusion around a couple of the categories for which we are seeking clarification. There was a box that said PRINT MEDIA. Some people interpreted this as the local papers; magazines etc. but it also included the school newsletter. On reflection, we should have separated the two, as many families were happy for their child's photo to be in the school newsletter but not in other forms of print media outside of the school. If you ticked no print media, however you would be happy for your child's photo to be in the school newsletter, could you please let your child's teacher know. In addition if you have restrictions on where your child's photo can be used, please make sure you have also explained this to your child, as it can be distressing for students if we have to exclude them from a photo, such as the Principal Award photo that is taken at assembly each week and put in the newsletter to celebrate their achievement.

Well that’s all from me for this week.

Have a wonderful weekend with your family

Glenda Harry
Principal

2016 Peer Mediators

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
• Year 6 Camp - 3rd instalment - $100.00 - due 4th March
• Year 6 Camp - final instalment - due 10th March
• Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea - due 18th March

NEWSLETTER - EMAIL / HARD COPY
Just a reminder that if you are currently receiving a hard copy of the newsletter and would prefer to get an electronic copy, please forward your email address to lowe.evelyn@edumail.vic.gov.au. We have had a problem with emails, so if you advised us previously that you would like an email copy but are still getting a hard copy please send us another email.

DIVISION SWIMMING
Congratulations to all the students who competed in the division swimming carnival on Monday. 20 students represented the school at Aquanation in Ringwood after progressing through from the District competition the week before. The competition was a lot tougher than district but many students and relays still placed in the top half of the field and all the students swum extremely well. For many, this was their first big swimming competition and they did a great job. Thanks to all the parents who transported students to the pool and helped get them to the events on time. 6 students have progressed to region and will be competing again next Monday. Congratulations and good luck to Lachlan O, Lachlan P, Kobe, Fenix, Matthew and Michelle for the region championships next week.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking will start on Wednesday 23rd March. 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
Easter Raffle
Tickets will be coming home next week and are due back 18th March. This will be drawn on the last day of term 1.

Easter Raffle Donations
A box for donations for the Easter raffle is outside the office. Watch the atrium cabinet for prizes for the raffle.

Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea - Friday 24th March
Order forms came home this week and are due back Friday 18th March. If you didn’t receive a form there are spares at the office.

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

NEWSLETTER ROSTER
Wednesday 9th March
Sabina Anwer
Alexandra Orfanidis

SICKBAY ROSTER
Friday 4th March
Ken Setiawan

CANTEEN ROSTER
Monday 7/3
Wednesday 9/3
Friday 11/3
Jess Bentley
Ken Setiawan
Belinda Burfitt
Lisa Tierney
Karin Martin
Shivani Astley
Suzie Coleman

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PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM
Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers

LET'S TALK ABOUT DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

By the time they hit late Primary to early Secondary School it's likely that a child has already been exposed to drugs and alcohol in some way — whether through friends, television, movies, books, family members or the internet.

It is also likely that they're starting to form their own opinions and attitudes towards drugs and alcohol so it's important for parents, grandparents and/or carers to help guide the conversation around prevention and/or harm reduction. The more knowledge and information parents, grandparents and carers have the more informed this conversation can be.

Linda and Anthony from YFSO's Beenleigh Family Support Service will provide parents with current information about youth drug and alcohol use and provide guidance to parents on how to broach this often difficult topic to ensure it's a conversation rather than a lecture. They will also provide information and support to parents who believe alcohol or drug use is becoming problematic.

YFSO's Beenleigh Family Support Service aims to reduce youth homelessness by improving the connections that young people aged 12-18 have with their family, work, education and the community whilst simultaneously addressing substance use issues. Support is offered to both the young person and their families using solution-focused family counselling approaches.

Time: 3pm-4pm
Venue: Workshop Room, Whithorne Centre, 37 Whithorne Road, Nunnawading (rear of Nunnawading Library)
Bookings: Register your attendance is essential. Please book online at whitmanh.org.au/Parental-Information-Forums.html
Further information: Please contact Council's Parent Resource Office on 1300 675 975 or email louise@whithorne.vic.gov.au

Cost: $2.00 (a donation payable on the night)

- There will be Aboriginal interpreters available at the forum if required.
- Please indicate whether you require Aboriginal interpreters through the online booking process.
- Please note we are unable to accommodate children in this forum.

Thursday 21 April 2016

MASSIVE GARAGE SALE
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HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Orchard Grove House athletics for 2016. The weather was hot and humid but the students were outstanding in their behaviour, sportsmanship and effort. The winners for each age group and every student in Warrawong received a special Orchard Grove ribbon for their efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS WARRAWONG
HOUSE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2016

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

PREP GIRLS
1st Elana FBB, Isabelle FSK,
2nd Marlena FTR, Mia-Emilka FTR, Isla FBB, Harper FSK
3rd Raya FBB, Rachel FSK, Ella FSK

PREP BOYS
1st Sam FJM, Cooper FBB, Oliver FTR, Lachlan FBB
2nd Sebastien FTR, Alexander FSK, Troy FSK
3rd Sam FSK, Max Scarff FJM, Hush FJM

GRADE 1 GIRLS
1st Olivia 1DW, Francesca 1BW
2nd Amelia 1JF, Olive 1BW,
3rd Fatima 1JF

GRADE 1 BOYS
1st Kai 1BW, Jorge 1BS, Mac 1JF
2nd Jasper
3rd Sebastian 1BW, Dwayne 1JF, Hunter 1JF

GRADE 2 GIRLS
1st Andie 2SP, Caitlin 2LS
2nd Alyssa 2SP, Lyla 2KM, Jasmine 2CM
3rd Aleisha 2LS, Georgia 2LS
HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

GRADE 2 BOYS
1st Billy 2CM, Ethan 2SP
2nd Shiro 2LS, Cale 2SP, Max 2SP, Zachary 2SP, Zane 1DW
3rd Fynn 2LS, Miles 2SP, Angus 2LS, Kalen 2KM, Renos 2KM

9 & UNDER GIRLS
1st Olivia 3GT
2nd Maya 3GT
3rd Georgia 3KM, Hannah 3GT, Clio 3GT

10 YEAR GIRLS
1st Alannah 4GH
2nd Anabelle 4JL
3rd Mia 4KT, Imogen 4KT

9 YEAR BOYS
1st Kai 3GT,
2nd James 4GH
3rd Will 4GH

10 YEAR BOYS
1st Camiel 4JL,
2nd Liam 4JL, Nathan 4GH
3rd Cameron 4GH

11 YEAR GIRLS
1st Penelope 6HW
2nd Sienna 5KT
3rd Isabelle 6SR, Olivia 5KT

11 YEAR BOYS
1st Lachlan 5CP
2nd Kobe 5KT
3rd Samuel 5CP

12 & 13 YEAR GIRLS
1st Mia 6EW, Nina 6SR
2nd Alana 6SR
3rd Caelan 6EW, Lily 6EW

12 & 13 YEAR BOYS
1st Jochem 6SR
2nd Logan 6HW
3rd Max 6SR, Kai 6EW

A huge thank you to all the parents who came along and helped out on the day.
We could not run these days without your support.