**Thursday, 9th February 2017**

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**TERM 1 WEEK 2**

**2017 TERM DATES:**

- **Term 1:** 30th January - 31st March
  - 30th & 31st January - Curriculum Days
  - Students start Wed 1st February
- **Term 2:** 18th April (Tue) - 30th June
- **Term 3:** 17th July - 22nd September
- **Term 4:** 9th October - 22nd 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

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Please see next page/insert for the Principal’s message.

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**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Families at OGPS receive the fortnightly newsletter via email or the Skoolbag app. It can also be viewed via the school’s website: [http://orchardgroves.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://orchardgroves.global2.vic.edu.au/)

If you prefer a ‘hard’ copy of the newsletter, we will be able to supply a printed version. In this case, please fill in the appropriate form which is available at the office.

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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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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to welcome you back to the start of a new school year. I trust that you all had a lovely Christmas/New Year break with your families. I am very happy to report that I had a very boring break; no houses destroyed by fire or very sick dogs to contend with. It certainly was a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends and recharge the batteries.

We would like to welcome our new staff: Philippa Statkus (Yr 5), Abbey Cox (Foundation), Tegan Cant (Yr 3), Emily Fox (Yr 5) Gina Mets (Performing Arts) and Filomena Vinagre Arias (Spanish). We are also saying goodbye to Kerry Todkill and Hayley Sheridan, who are now on maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the good news when the two babies arrive.

Building in the Meadow
Here at school during the holidays, the builders were working very hard on the fabulous new learning centre in The Meadow. It was very ambitious to think that we would have it near-ready for students on our return, but they were (pretty much) true to their word. The Year Five classes are now in the building, however there is still approximately 3-4 weeks of work needed to get the site to completion. It will be an amazing space for us to use, with a lovely wide corridor with 'outbreak' spaces for small group work, a huge teaching and learning space between the two original portable buildings, three offices, storage room and a kitchenette. It will be fabulous. I am very proud that together we have worked very hard for this to be a totally self-funded Orchard Grove Primary School project with no financial assistance from the Department. This is a credit to our smart financial planning, our continual school fund raising and wonderful support from our School Council and Finance Committee. We look forward to continued development in The Meadow as, other than the portable buildings themselves, all other infrastructure, including playgrounds, drink taps and landscaping, is at local school expense.

Chinese New Year Celebrations
Last Friday’s special assembly with Mun Chin and the visit from the colourful and energetic lion dance troupe was certainly a wonderful way to start the 2017 school year. Each year, classes begin by exploring the school values and build understandings about positive attitudes and behaviours that we hope will guide students through their school years and beyond. Respect, Integrity, Working Together, Fostering Growth and Valuing Diversity are our school values and, through a variety of activities, students at each level have discussed and learned what these mean in our school context and how they can show these values in their dealings with each other and within the school environment. These values can be a great conversation starter at home and enable the students to see the wider effect of positive attitudes and behaviours outside their classrooms and school.

Valuing Diversity was certainly introduced by Friday’s Chinese New Year celebrations. We will build on this celebration with a day of many cultures this Friday 10th February and continue to learn more about each other and about the diversity within our community throughout this first term, as the whole school focus is Community. We are so fortunate to come to school and live in a community with people from diverse backgrounds, with diverse talents, skills, interests and ways of looking at the world.

The final weekend of New Year celebrations will see the Chinese Youth Society lion dance troupe performing in Box Hill this Saturday evening. Once again, we are grateful to Carmen Lau and the youth society for taking the time to visit Orchard Grove at a time when they are very busy, and sincerely appreciate Mun and his wife, Ivy, for their wonderful presentation last Friday.

New Foundation Students Starting
This last Wednesday was our Foundation students’ first day at school. It was wonderful to see such excited little faces walking into the Foundation classrooms. As usual, it was a great start; all 103 little ones settled in quickly and it was as if they had been at school for weeks. Ruby, our School Therapy Dog, came and met all the children and it was great to see them all having a lovely time together. She is certainly a calming influence; within 20 minutes, I was flooded with beautiful drawings of Ruby and some excellent attempts at spelling her name. I would like to thank the staff who have worked hard in preparation for the students’ arrival. During the last week, they have met individually with each family and spent time assessing the new Foundation student. It certainly is a great way to start the year – collecting all the academic data on each child in the first week and then being able to teach to each child’s point of need right from the first day.
Student Leaders
Next Friday, 17th February, our 2017 school leaders will be receiving their badges at assembly, beginning at 9:10am. This will be a great opportunity to welcome the group into their leadership role and to celebrate this occasion with their families. There will be a morning tea for the Student Leadership Group and their parents after the assembly.

Lauren Gorfine
It is with a sad heart that I am informing our school community that Lauren, our wonderful Office Manager, is leaving OGPS on the 24th February. Lauren joined our team around 18 months ago and took to the role like a duck to water. Lauren is going to pursue a career in nursing, which we all think she will be fabulous at and we wish her all the best in her endeavours. Kathy Broadbent will be taking on Lauren’s role. Kathy has had extensive experience in office management, so I am sure she will be terrific. Jessica Fordham will be stepping into the First Aid role. Jessica has worked in this area for a number of years and the students all know her from her association with OSHClub. If you would like to come and wish Lauren all the best, make sure you come before Friday 24th, as that is her last day.

Canteen
Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, our canteen was not able to open this week. Sophie is currently on bereavement leave and we are hoping to have her back in the next couple of weeks. We apologise for the inconvenience and will let you know when the canteen will reopen.

School Facebook Site
We are endeavouring to keep you up to date with what is happening around the school by using our Orchard Grove official Facebook page and also our SMS messaging service, Skoolbag. We have had a number of parents who were confused with events, details and times of things happening at school after being given the wrong information through less-official channels. If you have a query, please check the official OGPS site, send us a message or ring the school office. That is the best way to keep abreast of what is going on.

Information Night and Get to Know You Interviews (GTKY)
This year’s Information Nights will be held on Monday and Tuesday 20th and 21st February. Years One, Two and Three will be on Monday 20th February and Years Four, Five and Six will be held on Tuesday 21st February. This is a great opportunity to orientate yourselves on what will be happening for your child, which will help us to better partner together in their education. Please make plans to attend.

The Get to Know You Interviews are vital for a good start to the school year. This is an opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with the teacher and to assist your child’s new teacher gain some insight into your child’s personality and needs. These will be held in the following week, on Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st March. We will be using our existing PTO booking system, enabling you to go on line and make your own appointments. I would encourage you to do this as quickly as possible so that you can get your preferred time/s. A notice and a slip with your log in details will be coming home early next week.

Bulk Permission Notices
Also, please look out for the Bulk Permission Notice that will be coming home this week. This signed permission form needs to come back to school as soon as possible. This will cover permission to go on local community excursions, for a head lice check (by the school First Aid Officer) and the big one for me®, that caused a huge amount of confusion last year, the Parental Permission for Children publishing on the Internet. We are required to break this permission down into sections, under the new Victorian Government Child Safe Standards Legislation. Please read this carefully, as last year we had many parents say ‘no’ to sections of this permission slip and then get upset with us when their child was excluded from such things as the Principal Awards photo in the school newsletter, no photos posted from school camps or no photos of children put on the in-house office TV. Hopefully we have explained it a bit better this year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jane Halpin and her daughter, Izzy, who were the winners in a competition run by the Australian Museum to name a Christmas beetle. If you would like to check out this terrific story, here is the link: http://m.northernstar.com.au/news/5000-names-suggested-for-beetles-judges-choose-9/3126723/
Congratulations Jane and Izzy – well done!!

Well, that’s all from me for this week. Have a great weekend with the family.

Talk soon.

Glenda Harry
Principal
SCHOOL BANKING
School banking will start Wednesday 22nd February. Bank books are to be handed into the office by 9.10am on Wednesday mornings.

PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE
- School Fees are now overdue - please pay asap at the office (unless you are on a payment plan)
- Working Bee Forms - due 17th February
- Local/Photo Permission Notes - due 17th February
- Canberra Camp - Year 6 - balance due 10th March

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings 9.00am-9.30am. There are quite a few items on backorder. Stock has been ordered and backorders will be filled as soon as stock comes in.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION 2017
TEAM VIC TRIALS
School Sports Victoria have opened up nominations for a range of sports. These trials are for highly skilled students who have the potential to represent the state in a variety of sports. Please speak to Kate Enticott or go to http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic for further information. Don't delay, some sports close in February!

HOUSE ATHLETICS
Wednesday 22nd February
Bill Sewart Athletics Track
Welcome back to another school year with our House Athletics just around the corner. The house athletics is a great day out for the whole school but requires lots of assistance from parents. As our numbers continue to grow each year, the space and time is getting harder to fit in. This year we are recording the year 3-6 students digitally. To facilitate this, we need approximately 16 adults to work with the year 3-6 events as recorders on laptops and to assist with measuring etc. No prior experience needed. You will need to stay at the same event between 9:00am and 1:30pm. Unfortunately, you will not be able to leave your job to go and watch other events or other students. If you are able to assist, please email Kate Enticott enticott.kate.k@edumail.vic.gov.au and ensure you have a copy of your current Working with Children's Card at the school office. Parents wishing to assist with the year F-2 students will also be required, but we will ask for these helpers closer to the day. Thank you for your support.
Kate Enticott and Andrea Halden

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE
Tuesday 14th February
8:30am - 9.30am in the PAC
All proceeds from the sale go directly back to the school.

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Friday, February 24, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Any registration made after these dates is $130.

For further information contact Paul Lankford
info@blackburnbasketball.com.au or 0431 559 893 or log into www.blackburnbasketball.com.au.

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10:45 - 11:15 Little Dragon 4–5
11:30 - 12:15 Junior       6–12

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