



Orchard Grove Primary School NEWS

Thursday, 8th February 2018

TERM 1 WEEK 2

KEY DATES:

FEBRUARY

- 9 Foundation students full time - 9.00am - 3.30pm
12 Information evening
- Foundation, Year 1 & 6 - 6.00pm
- Year 2 & 3 - 6.45pm
- Year 4 & 5 - 7.30pm
13 Year 3 Incursion - Aboriginal for a Day
16 Assembly - Student Leader badge presentation
19 District Swimming (selected students)
19 Get To Know You Interviews 3.45 - 8.00pm
20 Get To Know You Interviews 3.45 - 6.00pm
21 Whole School Athletics
22 Get To Know You Interviews 3.45 - 6.00pm
25 Working Bee - date to be confirmed
26 - 2 Mar Year 6 Canberra Camp - 6KC & 6HJ

MARCH

- 5 Whitehorse Division Swimming - select students
5 - 9 Year 6 Canberra Camp - 6SG & 6KH
12 Labour Day Public Holiday
21 Harmony Day
22 Year 5 Excursion - Immigration Museum 5SW & 5GS (part class)
23 Year 5 Excursion - Immigration Museum 5BB & 5GS (part class)
27 School Photos
END TERM 1 - 2.30pm dismissal

2018 TERM DATES:

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| Term 1 | 29th January - 29th March |
| Term 2 | 16th April - 29th June |
| Term 3 | 16th July - 21st September |
| Term 4 | 8th October - 21 December |

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| 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 |

BELL TIMES:

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school for the new year. The summer holidays already seem like a distant memory as we launch into a busy Term One. In particular, I would like to welcome the new families to Orchard Grove. We are looking forward to getting to know you and having you as part of our community.

Start of the Year

There is always lots of information to take in during the first days of the school year, even when you've been in the place a while. You will receive quite a few 'set up' notices in these first weeks, and the newsletter will provide important information as well, so please take time to read all of these notices.

It is so exciting to meet new families and new staff, reconnect with old friends and colleagues and look forward to the year together. Our staff have planned an engaging start-up program again this year entitled *in@OGPS*. This program explores our school values, the behaviours we expect of our students and staff, and sets the compass for the year ahead.

Student engagement and wellbeing has always been, and continues to be, the shared commitment of us all here at Orchard Grove and it is fabulous to see all classes starting the year with many creative activities exploring what it is to be an Orchard Grove student and teacher.

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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For those who are new to the school, and as a reminder to us all, the school values are respect, integrity, working together, fostering growth and valuing diversity. In the coming newsletters we will look at the positive behaviours associated with these values and I would ask that you discuss these with your children at home.

In time, more information will be shared and discussed with regards to eSmart, the You Can Do It program, positive education/strengths-based programs, Stride programs and peer mediation.

We will also be introducing a new government initiative and program entitled Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships. This program will be introduced in all primary and secondary schools in 2018. It is an exciting program and compliments what we do here at the school. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Information Night

Information Nights are scheduled for next Monday, February 12. Foundation, Year One and Year Six will be at 6pm, Years Two and Three at 6:45pm, and Years Four and Five at 7:30pm. These sessions are an opportunity for you to be orientated as to what is happening and planned in your child's class and year level for 2018 in a succinct and informative way. Notices with further information regarding these nights will be going home this week. This night will be followed up by the Get to Know You interviews in Week Four. Look out for the alerts through Saeko, which will let you know when the interview booking site will be open.

Skoolbag App

As you may have heard, we have now ceased our association with the SkoolBag app and will be running all our digital notifications and alerts through the Saeko app. This makes Saeko our 'one-stop shop' for OGPS and, hopefully, will streamline our communication with parents.

Uniform

It has been terrific to see so many students wearing the new school uniform. There is a two-year introduction period, so it is fine for the students to wear either uniform until 2020. We mentioned at the end of last year that, by the beginning of Term Two, we are requiring, as part of our uniform, for only black, navy or white (or combinations of those) shoes to be worn. On the weekend, I visited a number of retailers that sold shoes for children and there were many reasonably priced options in school shoes and runners that are black, navy or white. We would appreciate your assistance with this move to consistent colours in footwear for our school uniform.

We have once again put the RagTagd flyer in this newsletter to remind parents how they can register their child's new bomber jacket or hoodie. This is an innovative piece of technology that will allow you to keep track of your child's tops if they go missing and find their way to Lost Property.

In the interests of keeping your child's uniform as clean as possible, we are enforcing the wearing of smocks during art classes throughout the school. Rosie Campbell, our wonderful art teacher, now has a stash of art smocks for the children to wear during their art lesson and we would appreciate if you would supply an art smock for use in the classroom. We have smocks available through the Uniform Shop in red, purple and emerald for \$15.

House Athletics Day

This year our whole-school Athletics Day is on Wednesday 21st February at the Bill Sewart Athletics Track in Burwood East. The students are encouraged to wear their house colours and we have the House Spirit t-shirts that are especially for our OGPS school houses, which many children wear on these events. A new shipment of t-shirts is now available direct from the school and an order form went home on Monday. We will be putting in another bulk order for t-shirts in the weeks to come, but there will be no more arriving before Athletics Day. If you need a House Spirit t-shirt for Athletics Day, I would suggest you get your order in fast. Keep a look out for more information coming your way about the Athletics Day over the next few weeks. We hope to see as many parents as possible to help cheer the children on.

Speed limit when entering/exiting school

You may have noticed the banner on this newsletter. "**<15 KIDS ALIVE KEEP IT SLOW**"

This is an initiative from our parent body, due to the concern regarding the speed of cars coming into the school grounds.

We will be encouraging a speed of 15km/hr or less. This will give cars time to stop if a child steps out into harm's way unexpectedly.

We are hoping for matching signage to support this campaign. In the meantime, please remember <15km or less enables us to stop if necessary.

School Council Elections

We have six school councillors whose two-year tenure on council is up for re-election. OGPS has always had solid parent interest in being part of school council.

There are now nomination forms in the office if you would like to stand for election. Just come in and ask the office staff. Nominations will close next Wednesday February 15.

Badge Ceremony for Student Leaders

Next Friday week, 16th February, our 2018 student leaders will be presented with their badges at assembly. This will be followed by a morning tea for the students, and their parents, to celebrate the event.

We are looking forward to acknowledging these students who are so very excited and keen to lead our student body this year.

Well, that's all from me for now. Have a great weekend with your family.

Talk soon.

**Glenda Harry
Principal**

PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- 2018 Contributions -all final payments are due tomorrow. Please contact the office if you have any queries.
- Year 3 Incursion \$ 22.00 - overdue
- District Swimming - \$20.00 - due 12th February
- Athletics - \$7.00 - due 16th February
- Year 6 Camp (blue)- \$430.00 - due 19th February
- Year 6 Camp (yellow)- \$430.00 - due 23rd February

SPORTS T-SHIRTS

Order forms for sports t-shirts went home this week. There is limited stock so get your orders in quickly.

NEWSLETTER

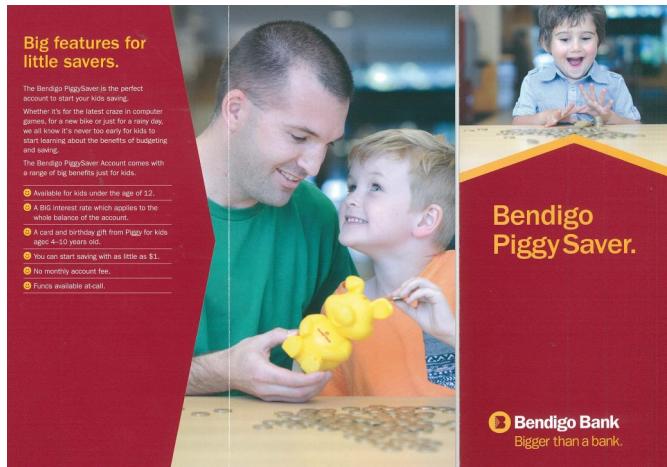
This year we will distribute the newsletter through the Saeko app. It can also be accessed via the OGPS website, and there will be limited hard copies the office. If you are having difficulties accessing the Saeko app, please see Kathy at the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Thursdays 9.00 - 9.30am. Orders may be placed at the office and they will be filled on Thursdays and sent home with students.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking will start Wednesday 14th February. Bank books are to be handed into the office by 9.10am on Wednesday mornings.



Don't have an account - Opening an account is simple. Call into the branch at 134 Canterbury Rd Blackburn South with identification and we will do the rest for you. We are open Mon-Fri 9-5 and Sat 9-12.

Your child's Birth Certificate and Medicare card is required for their identification. As their parent or guardian, should you wish to be a signatory on the account, then you will need to provide your driver's license. Of course, should you already be a Bendigo Bank customer, your driver's license will not be required.

To start your new account off Blackburn South Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank will deposit \$20-.

School Banking is held on a weekly basis (Wednesdays) enabling your child to make regular deposits into their account. This service is for deposits only.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Blackburn South Community Bank Branch on 9894 8467. We are a Community Bank. So every account helps us to help our community

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

New Canteen Volunteers

The Orchard Grove Primary School Canteen operates 3 days per week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

I would love to have some new parents join our friendly team of dedicated helpers. No experience is necessary. This is an excellent way to meet other parents and to be involved in the school. Students love having Mum, Dad or grandparents coming and helping at school.

Volunteering in the Canteen involves working with myself, and 2 to 4 other parents to help prepare the lunch orders. Your assistance would be required from 9.00am - 1.30pm for lunch duty. Rosters can be arranged so that you can volunteer with friends, and toddlers are welcome to come along as well and play in the Community Room.

Morning tea and lunch is provided for you and your toddler.

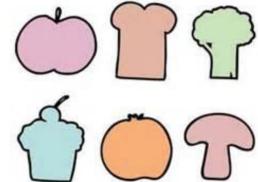
All volunteers must have a Working with Children Check. Forms are available at Australia Post outlets or can be done online. There is no cost to get a WWCC.

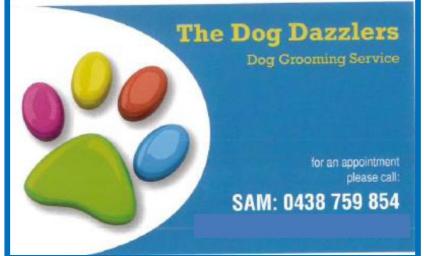
If you are able to volunteer please contact the school office or myself on sophie62@hotmail.com.

I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Many thanks

Sophie Polites
Canteen Manager





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Fri 16th Feb – 5pm – 7pm

**Sat 17th Feb – 9am – 3pm
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Contact Inga Young: 0414 850 344 or registrar.dom@blackburnvikings.com

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Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard or guitar here at Orchard Grove Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

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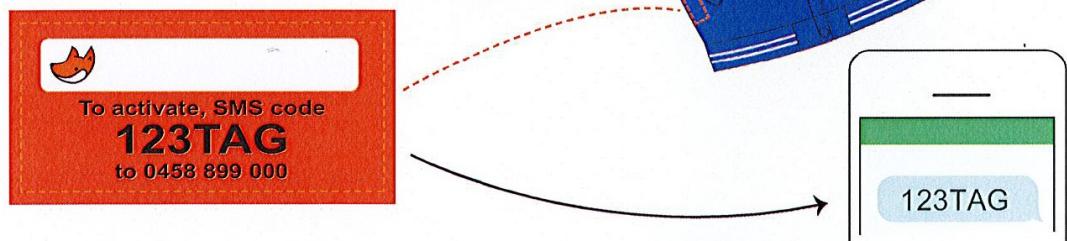
We're excited to introduce RagTagd Smart Tags into our garments.

Soon all Spartan jackets and jumpers will come with a RagTagd Smart Tag. Whenever a child's garment is placed in lost property, the parent will automatically receive an SMS to alert them.

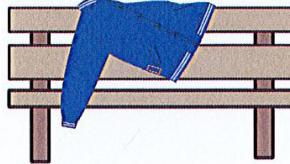
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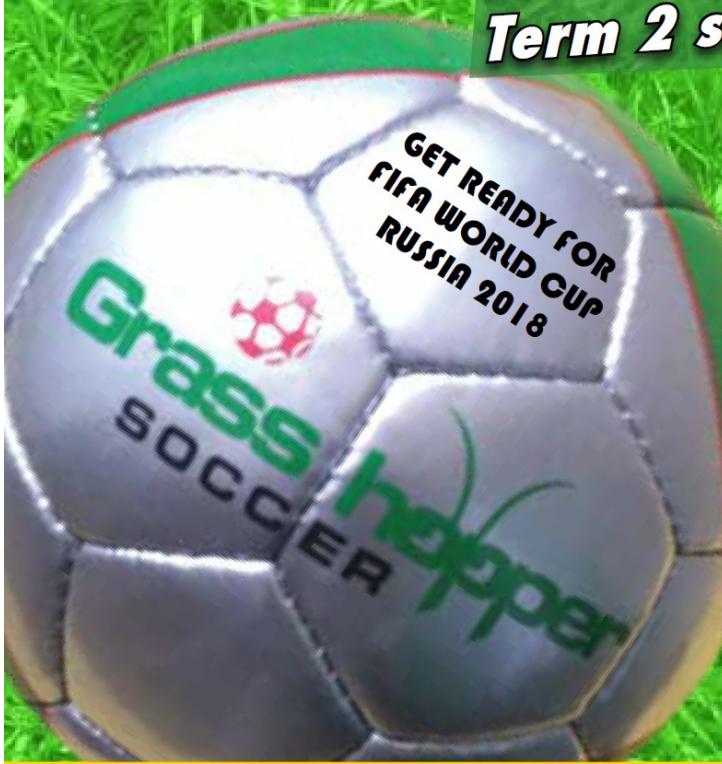


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TERM 1 & 2, 2018 - 8 Week Programs

LOCATIONS

BALWYN NORTH Term 1 Starts Wed 7th Feb Term 2 Starts Wed 18th April Boroondara Sports Centre -Indoor Stadium- 271c Belmore Rd	RINGWOOD Term 1 Starts Thur 1st Feb Term 2 Starts Thur 19th April Ringwood Action Sports -Indoor Synthetic Pitch- 160 New St	DONVALE Term 1 Starts Fri 2nd Feb Term 2 Starts Fri 20th April Manningham DISC -Indoor Stadium- 360 Springvale Rd	BURWOOD EAST Term 1 Starts Sat 3rd Feb Term 2 Starts Sat 21st April Forest Hill College -Outdoor Synthetic Pitch- 178 Mahoneys Rd
WANTIRNA SOUTH Term 1 Starts Sat 3rd Feb Term 2 Starts Sat 21st April Waverley Christian College -Outdoor Synthetic Pitch- 1248 High Street Rd (enter via Gate 3)	ENDEAVOUR HILLS Term 1 Starts Sat 3rd Feb Term 2 Starts Sat 21st April Thomas Mitchell Primary School -Indoor Stadium & Outdoor Soccer Pitch- Thomas Mitchell Drive	TEMPLESTOWE LOWER Term 1 Starts Sun 4th Feb Term 2 Starts Sun 22nd April Templestowe Valley Primary School -Outdoor Synthetic Pitch- 15 Birchwood Avenue	

Programs have been specifically designed for each class!

CLASSES

MITE CLASS (2-3yo) & PINT CLASS (3-5yo)

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INTRO TO MICRO CLASS (5-6yo)

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BALWYN NORTH	THURSDAY AFTERNOON RINGWOOD
Intro to Micro 4.00pm - 5.00pm [60min] Micro 4.00pm - 5.00pm [60min] Micro-Plus 4.00pm - 5.00pm [60min]	Intro to Micro 4.15pm - 5.15pm [60min] Micro & Micro-Plus 4.15pm - 5.30pm [75min] FUTSAL Indoor Soccer 5.30pm - 6.30pm [60min]
FRIDAY AFTERNOON DONVALE	SATURDAY MORNING FOREST HILL & WANTIRNA SOUTH
Intro to Micro 4.15pm - 5.15pm [60min] Micro & Micro-Plus 4.15pm - 5.30pm [75min]	Pint Size 9.45am - 10.35am [50min] Intro to Micro 9.45am - 10.45am [60min] Micro & Micro-Plus 10.45am - 12.00pm [75min]
SATURDAY AFTERNOON ENDEAVOUR HILLS	SUNDAY MORNING TEMPLESTOWE LOWER
Mite 2.00pm - 2.35pm [35min] Pint Size 2.00pm - 2.50pm [50min] Intro to Micro 2.00pm - 3.00pm [60min] Micro & Micro-Plus 3.00pm - 4.15pm [75min]	Mite 9.45am - 10.20am [35min] Pint Size 9.45am - 10.35am [50min] Intro to Micro 9.45am - 10.45am [60min] Micro & Micro-Plus 10.45am - 12.00pm [75min]

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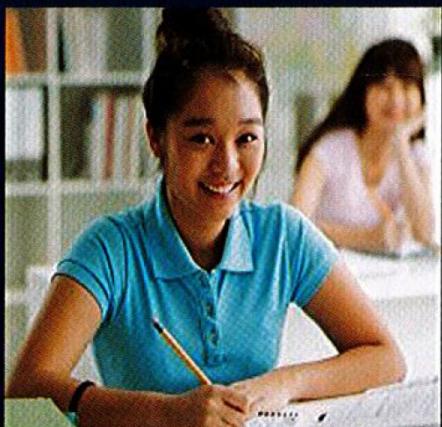
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