



Orchard Grove Primary School NEWS

Thursday, 6th September 2018

TERM 3 WEEK 8

KEY DATES:

SEPTEMBER

- 7th Year 6 Cupcake Stall
- Mismatch Day - JSC fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease
- 10th Year 2 Science Incursion
- 12th Year 5 Market Day
- 13th Foundation Dress Up Day
- 14th Year 5 & 6 - Summer Sport
- No assembly
- Foundation 2019 Storytime 2.30pm – 3.15pm
- 18th Foundation Night Library
- 19th Year 1 & 2 Night Library
- 20th Year 2 Sleepover
- Year 1 & 2 Puppet incursion
- 21st Footy Day
- No canteen
- 9am – Assembly
- 11.30am - Footy parade
- 2pm – Special assembly for Charlie Campbell
- END TERM 3 – 2.30pm dismissal**

OCTOBER

- 8th **FIRST DAY TERM 4**

2018 CURRICULUM DAYS

- 8th June
- 21st December

2018 TERM DATES

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

CANTEEN DAYS

Canteen is not open on the first day and last day of each Term

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Trivia Night

Last Saturday night, we had an absolutely fantastic time at the OGPS Trivia Night. The level of support from our community was outstanding and it was such a popular event that all tables were sold out in record time. An enormous thank you to the parent committee, who organised, set up and ran the evening. It takes so much time and effort to source and organise raffle and silent auction items and the items provided by Legends and Heroes for our auctions were just amazing. Seeing the colourful tables, I have to say I struggled to recognise many of our parents. The costumes were amazing and certainly added to the fun of the night. Our staff tables were also full of colour as well and all staff thoroughly enjoyed the night. With the money raised, we will be able to begin installing playground equipment in the newest area of the school where the current Year Five and Six classes are located. Heartfelt thanks for everyone's generosity; it really is wonderful when we come together, have some fun and support our school and, most of all, our children. I know there are many photos of the evening circulating around the community but, if you want to have a look at some, they are up on the OGPS official Facebook site.

Talking about our Facebook site, if you have not visited the official Orchard Grove site before, it is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening around the school and 'straight from the horse's mouth', so to speak. If you have any queries, it is also another way to contact us and we endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Communication in our community is very important and we are trying hard to make sure that this is done more effectively all the time.

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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Foundation Father's Day Breakfast

Last Friday, we had the breakfast for the dads. It was so cute to see the little ones so proud that their fathers were here at school and having breakfast with them. I think one of the highlights was definitely the paper plane flying outside. Thank you to the staff who came early to provide the children with this lovely experience and help create a beautiful memory and to the dads that were able to come along.

Inala Visit

In this second-last newsletter for the term, there is much to share, as there has been so much happening of late across all the year levels. Following the success of our wonderful book week, our Year Four students took picture books to share with the elderly residents at Inala Lodge aged care facility last Wednesday. The students were wonderful ambassadors for the school and for themselves.



Walking in to a room, greeting someone with a smile or a handshake, and introducing yourself takes confidence and kindness and both were on show in many of our students. The noise in the rooms gradually rose as stories were read and then conversations were shared. Most students could remember the names of those to whom they read and we have had feedback from the facility – and the message is loud and clear – that the residents want our students to return soon. Next term, the Year Six students will be spending time at the facility with a number of goals to achieve, including developing closer ties with the residents and sharing and recording their life stories.



Book Swap

The Book Swap day was a great success and many of you donated some lovely books. Thanks to Ruth Thatcher, in particular, and Suzanne Lichtenauer for organising such a wonderful activity. Our book week has been extended this year and reminds us all of the important place books have in our school and in our lives. We can sometimes take our resources for granted, so donating money raised from the Book Swap to the Indigenous Literacy Day appeal will certainly help others be better resourced.

Buddy Activities

Inter-generational learning is such a powerful experience and, for the past two weeks, the Year Six students have been assisting their Foundation buddies in creating the most wonderful fairy tale castles. If you happen to walk down towards the canteen end of the school, you will see the construction site. The castles look well-made and, with a little colour and glitter, our castles will be ready for the big reveal. Thanks to the Year Six students for being such wonderful role models and for making such wonderful papier-mâché models.

Year Three

Last Friday, as part of the Year Threes' study of the surrounding Pacific area, we welcomed Simon, Nai and Malcolm from Island Breeze. They shared some of the traditions of Samoa and Fiji and, with their gentle smiles, we all drifted out of cold Melbourne to spend two hours in the warmth of the Pacific. The students learnt a traditional Samoan handclap game and played some team games used to warm up rugby players. Simon presented the students with a decorated Samoan club, a traditional piece that is handed down through families. Often the patterns are unique to the family so each club is different in its design.

Science in Year Two

Next week, the Year Two students will again be hosting the Deakin University science students. In small groups, the students have conducted experiments and discussed findings, as well as learning and using scientific language. This term, the Year Two students have been learning all about chemical science. Each week, the Year Two students have been thinking and acting like scientists. They have been lucky enough to have been taught by the fourth year Deakin students. The Year Two students learnt about the six steps of the scientific method and looked into the difference between physical and chemical changes. They have conducted many experiments this term, including making bath salts, watching what happens when you mix food dye, milk and dishwashing liquid, creating playdough and even looking at how bread reacts to germs over time! The students have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Deakin students and can't wait to show off some of their experiments at their expo next week. We may have a few future scientists on our hands!

They also conducted many other science experiments this term with their teachers, including watching what happens to gummy bears in different liquids, identifying which solids dissolve in water, creating erupting lemons using bicarb soda and even making elephant toothpaste with yeast. What a great program to have running in the school alongside our class science topics and supporting our Science Week activities.

The Little Mermaid

In Year Five and Six, rehearsals of The Little Mermaid are continuing as scenes are being 'blocked'. The students, under the enthusiastic and expert eye of Miss Gina Mets, are certainly enjoying the experience, discovering hidden talents, and developing their performance skills along the way. Details about ticket sales will follow soon so, as always, stay tuned; there are two exciting days of performance to look forward to in early Term Four with four performances. This means that, for the first time, we are able to open ticket sales to all of our OGPS families, which is very exciting. The children will love coming to watch such an iconic musical, so plan to come along and get your tickets early so you don't miss out. Tickets will be available through Trybooking from 17th September.

Story Time for 2019 Foundation Students

We hosted our first Story Time session for 2018 last Friday, welcoming our students for 2019 to the school. The staff involved were impressed by our very youngest visitors and by our current Foundation children who managed the afternoon in other parts of the school very well indeed. Thanks to the Foundation team of teachers for ensuring this fabulous program continues so very smoothly. Having transition sessions at school before the start of the school year is so valuable. The students develop confidence by becoming familiar with the school surrounds and with the staff.

Sporting Activities

There has been a lot happening on the sporting field, with summer sports for our senior students and district athletics just this week. Seeing the students wearing their place ribbons with pride on their return from the event is wonderful. The view from the car park at the end of the day is of students seeming like a flock of rainbow lorikeets with their red, blue and green ribbons proudly catching the afternoon breeze. Well done to all – the sun even shone! Here's some more detail from Mr Liston.

On Monday, the Orchard Grove athletics team travelled to the Knox Athletics Track to compete in the District carnival. After a hard day of running, jumping and throwing, the scores were added up and we finished third in both the overall and aggregate competitions. A fantastic effort! All students who finished first or second in individual events and relays ('A' events only) progress through to the Whitehorse Division carnival in October. Thank you to the parents of the 1500 metre competitors for driving their children to the track. A special thanks to Sandy Ridd and Leah Lord for helping run the high jump. Individual results will be in the next newsletter.

ICAS

ICAS results for the Digital Technologies exam were shared last Friday and it was so exciting to see the students receiving recognition for their efforts. Mr Anthony certainly had his work cut out for him having to sort all the certificates, and what fine results were achieved. Well done to all those who participated in these tests. We have the Spelling results being announced this Friday at assembly, with more results to come in the coming weeks.

Year Five visit to Forest Hill College and Market Day

The Year Five students visited Forest Hill College for a 'day at secondary school' experience. Thanks to all those parents who assisted on the day. It sounds as though secondary school is definitely a place to look forward to going to, and thanks to Forest Hill College for the day. Our senior students will be just beginning to consider the next step for them, but more of that next term. Let's enjoy the last chapter of primary school next term, Year Six! Speaking of our Year Fives, we have the exciting Market Day approaching. Students have been so busy planning, costing and developing their stall ideas to raise money for selected charities. Their advertising posters look wonderful all around the school. They really help set the scene, so well done. Promoting an event is important and the students have certainly 'met the brief' with their work. Market Day is coming up fast!!!! It is on Wednesday the 12th of September and a note went home this week explaining how your children can be involved, so look out for that.

Parent Survey

The parent survey organised by the Department of Education has had their deadline extended to Sunday 9th September. If you were one of the randomly selected families contacted via email to participate in the survey, you now have a little more time to do so. This survey, along with the staff survey and Year Four-Six student survey, is used by the Department to judge our school. If you are able, it is helpful to get constructive feedback and encouragement as to what we are achieving at OGPS.

Ruby's Birthday

Our very popular and much loved pooch, Ruby, turned seven this week, and we have been celebrating with a special competition to help her celebrate. The children could do a piece of art – model, drawing, painting, and craft – or write a poem or a story, all about Ruby. We have had lots of entries already; entries close this Friday and winners will be announced next week. We have some very talented students, so it's been wonderful to see such creative kids.

Mismatch Dress Up day and Cup Cake Day

Tomorrow is Mismatch Dress Up day, organised by our Junior School Council to raise funds for research into Motor Neuron Disease. This dress up is an easy one and a great cause for your gold coin donation. There is also the Year Six cupcake stall on Friday.

Charlie Campbell

And last, but by no means least, it is with a heavy heart that we are farewelling our amazing grounds manager, Charlie Campbell. Unfortunately, Charlie is having to hang up his blower and spade to concentrate on family commitments and, although we understand that this is the right thing, we are all very sad and will miss him terribly.

As a community, we will be having a special assembly at 2pm on the last day of school for this term to officially say goodbye to Charlie. We would love as many of our school community as possible to be there to help us celebrate the amazing contribution that Charlie has made to our school. Friday 21st September is an early finish at 2:30pm for us, so we are hoping that the 2pm celebration time will be convenient for many people to be able to join with us.

Well that's all from me for this week.

Have a great weekend with the family.

Glenda Harry
Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

31st August



Ethan	FED	Rani	3AT
Hugo	FEW	Liam	3GT
Ernest	FSK	Amelie	4DW
Callum	1BS	Raphael, Hayley	4KG
Kirri	1CP	Zahra, Justine	4KM
Ashton	1JF	Georgia, Peter	4MA
Dihein	1ND	Haojun	5SW
Connor, Alexander	1TK	Sienna	6HJ
Heather	2TR	Angus, Yianni	6KC
Philip	2EF	Sofia, Aiden	6KH
Tilly	2GJ	Imogen	6SG
Jodie	2TC		
Allison	3AH		

PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- Year 2 sleepover - \$12.50 - due 12th September
- Year 1 & 2 puppet incursion - \$4.50 - due 12th September
- Footy day orders – due 12th September
- 2019 Year 6 Hoodies – \$52.00 – Year 5 – due 19th October

SUN SMART POLICY

Just a reminder that hats must be worn from 1st September to end April 2019.

All students must wear a hat during recess, lunchtime and when involved in any outside activities.

CANTEEN NEWS

Special lunch days are always welcomed and appreciated by the students, as was our latest Sushi Day on Monday 27th August. Once again, the students and staff embraced the day, ordering a huge amount of four varieties of sushi rolls. I am extremely happy to report that the day went very smoothly and was a great success. Of course, I couldn't have achieved the results without the help of my fabulous 'Team Sushi', who simply excelled in processing the orders of the day. To them I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. I am forever grateful for their help and support and, of course, for the lightness and fun we shared on the day. Thanks girls!!

I would like to remind all parents that the lunch orders need to state CLEARLY what exactly is required for lunch; sometimes we question what is being ordered because it is not made clear. Please take the time to check your child's orders are accurate (if they are writing them) and make sure the money is enclosed in the lunch bag or paper bag. Many times the money is missing and we need to send an IOU home. If you are sent an IOU, please make sure to send the money to the office on the next canteen day.

We are coming to the end of Term Three, meaning that the winter menu will not be available next term, so please make sure you order from the summer menu for Term Four. Sausage rolls, cottage pies and hot chocolate WILL NOT be available next term.

Thanks again to all who come and help in the Canteen. It would be great to see some new faces next term. Please contact me or the office staff if you would like to help out next term. Enjoy the footy finals and bring on Pie Day on Friday 21st September.

Many thanks

Sophie Polites
Canteen Manager

Book Swap



Thank you Orchard Grove parents, friends and students for sending such great quality books to share and swap at our Book Swap - Wednesday 5th September.

It was wonderful watching students discover a new book to read, find a favourite, share a book, and see our fabulous 5/6s help the Foundations choose the perfect picture story. It is hard work to choose sometimes!



A huge thank you to our Junior School Council, Library Captains and Monitors for helping sort hundreds of books, and to our wonderful parent helper, Emily Hine, for running the Book Swap in the afternoon! Thank you all. **We raised nearly \$300 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.**



The Indigenous Literacy Foundation has gifted over 260,000 books to 250 remote communities; published over 80 community stories that reflect 15 Indigenous languages, and built a community-driven early-literacy program in over 20 communities. **But there's a long way to go ... Did you know only 35% of Indigenous children in Year 5 living in very remote NT communities can read, compared to 95% of children living in major cities?**

Thank you for your donations.

The Library Team

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THE 2018 OGPS TRIVIA NIGHT THANK YOU!

We hope everyone had a brilliant time at Trivia night, and again thank you to everyone for coming along and getting involved to raise money for OGPS!

A huge thank you to all the people & businesses which very generously donated and supported OGPS - please support them!

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This fortnight at OSHClub, we have actioned a few positive changes since the reshuffle of staff. Every person in our team are passionate and driven to provide an engaging and enjoyable program for the children.

There has been an updated menu, in which the children are enjoying a hot meal every afternoon and some mornings. These include pasta, pita bread pizzas, spring rolls and spinach and ricotta puffs in the afternoons and hot chocolate, scrambled eggs and pancakes in the mornings.

Book week was a success at OSHClub, we have loved dressing up with the children and adopting the roll of our characters, Alicia was the Fairy God Mother and Justin was Harry Potter. It was great to see the parade at assembly with all Orchard Grove children involved also.

Over the past week, the kids have participated in a colouring competition, to raise awareness for our struggling farmers around Australia. Letters and drawings were created and are going to be sent off around the country to farmers, to show our support and acknowledge the current drought. This was a great activity that got everyone involved and produced some amazing art work!





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