Principal’s Message

Last week our peer groups made hats and the hat parade was a wonderful lead in to the Easter break. We saw all ages of students working together to develop marvellous creations which were exhibited in the parade. The local preschools joined our parade as well and we even got to have a siblings circuit.

As we look back on the term there is a lot to take in, our students settled quickly into class even though there were different structures due to our student numbers. Our Parent Teacher exchange of information using a new booking system was very successful, our swimming carnival showed talent in the pool as well as lots of fun. P&C held a welcome back BBQ for all with lots of new faces attending and our Year 4/5/6 students had the opportunity to test their animation skills making Claymation movies. Our senior students led the rest of the school in Peer Support groups to make kites and then on Harmony Day the students went out to fly them in their classes.

Camden Show for the Year 1/2 classes was very popular and many of our students were recognised for their quality art works with prizes from the show. Last week besides our Easter festivities, the students in Years 2 to 6 competed in the Cross Country. Several students now head off to represent the school at the Zone Carnival next term.

All this on top of the quality learning and explicit teaching that occurs in our classes every day. Yes it has been a very busy term with just 7 more school days left. As a reward for our students’ behaviour and in recognition of their work, students who have lost less than 3 points will next week participate in a special half hour program with FootSteps Dance Group. This is a free activity which will be a lot of fun.

Term 2

Just a reminder, that Term 2 commences on Wednesday for all students. The prior 2 days are Staff Development Days. On these days the staff will be engaged in Professional Learning relating to the New Australian Curriculum as well as other training sessions.

NAPLAN

A reminder for Year 3 and 5 parents that week 3 Term 2 is the NAPLAN assessment week. Students will sit Writing and Language convention on Tuesday 14th May, Reading on Wednesday 15th and Numeracy on Thursday 16th. Interestingly I was examining the data for the school across the past three years including Year 7 students who went through The Oaks PS. Although we have areas to improve in and we fall below the state averages, we have been making significant gains. Our students in Spelling and Grammar/Punctuation have growth far in excess of the State. Growth is the measured improvement between Year 3 and 5 or 5 and 7. Our school had the highest growth of the Macarthur area in Numeracy and the gap between our performance and the state has reduced from 28 points to 18 and last year to 4 points the difference. A remarkable achievement for the school.
CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1 – WK 11

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th April, 2013

2nd Wednesday: Karen Graff, Thi Bennison, Rita Atkins, Caroline Hallett
2nd Thursday: Rita Atkins, Amanda Biffin, Karen Graff
2nd Friday: Deanna Parry, Emma Henderson, Kristy Steain

NB. If you are unable to do your duty day you need to find your own replacement. Phone Rita Atkins as a last resort. Phone numbers cannot be put in the newsletter, a copy of all numbers are available in the Canteen.

MEAL DEAL

Friday of next week is our $5.00 meal deal, the last day of term. With the newsletter this week is your menu form to mark your choices. These must be returned by Tuesday 9th April. Payment and forms need to be placed in the P&C box at school. As we purchase fresh food late orders may not be filled.

P&C Mother’s Day Stall

Save the Date! This year’s Mother’s Day stall will be on Thursday the 9th May. All gifts will be $5. Another reminder will be put in the newsletter after the school holidays.

P&C Easter Raffle

Thank you to all who supported the Easter Raffle. Lots of lovely things were donated for the prizes meaning we had 8 prizes this year. A total of $1135.00 was raised. Congratulations to all our winners.

1st prize Nikkita Varenica
2nd prize Alex
3rd prize Judy
4th prize Barry Simpson
5th prize Georgia Zanino
6th prize Allesia Varenice
7th prize Natasha Vella
8th prize Kim Pes

Burragorang Soccer Club still has vacancy’s for U6, U7, U8, U9, U16 Girls and AA Ladies.

Please Contact Deeanne Fordham on 0430 391 993 for any more information.
The Oaks Public School Cross Country Finals were held at Dudley Chesham Oval on Tuesday 26th March, 2013.

Our winning house was Grevillea, followed by Waratah, Acacia and Banksia.

Our first four competitors in each event will go on to represent the school in Term 2.

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EASTER HAT PARADE

Last Thursday, our school held our annual Easter Hat Parade. The students worked in their Peer Support groups and developed some wonderful creations. Some of our preschool friends also joined in and a good time was had by all – except possibly the parent team in the egg and spoon race who was beaten by some quick Kindergarten students. Better luck next year!

A huge thank you to Mrs Aldridge and her team for their wonderful organisation.

Some quotable quotes!

Charlotte said, “If you don’t know what to do, your Peer Support leader will help you.”

Jasmyn said, “We have cute kindy kids in our group.”

Brody said, “It’s good to get to get to know other people and get along together”.

“I like my little chicks”, said Isabel and Jackson (KA) said, “My hat is awesome!”

Kye (KF) told us that Riley in his group helps him and he is heaps funny. Dimitri said that Steph is the best leader.

Alexander in K/1G said, “Easter hat making is so much fun” and Will said “Ethan and Jack are great leaders cause they help.”