Principal’s Message

Welcome back to the new term. We start on a high, following a great end to term 3 and promising results through the NAPLAN Assessments that were conducted in May this year. The many programs that have been implemented over the last 3 years and continue across the school are having a positive impact for student academic achievement. With our high expectations, community support and our excellent student efforts the school is becoming well known for success.

We have a very exciting and varied term ahead. From the Camps that years 3/4 and 5/6 attend next week to the celebration of learning at the end of term. I have included in this newsletter the dates of significant events for the term to help you with planning. I look forward to another excellent term with our students.

At the end of last term I also highlighted the excellent Naplan results of our year 3 and 5 students. Added to this is the excellent growth in the results of students who are now in year 7. The table below reflects their achievements as a cohort from the year 5 results at The Oaks PS to Year 7 in their various High Schools

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Staff Changes

Mrs Lees has taken Long Service Leave and will return on the 26th November. Mrs Manga will be working in many of the classrooms as the learning support teacher as well as her Assistant Principal role.

Mrs Ralston is also on leave for the first 2 weeks of the term. A casual teacher will take Library lessons during this time.

This term’s upcoming dates

Wed 16th and Thurs 17th October. Y3/4 Camp Yarramundi
Wed 16th – Fri 18th October Y5/6 Camp Tea Gardens – Great Aussie Bush Camp
Wed 6th November - Country fair
Fri 8th Nov Kinder Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion
Thurs 21st November and Thurs 5th December Kindergarten 2014 Orientation
Wed 4th December - High School Orientation.
Wed 4th December - Gold Medallion Excursion
Wed 11th December - Celebration of Learning – Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thurs 12th December, Year 6 Farewell
Mon 16th December, Year 1-5 Water Safety Day and K-6 class parties. All to be held at Warragamba Pool. Non Swimmers and Kindergarten will have a giant waterslide in the park and other activities.

Wed 18th December Last Day of school
Wed 29th Jan 2014 First day year 1-6

Triple P Program

The School is hosting a Community Links program called the Triple P program. Details are on the flyer in this newsletter and is open to everyone in the community regardless of whether they attend this school. It will be advertised in the local preschools. The program will run on Wednesday evenings with the first session on Wednesday 30th Oct. Please contact Wollondilly Community Links on Ph 4683 2776.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 2**

**Wednesday 16th – 18th October, 2013**

**3rd Wednesday:** Karen Graff, Vivien Jones, Rita Atkins

**3rd Thursday:** Renee Jenkins, Amanda Biffin, Karen Graff

**3rd Friday:** Emma Henderson, Rochelle Jones, Rita Atkins

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.

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**The Oaks PS Walkathon 2013 & Mufti Day**

May I extend a warm thank you to all that contributed to our wonderfully successful Walkathon last term!

It was great to see so many in the colours of their favourite team.

As you may recall, upon completion of the walk-a-thon teachers recorded each student’s lap total on their sponsorship sheet. Students were asked to use the school holidays to collect any outstanding donations in order to return the sponsorship sheets with the money to school in the first week of this term.

We require that all sponsorship donations be given to the school office by Friday 11th October 2013.

Many thanks,
M Hyslop

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**P & C Meeting**

The P & C Meeting on November 12th will be the AGM

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**Keep saving to win more Dollaramites' treasure.**

Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 20 November and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Treasure Chest Prizes.**

– $100 Apple iPad touch (3G/64GB)
– $100 Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & Hop

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**25th Annual DOLL, BEAR, CRAFT SHOW**

Saturday 26th - Sunday 27th October 2013 9.30am - 4pm

**FEATURING:**

– Unique Handmade Products
– Dolls and Accessories
– Wooden Toys and Furniture
– Doll’s Houses and Supplies
– Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
– Aromatherapy
– Jewellery, Craft

... and much more!

For more information call 4754 3000
or visit www.museumoffire.com.au

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**Admission:**

Adults: $5
Concession: $4
Children: $2

**Held at:**

Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Parramatta. The Museum of Fire is a Registered Charity
with Triple P – Positive Parenting Program*

Triple P is a parenting program for all families that provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns.

Families NSW is offering Triple P to all families with children aged 3-8 years.

Please note that bookings ARE ESSENTIAL so that we can keep course sizes manageable.

To find out more or to book into a course please contact
The Oaks Public School 46571185
Community Links 46823776

For more information visit www.families.nsw.gov.au

Course: Triple P Group
8 week group with 5 face to face sessions
Wednesday 30th of October to Wednesday 16th of December
NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

Time: 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Where: The Oaks Public School
5 Burrarorang St The Oaks 2570. Phone: 4657 1185

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Did you know that children should have an eye test at least every 2 years, even if they were screened during pre-school?

Did you know that eye tests are covered through Medicare, so the test actually costs you nothing, but what you gain though is a clear understanding of your child’s eye health and their vision clarity.

Specsavers Narellan has joined up with local public schools to raise awareness of the importance of the health and well being of children’s eyes. And guess what? Your school has joined in too!

So, here’s the deal. Bring your child / children into Narellan store during the month of October for a sight test and we will give your child a token worth $5 to take back to school. Once we hit November, your school will be given the total amount of tokens as cash to put back into the school.

To book your child’s appointment for October, phone our store on 4647 4577.

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Here’s some handy info that you may not already know.....

For kids, most learning is done visually, so it’s really important they can see properly. Your child might not know there’s something wrong with their vision, but there are a few tell-tale signs to look out for. If they’re sitting too close to the TV, squinting or rubbing their eyes a lot, being a bit clumsy or complaining of headaches, it’s probably time to bring them in for an eye test.

Because much of a child’s development takes place before the age of eight, it can be much harder to correct any problems after that.

Undetected, eye conditions can dramatically reduce a child’s ability to reach their true potential, having a major impact on their confidence and success in later life.

Children should have their eyes tested at least every two years from the age of 4.

Hoping to see you soon at Specsavers, Narellan Town Centre