**Principal’s Message**

With no newsletter last week this one has a lot of information for the term. On Wednesday last week the school sent home a permission note for the Footsteps Dance Program which will run from Week 4-8. 5 weeks of lessons learning 4 different dance routines for $12.00. I believe the children will love it but more than that it fits well with the outcomes for dance associated with both the Creative Arts Syllabus and the PD/H/PE Syllabus.

On Thursday and Friday last week our senior students went through a training program to implement Peer Support. The students will lead their groups every Wednesday. An information leaflet will come home explaining the program and within the newsletter there will be snippets so you know what your child has been learning.

Our Cross country team will be running on Friday as they represent the school at the Razorback Zone Carnival. Mr Connor will be attending the carnival. The staff and students wish all our representatives well as they compete.

Finally I would like to wish all of the mothers a relaxing pleasant Sunday for Mother’s Day. Our students will have the opportunity to purchase a special gift tomorrow (Thursday) from the P&C Mother’s Day stall.

**Good News – Woolworths Earn and Learn**

"As a one-off gesture of goodwill, we have decided to allocate the points earned in 2012 to the Oaks Public School’s 2013 account,” the statement said. As a result the school will be able to order equipment at the end of the promotion. Thank you to all the community that supported the school and Mr Ricketts a reporter from the ABC. I’d also like to thank Woolworths for their gesture and look forward to hearing from them soon.

**Coles – Sports for Schools**

The School received its sports equipment from Coles – Sports for schools program. The school is very grateful for the support our parents gave in achieving these rewards. The students will now have new equipment to use at lunchtimes, for sport, carnivals and on gala days.

**Book Club**

Brochures will be coming home this week for a new edition of book club. Orders will be taken in the library next Thursday (16th of May) between 9 and 10am. Orders (with full payment) can be placed in the frog’s mouth in the office if you are not able to be at school on Thursday.

Premier’s Reading Challenge books are specially marked so not only do we earn books for the library with our orders but these items can be added to your reading logs!

**Kindergarten Gold Edge Awards**

Most Kindergarten children should now have earned 3 blue awards and can return them to their teacher to receive a gold edge award. The gold edge awards are handed out at the Infants Assemblies each second Monday. This Monday 13/5 will be the next infant’s assembly, hosted by KF.

**REMINDER**

Mother’s Day Stall – Tomorrow, Thursday 9/5/13

School Banking Every Monday

Notes that went home today:

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013
Envelopes
Stewart House Clothing Bags

Notes that went home previously:

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CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2 – WK 3

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th May, 2013

3rd Wednesday: Vivien Jones, Rita Atkins, Merryn Connelly
3rd Thursday: Sharon Napper, Kathy Ursino, Rochelle Jones
3rd Friday: Julene Rose, Danielle Sousa, Jenny Hackett, Chantel Norris

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

Uniform Shop News

Due to lack of volunteers we currently have in our uniform shop, it will no longer be open on the 2nd Monday of each month and most days only have one volunteer so please be patient if there is a queue. If you are able to spare one hour, once a month on a Monday 9-10am or Friday 3-4pm, please leave your name and contact details in the pink P&C box located in the front office.

Guessing Competition

May is Jelly Baby month!

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is working hard to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes – and this valuable research needs funds. People with Type 1 Diabetes do not produce insulin so they need up to 6 insulin injections every day. They need to monitor their sugar levels and be really careful with the food they eat and their exercise. Jelly babies are often used as a quick source of sugar.

To help raise funds we will be running a competition to guess how many jelly babies are in our jar. The competition starts next Wednesday (the 15th). You can record your guess at the canteen until Friday the 24th of May. Guesses will be 20 cents each.

Mark your diary – more details in next week’s newsletter.

Peer Support

We are commencing our Peer Support lessons this week. The whole school participates in Peer Support for 30 minutes each week. Two Peer leaders facilitate a small group of 8-10 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of relationships. The module runs for 8 sessions. Our first session enables the children to get to know everyone in the group, agreeing on how they will work well together and interact cooperatively with others. They will also begin to think about what it means to develop friendships. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week, as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

Matthew Hyslop

P&C Mother’s Day Stall

A reminder to everyone that the Mother’s Day Stall will be this Thursday 9th May. As with previous years all gifts will be $5. Please send your child with the money in an envelope on the day.

Thanks for supporting the P&C and we wish all Mums, Nannas and Grandmas a lovely Mother’s Day.
School Banking
Hi everyone, welcome back to Term 2 of school banking. This term we have an exciting competition that the Commonwealth Bank is running. 1st Prize is $5,000 Family Holiday plus $500 spending money, plus $5000 for your school. There are also 25 runner up prizes valued at $700 (includes a Wii U, Walkie Talkies, Night Vision goggles, waterproof camera and Razor eSpark Scooter).
To enter all you have to do is simply make 3 deposits during Term 2 and you are automatically entered into the draw. Look for the poster at the office for more information.
Remember to send in your tokens once you have 10 and collect cool rewards. This term the Torch is now available. Happy Banking.
Jodie Stucki

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013
Envelopes have gone home today and must be returned to school no later than Monday 20th May, to enable time to return them with a cheque to Stewart House in time for the draw.

Stewart House Clothing Bags
The clothing bags have gone home today and need to be returned to school before Friday 24th May, to be ready for collection by Stewart House.

Breakfast Club Term 2
Due to a hectic beginning to Term 2, including NAPLAN testing, Breakfast Club won’t be starting until Week 4. However, during that week there will be two “Free” mornings which Breakfast Club will be in operation. The morning of Monday 20th May will be open free of charge to any students from Stages 2 and 3. Whilst Tuesday 21st May will be open to Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. Following that week Breakfast Club will cost $3 for the remainder of Term 2 or $1 per week. I am looking forward to seeing lots of new faces.

Mr Connor.