Principal’s Message

Just one week to go. Our Concert is on Tuesday and the school community is very excited. Tickets have been selling quickly for the night performance. Whilst the Matinee has sold more tickets than 2 years ago there is still plenty of room.

We have had a big week again with our School Athletics team competing last week and achieving two through to the Regional Carnival. Congratulations to Kyron and Lacey who will now compete in the 800 and 200 metre races respectively. The whole team performed well with many achieving finals positions.

The Year 3/5 students sat the online trial of NAPLAN last Friday and in general it is a good technique. There are quite a few considerations that need to be looked at but overall a success. The school will receive the scores of the student assessments later in the year. Which brings me to the real NAPLAN, that the same students sat back in May this year. Those results will be going home on Monday next week (16/9/13). I am looking forward to analysing this year’s results. The Year 3 students are the first group of students to go through with Best Start assessments and the myriad of quality teaching programs including the Triple L, TEN and Focus on Reading programs. They also have been involved in strong programs supporting spelling and grammar. Our Year 5 students have also had the advantage of many of these programs. Students in Year 5 each year demonstrate a high growth on their performance from year 3 and again this is a good representation of the progress and programs that are run at the school.

Our final day this term will see our students participating in a walkathon. Details have been sent home regarding this approximately 2 weeks ago, (also see information regarding this included in this newsletter). This should be a fun activity for the students. We will then break for 2 weeks and school for students and staff will recommence on Tuesday 8th October. Monday is a Public Holiday. Term 4 will conclude on 18th December.

Gate entry

Entry from John Street as stated in last week’s newsletter is not to be through the driveway for the staff car park. This is unsafe. There is a pedestrian access gate down from the driveway, behind the hall, that has been opened to help. Again this is not ideal but is safer than the driveway.

I would also like to remind parents that the car park is for staff use only. Please do not drive in to drop your children off.

THE OAKS’ GOT TALENT
SCHOOL CONCERTS

No prams in the audience
Tickets are reserved seating
No tickets on sale at the performance
CAFeENT NEWS

CAFEENT ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 10

Wednesday 18th – 20th September, 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.

The Oaks PS Walkathon 2013 & Mufti Day

Theme: Dress for Your Team (Gold coin donation)

A reminder that our walk-a-thon is coming up on Friday 20th September 2013 from 12:20 to 2:20pm. Hopefully families have been collecting donations and recording sponsors on their sponsorship sheets. Remember: sponsorship sheets need to be turned in on walk-a-thon day, Friday 20th September 2013. If you need a nother copy please see the school office. While we encourage children to approach friends and family (and parents to approach colleagues), please do not let your child go door to door for safety reasons.

Upon completion of the walk-a-thon, teachers will record each student’s lap total on their sponsorship sheet and return it. Students then have the school holidays to collect any outstanding donations in order to return the sponsorship sheets with the money to school in the first week in term 4 i.e. by Friday 11th October 2013.

If you would like to volunteer as a supervisor please let your child’s teacher know that you will be accompanying your child’s class on the walk.

Thank you

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Cake Stall Fundraiser

The P&C would like to thank those families who took some time to bake and donate cakes, slices and other goodies for our Cake Stall on Saturday at the election. We managed to raise $298.50, a great effort. Thank you to Julie Redmond for organising it, attending on the day and to our volunteers who helped Julie run the stand, Kobi James, Alyson Sinclair, Daryl Brown, Amanda Biffin and Jodie Stucki.

The Oaks P&C

School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be two new reward items for students to choose from each term.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn’t miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that they still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.

Lost Property

PLEASE check the lost property in the foyer, as always we have a huge amount of unclaimed items. If all clothing was labelled it would make it easy for lost items to be returned to its owner.

Unclaimed property will be disposed of at the end of term.

REMINDER ~ Stage 2 & Stage 3 Parents

Permission, medication, Medical/consent forms need to be returned to the school office ASAP for Aussie Bush Camp & Yarramundi Camp. All the notes can be found on the school’s website under the Newsletter Tab.
Busy Bee Bookkeeping

Need help with your Small Business Bookkeeping?
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Need someone to take care of your Books
On a Weekly/ Fortnightly/ Monthly basis?

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School Holiday Activities
@ your library

‘The Gruffalo’ Storytime

Join us for a fun morning of stories, games, activities and craft based upon ‘The Gruffalo’ by Julia Donaldson. Play ‘Pin the Wart on the Gruffalo’ for a chance to win a prize.

Date: Monday 30th September 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: $5.00

Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

Gaming and Pizza Night

Play Halo ODST (M) on the Xbox 360, Super Smash Bros Brawl (PG) on the Wii, with Pizza, Chips, Lollies and Drinks.

Date: Tuesday 1st October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Library closed to public)
Ages: 8+
Cost: $5.00

Limited Spaces - Bookings Essential - 46778300

Craft Activity - Springtime Crafts

Join us and have some fun making a range of Springtime crafts. Decorate a terracotta pot and plant your very own seedling. Take it home to watch it grow.

Date: Thursday 3rd October 2013
Venue: Picton Library
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Ages: 5+ (Under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult)
Cost: $5.00

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Preschool Movie Night
Sponsorship Opportunity

As a fundraising initiative the Oaks Preschool is holding a Movie Night on the 26th of October 2013. As well as our large inflatable outdoor screen there will be a BBQ and a range of food and amusements being planned for the evening making it an enjoyable night for all. As we are a non-profit preschool we are eager to raise funds that will aid the purchase of much needed class room and outdoor learning resources.

In order to go ahead with the event we are seeking sponsors who will benefit from a range of activities aimed at promoting your business on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

To take up one of the following sponsorship options, please fill in the form provided at the bottom of the page and return to Preschool as soon as possible so we can start your advertising.

Silver Sponsor- $75
- Your business advertised “on the big screen”
- Your business announced as Silver Sponsor on the night
- Your business name listed on an official ‘Thank you’ board to be displayed on the night

Gold Sponsor- $150
- Your business advertised “on the big screen”
- Your business advertised in the Preschool newsletter (distributed three weekly) for the rest of the year.
- Your business announced as a Gold Sponsor at various times throughout the night
- Your business named listed on an official ‘Thank you’ board to be displayed on the night.
- A free family pass to the event for two adults and all dependent children.

For further information regarding sponsorship, please contact Preschool on – (02) 4657 1327

Regards
The Staff and Board of The Oaks Preschool
20 August 2013

I would like to pledge the amount of $_________ to secure a place as a ____________ sponsor of the 2013 Oaks Preschool movie night.

Date: _____________ Business name: _____________________________________________

Contact name: ________________________________________ Phone No: ____________________