**Newsletter of The Oaks Public School**

**Opportunity, Achievement, Community**

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**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**School Fete**

This is the BIG week. Our school fete is **this Saturday.** The fete committee has done an outstanding job of organising stalls, food and fun. I very much look forward to seeing you there. Our school dance group and our clarinet group will be performing for you from 10.30am onwards. Unfortunately our choir doesn’t have enough singers in attendance at the fete at the one time. Included in this newsletter is the latest from the fete committee.

**Grandparents’ Day**

Next **Tuesday, 21st October** is Grandparents’ Day at our school. National Grandparents’ Day is celebrated on Sunday 26th October. In our school we will welcome grandparents from 1.40 pm to 2.20 pm in classes on 21st October. Kindergarten grandparents will be having a Teddy Bears’ picnic and High Tea with their grandchildren. Stage 1, Years 1 and 2 - will be conducting interviews with their grandparents to find out about the “olden days” for their unit of learning entitled, “Families Past & Present”. Stage 2, Years 3 and 4 - will be dancing for their grandparents and Stage 3, Years 5 and 6 - will be getting their grandparents to help them put together a family tree.

At 2.20 pm when the children go outside for recess, tea and coffee will be available in the hall for our special guests.

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**Are you joining us?**

Currently we are trying to determine the number of classes and staffing for 2015. Staffing is dependent entirely on numbers of children in the school. If you know that you will be leaving the school at the end of 2014 or you have young children who you have not enrolled yet, please let our office staff know of your intentions.

**Term 4 Calendar**

Included in this newsletter is a timetable of many of the happenings during the term. I am sure that it will look great on your fridge 😊

You might also be very interested to know that one of our Stage 1 teachers, **Ms Stevenson,** held her first art show during the holidays. You may have seen her photograph beaming from the front page of the local paper. Congratulations Ms Stevenson, we are very proud of you.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch

Principal

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**REMINDER**

- 2015 Kindergarten enrolments to Office ASAP
- Walk a thon money & notes due ASAP
- Y2 Excursion to The Heritage Centre – tomorrow, Thursday 16/10/14
- School Banking Every Monday ~
- **Notes going home today**
- **Notes that went home previously**
- School Fete raffle books
- Kindergarten Excursion – Symbio Wildlife Park 24/10/14

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* ***T.O.P.S. Fete***

--Entertainment Program--

9:30 T.O.P.S. Clarinets
10:00 S.T.A.D.S
10:30 T.O.P.S. Junior Dance Group
10:40 T.O.P.S. Senior Dance Group
11:00 Celtic Storm (Pauline Bishop Dance School)
11:15 Move it Groove it
11:45 Gymtastics
12:00 Artscope
12:30 Gymtastics
12:45 Kaz & Chelle Zumba Fitness
1:05 Artscope
1:35 Kaz & Chelle Zumba Fitness

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CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 3, 2014

Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th October, 2014

4th Wednesday: Kim Pes, Vivien Jones, Deuryn Williams
4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin, Janine Taylor, Stacey Hayter
4th Friday: Jodi Stucki, Kylie Dodd, Sharon Heyburgh

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

Walk a Thon

All sponsorship money and forms are due now. If you haven’t brought it in as yet please do so as soon as possible.

Book Club

Book Club brochures went home last week. Orders will be taken tomorrow 16/10/14, in the Library from 9-10am.

Intention to apply for a Selective High School for 2016

If you have a child in Year 5 in 2014, you may wish to apply for a selective high school placement in 2016. Please complete the “Intention to apply” form attached to this newsletter and return in to school. You will be sent home an Information Booklet to ensure you are informed of the process.
ONLY 3 MORE DAYS TO GO UNTIL OUR GREAT FETE

This Saturday 18th October – 9.30am – 2pm

Raffle Tickets – Please keep your raffle ticket money and ticket stubs coming in this week. All unsold raffle tickets also need to be returned. Please place tickets and money in the yellow P&C box in the front office.

- Don’t forget that the student who sells the most raffle tickets will receive a $25 ride armband. Winner announced on Friday. If the winner has purchased their armband already the Fete Committee will refund their $25.

Stall Volunteer Roster – Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. We could still do with a few more helpers in the CANTEN and on other stalls. If you can help out, please place the volunteer roster in the yellow P&C letterbox. We will place you on stalls that have gaps if you could just give us some preferred time slots.

Unlimited Ride Armbands – get your orders in for your Armbands. The order form was sent home on orange paper this week. The Committee will be selling Armband Vouchers after school from 3pm – 4pm on Wednesday and Friday this week before the Fete. We will be set up outside the school office. Individual rides on the day will cost $5 and $7. You can SAVE by pre-purchasing AND it will benefit our school. Armbands are $25 each. Cash or cheque payment.

CAKE STALL – get out your cookbooks and start baking. If you can bake and would like to donate some freshly baked goodies for our Cake Stall we would greatly appreciate it. Popular items include small cakes, slices, biscuits and cupcakes. Please remember to include a label with all ingredients.

Donations can be dropped off at the school on the morning of the Fete (this Saturday 18th October) from 8am. THANK YOU

PLANT STALL – We would appreciate any plant donations for our Plant Stall this Saturday. If you have plants or know of anyone who would be interested in donating plants please spread the word. Plants can be dropped off at the school in the Hall this Friday from 3pm or this Saturday morning of the Fete from 8am. THANK YOU

FINALLY – Please come along and ENJOY the day with your FAMILY. Buy some lunch, walk around the stalls, let the kids go crazy on the rides, enjoy the entertainment and other activities that have been organised and help to raise some funds for our school and ultimately our students.

THE FETE COMMITTEE THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT IN HELPING TO ENSURE OUR FETE IS A SUCCESS!
Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 14 October 2014 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 14 October 2014 and closes on 17 November 2014. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 14 October 2014.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Note: This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website.

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Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016

Student’s name: __________________________________________________________ Class: __________________

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2016

Yes ☐ No ☐

If ‘Yes’ EITHER

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access ☐

Signature of parent/carer: __________________________________________ Date: __________________

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