**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It never ceases to amaze me that, as the end of the year runs at us and reduces the time left to do things, the list of things to do keeps growing. Here are a few biggies that you need to be aware of.

**School Disco:**

We are having a School Disco after school hours this Friday. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be able to dance from 4.30 - 5.30pm. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will have their Disco from 5.30 until 6.30 pm. Some teaching staff will assist with the supervision of the disco but I would ask that you arrive promptly to collect your child in order that staff and students have a pleasant afternoon. The P and C will be selling 5 glow sticks for $1 during the school day. If you want your child to purchase a set of glow sticks please send money to school on Friday morning with your child and it will be collected from their classroom.

The P and C will also be selling a drink of either water or a juice and Jumpys for $2. If you wish for your child to purchase these items please allow them to pay at the door of the hall prior to the disco. They will receive a stamp on their hand. At the conclusion of the disco the students with stamps on their hands will receive their drink and snack. It is an expectation that all the students of the Oaks Public School will behave in a safe and respectful manner.

**Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea**

If you are interested in attending the Parent and Principal Afternoon Tea on the 28th November, please complete the cut-off slip on this page and return it to school by the 25th November. I look forward to meeting with you.

**Changing schools?**

If you are not continuing to be part of The Oaks Public School community in 2015, please inform the office as soon as possible. In order to build classes for 2015 we need to work with the actual numbers of children that we will have. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Year 6 message:**

If you are a parent of a Year 6 child who is very close to getting their third medallion and therefore getting their name on the Honour Board in the school hall we need to sight the preceding certificates by the 4th December. If there are any concerns or confusions with this, please ring me and we will discuss the issue.

**Volunteers’ Morning Tea and Celebration of Learning:**

We also need you to “save the date” for our end of year Volunteers’ Morning Tea at 11.30 am on the 10th December followed by the Celebration of Learning at 12.15pm, a whole school assembly, that involves all children in the school. Invitations and more information will follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sharing the learning journey with you,

Suzanne Crouch
Principal

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**PARENT/PRINCIPAL AFTERNOON TEA**

I, ___________________ would like to participate in the Parent and Principal afternoon tea to be held on Friday 28th November, at 2.40pm.

My child is in ________ class.

R.S.V.P 25th November, 2014 (for catering purposes)
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 8, 2014
Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th November, 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

$5 MEAL DEAL
“The end of the year is fast approaching and to celebrate another successful year we will be having a $5 Meal Deal. This will be held on the last Friday of the Term – 12 December 2014, replacing the normal lunch orders for the day. The Order Form is attached to this newsletter, if all forms could be returned no later than 6 December 2014 this will allow us to have correct numbers for the day. Thank you – Sian”.

WATER SAFETY DAY REMINDER
Due to strict DEC regulations regarding water based activities, individual tests need to be held every 12 months to ascertain children’s safety around water BEFORE an activity such as the swimming carnival can be held.

The WATER SAFETY DAY is compulsory for all children wishing to attend the swimming carnival in 2015. The day will encompass water safety lessons, instructions, and testing. Any child who is deemed to be unsafe in the water will be unable to attend the swimming carnival in 2015. These changes have been put in place by NSW Department of Education and Communities in conjunction with Royal Life Saving Society of New South Wales, New South Wales Sport and Recreation, Association of Independent Schools and the Catholic Education Commission in response to the NSW Deputy State Coroner’s Inquest to ensure the safety of all children in NSW schools.
STUDENT SPORT REPORT

I swam this weekend in the Masca carnival program representing Picton Swimming Club against Six other Swimming Clubs in the Macarthur region. I swam above my age group and won a Gold medal in 25metre Butterfly, a Bronze medal for 50 metre freestyle and Backstroke. I cannot wait for the school swimming carnival.

Georgia Zannino

Shear n Dipity hair design Oakdale will be opening on Monday 15th December 2014 for The Oaks Year 6 Farewell. Please call 46597783 or email hair@shearndipity.com.au for an appointment but hurry as there are limited appointments available.