**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend the Parent/Principal afternoon tea last Friday.

As you are well aware, things are getting hectic in all areas of life prior to Christmas. Can I remind you that in 2015 if you do not have a “Working With Children Check” you are not able to volunteer in any part of our school. This includes classrooms, library, canteen, sports days etc. This is a government initiative aimed to keep children safe. Please get your check completed as refusal to allow you into classrooms next year may cause embarrassment and distress to us both. This check is able to be started online but requires you to take 100 points of identity to a Roads, Traffic and Marine office to complete the check. If you are working in a voluntary capacity, this check is free. We will also not be able to have pre-schoolers in any school settings while parents are volunteering on a regular basis.

This Friday will be the last of the whole school assemblies for 2014 apart from our very important “Celebration of Learning” assembly to be held next Wednesday, 10th December at 12.00pm. You are very welcome to attend either or both of these assemblies.

Next Tuesday night at 7.00pm we will be holding our last P and C meeting for 2014. You are most welcome to come and join us and see what the P and C do for the school.

Many parents are asking me about staffing for 2015. Currently our school has two vacant positions that the Department of Education and Communities is “actioning”. At this time of the year the Department is very busy staffing more than 2,000 schools state wide. However, of great importance is that our very respected and loved Mrs Annette Gard will be taking leave for Term 1 2015 with the intention of retiring later in 2015. I am sure that if I share this news with you, you will share a special kind word for Mrs Gard in the last two weeks of school. Mrs Gard has requested no farewells this year, but we are allowed to have a “shindig” next year.

If you are leaving our school at the conclusion of 2014, could you please inform the office of your leaving and tell us which school your children will be attending. It is essential that we know what actual numbers we will have to start the 2015 school year.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN NEWS

“Please remember that all forms for the $5 Meal Deal BBQ Bonanza are due in this Friday 5 December 2014. There will be no lunch orders being made on Meal Deal Day. Thank you J - Sian”

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 10, 2014

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th December, 2014

2nd Wednesday: Diane Taplin, Amanda Ormerod
2nd Thursday: Renee Jenkins, Amanda Biffin, Roisin Piefke
2nd Friday: Kylie Wheeler, Rochelle Jones, Sian Bryant

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Stocktake

It is that time of the year again when all books need to be returned to the library to be scanned. It is an enormous job but it is made so much easier if books are returned promptly. Many students are disappointed not to be able to borrow now. May I suggest that you take your child to Camden and Picton Libraries. Camden will lend to you if you have a Wollondilly Library card. To access a Wollondilly Library card you need to take proof of address with you (a rates notice or electricity bill).

I have library cards with all the libraries (including Campbelltown) as when students reach high school you may need to access books from other libraries as the school runs out of books on the topic quickly. The local high schools like students to access information from a wide variety of sources including books, journals, databases, newspapers etc.

Year 6 Farewell

As part of our School Welfare Policy you and your child need to be reminded that any child who loses 10 points or has a suspension in Term 4 will be ineligible to attend the farewell.

UPCOMING EVENT:

PARTY AND WATER FUN DAY

This year our class parties will be combined with a water fun day on Tuesday 16th December, at 1.30pm. Students will need to wear mutli clothes that can get wet and are sun safe. They will also need to wear hats, sunglasses (optional), sunscreen and appropriate enclosed footwear. They will also need drinks, a towel and a change of clothes. Class teachers will advise students on what party food each child can bring.

A water slide is included as an activity. If you do not wish your child to participate please fill in the note below and return it to the office.

Year 6 will be participating in additional time on the water slide as a special Year 6 activity.

Party & Water Fun Day

I do not wish my child:

Name___________________________

Class_____________ to participate in the water slide activity on

Tuesday 16th December, 2014
Newsletter of The Oaks Public School
Opportunity, Achievement, Community

Term 4 Week 9
5 Burragorang St, The Oaks.
Phone 46571185
Fax 46571704

Wednesday 3rd December, 2014
Email: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

“IT’S A LOVELY DAY OUT!”
Wollondilly’s #1 Market
“Unique, Boutique and Homegrown”
Always changing, ever amazing stalls
Great atmosphere, music and giveaways
Fresh tasty food and produce available

★ SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 ★
★ 9am — 2pm ★
Wollondilly Shire Hall, Menangle St Picton
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Actors, Singers & Dancers
!! Now Booking for 2015!! For Ages 3 to adult.
*Drama/Acting* Singing* Dance/Choreography* AND *The Agency*

Class numbers are strictly limited. Saturday classes available.
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Cobbitty Village Markets
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Cobbitty Village Market is a vibrant well-known country-style craft market that has been run by local community volunteers since May 1982. It provides quality unique crafts and produce, drawing large crowds of visitors from local and wider Sydney/NSW areas. As a non-profit organization, the market also functions as an important local fundraiser, typically raising $40-50,000 each year that is distributed to local community groups, charities, and the disadvantaged.

The markets are held on Cobbitty Public School grounds on the first Saturday of each month except for January and February, and are open to the public from 8am-1pm. There are a large variety of stalls providing predominantly homemade art and craft, delicious foods and beverages to take home or eat at the market; some of which are provided by local groups including Lion’s Club, School P&C, and Scouts, for their own fund-raising. There is also entertainment, including local bands and groups. There is parking for 1,000 cars behind the school/along Cobbitty Road. We warmly welcome all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone interested in joining our volunteer market committee to contact us.

Meditation & Music
Come and unwind.
Learn seated meditation practices in a small group which you can use anywhere. Practice techniques which can help manage stress and anxiety. Unlock the freedom of the mind and develop new ways to enjoy your journey. Starts Dec 1st with Tania Rose.

Mondays 7pm-8pm
Wednesdays 11am-12noon
Artscope Music 1A Merlin St The Oaks NSW
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artscope@artscopemusic.com.au
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Carols In The Oaks
12th December 2014
The Oaks Primary School
From 6.30pm

Safe Candles Available!
Traditional Christmas Carols

Sausage Sizzle & Drinks Available
‘Visit from Santa

Presented by
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