Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

PLAN
This week the Kindergarten children will be bringing home the results of their initial school assessment – often referred to as “Best Start”. You may consider that the information in the report is not current and that is because the assessment was done 5 weeks ago. Please see the information as a beginning for your child’s formal school education. As of this year the process that was known as “Best Start”, that is assessing each child individually and plotting their learning development on the Literacy or Numeracy continuum, will be continued into the primary years. This process is now to be known as PLAN, that is, Planning Literacy And Numeracy

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to those parents who have assisted the school with their voluntary contributions. We greatly appreciate your assistance.

Feedback
Thank you also to those parents who returned the feedback sheets from last week’s newsletter about the Parent/Teacher Information Exchange. We had 100% appreciation and support of the evening.

School Photo Day
As part of the newsletter today, your child will be bringing home an envelope that is to be used by you to order your child’s school photos. The 18th March is photo day at school. Please send your child to school dressed in their summer school uniform. If you wish to purchase photos return the envelope with the correct money before the 18th March. If you wish to have a family photo taken (only siblings attending our school) you can obtain this envelope at the office.

University of NSW – International Competitions and Assessments
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. The assessments comprise: Computer Skills tests, English tests, Maths tests, Science tests, Spelling tests and Writing tests. If you are interested in your child participating in these assessments, please complete the Registration form on the back of this Newsletter and return it and the entry fee to school before the 21st March, 2014. The dates and costs are all in the Registration form.

Attendance
Under the 1990 Education Act, “regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential”. Please ensure that if your child is absent from school for any period of time that a note stating the reason and the dates is provided.

Assembly
This Friday there is a whole school assembly. Please feel welcome to attend this event at 2.50 pm in the hall. Our student school leaders will be leading the event.

Sharing the learning journey with you.
Suzanne Crouch
CANTEEN NEWS

Pancake Day was a success and it would not have happened without the wonderful help from Daryl, Robyn H, Laura A, Deanna P, Vivien, and Deuryn. Our next Canteen event will be at the end of this month. We will be having a Friday special so stay tuned for the special of the day. Again thank you to all who helped with Pancake Day.

Sian

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 1 – WK 7, 2014

Wednesday 12th – Friday 14th March, 2014

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

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

P & C News

P & C Easter Raffle

Easter is fast approaching and the shops are full of eggs. The P & C are now asking for donations for the Easter Raffle prizes.

If you would like to donate any chocolates, eggs etc there will be a box in the front office. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Raffle ticket books coming home today.

The raffle will be drawn at the Hat Parade on Thursday 10th April

The Oaks Pharmacy - VIP Card

Just a quick reminder to all our families about the fantastic reward program that The Oaks Pharmacy has in place for our school. Every family last year received a red VIP Pharmacy card to use when making purchases from the Pharmacy. A percentage of all over the counter (non-prescription sales) will go toward our school as cash. If you are a new family to our school, please see the ladies in the office for a card. If you forget your card, don't worry just let the person serving you at the Pharmacy know that you want your sale to go toward The Oaks Public School reward program. Any family member or relative can have their purchase go toward the school reward program.

This is a fantastic way to raise funds for our school and at the same time you are supporting a local business.

Thankyou - The Oaks P&C

LIBRARY NEWS

Scarecrow Competition

About 35 children from Kindergarten to Year 6 came to the Library at lunchtime on Monday to participate in making our scarecrow for the Camden Show competition. This activity is fabulous for working in a team, taking turns, problem solving and learning to accept the opinions of others. The children have to design, engineer, make and preserve for three weeks.

The theme this year is 'Scarecrows Around the World'. I have an old Japanese children's kimono for the clothing but we need more. The children who are involved benefit from visiting op shops to find and fossick for bits and pieces. We need some chopsticks for the hair in red, cream, dark green or dark blue. If someone can search for a parasol (large) in the same colours that would be great (Treasures on Argyle Camden have some from time to time). Please assist your child to research what traditional Japanese dress looks like. By doing this you are supporting their creativity on how our scarecrow turns out. Please be aware that all donated items will not be returned.

Newsletters & Notes

All our Newsletters and most notes get put on the school’s website, so any time you think you have missed receiving a note or it has been misplaced you can find them all under the Newsletter tab.
THE ACRYN

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Term 1 Week 6
5 Burragarang St, The Oaks. Phone 46571185 Fax 46571704

Wednesday 5th March, 2014
Email: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Boys to Men
FREE Parent\Teen session

A free 90 minute presentation for teen boys 14-18 years and their parents, carers, educators and health professionals. Covering gender identity, facts and statistics for this age group, communication, drugs and mental health first aid.

WHEN: Monday 17 March 2014
TIME: 6.00-7.30pm
FREE – Limited places.
VENUE: Narellan Library
Car Queen and Elyard Street
Narellan, NSW 2567
BOOKING DETAILS:
www.library.cahmen.nsw.gov.au\bookings

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
Narellan Library 4645 5639

Limited copies of 'The other side of 18' will be for sale on the night - $15.

Boys to Men, a session from 'Who the Man', severe topics including gender identity, challenging stereotypes, important statistics amongst teen male population, communication strategies, masculinity, range of choices and mental health first aid.

Information and videos used will include adult themes, partial nudity, incidental sexual language and mature content.

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2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school

I give permission for my child ________________________________ of ____________________________

Child's name Class

to participate in the following 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

* Students may sit Writing anytime in the week beginning Monday 16 June. However, all students in your school should sit on the same day.

Please find enclosed ________________________________ total entry fee.

Amount

__________________________________________
Name of Parent/Guardian Date

__________________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian