Principals Message

Voluntary Contributions

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

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 provided with last week’s newsletter or from the school website and return it and the entry fee to school before the 21st March, 2014. The dates and costs are all in the Registration form.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. (See back page of this Newsletter for more information.)

School Photo Day

Next Tuesday, the 18th March is Photo Day at The Oaks Public School. Please send your child to school dressed in their full summer school uniform with black shoes. If you wish to purchase photos, please return the envelope that was sent home with your child last week, before the 18th March. The envelope needs to contain the correct money as it goes straight to the photographer. We are not able to order photos after the Photo Day.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch
The Acorn
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CanTeen Roster for Term 1 – WK 8, 2014

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st March, 2014

3rd Wednesday: Deuryn Williams, Vivien Jones, Sian Bryant
3rd Thursday: Rochelle Jones, Laura Affleck, Sian Bryant
3rd Friday: Julene Rose, Jenny Hackett, Chantel Norris

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

Razorback Swimming Carnival Update

Congratulations to all the students who competed as part of The Oaks PS team at the Razorback carnival. Performances of note include:

Junior Boys 4x50m Relay team – Lachlan Brooks, Thomas Bryant, Travis Olander and Declan Quigley
Claudia Bush competed in 7 events including 11-13 years 200m Individual Medley and 100m Freestyle
Rachael Downey competed in 6 events including Backstroke finals
Harry Feutrill competed in 7 events including 11-13 years 200m Individual Medley.
Jade Heyburgh competed in 4 events improving her times from the school carnival in each event.

Thankyou for representing our school with pride and performing to your very best in wet and rainy conditions. Thankyou to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Boys for acting as managers for the team and to Mr Hyslop and Mrs Manga for braving the weather to assist at the carnival.

Harmony Day

Next Friday, 21st March, our school will be celebrating Harmony Day. This is a day when we acknowledge the diversity of our Australian population and celebrate its harmony. All children are welcome to wear orange and will participate in class organised events.

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 went home last week.
The raffle will be drawn at the Hat Parade on Thursday 10th April

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Sarah’s Theatre and Drama Agency

New Dance & Drama Now Enrolling For 2014!

- Jazz / Musical Theatre
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Wollondilly Redbacks Junior AFL Club – 2014 Player Registrations

We are currently seeking players for the 2014 season to play on Sundays!

Teams will be fielded in the following age groups. Under 9’s, 10’s, 11’s, 12’s and 14’s.

We also run an AFL Auskick Clinic for kids aged 4 and up.

Team Training is on Tuesdays from 5:00pm at Bargo Sports Ground.

For additional information please phone David on 0408 492 144 or email redbacksafl@gmail.com
NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

The following information is provided to parents so that they can see when and what happens with the National Assessments.

The test dates for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be as follows:

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If you wish to have your child excluded from this National Assessment, you need to make an appointment to see the Principal and complete the paperwork together. It is expected that all children in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the assessment.