**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

First term for 2014 has flown past. As you are aware school finishes for this term on Friday the 11th April. School resumes for staff on the 28th April and for all students on the 29th April.

As we go into the Easter holiday period there is, as always, a lot going on at school.

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the Easter Hat Parade. As you are aware we are welcoming any parents who may wish to come to the school at 10.00am and assist with hat making. The parents will be offered tea and coffee at 11.00am while the students take their hats into rooms to prepare for the afternoon’s activities. Our Picnic Lunch for students and parents commences at 11.45am and the Easter Hat Parade gets underway at approximately 12.30pm. I am very much looking forward to sharing this fun filled time with you all. A very sincere thank you to Mrs Aldridge for all her efforts in making this a wonderful opportunity for us all.

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On Friday our school will be having a **Whole School Assembly** at 2.45pm to complete the term. **1/2G will be performing for us.** Please feel free to enjoy this assembly with us.

Of great interest to you all is the very exciting news that Mr Hyslop has been offered a position as an Assistant Principal at a school some distance from The Oaks. Mr Hyslop has accepted this position and we at The Oaks are very proud of and pleased for him. However, this of course means that we must find a new teacher for 5/6 H. I have had many conversations with the people in “staffing” who are currently working through the process of providing us with a classroom teacher. It may not be possible to employ a permanent teacher for some weeks into Term 2. I will continue to work with staffing to bring about the speediest and most suitable resolution for this class. I know that many of you will want to wish Mr Hyslop the very best for his future career.

Please enjoy this special time of the year with your children. I am off to buy a coat these holidays as every child and parent that I have spoken to at The Oaks has told me how windy and cold it gets in the Winter. I will be ready!

Happy Easter 😊.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Mrs Crouch

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**ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY**

The school is holding its annual ANZAC Day Ceremony in the Hall on the 2nd of May, 2014 (our first Friday back for Term 2). If families wish to lay a flower or a wreath they should send them to school with their child in the morning. Each class will lay their flowers at the War Memorial during the morning.

The ceremony in the Hall will take place at 10am. A special guest from the Camden RSL will be attending. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Mrs Levings – ANZAC Day Coordinator
Canteen Roster for Term 2 – WK 1, 2014

Wednesday 30th April – Friday 2nd May, 2014

5th Wednesday: Rochelle Jones, Monique Funnell
1st Thursday: Tracey Meredith, Rochelle Jones, Kim Pes
1st Friday: Janelle Kelly, Kelly Mathiasch, Julie Redmond

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

The Paper Doll Chain Update

As more paper dolls roll in the statistics are as follows;
More boys than girls are contributing and the boys creative artistry is amazing!!
Of the characters that are being repeated the following is happening;
Harry Potter is the lead novel character beating out Percy Jackson easily but Percy is just a tad ahead of Skullduggery Pleasant.
The Gingerbread Man is still the favourite Nursery Rhyme character.
Spiderman is tied with the Mutant Ninja Turtles Now and Superman is closing in and Batman has dropped way down.
Wimpy Kid is only just ahead of Captain Underpants.
The BFG and The Twits are making an appearance.
The Red Power Ranger is the only colour existing.
Captain America has finally appeared in numbers with Thor.
Basketball players are still the favourite sporting character with a few footballers finally appearing (I need some Del Piero - no 10).
Thank you so much to all the families that supported our Guinness World Record attempt. Even the photographer was amazed at how many paper dolls our students made. I will still be collecting up to the beginning of May and the doll pattern is available to do in the library at lunchtime and recess. If you feel like doing more over the holidays, please do so. Every paper doll we make goes towards Australia’s attempt to break the record that the UK set last year.
Have a safe and happy holiday.
Mrs Ralston

Camden Show Report

On Friday, I went to the Camden Show with school. At the end of the day, I was picked to have a photo with Dr. Harry Cooper because I got three awards in a row for my ducks. I also got to watch him film for television. I had a great day!

By Jamie-Lee
Did you know that at the bottom of Burrarorang Street in The Oaks there’s a branch of an international organization that fosters a love of the great outdoors; opportunities for personal growth and goal setting; the development of leadership skills; and encourages friendships between boys and girls all around this mighty land? What is it, you ask?

It’s The 1st Burrarorang Cubs (7.5 -11 years) and Scouts (11-15 years) group!

If you want to learn some cool new skills, maybe sleep under the stars at camp, stretch your brain with some interesting badge work, meet other boys and girls from different areas or simply just have some great old fashioned fun… then this is the place for you!!

We are a small but very friendly Cub and Scout group and are always looking for more people to come and join us.

For more information call: Dingo/Wayne Stevens (our fearless Scout leader) on 4657 1092 or 0413 304 379; Ruksha/Cara Sherwood (our energetic Cub leader) on 4648 1062; Kerry Reid (our friendly Committee President) on 4657 2620 or come down and see us in action on Monday nights at The Scout Hall from 6pm - 7.30pm for Cubs and 7pm - 9pm for Scouts.
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on the raising of funds within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the **correct money** in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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