Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A Big Thankyou
Thank you to all the mums who helped on the Mother’s Day Stall last week.

Working with Children Check
Thank you to our many volunteers who have organised to get a Working with Children Check. If you haven’t been able to do so until now, could you please go online and commence the process. There is no cost for volunteers.

NAPLAN
As many of you are aware our Year 3 and 5 children are participating in NAPLAN this week. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. Our teachers have done a great job exposing our children to the curriculum in both English and Mathematics. The children will be working in the hall for this assessment. Please ensure that they are not interrupted during the morning sessions when the assessments are being held. The results of this assessment are provided in detail for parents of participating children during Term 3.

Canteen
Unfortunately, our school canteen is not able to function again this week. The canteen will not be open on the 15th and 16th of May. We apologise for the inconvenience and say a huge thank you to the few volunteers who have spent a great deal of time cleaning up after mice and ensuring that our school canteen is a safe place to prepare food.

Assembly
A reminder that there will be a whole school assembly this week. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

UNSW Testing
The first of the University 2014 testing will be held next Tuesday. Those children who returned their forms and paid last term will work with me during the school day.

OC Class
If you are interested in your child applying for a position in an Opportunity Class for 2015, please ensure that you have completed the application online and that you have returned to school by the 16th May (this Friday) the Intention to Apply. All the details have been in the last two newsletters.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
On another page of this newsletter, you will see a letter to you about the nationally consistent collection of data on school students with a disability. Please take the time to read this information. If you do not wish us to use the information about your child, you must complete the attached form and return it to school by the end of this term.

Invitation
An invitation is extended to any parents or caregivers who would like the opportunity to have a chat with myself at a “Parent and Principal Afternoon Tea” on the 11th June at 2.30 pm until 3.20 pm in the staffroom. Please return the slip at the end of the newsletter so that I can cater appropriately. This is intended to be an opportunity for you to ask questions that you may have about schooling in general. I very much look forward to meeting with you.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch
Principal
Canteen Roster for Term 2 – WK 4, 2014

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd May, 2014

3rd Wednesday: Deuryn Williams, Vivien Jones, Sian Bryant
4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin, Janine Taylor, Stacey Hayter
4th Friday: Jodi Stucki, Kylie Dodd, Sharon Heyburgh, Deanna Parry

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

Dav Pilkey, the author of Captain Underpants will be at Parramatta Riverside Theatre on May 24th at 4pm.
   Adults ~ $19
   Children under 16 ~ $14
   Family ~ $55
   Please book on 9252 7729

The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure, and to enable children to experience quality literature. Reading is one of the most important skills that students need to develop. Parents can help classroom teachers by developing a love of literature early and continuing reading to their children up to 12 years of age. Please talk about the Premier’s Reading Challenge to your child and information will be sent home next week with instructions. Parents will need to enter data on line this year and your child can help with this.
Mrs Ralston

Sports Carnival Field Events

This Thursday (after lunch) and Friday (9.40am to 2.20pm), students in Yrs. 2–6 will be competing in field events for the Athletics Carnival.
Please ensure students wear their full sports uniform on both days.
Thank you
Mrs Manga

Uniform Shop News

Our newly designed sport’s polos have arrived and are now available for purchase. The old style gold polo will be phased out over the next two years and can still be worn during this time. We also have in stock logo football socks for gala days etc., available $12.00
As always, we need more volunteers in the Uniform Shop. It’s just 1 hour per month on either a Monday morning or Friday afternoon. If you can help out, please leave your contact details at alyson.75@hotmail.com Thank you.

Stewart House School Clothing Appeal 2014

The Stewart House clothing bags that went home last week, are due back to school by Friday 23rd May, 2014.

Parent and Principal Morning Tea

| ________________________________ |
| would like to participate in the Parent and Principal morning tea to be held on the 11th June. My child is in _________ class. |
The Oaks Public School

The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

The following photographs will be on display at the school, and may be ordered by completing a Re-Order envelope from the school office. Please place payment either Cash or Cheque in the envelope provided. Credit Card payments can be made Online through our website (www.theschoolphotographer.com.au), please enter your ORDER NUMBER on the envelope and return to your School By 10th June 2014

Maxi sized photos are A3 in size.

*Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred*

Year 6 $14.00
School Captains $14.00
Sports Captains $14.00

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

21 May 2014 - 10:30am in the school Library. Preschoolers welcome. Please book on 46571185

Too Many Elephants in This House
by Ursula Dubosarsky
Illustrated by Andrew Joyce

Stormy
Paintless Dent Repair

Matt McDonald
0415 902 475

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Artscope Music

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Limited places available
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Tania Rose & Simon Rigby
1a Merline St, The Oaks (by appointment)
artscope@artscopemusic.com.au

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p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  email: theoaks-
Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2014

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

If you need help with English to make an enquiry contact the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The operator will call the number you provide and get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Kind regards

Principal

NSW Education & Communities
Public Schools NSW

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 3, 2014.

Nationwide Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2014

I/we ____________________________________________

Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child ____________________________________________ to be counted

Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ____________________________ date: ____________

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