Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for what is shaping up to be a very busy but enjoyable Term 3. We trust that you enjoyed your time with your children during the school holidays.

Staff Development Day

The staff participated in a very interesting professional learning day last Monday. We investigated the new Maths curriculum which will become mandatory for all NSW schools in 2015.

NAIDOC

As we explained last term, our school will be holding a NAIDOC day on Thursday the 17th July. We are asking that the children wear a colour from the Aboriginal flag. That is, red, black or yellow. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Levings have organised a short assembly with guest dancers for the children. You are welcome to join us for this cultural experience from 10.00 am.

Changes

Your children may have told you that over the school holiday period we have been fortunate to have had our dangerous trees chopped and mulched. This means that there is now a lovely big oval for the children to play in again. It also means that there is a lot of mulch that we need help with moving. If you would be interested in helping move some mulch, please read the note further in this newsletter and let us know that you can help. We would greatly appreciate any assistance.

From next Monday in response to student, teacher and parent concerns we will be trialling a different plan for the morning timeslot before classes start. Currently the children come into the small COLA area and play there until the bell rings. From Monday the 21st July for the next 5 weeks we will be trialling a new morning routine. We would ask for your assistance in this. The children from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be able to be dropped off at the school gate from 9.00am. They will then go to the small Cola as usual and leave their bags there. They will then go to the large COLA near the canteen to play quiet games and to meet their friends. The children in Years 3-6 will take their bags down to the large COLA and line them up in a designated area. They will stay under the COLA and play quiet games with their friends. We will be asking for student, parent and teacher feedback about this trial towards the end of the 5 week period. The children will be walked through this change by their teachers during this week so that they will know what to do next week.

Term 3 Planner

A school calendar/planner will go home next week with the school newsletter.

An Invitation

The staff and students at The Oaks Public School would like to warmly invite you to attend our School Open Day to be held in Education Week on the 30th July. The plan for the Open day is as follows:

- 10.00 – 10.35 am Classrooms open for visitors. Children to show you the work that they do.
- 10.40 am – Children to participate in Peer Support Groups. Visitors to observe and join in. Groups will be under the COLA.
- 11.15 am – Clean up.
- 11.20 am – Children return to classrooms.

- Parents to observe our Art Gallery in the hall. On display will be the art works that the children made during our NAIDOC Day celebrations. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. This money will be used to purchase signage around the school to support our Positive Behaviour Welfare program.
- 11.30 am – To complete our Open day, children and visitors may picnic in our lovely school grounds. Please bring whatever you need to have a picnic.

REMINDER

Yellow FOEI notes need to be returned ASAP

Gymtastics note & money due 29/7/14

School Banking Every Monday ~

Notes going home today

Book Club brochures

Notes that went home previously

Gymtastics note K-6

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If the weather is not suitable for picnicking, lunches will be eaten in the hall or under our COLA.

We hope to see you at our school during this special day to celebrate quality education in NSW.

Sharing the learning journey with you,

Suzanne Crouch, Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 2, 2014

Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th July, 2014

4th Wednesday: Kim Pes, Vivien Jones, Deuryn Williams
4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin, Janine Taylor, Stacey Hayter
4th Friday: Jodi Stucki, Kylie Dodd, Sharon Heyburgh

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

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Wednesday 27th August at 12.30pm.
Our bi-annual book character parade is on in week 7. Students, teachers, parents and pre-schoolers are invited to dress up as a book character. It is a very exciting time for students having to guess who everyone else is and everyone is thinking about and talking about books all day. The book character parade is a wonderful, colourful and artistic display. Parents, grandparents, relatives and pre-schoolers are all invited to attend the event so keep the day free.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures went home today with this newsletter and the orders will be taken in the Library on Thursday next week, 24th July between 9-10am.

Parent Information Evening for Parents of Children Starting School in 2015

If you have a child who is starting school next year we invite you to attend our information evening on Wednesday 23rd July, 2014 in our School Library, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. A light supper will be provided and we look forward to seeing your there.

Mulch Moving Working Bee

Saturday 26th July, 2014 (end of Week 2) 8.30am – 10.30am approx..
We are having a working bee to spread mulch. If you could spare some time to help out it would be appreciated. All you need to bring is a wheel barrow and a garden fork or shovel and meet us in the car park at 8.30am.
Thank you
Mrs Manga

CONGRATULATIONS........ to all our Kindergarten students! They have successfully completed their first Semester at school and they feel very grown up and responsible. Our school wishes to nurture and encourage this sense of self-responsibility by reminding all those Mums, Dads, Nans and Pops who bring the children to school to use our “kiss and drop off” spot outside the Front Office. You can be assured that near the bottom of the ramp in Area 1, there will be a teacher on duty from 9am onwards, who will be looking after the children.

The Kindergarten teachers have informed me that they have several Parents who help in their rooms. THANK YOU! Your help is extremely important to us and of course, the children. For those parents who are able to help in the classrooms ; -- please ensure that you have completed the Working with Children form, that you sign in and out every time and that you wait on the verandah outside your child’s classroom .

Thanking you
Annette Gard
Assistant Principal
The Acorn

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Move It, Groove it, Dance Studio 0409462922
Our unique and exciting classes will be held here at The Oaks Public School on Wednesdays starting July 23rd.
The talented Miss Brooke who is an experienced teacher and holds a degree in Dance and PE/HPE will be teaching our fun based engaging lessons. We are a family friendly dance studio. Our students learn and laugh. Our concert is held locally in Camden in November and our costumes will not cost you a fortune!

Fairy Ballet (3-6yrs) 4:30-5pm
Kindy Hip Hop (4-7yrs) 5pm-5:30pm
Hip Hop/Jazz (8-12 yrs) 5:30-6:10

We will also have classes for Teenagers 13yrs + in Hip Hop & Contemporary if we get the interest.
Please visit our website www.moveitgroovel.com.au
Please contact Karen Micallef today for more information.