**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for working with us to inform and remind your children about our **playground changes before** school. As I wrote in last week’s newsletter we are trialling a different approach to the children’s time in the playground before school. We will be surveying you after the 5 week trial to get your opinions.

I would like to remind you that we are having a **very special assembly this Friday for a member of staff, Mr Pitt–Owen** - who has officially retired from the Department of Education and Communities. You are very welcome to attend this assembly.

We are holding a **working bee this Saturday the 26th July** to move as much mulch as possible onto gardens. If you are able to help please see the note inside this newsletter from Mrs Manga. I look forward to seeing you there.

**ICAS Testing**

The children who indicated that they would be doing the ICAS testing for English will do this assessment next Tuesday, 29th July.

**Term Calendar**

Included in this newsletter is a Term 3 Calendar that we hope will assist you with what is happening and when.

**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 – Children and visitors may picnic in our lovely school grounds. Please bring whatever you need to have a picnic.

If the weather is not suitable for picnicking, lunches will be eaten either in classrooms or under the 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 3, 2014

Wednesday 30th July – Friday 1st Aug, 2014

5th Wednesday: Rochelle Jones, Monique Funnell
5th Thursday: Tracey Meredith, Katrina Zafosnik
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

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.

Art Competition

The Bicycle NSW Artwork Competition is on again. The purpose of the competition is to help make school children become more aware and stay safe when riding their bikes. Students are invited to draw a design for a bike helmet that can be produced and sold commercially. The winning prize is a bike and helmet package. Last year, Ellen Stucki won a bike and helmet package for her helmet design! Let’s see if another student from our school can display their artistic talent in this way. The drawing needs to be on a bike helmet template and it can be obtained from Ms Stevenson. Entries need to be handed in to Ms Stevenson by Friday 1st August, 2014. Good luck.

Ms Stevenson

PBIS

As part of our PBIS, this week we have reintroduced our 50 cent Canteen Vouchers. These are awarded to those students who have placed their Be Safe, Be Respectful or Be a Good Learner tokens into our lucky dip box. One token will be drawn at each afternoon assembly. The winning child is then free to use their voucher at the Canteen.

Mulch Moving Working Bee

Saturday 26th July, 2014 (end of this week) 8.30 – 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

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.
**P & C NEWS**

**Fete Update**
Our Fete Committee met on Monday night and we were delighted to have our Principal Mrs Crouch join us and support the team. Fete preparations are well underway and the term is set to be a busy one pulling all the plans into place. During the term we will be communicating with you regularly in the school newsletter to keep you up to date with collection weeks for the donation of items, important dates and information about the great stalls and entertainment we have planned.

**Raffle Tickets** – Thank you to all those families who have sold tickets and returned them. Many of you have also taken extra books which is fantastic. Please keep on selling them and return them in the yellow P&C box in the front office as soon as possible. If you have unsold tickets and cannot sell them please return them promptly as they can be used by another family.

**Rides Armbands** – Will go on sale from Week 4 of this term. Unlimited Rides Armbands will be $25 and will include the following rides:
- **Round Up**—Thrill Ride
- Child must be over 120cm
- **Crazy Flyer & Giant Slide**
- no restrictions/open age
- **Flying Fish**
- max height 130cm
- **Looney Tunes Jumping Castle**
- school age kids

Please remember that only pre-sold Armbands will benefit our school. The cost on the day will be $30 and single rides will be $5 and $7. Sales on the day benefit the rides company not our school.

A form will be included in the newsletter in Week 4 to pre-order your Armbands. There is NO LIMIT on the number of armbands you can purchase. You are welcome to purchase Armbands for any family or friends that you have invited to attend our Fete so that they can benefit from the reduced rate.

**External Stalls** – If you have a business or know of someone who has one and would be interested in having a stall at the Fete, please see the attach form. Cost of stalls is $50 and your own insurance is required.
STALL HOLDERS INFORMATION FORM

If you would like to reserve a place with us please fill in your details below and return to school via email to jphackett@gmail.com or post to the address above. A fee of $50 will secure your place. The fete will run from 9:30- 2pm.

Name: __________________________________________________________

Business Name and Stall Type: ____________________________________________

Contact Address: _______________________________________________________

Contact Ph: ____________________________________________________________

Contact Email: _________________________________________________________

I understand that it is my responsibility to provide all necessary equipment for my stall (e.g. trestles, shade covers, chairs etc). Stalls should be kept to approximately 3mtr x 3mtrs in size.

I have attached a copy of my Certificate of Currency for Insurance purposes.

Payment must be made by the 12th September 2014.

Signed: ___________________________________________________________________

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