Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We had a wonderful response to the NED Show last week. The children were given a very impressive message to assist with building their individual resilience. NED stands for: N - Never give up, E - Encourage others and D - Do your best. I am certainly going to take that message to heart and try to be a NED. The children are able to purchase yo-yos this week as a result of the show. You might be wondering why we are promoting yo-yos? The story teller in the NED show told the story of NED by getting her yo-yo to do amazing tricks. The show also costs each school nothing, but in order for the program to survive they ask us to promote the selling of yo-yos and that cost pays for the program to continue for the next school. So a school before us subsidised the NED show to come to The Oaks and now we can subsidise another school receiving this excellent message.

Our Mufti day on the NED show day raised $252 and the admission to the Art gallery on our School Open Day raised $137. Both these amounts will go in to signage for different areas throughout the school. These signs will help the children to know what the correct behaviour in each place is.

A huge thank you to those school community members who returned last week’s survey. There is another one at the end of this newsletter. Please keep the feedback coming. When the survey is completed I will share the results with you in the newsletter.

Next week our school will be participating in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival. Many of you have been involved as very supportive parents for a number of years. This year we will have two dance items led by Miss Edwards and Ms Watling and two choir items led by Mrs Levings and myself. Some children are also involved in a combined choir item. The children and teachers will be involved in rehearsals on Monday and Wednesday next week during school time. Our performance evening is Thursday 21st August. The committee of the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival has put a letter into our newsletter this week and has requested that all parents read it.

Another reminder that if you know anyone who is considering sending their child to school next year that they need to enrol now. Please remind them to come and talk to us.

Sharing the learning journey with you.
Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 6, 2014

Wednesday 20th – Friday 22nd August, 2014

3rd Wednesday: Deuryn Williams, Vivien Jones, Sian Bryant
3rd Thursday: Rochelle Jones, Laura Affleck, Sian Bryant
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.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

The Premier’s Spelling Bee is open to any child in Years 3-6.
All you have to do to enter is see Ms Watling and register your name. You will then be given a password to access the Premier’s Spelling Bee website so you can practise the words before our in-school finals. If you are a Year 1 or 2 student and would like to have a look at the list in preparation for next year, you can also pick up a password.
The school final will be held on Monday 25th August.
Two students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will then go on to represent our school at the Zone Competition on September 15th.
All information, rules and spelling lists can be found on the website:


Good Luck!!
Ms Watling
Co-ordinator

Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival

Entry forms for this year’s carnival must be handed in to our school office no later than Monday 18th August, with your payment. Cheques should be made out to The Oaks Public School. The entry forms can be downloaded from the Camden High School website.

WOLLONDILLY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS’ NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Dear Parents, family members and friends,
In Week 6, August 20th and 21st students from your school will be performing in the Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School Assembly Hall. The Festival has a long and proud history of showcasing talent and creativity among the students and teachers of our Public Schools. Each and every item on show will reflect many hours of preparation and fine tuning to deliver a high quality performance.

In recent years, a disappointing trend has emerged where audience members choose to leave the auditorium immediately after their own children’s performance, regardless of when it occurs in the program. The result has been that later items perform to a hall less than half full, which is unfair to the children who have worked just as hard as those on stage before them.

The Festival Committee recognises that families attending the evening performances have school and work commitments, and took the decision in recent years to bring the starting time forward to 6:30pm, meaning that the final item is generally over by 8:15pm at the latest. As always, your children are supervised by staff from their own school while not on stage.

In 2014 I seek your cooperation by remaining for the entire show. Other people’s kids put on great performances too, and I guarantee that you won’t be disappointed.

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to seeing you at this year’s Festival – from beginning to end.

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Gentleman
President, Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival

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Art Competitions

Wesley Building Dreams
Recently eight children submitted artworks on the theme ‘Building Dreams’ which included people with disabilities. These artworks were very imaginative and insightful of dreams for all people.


NRMA Bicycle Helmet Competition
Our school had 24 helmet designs submitted into the NRMA bike artwork competition. Their works were very colourful some with patterns and others with skulls, fire and fruit.


Good luck to those students and hopefully some good news will be coming to our school with winners!

Ms Stevenson

Book Club

Book Club brochures have gone home with today’s Newsletter. Mrs McLeod will be taking the orders in the Library on Thursday next week (21/8/14) between 9 and 10am.
REMINDER – COLLECTION WEEK

Next week (week 6) is our first collection week for Fete items.

We are asking for families to donate an item or items that could be used to make up gift baskets for our Fete Basket Stall. We are planning to put together themed gift packs, for girls, boys, Grandparents, Dads, Mums, Aunt’s, babies etc. Please keep this in mind when purchasing your donation items. Unfortunately we cannot accept alcohol products and please no out of date items. Examples of items might include: coffee or tea products, cosmetics, chocolates and confectionary, non-perishable gourmet food (olive oil, vinegars, pickles) soaps, body lotion, hair products and accessories, stationary, small toys or ornaments, pet or garden accessories, candles, scented oils, baby goods.

We are also looking for wicker baskets or gift boxes to make up the gift packs. If anyone has spare of either that they are happy to donate, please bring them in as well.

There will be plastic tubs in the front office to place your donations for this week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre

GRIEF & LOSS INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 6PM – 8PM

Losing something important to you can be very difficult, painful and challenging. Sharing with others can be a great comfort. We are running an information session with the hope of developing a support group that will be held in a safe, supportive, respectful and confidential environment. The workshop will be sharing and exploring how to deal with the pain of loss and reclaiming your life while at the same time adjusting to the changes that loss brings. Light refreshments will be provided.

STEPPING ON WITH CONFIDENCE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SENIORS

Stepping on is an exciting, friendly and FREE community group program run by NSW Health for seniors. It is designed to build knowledge, strength and confidence to remain independent at home. The program will provide you with information on how to reduce your risk of falling and maximise your independence at home. Local Health professionals and invited guests present this program. The course will run for 7 weeks, two hours per week starting in August or September. Registrations are essential as a minimum number of participants are required to run this program.

Please contact Vikki or Helena on 4774 1273 to register your interest.