Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/caregivers,

Another term is ending and what an extremely busy one it has been. This term The Oaks Public School has: celebrated NAIDOC week, hosted several work experience students from local high schools, participated in debating challenges, informed preschool families about our school, hosted a retirement function, trained interns from local universities, participated in the University of NSW testing, held an Open Day in Education Week for our community, participated in a weekly gymnastics program called Gymtastics, participated in the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival at a very high level in dance, choir and clarinet, held stage and whole school assemblies, dressed up for the Book Week character parade, had P and C meetings, fete committee meetings, enjoyed Parent and Principal afternoon teas, had students in district athletics events, had excursions, participated in regional spelling bees and walked our way to health in a walkathon. Thank you so much to all of you for supporting your children and the school through all of these quality events.

School commences for Term 4, on the 7th October, the Tuesday after the Long Weekend. Term 4 will have 11 weeks.

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Stay safe over the holiday period. Sharing the learning journey with you.
Suzanne Crouch
Principal

REMINDER

2015 Kindergarten enrolments to Office ASAP

Gymtastics every Thursday this term
Walk a thon 19/9/14
Orders for Year 6 Graduation Bears/Balls closing this week
Final payments for Y5-6 Camp due by the end of this week

School Banking Every Monday ~

Notes going home today
Grasshopper Soccer Flyer
Notes that went home previously
School Fete raffle books
Kindergarten Excursion – Symbio Wildlife Park 24/10/14

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

This Friday 19 September is the last day of Term therefore we are having “Walk-a-thon Specials”: Good luck to all our walkers!

1 Slushy & 1 packet of chips $4
Paddle pop $1.

We look forward to Term 4 and the events coming up. Please note that we do need volunteers to help with Canteen on Fete Day 18 October, if you can help for a couple of hours please put your name on the list outside the Front Office.

Thanks everyone for another great term in Canteen.

Have Fun and be Safe these school holidays.

Sian
Canteen Manager

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 1, 2014**

**Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th October, 2014**

2nd **Wednesday**: Diane Taplin, Amanda Ormerod
2nd **Thursday**: Renee Jenkins, Amanda Biffin, Roisin Piefke
2nd **Friday**: Kylie Wheeler, Rochelle Jones, Sian Bryant

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

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY 23rd November, 2014**

Classes begin Tuesday 7th October, 2014 5pm – 6pm at St Aloysius Catholic Church Hall, Merlin Street, THE OAKS.

Children must be in Yr 3 or older and have been Baptised.

All enquiries to Anne Daley 4657 1382

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ellen Stucki (Year 6), Katelyn Sinclair (Year 5), Ella Jones (Year 4) and Clayton Brunick (Year 3) for competing in the 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee representing our school in the regional finals. All students put in a great effort, well done.

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**BEGINNERS TENNIS COACHING**

Saturday Mornings

Call: 0412 105 233 & leave a message
Armband Order Form

To take advantage of the $25 unlimited ride pass for 4 hours on fete day, (10am-2pm Saturday 18th October 2014) please enclose your full payment in an envelope and place it in the yellow P&C letterbox in the front office.

Rides are: Round Up (thrill ride must be over 120 cm), Jumping castle (school age children), Giant Slide and Crazy Flyer (no restrictions/open age) Flying Fish (max 130 cm)

You will receive a voucher that is to be given to the Better Amusement ride Supervisor at the fete in return for an armband on the day.

Thank you,

P&C Fete Committee

Please note Armbands can be bought on the day at the inflated price of $30 and will not benefit our school as the money will go straight to Better Amusements.

Armband Order Form

$25 each for 4 hours of unlimited rides 10-2pm Saturday 18th October 2014

Name: .............................................................................................. Class if at school......................

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Total enclosed....................

P.S. Cheques can be made out to The Oaks P&C

Fete Stall Time Preference

3 time preferences: __________________________________________

Please circle: Class Stall Canteen

Parents/Caregivers Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Childs Name: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Class: ___________ Contact Number: __________________________________________________________________

Email: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Sibling Names & Class/es: ____________________________________________________________________________
P&C FETE REMINDERS

RAFFLE TICKETS – Please remember to return your raffle ticket money and tickets as soon as possible in the yellow P&C box. Any unused tickets and ticket books can also be returned as these can be used by another family or by the Fete Committee. They need to be returned for auditing purposes. Use the school holidays to sell some more tickets and please return them to school in WEEK1 of TERM 4.

STALL VOLUNTEER ROSTER – we are still in need of some volunteers to help on the day of the Fete. The BBQ is now going to be run by Rotary for us, so 1/2S parents are being asked to help on any stall or one of the other 1/2 classes. Those of you that had already volunteered for the BBQ the committee have emailed you directly. The volunteer lists are up on the notice board outside the school office. There are still plenty of gaps and some stalls with no helpers. Your support in volunteering 1 hour of your time would be greatly appreciated and will ensure that our fete is a success.

UNLIMITED RIDE ARMBOARDS – get your orders in for your Armbands. The order form is included in this week’s newsletter in case you have misplaced it. Armband vouchers will be given to you when the order is placed, you will use the vouchers to collect your armbands from the rides company on Fete day. Keep your vouchers in a safe place. REMEMBER that only pre-purchased armbands benefit our school. We still need to sell a lot more to meet our target.

DONATIONS – Thank you to everyone who has donated items over the past 5 weeks. We are still accepting donations all of this week. Any donations are fine, gift basket items, gift baskets to wrap gifts, second hand books and toys, homemade craft items, re-gifting items. This is the last week for donations as we need to use the holidays to sort all items out.

PLANTS & CAKES – Please use the holidays to organise any plant donations for our plant stall. We will accept donations for our plant stall the day before and the morning of our Fete. Fresh/homemade cake donations will be accepted on the morning of our fete.

The Fete Committee would like to thank the school community for their continued support this Term. Our Fete is just over 4 weeks away and we are very excited that it will be great success for our school and a FUN day for all families and the broader community.

If you have any questions for the Fete Committee please contact us via the Facebook page or email the school.

THANK YOU