Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thankyou to the many parents and grandparents who came to our Book Character Parade for Book Week last Wednesday. Thank you also for taking the time to dress your children so cleverly. I think that you will all agree with me that the staff also dressed very appropriately for the day and looked totally splendiferous.

Thank you also to the parents/caregivers who were able to come to the Parents/Principal’s afternoon tea on Monday afternoon. We discussed some interesting topics.

This week in schools throughout NSW, it is SASS Staff Recognition Week. SASS stands for School Administration and Support Staff. Our SASS staff are Mrs Giles and Mrs Erickson in the front office as administration staff and Mrs Granger and Mrs Parkes as School Learning Support Officers as support staff. These four remarkable staff members are the backbone of many of the quality events that occur in our school. If you get the chance sometime soon you might like to thank them for the tremendous job that they do for your children every day.

Last Friday I sent a note home informing you that we have had some diagnosed cases of Chicken Pox in the school. Chicken Pox is an infectious disease that has symptoms of a slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Children feel unwell and will need to be cared for at home from the onset of the rash until the blisters have dried.

This week Ms Stevenson has returned from Long Service Leave and Mrs Aldridge has commenced Long Service Leave. Mrs Joy Park will be teaching KA for the next two weeks.

The children will have had a great middle session at the Year 6 Country Fair by the time that you read this. Congratulations to Year 6 for a great fair and to their highly organised teachers led by Mrs Scotney.

This Thursday the P and C will be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall. Each gift will cost $5 and be wrapped for your child. The stall will start at 12.30 pm in the library.

Thank you to those of you who are completing the community engagement surveys each week and the change to morning duty survey.

The results for the change of morning duty survey were: 90% of students liked the change and wanted to keep the morning duty under the Big Cola. 100% of the teachers surveyed reported that the change of routine was much better for all children and 80% of parents who returned the survey believed that the new organisation was better for their child. Therefore we will keep the trial practice as the everyday practice from this week on. That means that you continue to drop your children at the front gates. If they are in K-2, they leave their bags under the small COLA and continue to the Large Cola where they are supervised and are able to meet with friends. If they are in Years 3-6, they place their bags in the designated spot under the large COLA and meet their friends there. Thank you all so much for your support in this initiative. It is very much appreciated.

There will be a whole school assembly this week in the hall at 2.50 pm. You are most welcome to join us.

Next week twenty five children from Year 3 and twenty five children from Year 5 will be participating in a trial for the Department of Education and Communities to see if it is more engaging for children to do their NAPLAN (National Assessment for Literacy and Numeracy) via computer rather than the existing method of pencil and paper. There is a great deal going on. Thank you for your continued support.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 9, 2014

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th September, 2014

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

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

NAPLAN RESULTS

The Y3 & Y5 NAPLAN results will be sent home this Friday.

The Oaks Public School Walk-a-thon

On Friday 19th September 2014 (the last day of Term 3), The Oaks Public School will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to raise money to help fund the upgrading of our school PA system. Our theme this year is ‘Your Favourite Sporting Team/colours.’ Please see detailed note and sponsorship cards attached.

Mrs Hazelton and Miss Edwards

Pantene Beautiful Lengths Challenge

No Ice, No $100 Donation

Are your kids overdue for a haircut? Do you know someone battling cancer? A student and local family have cut all their long hair off and are donating it to Pantene Beautiful Lengths. This program uses donated hair to make wigs for cancer sufferers who lose their hair during treatment. Both children and adults are given wigs to help restore their confidence. If you or your child would like to help sick people feel normal again please consider donating your hair, it would be really appreciated.

Connie from Shear N Dippity Hair Design at Oakdale has very kindly offered her services. The salon will be doing this Spring Special for the month of September. Ponytail cuts and shaping is FREE for primary children. Style cuts are $7.

Please call the salon on 4659 7783 to make an appointment and quote Pantene Beautiful Lengths. Hair needs to be clean, no styling products and 25cm ponytail length.

FOR SALE

Study desk and office chair, book shelf, chest of drawers (3 drawers); 2 x single brown leather lounges, 2 x kids bikes Diamond back and GT; Drum kit; Electric guitar and amp, dining table and 4 chairs, Make an offer, phone Angela, The Oaks, 4657 1798 or 0402 339 320
Terminology of The Oaks Public School
Opportunity, Achievement, Community

Term 3 Week 8
5 Burragorang St, The Oaks.

Phone 46571185
Fax 46571704

Wednesday 3rd September, 2014
Email: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Girls Football / Soccer Development Clinic

Come and learn some tricks from W-League players and work on your
skills these school holidays.

Suitable for girls aged 8-15 years. These clinics will boost your knowledge of football (soccer) and
develop your ability. Coaching focuses on the following areas:

- Passing
- Dribbling
- Shooting
- Defending
- Playing as a team

W-League players in clinics:

- Renee Rolfsson: Current Sydney FC midfielder and most capped W-League player in competition
- Citlave Logazua: Current Sydney FC forward and former captain of the Australian under-20 side
- Melissa Caresue: Current Western Sydney Wanderers midfielder played in Australian under-20 side.

Date: 3rd & 4th September 2014

Time: 10am - 2pm

Cost: $20 per clinic

The Oaks School, Gymnasium

To enrol into the clinic please call Sport and Recreation on 33 13 02 or office@sportandrecreation.nsw.edu.au

Animals Shelter & Nursery

Open Day

Showing the Animal Shelter & Community Nursery to the Public

FREE
MICRO-CHIPPING & GIVEAWAYS
Reptile show
Animal petting farm
Composting workshops
Plant propagation demos
Nuisance weeds workshop
Dog handling tips
Tours and talks

6 September 2014
9am to 12 midday
Wonga Road, Picton
Behind Picton High School

For more information contact Council
4657 932

Buxton Public School
P&C ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS ITS 1ST ANNUAL

CAR & BOOT SALE

Sunday 14th Sept, 2014
At Buxton Public School
Hassall Rd, Buxton
10am-2pm

*PRE LOVED ITEMS & ARTS & CRAFTS
* HEALTH PRODUCTS & FRESH PRODUCE
* CAKE STALL & CHOCOLATE WHEEL
* SAUSAGE SIZZLE & JUMPING CASTLE
* FACE PAINTING & DEMONSTRATIONS

GENERAL PUBLIC ENTRY: Gold coin donation
SELLERS & STALLHOLDERS: $15 per stall PAYABLE BY 31st AUG
ALL STALLS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED, FOR ENQUIRIES OR TO BOOK A STALL EMAIL
buxtoncarbootsale@hotmail.com

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P&C Fete Reminders

**Raffle Tickets** – Please remember to return your raffle ticket money 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. We would like as many tickets as possible returned by the end of this term. If you are able to help with selling raffle tickets on any Saturday during September between 9am and 1pm (even for an hour) the Committee would love to hear from you. Please contact us via the Facebook page or leave your details with the school office.

**Stall Volunteer Roster** – we have not received many responses for stall helpers. In order for our school stalls to run successfully we need more helpers. If you can only spare half an hour, please note that on the form. Any help will be greatly appreciated. We would like to receive the volunteer’s forms by the end of term so that we can use the school holidays to prepare rosters. A confirmation of your time slot will be emailed to you in Week 1 of Term 4. We have included the form in the newsletter in case you have misplaced it.

**Unlimited Ride Armbands** – 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.

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

The Fete Committee thanks you for your support.

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**FETE - COLLECTION WEEK**

THANK YOU to those families who have been sending in Second Hand Toys & Books.

If you still have gift basket items, books or toys that you have forgotten to send in, you can keep sending them in. Thank you

**Next week (week 9) is our collection week for Re-Gifting Items and Craft Stall Items**

Re-gifting items are items that are BRAND NEW, unused and unopened that you have received as a gift or purchased yourself and do not want.

The plastic tubs will remain in the front office to place your donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.
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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Name: .............................................................................................. Class if at school...........................

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: ........................................................