**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Welcome back** to our last term for 2015. We all hope you have had a lovely break and feeling refreshed and ready to take on a very busy and exciting Term 4. Although, as I am writing this I am sitting in a cozy room with the heater on wondering where the warm weather is, perhaps it will return to us when we are back at school! This term is an 11 week term and the children finish their school year on Wednesday 16th December, 2015.

A school calendar will be sent home in the coming weeks but I would like to make you aware of some of the upcoming events.

- **P & C Annual General Meeting** – Tuesday 13th October. I encourage you to become part of this group as it gives you the opportunity to be involved in the many wonderful things our P & C do for all students at our school and be informed as to what is happening in our school on a monthly basis. The meeting starts at 7.00pm in the staff room.
- **Swim Scheme** will take place from Monday 19th October through to Friday 30th October.
- **Life Education Program** will visit our school between Thursday 5th November to Wednesday 11th November. The permission note for this program was sent home yesterday.

The Oaks Public School entered the **local garden competition** and on the last day of term 3 judges came to our school to inspect our beautiful grounds. Hopefully the judges agree with our opinion and award us with a prize on Thursday 15th October, 2015.

In Week 5 we will be holding our Stage 3 **Country Fair** (this event is a fundraiser organised by all Stage 3 students).

In Week 6, (Thursday 12th November) we are celebrating ‘**Read around the School**’ and **Grandparents’ Day**.

In Week 10 (Wednesday we will be celebrating this year’s achievements at our **Celebration of Learning Assembly**.

Upon returning to school this term it is expected that your child will be in full **summer school uniform**. This includes a school hat which is a daily necessary item. The children are not able to access all of the playground if they do not wear a school hat. Please do not send caps to school. We are very fortunate to have a well stocked uniform shop on the school premises that operates on Monday mornings 9-10am and Friday afternoons 3-4pm. The many friendly volunteers who help our uniform shop run will only be too happy to help you with any clothing requirements your children need.

**Mrs Crouch** returns from Long Service Leave next week and I would like to thank all staff, students and their families who have supported me during my time as Relieving Principal during Mrs Crouch’s absence, I have enjoyed the experience.

**Zumba**

Thursday (tomorrow) is the last Gymtastics and Zumba lessons for the year. As a culminating event for Zumba all parents and carers are invited to come and watch a whole school ‘Zumba’ dance performance. This will take place at 3.00pm under the COLA and we look forward to seeing you.

**K-2 Tabloids Sports Day**

Next Friday 16th October, students in K-2 will be participating in their tabloids sports carnival. This will take place at school and we welcome parents, carers or grandparents to come and watch their child/children take part in many different sporting activities.

Kind regards

Melissa Manga

PS. As I add the final bits of information I note the beautiful blue sunny skies and warm weather outside.
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 2, 2015

Wednesday 14th – Friday 16th October, 2015

2nd Wednesday: Diane Taplin, Amanda Ormerod, Kim Pes
3rd Thursday: Rochelle Jones, Tracey Meredith, Kim Pes
3rd Friday: Julene Rose, Jenny Hackett, Deanna Parry

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

REMINDER

As part of our School Welfare Policy you and your child need to be reminded that any child who loses 10 points or has a suspension in Term 4 may forfeit the privilege of attending the Stage 2 camp to Yarramundi or the Year 6 Farewell.

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Reminder

This Friday is the final day to send in notes and money to attend the swim school.

TOPS Students Shine in Bilateral Chess Tournament

On the last day of Term 3, Mrs Ralston and Mr Davey took 8 students to play Macarthur Anglican School in a friendly bilateral chess tournament against 6 Macarthur Anglican School teams. Each student played 5 matches against 5 different opponents. Our senior team of Dylan Langdon, Jake Langdon, Sebastian Moussa and Zane Davis came 2nd out of 4 teams in the senior tournament. Our junior team of Ryan Watson, Jack Chapman, Kobi Funnell and Jack Wadsworth came 1st out of 4 teams in the junior tournament. Every player in the junior team was undefeated with the team notching up 17 wins, 3 draws and no losses. Most importantly, all students conducted themselves in a sporting way that brought credit to the school.

Chess club is on Thursday lunchtime in Mrs Grieves room. All students are welcome to come and play chess and learn and compete in the world’s most popular game!
ZUMBA KIDS DISCO WITH CHELLE

2nd Friday of the month (9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec)
At The Oaks Community Hall
Russell Street
from
6pm to 8pm
Class cost is $7.00 per child
Please bring water bottles & wear shoes suitable for jumping around
Any further queries please contact
Michelle on 0400602285

Dilly's Delights is turning 1!
So come help us celebrate on
Saturday October 10th from 9am to 1pm.
We will be having a FREE Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting, Taste Testing, Displays, Giveaways & More!
You can find us at Shop 5 81-83 John Street The Oaks
Opposite The Pub
So come down and bring the family for a morning of FUN!

The Oaks P & C Photography Fundraiser.

Book in now to secure your spot,
When: Sunday 8th November 2015
Only $20.00
Includes a Free 10x15 family photo & Keyring
Place payment, name & class details (or phone number) in an envelope in the P & C letterbox.
Please contact Amanda (0409 517 265) or theoaks.p.c@det.nsw.edu.au for any queries.
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate _________ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

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