**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Attached to this week’s newsletter is the Term 4 planner. Some dates are yet to be added as we are still waiting for people to confirm dates with us. However, this is a good start. As you can see it is another busy term for our students.

**Staffing**

Mrs Sampson begins her maternity leave this week. Mrs Aldridge will be teaching K Aquarius for the remainder of the term. Mrs Scotney is still on Long Service Leave and returns to school next week, Mrs Woodward will continue to be teaching 5/6 Phoenix during this time.

Mrs Kent will be working with our Stage 2 reading program for Term 4.

I have returned from Long Service Leave this week and wish to express my sincere thanks to Mrs Manga for relieving as principal during my absence. She did a splendid job.

**Gymtastics and Zumba**

Last Thursday was our last Gymtastics and Zumba lessons for this year. I would like to congratulate all students who participated with such enthusiasm. Each week they were able to refine their gymnastic and dance skills and demonstrate how they have improved during the duration of both programs. The Zumba ‘dance off’ was fabulous and it was great to see so many parents and carers watching their children perform.

**P and C AGM**

Last night our School P and C held its annual general meeting. All positions were declared vacant and a vote was held to elect new office bearers. The following parents now hold the positions of:

- **President:** Daryl Duguid
- **Vice President:** Paul Davey
- **Treasurer:** Sue Martin
- **Secretary:** Kobi James
- **Canteen Manager:** Amanda Ormerod

We sincerely thank the previous Office bearers for their excellent service to our school. The P & C has provided over $60,000 in the last year to our school. What an effort!

**K-2 Educational Sports Day**

This Friday, K-2 students will be participating in their Educational Sports Carnival. This is taking place at school from 9.30 – 12.30 and we welcome parents, carers, or grandparents to come and watch their child/children take part in the many different activities. Please note that during this time our school playground will not be able to be used. Students in **Years 3-6** will be participating in their normal sports program at Dudley Chesham Oval. Students will walk to and from the oval with teachers and return to school after lunch at approximately 1.00pm. If your child (in Years 3-6) has a lunch order on that day their lunch will be taken down to the oval by Mrs Crouch at 11.30. In order to make our canteen volunteer’s job easier please have your child’s name and class CLEARLY MARKED.

**School Swimming and Water Safety**

Throughout Weeks 3 & 4 students in Year 2 to Year 6, who have paid, will be participating in the Swim Scheme Program at Warragamba Pool. Further details will be given to your child by the end of this week.

**Save the Date**

On the 12th November The Oaks Public School will be hosting a Grandparents’ Day. We will be having a “read around the school”, and a Mad Hatters tea party. We will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Lewis Carrol’s wonderful novel, “Alice In Wonderland”. All our children will be encouraged to wear their school uniform but add a “mad” hat. Grandparents’ Day is officially celebrated this year on 25th October and some schools will be holding Grandparent activities in the week 19th - 23rd October. As we are involved in swimming school at this time and in the following week, we will be holding our activity on the 12th November. Please let our grandparents know to save this date so that they are able to support their grandchildren in this initiative. You will be able to read the invitation to this event in next week’s newsletter.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 4 – WK 3, 2015

Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd October, 2015

3rd Wednesday: Rhonda Fowler, Renee Jenkins
4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin, Janine Taylor, Stacey Hayter
4th Friday: Rochelle Jones, Kylie Dodd, Sharon Heyburgh

NB. If you are unable to do your duty day you need to find your own replacement. 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.

Stage 3 Camp at BMC

Last term, 79 Stage 3 students went to the Blue Mountains for a 3 day camp. On Tuesday, 14th September 2015 we all arrived at school at 7.15am to get on the bus at 8am. We stopped at a park in the Blue Mountains to stretch our legs and have morning tea before travelling on to our camp destination – Blue Mountains Camp in Katoomba.

After arriving and a safety talk, we had lunch. The food was delicious! Everything was made onsite in the camp kitchen and we had 7 meals a day! That’s right, 7!!

Stage 3 was split into groups for the camp and we got straight into our activities. Some of us walked to Scenic World for the afternoon and the remainder of students participated in other activities. On days 2 and 3, the groups swapped and participated in the activities that they didn’t get to do the day before.

Scenic World was so much fun! We rode the Scenic railway down the steep cliff and then walked around through the bush along the boardwalks. We learned about the mining activities in the Blue Mountains and also about some of the flora that grows in that part of the Blue Mountains. We made our way back up to the top by the cable way – Miss Peck had her eyes closed the whole way! The souvenir shop was a great way to end our trip to Scenic World.

During our stay at Blue Mountains Camp both groups participated in lots of team building activities such as orienteering, drama, games and trivia. We had lots of fun and it was great to spend time with our friends.

A massive thank you to our teachers for taking us to the Blue Mountains Camp – Mr Connor, Mrs Grieve, Mrs Parkes, Miss Powell and Miss Peck.

April G & Ashleigh V

Book Club

Book Club brochures have gone home today with this Newsletter. Orders will be taken in the Library between 9 and 10am on the 22/10/15 (Thursday next week).

At The Oaks Public School supervision of children commences at 9.00am when teachers start playground duty. Please ensure that your child is not on the premises prior to this time. School finishes at 3.30 pm and it is expected that your child is collected promptly from school unless he/she is waiting for a bus.
Our Chess boys in action at the Bilateral Chess Tournament last term