Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your attendance at our special assembly last week for Mrs Gard. Our children did a great job making a guard of honour for her and singing some of her favourite songs. Mrs Gard has written us a special message; please see it further in our Newsletter.

Whole School Assemblies

Our next whole school assemblies for this term will be in Weeks 5 and 10. It has been very difficult to get a “free” Friday. The assemblies will now be held first thing in the morning at 9.30 am. You are welcome to join us at these events.

NAPLAN

Next week our school, and all others across the country, will be participating in NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. Year 3 and Year 5 will be doing this assessment in their classrooms. The assessments are all in the morning when the children are fresh.

What to do at lunch time?

As you are aware we have a lot of exciting things happening at lunch times this year. If you would like to have your child join in these activities please help them to know what is on and when. Our activities are:

Monday:
1st half: PIP (Playground Improvement Program) or Senior Choir
2nd half: Kindergarten - Library

Tuesday:
1st half: PIP, Dance Y4/5/6

Wednesday:
1st half: PIP or Junior Science club
2nd half: Stage 2 and 3 – Library or Senior Science club

Thursday:
1st half: PIP, Chess Club or Junior Choir
2nd half: Chess Club

Friday:
1st half: PIP or Boys Dance Group Y1-6

Staffing

Due to urgent and totally unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Scotney will need to take intermittent leave during this term. The students in her class will continue with the planned learning activities in all Key Learning Areas. Miss Powell will teach 5/6 Phoenix in her absence whenever possible.

Calendar

Included in this newsletter is a calendar of events for Term 2. We trust that this will be able to sit on your fridge to remind your family what is happening at The Oaks Public School.

Did you know?

Education in NSW is compulsory for all children from 6 years of age. If a student misses as little as 8 days in a term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school. Any day that your child has away from school must be explained, as well, any lateness to school is recorded as a partial absence and MUST be explained by parents. When a child has frequent absences and is explained as illness, medical certificates are sought for the absences.

Have a lovely Mother’s Day this Sunday. Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
Principal
Canteen Roster for Term 2 – WK 4, 2015

Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th May, 2015

2nd Wednesday: Diane Taplin, Amanda Ormerod, Kim Pes
2nd Thursday: Renee Jenkins, Amanda Biffin, Roisin Piefke
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.

Peer Support - Session 2

During Peer Support this week the children will look at the notion that what they choose to spend their time on often reflects the values they have. The activities will also assist them in identifying ways they care for themselves and others, developing their understanding that you are caring when you notice the feelings and needs of yourself and others.

During the week encourage your child to demonstrate they are caring by doing something helpful or displaying kindness around the home. Mrs Scotney and Mrs Grieve

The Oaks Cross Country Races.

On Thursday 2nd April, 2015 The Oaks Cross Country age races were held at Dudley Chesham Oval. Unfortunately on the day of the event we encountered some major hurdles, including half the track being dug up by council. However we still managed to complete the event successfully. Special thanks to Mr James Watson for his assistance in the stepping out and setting up of a new track at record speed.

The list of our 32 representatives who now go on to the Zone Carnival is attached to this newsletter.

Mr Connor
Cross Country Organiser

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held tomorrow,
Thursday 7th May, 2015.
All gift $5 each

We have some awesome hockey players at The Oaks Public School.

Congratulations to Rachael Downey, Holly Mills, Jalen Eslick and Sebastian Moussa who all represented Razorback on Tuesday 28th April at the Sydney Southwest Hockey Carnival, Narellan. Razorback won the girls competition and the boys played strongly finishing as runners up. Rachael (as Captain) Jalen and Sebastian were selected in the Sydney South West teams to play later in the term.

A big thankyou to Hayley Bonoccorso, Amelia Smith and Holly Mills who whilst representing Razorback stepped up and filled in for other regions. Without their display of good sportsmanship the competition could not have taken place.

Well done to you all!
Regards
Nicole

Harmony Day Poster Competition

Apologies to Cheyenne Pes and Caitlyn Walklate whose names were omitted from the list published in Term 2 Week 1 Newsletter, as having entered the Harmony Day Poster Competition. We are still waiting for the results.
WHAT A WONDERFUL FAREWELL!

I was amazed and delighted by the fantastic assembly last Friday afternoon. I loved the yellow decorations; the “Gard of Honour” and I admired how quietly every student stood up, and then entered the Hall. You were all magnificent!

The children all sang songs that I had taught them over the years. When they sang Puff the Magic Dragon, I had to blink a couple of times (to stop me from crying). I never could listen to it without getting teary.
I laughed when I read what some of my ex-students wrote about me and what they said. We all laughed when we saw the video of me dancing.

The “Tree of Prints” is such a beautiful memento and it is now hanging up in my study. Thank you for this stunning gift.

Thank you so much to those parents who came along to the assembly, or who sent gifts and messages. It meant a great deal to me that you honoured me with your thoughts.

My house is full of flowers, chocolates, cards and gifts – but more than that, it is full of treasured memories that cannot fade.

Thank you!
Mrs Gard

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Move it, Groove it, Dance Studio are excited to be teaching our classes @ The Oaks again in 2015. We will be holding classes on Wednesdays only.

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Neighbourhood Centre Week 2015 @ Community Links Wollondilly

FREE Information Session
Meet our Speech Pathologist
Find out about Grants for Disability & Autism
Info on Support Groups for Parents & Carer’s
Light meal provided
Please RSVP by phoning 4683 2776 by Monday 11th May
Wednesday 13th May 7.00pm-8.30pm

FREE Morning Tea
Hear about the services provided Locally
Information sessions about Health & Community Services
FREE face painting & Play Group for children
Give-aways & Prizes
Thursday 14th May 10.00am-12.00pm

Join Scouts Today.
Scouting is for boys and girls that are keen to experience the outdoors and have fun.

Cubs age between 7.5 - 11
Scouts age between 11 - 15

1st Burragerorang meet on Monday nights
Cubs 6pm - 7:30pm
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm

Corner Burragerorang Rd and William St.

For more information call Wayne Stevens on 0413304379.