Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It gives me great pleasure to share our two debating teams’ successes from last week with you. Our boys’ team consisting of Cade H, Cameron D, Declan Q and Lachlan B, won their debate entitled “Homework should be banned”. Our girls’ team consisting of Quin M, Amelia S, Lizzie B and Hannah M also won their debate. Their topic was Primary schools should teach self-defence classes. Both teams debated against Elderslie Public School. Our debaters looked incredibly professional wearing our new school blazers.

P and C

At our last P and C meeting, it was agreed that the P and C would fund a new shade sail in place of the existing green one that has a huge hole in it. We look forward to seeing a bright new shade in our playground very soon. THANKYOU P and C.

Reports

Currently the teachers at The Oaks Public School are very busy preparing first semester reports which will go home later in the term. Due to the new syllabus demands in English (2014) and Maths (2015) your child’s report will be slightly different from previous years. In English teachers must “comment on overall student achievement”. We have given your child one overall grade, however, in order for you to see the details of your child’s learning in English we have also identified the aspects that go into the one grade for all the different parts of teaching English. In Maths “Schools should report to the three new strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Working Mathematically is no longer a separate strand and is embedded in each of the three strands” Under the current “Curriculum Planning and Programming, Assessing and Reporting to Parents K-12” policy, schools are required to:

- Use a five point achievement scale to describe achievement in relation to syllabus standards for Years 1-0 in all learning areas.
- Report progress and achievement using a “point in time” judgement in relation to the relevant syllabus standards.
- Identify both areas of strength and those for further development.

We trust that you will find your child’s report an insight into the teaching and learning that goes on at our quality school.

Australian Early Development Census

Our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school community understand how children are developing before they start school. A letter to all Kindergarten parents will be sent home this week to advise you more fully about this census.

An invitation

I would like to invite you to the next Parent/Principal’s afternoon tea to be held on Friday the 5th June. At this afternoon tea we will be giving an overview of our current Merit System. This is the beginning of a long process to become more innovative in how we reward good & exceptional behaviour in our school. After this presentation we will be surveying the school community on this subject. If you are able to attend the afternoon tea, please complete the acceptance form in this newsletter and return to the “Frog’s mouth” at the front office. This helps with catering.

Sharing the learning journey with you.
Suzanne Crouch
Principal
**Canteen Roster for Term 2 – WK 7, 2015**

**Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th June, 2015**

1st Wednesday: Vivian Jones, Jenny Wootton  
1st Thursday: Sarah Kroh, Chantel Norris, Cheryl Hunt  
1st Friday: Janelle Kelly, Kelly Mathiasch, Julie Redmond  

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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**Year 6 School Photos**

The Year 6 group school photos and the School Leaders photos are on display in the office foyer. Anyone wanting to order any of these photos can get a special order envelope from the office. The photos are $16 each.

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**Book Club**

Book Club brochures have gone home today and the orders will be taken in the Library between 9 & 10am on Thursday 4/6/15.

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**Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea**

I, __________________________ would like to participate in the Parent and Principal afternoon tea to be held on Friday, 5th June, at 2.40pm.

My child is in __________________________ class.

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**Peer Support - Session 4**

Respect is the focus of the Peer Support sessions this week. Through various activities the children will be identifying what it means to have respect and discuss ways they can demonstrate respect for others. By completing a maze comprising of scenarios, the children will need to select the correct way to respond to a situation, progressing through the maze and reaching the 'Certificate of Respect'.

Encourage your child to discuss with you different people they respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to respect them.

Mrs Grieve and Mrs Scotney.

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**Move It, Groove It, Dance Studio**

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. Fun dance classes, no exams, qualified teachers. We will teach your precious ones to love dance. Classes for boys and girls!! All ages.

Please email: movetogrovedancestudio@gmail.com

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**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 Burragorang meet on Monday nights  
Cubs 6pm - 7:30pm  
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm

Corner Burragorang Rd and William St.

For more information call Wayne Stevens on 0413304379.