**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Winter Uniform**

As the temperature continues to plummet, please encourage your child/ren to wear their warm winter uniform to school each day. While our classrooms are air conditioned our playground can be a very cold and windy place. Jumpers are necessary. Hats are also necessary even during the Winter months. These items of clothing need to come to school each day clearly labelled with your child’s name. Our school uniform shop is open on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons if you need to purchase uniform items.

**National Consistent Collection of Data**

Later in the newsletter you will find information about the National Consistent Collection of Data. This is a collection of information required by the government to find out how many children we make adjustments for in a regular teaching day. Please read the information so that you are aware of what is happening.

**Assistant Principal Update**

As you are aware, Mrs Gard has officially retired and her position has been declared vacant. Staffing has given our school permission to advertise the position. We have formed a panel consisting of a Parent Representative from the P and C, a staff representative, the principal and because it is an executive position the Director has provided a director’s choice who is an Assistant Principal at a school in the Highlands. The position advertisement has been written and will be advertised shortly for a period of two weeks. I will let you know when the panel has made a decision about who will be our new Assistant Principal.

**Raising a concern or a complaint**

Most parents and carers work in partnership with us to support their child’s education. Our school and community interactions are usually overwhelmingly positive. However, there are times when you as concerned parents/carers need to voice a concern or complaint. It is expected that the following strategies be implemented to resolve issues:

1) Ring the school on 46571185 and ask our very helpful office staff if they would pass a message to the person that you wish to make contact with. Just as you would expect from any other professional institution, we have a phone service that will effectively get your message to the required staff member.

2) The staff member will contact you within two school days if the issue is immediate. We will always try to ring you back on the same day but all staff have duties before, during the school day and after the school day. Staff are expected to be working with children during the day so it may not be possible to contact you immediately. For issues that are not urgent staff members will contact you within the week. Each staff member has two hours release from face to face contact and this is the ideal time to contact parents/carers.

3) If you wish to speak to an Assistant Principal or myself, you may organise an appointment.
through a phone call to the office. We try very hard to make ourselves available as soon as possible.

It is recommended that you do not email staff directly. Staff are not able to check emails during the teaching day, consequently they do not access the email until the evening and this will delay the response time to your inquiry. Anyone wishing to email the school is able to do so to the school address at: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

An Invitation

I would like to invite you to the next Parent/Principal's afternoon tea to be held this week 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, which will be held in the library, please complete the acceptance form on this page and return it to the “Frog’s mouth” at the front office. This helps with catering.

Sharing the learning journey with you.

Suzanne Crouch
Principal

Peer Support - Session 5

In this week’s Peer Support session the children will be looking at rights, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people. Activities will also remind the children that although they may find themselves in difficult or awkward positions, they still need to remember to do the right thing.

Discuss with your child a situation you were in that was potentially difficult or awkward and explain the decision you made and why it was the right thing to do.

Mrs Grieve and Mrs Scotney

Together Art Reconciliation Art Exhibition

Thank you to the many artists who submitted artworks for the display at Tahmoor last week. There were 48 entries (some of these are shown below). It was lovely to see these works proudly displayed in our local community.

Ms Stevenson

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**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2 – WK 8, 2015**

**Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th June, 2015**

**2nd Wednesday:** Diane Taplin, Amanda Ormerod, Kim Pes  
**2nd Thursday:** Renee Jenkins, Amanda Biffin, Roisin Piefke  
**2nd Friday:** Kylie Mayhew, Rochelle Jones, Sue Martin  
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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**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.
The Oaks/ Burragarang Cricket Club

Cricket is Back

Rego Dates for 2015/16 Season

13/6/15  9am-12 Noon @ The Oaks Shops
27/6/15  9am-12 Noon @ TBA
19/7/15  9-12 Noon @ The Oaks Shops

Cost: Juniors $110, Seniors $250
Juniors Playing Senior $120

For More info ring Bob on 0418 488 857 or Jeanette on 46571100 or Email reid.jeanette@bigpond.com
Or rbadewitz@bigpond.com

Cobbitty Village Markets

www.cobbittymarkets.com.au     ABN: 82194635450
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Cobbitty Village Market is a vibrant well-known country-style craft market that has been run by local community volunteers since May 1982. It provides quality unique crafts and produce, drawing large crowds of visitors from local and wider Sydney/NSW areas. As a non-profit organization, the market also functions as an important local fundraiser, typically raising $400-5000 each year that is distributed to local community groups, charities, and the disadvantaged.

The markets are held on Cobbitty Public School grounds on the first Saturday of each month except for January and February, and are open to the public from 8am-1pm. There are a variety of stalls providing predominantly homemade art and craft, delicious foods and beverages to take home or eat at the market; some of which are provided by local groups including Lion’s club, School P&C, and Scouts, for their own fund-raising. There is also entertainment, including local bands and groups. There is parking for 1000 cars behind the school/along Cobbitty Road. We warmly welcome all visitors to our market, and encourage anyone interested in joining our volunteer market committee to contact us.

Try 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 Burragarang meet on Monday nights
Cubs 6pm - 7:30pm
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm
Corner Burragarang Rd and William St.

For more information call Wayne Stevens on 0413304379.

MONKEY MIND COACHING

PARENT & CARER INFORMATION WORKSHOPS
KNOWLEDGE & CONSISTENCY IS THE KEY!

Term 3
Resilient Children Monday 10th August
Confident Spellers Monday 17th August
Confident Public Speakers Monday 24th August
Problem Solving in Maths Monday 31st August
Comprehension Made Easy Monday 7th September
Assertive Children Monday 14th September

TIME 9.30-10.15am
VENUE 59 John St, The Oaks (opposite The Oaks Public School)
COST $5.00 per session
CONTACT Clare-Ann Taylor 0401 189 835

MONKEY MIND COACHING

Presents
SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Term 3

Monday 3rd August
Spending Money (Money Problems)
Eye Spy Spelling (Spelling Strategies)
Look Who’s Talking (Public Speaking)
Everyday Maths (Problem Solving)
Comprehension Made Easy
Time Telling (Analogue & Digital Time)

Grades 2, 3, 4 @ 3.45 - 4.45pm
Grades 5, 6, 8 @ 4.45 - 5.45pm

$20 per session
$100 for 6 sessions

All Workshops will be held at 59 John St, The Oaks (opposite The Oaks Public School)

AM FOUNDER & DIRECTOR OF MONKEY MIND COACHING. I’M ALSO A TEACHER WITH OVER 20-YEAR EXPERIENCE, A PARENT OF TWO CHILDREN, I HAVE MY OWN PRIVATE PRACTICE OFFERING MINDFUL COUNSELING, WORKSHOPS & COACHING FOR CHILDREN, TEENS AND ADULTS, USING A MIND-BODY SPIRIT APPROACH. I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT EMPOWERING OTHERS TO LIVE PURPOSEFUL LIVES.

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