Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is unbelievable that we are so close to the end of another term and there is so much to share with you about the coming events in our school.

As stated last week, our reports will go home this week and consequently our online bookings will be opened for those parents who require an interview. As reports have just been written, it is not expected that all parents will require an interview. We hope that the reports have provided you with considerable detail about where your child is academically and socially. The online bookings will be available from the day you receive your reports. The interviews will be on Tuesday, 23rd June starting from 4.00pm. Please understand that some teachers are on duties until 4pm and require a quick break before starting interviews immediately after a busy day.

Tomorrow was to be our annual Athletics Carnival at Tahmoor oval. However due to the weather being against us the carnival has been postponed until Thursday, 25th June.

Next week our P and C are going to “man” a canteen for us at the carnival and provide us with hot and yummy sausage sandwiches should you wish to purchase some. All the money raised from this event goes to the P and C and their very generous support of our school. I would also like to thank the very kind parent from our school who just happens to be a butcher and has agreed to provide all the sausages for the BBQ to us for free. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community. A huge thankyou to The Oaks Butchery.

Next week we will be holding our second Awards Assembly for this term. The Junior choir will be performing at this event. You are very welcome to attend. We will be starting as close to 9.30am as we are able.

During Term 3 there will be many very exciting things happening in our school. We start Term 3 with NAIDOC week where the teachers have already planned a great first week of Indigenous Education. In Week 3 we will be celebrating Education Week and will be hosting an Open Day on the 29th July. This is a great day to invite grandparents and parents into our school to see some of the wonderful things that happen in our school. During Week 6 we will be participating in The Wollondilly Music Festival and in Week 8 we will be holding our own concert for you. As well in third term we will be doing a combined sports program involving Gymnastics and Zumba. The Government has given us a grant for sport that must involve every child in our school to include 150 minutes of active participation while at school. As you are aware, sport comes in many different forms in 2015 and we are very fortunate to be able to offer these two programs.

However, one of the very important things that are happening in our school (there are truly many to choose from) is that the School and P and C have formed a strong partnership to raise money to enable us to refurbish and revitalise our very tired and
dull library. This is part of the School Plan to create innovative 21st century Learning spaces for all our students.

You may realise that in the last year the P and C has provided the school with wireless tablet technology, a school playground, blazers for our school leaders and have paid half the cost of our Social Skills Program that we utilised for every child in the school during Term 1.

All money raised by the P and C will go with the large amount that they have already allocated to assist with this huge task. To see what we want to do, we will put a power point presentation on our website very soon. The first collaborative fund raising activity will be our Walkathon to be held in Education Week. I hope that you will encourage your child to collect sponsors. I will keep you updated as we proceed along this very exciting initiative.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch
Principal

**CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 2 – WK 10, 2015**

**Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th June, 2015**

4th Wednesday: Vivian Jones, Michelle Murphy
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 Sian as a last resort. Phone numbers cannot be put in the newsletter, a copy of all numbers are available in the Canteen

**Stage 1 Wheelie Day**

A big thank you to all Stage 1 parents as we had all the children come with a helmet and a bike or a scooter. A special thank you to some parents: Scott Butcher and his enormous TRN truck, the kids enjoyed climbing into the cabin. Another thank you to Chris & Tammy Angilley for their big tractor with attachments. Constable Greg and his Police Response Van also deserves a big thank you. Finally congratulations to all Year 1 and Year 2 pupils for your enthusiasm, skill and level of co-operation on last Friday’s Wheelie Day.

Miss Jackson & Mr Ursino

**Peer Support - Session 7**

In Peer Support this week the children will be encouraged to attempt new and unfamiliar tasks by trying the best they can. The activity involves the Peer Support group being separated into 3 groups and rotating through 3 different tasks. The different tasks will help the children to identify different strengths in each other and that everyone's different strengths can be used to solve a problem or complete a task. Discuss with your child their individual strengths and provide them with opportunities to utilise these strengths during the week. Remind them you will be proud of them in all situations if they always do their best.

Mrs Grieve and Mrs Scotney

**The Oaks Public School Walk-a-thon**

In Week 3 of Term 3, The Oaks Public School will be hosting our whole school Walk-a-thon. This is an event for every student from Kindergarten to Year 6 to participate in. Family members are also welcome to accompany their child on the walk. The money raised will go towards new and exciting resources for our Library. A more detailed note and sponsorship card will come out next week (Week 10). This way students can start collecting sponsors and/or donations during the holidays.

Mrs Hazelton

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Georgia Zannino
For achieving a **GOLD** Mathletics award
Well done Georgia