**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are entering the season of festivals, concerts and glamorous talent. This Friday we will be holding a **Whole School Assembly**. You are very welcome to attend. Our choir will be singing and using this as a warm up for next week’s Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival. If you are not able to hear them this week, do not worry they will be on show again soon.

Next Wednesday and Thursday our combined choir, band & dance groups will be performing at the **Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival**. Boys dance & school choir members will be required for the Thursday night only. Girls dance group, clarinet and combined choir will perform on both Wednesday and Thursday nights. This festival is a big deal on our school’s calendar. This is one of only a few opportunities where our students get to see and experience “live theatre” that is dance, music and choir. Later in this newsletter is a letter from the WPAF committee chairperson requesting that all parents who attend the festival understand that the experience is all about many, many children being a star for a night and asking that you make time to sit through the whole show and not leave as soon as your child has finished their item. Just like in a footy game if your child comes off the field – you don’t go home until the whole game is over. Our teachers will be looking after your students in the Picton High School classrooms. We have many teachers volunteering their time to keep your children safe. When it is time to collect your child/ren please understand that you will be expected to sign them out on a list. This list is not meant to slow you down but aims to provide evidence that we know where all our students are and with whom they have gone home. This is a Department of Education requirement. Two of our teachers have worked in the staffroom making skirts for the dance group in the dark hours way after school has finished. They are doing this to try and keep costs to a minimum. I hope that once you have seen the show and realise how hard our staff and your child have worked that you will be very proud of the effort from The Oaks.

In Week 8 (only 2 weeks after WPAF) our **school** will be hosting a **concert**. There will be two performances on the 1st September. The matinee performance will start at 12.30pm and the evening performance will be starting at 6pm. Keep an eye on this newsletter for ticket information and availability.

I will be hosting this term’s **Parent/Principal afternoon tea** on the 28th August. Please complete the slip below and return it to the “frogsmouth” in the front office if you would like to attend. This assists with catering. This term I will be sharing our vision for the Library and discussing NAPLAN. Sharing the learning journey with you, Suzanne Crouch Principal

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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, 28th August, at 2.40pm.

My child is in ________________ class.
Term 3 Week 5
2015
5 Burragorang St, The Oaks. Phone 46571185 Fax 46571704 Email: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 6, 2015

Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st August, 2015

3rd Wednesday: Vivian Jones, Rhonda Thomas
3rd Thursday: Rochelle Jones, Tracey Meredith, Kim Pez
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.

Fundraising for the Senior Dance Group

The Senior Dance Group will be performing at Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival this term and we need to raise money for our costumes. We will run a 4 day fundraiser, every Friday for the next 4 weeks. Below are the fundraisers we are holding and the dates. Each fundraiser will cost a gold coin to participate.

- Week 2, Friday 24th July – Crazy sock Day!
- Week 3, Friday 31st August – Crazy hair Day!
- Week 4, Friday 7th August – Wear your own hat Day!
- Week 5, Friday 14th August – Wear your team/hobby colours Day!

Remember, if you would like to participate in any of these fun days you will need a gold coin! We will come around in the morning and collect it from your class.

Amelia S and April G - 5/6 Chameleon

Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival

Dear parents, family members and friends,

Later in August, students from your school will be performing in the Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival at Picton High School Assembly Hall. The Festival has a long and proud history of showcasing talent and creativity among the students and teachers of our Public Schools. Each and every item on show will reflect many hours of preparation and fine tuning to deliver a high quality performance.

In recent years, a disappointing trend has emerged where audience members choose to leave the auditorium immediately after their own children’s performance, regardless of when it occurs in the program. The result has been that later items perform to a hall less than half full, which is unfair to the children who have worked just as hard as those on stage before them.

The Festival Committee recognises that families attending the evening performances have school and work commitments, and took the decision in recent years to bring the starting time forward to 6:30pm, meaning that the final item is generally over by 8:15pm at the latest. As always, your children are supervised by staff from their own school while not on stage.

In 2015 I seek your cooperation by remaining for the entire show. Other people’s kids put on great performances too, and I guarantee that you won’t be disappointed.

On behalf of the Committee, I look forward to seeing you at this year’s Festival – from beginning to end.

Yours sincerely,
Susan Davies
Relieving President,
Wollondilly Public Schools Performing Arts Festival

KINDERGARTEN 2016

We are now taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Please notify the office at your earliest convenience if you are planning on sending your child to The Oaks Public School next year.
Term 3 Week 5 2015
5 Burragorang St, The Oaks. Phone 46571185 Fax 46571704 Email: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

2015 Dam Fest
Warragamba NSW

Sunday 18th October, 2015.
Warragamba Recreation Reserve.
Warradale Road, Warragamba.

Are you a Busker or a Street Performer?
Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, juggle or make people laugh?

DamFest 2015 NEEDS YOU!!!

If you want to share your talents with up to 15,000 people call us NOW!!
Contact Vikki or Helena at Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre on 4774 1273.
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Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th September

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Campfire
Boomerang Throwing
Bushwalking
Billy Tea & Damper
Animal Nursery
Whip Cracking
Outdoor Games

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