Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope that you will thoroughly enjoy your child’s performance at The Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival this week. I will thoroughly enjoy watching and listening to each performance. Our students and teachers have put in a huge effort and we should be very proud of them.

Please remember when you collect your child that they must be signed out from the room where they are waiting and being kept safe with a teacher. All Department events have a no camera policy. That means that you are not able to photograph the children during the performances. This is a child protection issue.

This week is the second last week for collection of Walkathon money. Our aim is to have all the money at school by Friday 28th August to discover which class has raised the most money in order to win the pizza party. As you can imagine, each class wants to be the winner. If you are not able to have your money at school by the 28th August, we will of course still be happy to accept it, but it will not be added as part of the total class money in order to win the pizza party.

As you know all the Walkathon money will be used to refurbish the Library. The P and C have pledged $20,000 at last week’s P and C meeting and we will add the Walkathon money which should mean that we will be able to refurbish a very useful and creative teaching space. Have a look at our website if you are interested in seeing what we aim to achieve.

I will be holding a Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea next week on 28th August at 2.40pm in the staffroom. Please return the RSVP found in this newsletter if you are interested in attending.

Also attached to this newsletter is a survey that we hope you will all take a few minutes to complete. It is about our wellbeing system. It looks at our merit system and the consequences for not following our school values. Since I have been at the school parents have repeatedly told me that this system has problems and we agree that it does. Please contribute to our knowledge by telling us about it from your perspective. This is our community’s opportunity to have their say. We hope that you will.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch
Principal

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.
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 7, 2015

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th August, 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.

REMINDER

As part of our School Welfare Policy you and your child need to be reminded that any child who loses 10 points or has a suspension in Term 3 or 4 may forfeit the privilege of attending the Stage 3 camp to The Blue Mountains or Stage 2 camp to Yarramundi.

NSW PSSA Girls State Hockey Report

On Sunday the 2nd of August I went to Perth with the NSW PSSA Girls State Hockey Team to compete at the School Sports Australia Championships. We had to be at the airport at 7am in our team uniform. When we arrived in Perth we had the Opening Ceremony at Perth Hockey Stadium. On Monday our first game was against ACT. We won 3-0. On Tuesday we played South Australia and won 3-0 and then Tasmania and won 2-0. On Wednesday all the Teams went on an Excursion to the old Fremantle Gaol and then we all had lunch in the park. On Thursday we had a draw 1 all with Western Australia. On the last day we played Victoria and won 2-0. Our last game was against Queensland and we lost 1-0 when they scored a goal in the last 5 minutes of the game. At the end of the day we had the Closing Ceremony and the Presentation. We were all really excited as we had won a Silver Medal. That night we caught the plane home at midnight. We all had a great time and I have made a lot of new friends. I would like to thank all the Parents and Teachers who purchased raffle tickets to help me get to Perth.

By Rachael Downey

NOTICE

There will be NO Zumba or Gymtastics next week (Week 7). This will be made up in Week 1 Term 4.

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
Good Luck

The Oaks Public School wishes Claudia Bush good luck this week as she competes in the Sydney South West Girl’s Touch Football competition at Parramatta.

Guessing Competition
Fund raiser for material
For 5/6 Phoenix
Concert costumes.

$2 a guess.
Guess the number of jelly babies in the glass jar.
THE CORRECT GUESS CLOSEST(exact number or closest
guess without going over the total) will win.....

1st Prize is a HP STREAM 7 WINDOWS TABLET.
(kindly donated by Mr Slater)

2nd Prize is the jar of jelly babies.
(next closest guess without going over total of jelly
babies in the jar)

When: Competition is being run Week 6 and 7 during
lunch and recess time by 5/6 Phoenix until the majority of
guessing squares are filled.

Where: Our Table for sales - will be set up in the sun
near the Infant's Sport Shed.

Competition winners will be announced in the Week 8
newsletter.

NB: Prizes will need to be collected from our school
office by an adult.

Dance Group members supporting the
‘Favourite Sporting Team’ fundraising day.

Thankyou to everyone who supported our
fundraising days for the school Dance Groups over
the past 4 weeks. We have raised close to $800
which will cover costume costs and assist with
providing equipment for our school concert.

Thankyou especially to Amelia S. & April G. for their
organisation each week.

Ms Watling & Mrs Grieve

At The Oaks Public School supervision of
children commences at 9.00am when
teachers start playground duty. Please
ensure that your child is not on the
premises prior to this time. School finishes
at 3.30 pm and it is expected that your child
is collected promptly from school unless
he/she is waiting for a bus.

Chess Club

Mr Davey will be starting Chess seminars at
Chess Club next week (Week 7). ANY
student is welcome to come and learn more
about chess.

We will be doing 4 topics over 4 weeks:
Endgames, Openings, Special Moves and
Tournament Play
Good news, we now have Joey Scouts for kids between 6 & 8 at The Oaks.

Scouting is for boys and girls that are keen to experience the outdoors and have fun. We also tie in what the kids are doing at school with badge work, which is great.

Joey age between 6 - 8
Cubs age between 8 - 11
Scouts age between 11 - 15

1st Burragorang meet on Monday nights
Joey 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Cubs 6pm - 7:30pm
Scouts 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Corner Burragorang Rd and William St.

For more information call Wayne Stevens on 0413304379.