**Principal’s Message**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CONGRATULATIONS

I am sure all of you who were in the audience last week at the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival were as thrilled as I was seeing the spectacular talent and effort on stage from our students. Our school choir sang beautifully, our representatives in the combined schools choir were fantastic, our musicians in the band played impressively and our movers and shakers in the boys dance group and the senior dance group were absolutely breathtakingly perfect. A huge thank you goes to our teachers who have given up lunch breaks to ensure that our students were so very well prepared for the festival. A special thank you also to the drivers of the band girls and combined choir members who ensured that our students made it to practices and home again safely. I also want to sincerely thank our parents for your patience in signing our students out after the concert. You were all so polite to our tired teachers. I am so proud of our whole community again. We really are TOPS!

**School Concert**

As you know next week we again take on the challenges of the performing arts. Every class should have sent a note home by now informing you of what their class requires for costuming or props for their item for our whole school concert. I haven’t been here long enough yet to have experienced a school concert but the meticulous organisation by the concert committee is shaping the way for a fantastical evening.

We have a matinee performance at 12.30pm and an evening performance that starts at 6.30pm. Tickets printed say 6pm, so we have you all here for a 6.30pm start.

All students are expected to attend both performances, as any student who is missing lets down that group’s coordinated efforts, especially in dance.

There will not be any tickets available at the actual performances. You must purchase all tickets prior to the performance.

The P and C will open the canteen prior to the evening concert. They will have tea, coffee and snacks available.

**Children are expected to be at school for the evening performance at 6pm.** Teachers will not be responsible for any children until 6pm. **Please note** the school play equipment will be out of bounds for safety reasons.

As staff have a duty of care for all students, we must insist that **no photography of any nature occurs before, during or after the performances.** There are students in our school who are not able to be photographed for legal reasons. We greatly appreciate your understanding with this very serious issue.

After the finale, all students will be taken back to their classrooms to get warm clothes on. Please sign your child out at their classroom.

**NAPLAN**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students should have brought home their NAPLAN results last Thursday. If you have any questions about any aspect of the assessment, please ring the school on 4657 1185 and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Afternoon Tea**

This Friday I will be hosting a Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea. If you would like to join us please return the acceptance slip in this newsletter by Thursday the 27th August. I will be sharing information about NAPLAN and the planned refurbishment of our school library.

**Walkathon**

Please ensure that all the money your child has raised from the Walkathon is into our school office by this Friday the 28th August. We will announce the class who has raised the most money next week in the newsletter. That class will be the lucky recipients of a Pizza party.

**School Buses**

Busabout have let us know that there are changes to the bus numbers about to happen. Please see the information in this newsletter to find out more.

Sharing the learning journey with you,

Suzanne Crouch
Principal
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR TERM 3 – WK 8, 2015

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th September, 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.

REMEMBER
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.

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

K-2 Assembly
There will be NO K-2 Assembly this week. The next K-2 Assembly will be in Week 9 (as per the timetable).

Book Club
Book Club brochures went home last week and the orders will be taken this Friday 28/8/15. Please place your orders in the FROG in the Office foyer.

The Great Book Swap

This year our school is supporting the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by holding a GREAT BOOK SWAP on Friday 11th September, 2015 (Week 9). The Indigenous Literacy Foundation works to put books into the hands of children and families in remote Aboriginal communities across Australia. In the lifetime of the project, with the support of many people and organisations including schools, they have sent more than 120,000 new high quality books to over 230 remote communities. Our Aboriginal students, School Leaders and School Ambassador will help organise the event, which is to be held in the school Library. They will help sort books into sections, take money and help promote the event across the school.

To take part, students need to bring along a book that they are happy to donate for another student to “buy” in Weeks 8 or 9. Students will need to fill out a ‘Great Book Swap card’, stick it in their book, explaining why their book is a favourite. Then on Friday 11th September, students bring in a gold coin donation to buy a ‘new book’ of their choice. All money donated will go directly to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to buy books for students in remote Aboriginal communities. For more information: http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/

Thank you for your support
Mrs Krystle Levings
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Coordinator
**Threatened Species Art Competition**


There is a large assortment of drawings of animals and plants that are threatened in our area including Cumberland Plain Snail, Koalas, Squirrel Gliders, Broad Headed Snake, the Grey Headed Flying Fox and many more.

Good luck to those children.

Ms Stevenson

**Attendance**

Arriving at school and class on time ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert and helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine. It also gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.

Please be aware that lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence. Partial absences do accumulate and will bring your child’s attendance percentage down. Children at The Oaks Public School are expected to be on time and at school 97% of the time. Once attendance begins to fall below this, your child’s attendance will be monitored and possible intervention strategies begin, including contact with Home School Liaison Officer and formal meetings.

**2015 PREMIER’S SPELLING BEE**

Last Friday, we held the Premier’s Spelling Bee final at school. Each class held their own in-class competition over the past few weeks and came up with two finalists each.

**Junior:**
- 3/4Orion - Mia Gouveia, Abby Duguid
- 3/4Capricornus - Grace Feutrill, Nathan Buckley
- 3/4Pegasus - Gemma Harrison, Ryan Watson

**Senior:**
- 5/6Chameleon - Amelia Smith, Jake Langdon
- 5/6Centaurus - Katelyn Sinclair, Olivia Peachey
- 5/6Phoneix - Declan Quigley, Hannah Maloney

After many rounds of competition, our Regional Finalists were selected.

Congratulations to:
- Junior: Nathan & Ryan
- Senior: Katelyn & Olivia

They will represent our school at the Sydney South West competition in September.

GOOD LUCK!

Ms Watling - PSC organiser
Cobbitty Village Markets
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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 $40-50,000 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 large 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 1,000 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.

Stonequarry Quilters 2015
Quilt Show
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th Sept
at Tahmoor Community Centre
10am till 4pm
Admission $6
Stall holders, sales table & raffle quilt
Free children’s activities
Refreshments available

Supporting programs of Picton Uniting Church & Tahmoor Bush Fire Brigade
Enquiries: Hilary 0409024505 or Hilaryh26@hotmail.com

Outdoors ADVENTURE camp for KIDS
8 - 14 year olds
Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th September
at Mowbray Park Farm
Pitton

6 night MSALS
ACCOMMODATION & CAMP ACTIVITIES

$230

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Come and Join Us!
REGISTRATION DAYS:
5th & 12th September, 2015
10am-2pm, Camden Memorial Pool

Club nights are on Mondays from 6.30 pm, Racing starts 7pm from October to March

We offer:
- A friendly & encouraging atmosphere suitable for everyone of all ages
- Races for all ages and abilities from Toddlers to Masters
- Heated 50m pool, the only club racing in a long course pool in Camden LGA
- BBQ every club night

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