Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are already in week 7, where has the time gone! We look forward to another week of learning in the classroom and beyond. On Monday a group of Stage 3 students attended a debating workshop. Today we dressed in various colours to promote and show our awareness of how important harmony is to our everyday lives, the coloured paper chains looked fantastic. Thank you boys and girls for participating in Harmony Day with such empathy and respect. Thank you also to Ms Stevenson. On Friday our Stage 1 students are looking forward to going to the Camden Show.

Value of the Week

As part of our Wellbeing Strategic Direction we are implementing a program called ‘Value of the Week’. Each week students will be involved in activities that promote the ‘value of the week’, including watching a short video clip, class discussions and relevant worksheets. The value of the week will be a focus for the week and introduced to all students at Monday morning’s short assembly. To reiterate the lessons learnt at school, the value of the week will be outlined in the newsletter, as of next week, together with a link to the Value Video so you are able to watch it with your child/ren and in turn promote family discussions and thoughts about each value presented.

School Photos

Wednesday, the 23rd March (Wk 9) is Photo Day at The Oaks Public School. Please send your child to school dressed in their full summer school uniform with black shoes. If you wish to purchase photos, please return the envelope that is going home with your child today, on or before the 23rd March. The envelope needs to contain the correct money as it goes straight to the photographer. Family Photo envelopes are available from the office. We are not able to order photos after the Photo Day.

Camden Show

On Friday Stage One students will be attending Camden Show – our local show. I know how much the children and adults look forward to this annual event and hope they enjoy the experiences that they will encounter during their visit to the ‘country show’.

Library Update – Oliver

The new Library Computer System ‘Oliver’ goes live next Monday. As a result of this we are asking for all outstanding library books to be returned this week and borrowing has been put on hold until Week 10 of this term. Thank you for your support.

Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea

Next Friday, 18th March I will be hosting the first Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea for 2016. You are very welcome to join us. Please complete the form found later in the newsletter.

Help Wanted

We need to lay a small cement pad in the quiet area for our picnic benches (donated by Year 6 2015). If you can help us in any way to make this possible, e.g. Formwork, laying concrete and/or labour, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Manga or Mrs Wilson via the school office. Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Melissa Manga
Relieving Principal
**Canteen Roster for Term 1 - WK 8, 2016**

**Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th March, 2016**

3rd **Wednesday**: Renee Jenkins, Melinda Tzortzis

3rd **Thursday**: Karen Decourcey, Lisa Chapman

3rd **Friday**: Deanna Parry, Jenny Hackett, Julene Rose

NB. If you are unable to do your duty day you need to find your own replacement. Phone Amanda as a last resort. Phone numbers cannot be put in the newsletter, a copy of all numbers are available in the Canteen

**Razorback Touch Football Trials**

Year 5/6 boys and girls have been informed about Razorback trials. They have been asked to see Mrs Grieve if they wish to be considered for a position. Trials will be held on Monday during lunch time. They may be asked to provide evidence of their sporting achievements in touch football.

For more information please see Mrs Grieve.

**Razorback Zone Rugby League**

Last Friday, four Year 6 boys trialled for the Razorback Opens Rugby League team. One of our students has been selected to represent Razorback Zone and also trial for the Sydney South West team. Congratulations CADE HORTON!

**P&C Easter Raffle**

The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade in Week 9 on 24th March. Raffle tickets will come home shortly. Tickets will be $1 each with a book of 10 tickets given to each family and plenty of fantastic Easter Hampers to be won.

We are looking for donations this week and next week of Easter goodies to fill our hampers. We are also wanting any spare baskets to make up the hampers if you have some lying around that you don’t need.

A tub will be placed in the front office for your donations to be dropped off. We thank you for your support in our raffle

The Oaks Public School P&C.

**Sport House Captains 2016**

(Yellow) Acacia – Captains: Matthew L & Brydie D
- Vice Captains: Travis O and Grace F

(Green) Banksia – Captains: Bailey J & Charlotte F
- Vice Captains: Jamie B/Blake G & Jade H

(Blue) Grevillea – Captains: Fletcher S & Aymee F
- Vice Captains: Dylan L & Katie S

(Red) Waratah – Captains: Riley D & Monique Mc
- Vice Captains: J Giacovani & Holly M

**Camden Show Art Competition**

This Friday is the Camden Show and we have over 30 students entered into various categories in the art competition.

There is quite a variety of paintings, drawings and mixed media artworks. These children will have their art displayed:


**Debating Recount**

On Monday we travelled to Greenway Park PS for a debating training day. When we arrived at their school hall it was filled with other kids and teachers. We all sat down with our notepads and took notes about the techniques and methods used during a debate. We then had lunch and talked to other debaters. The next stage involved debating related games, one of which we won. Teams were then chosen to do a real debate, we prepared speeches, presented them as a mock debate and then were critiqued by students from other schools. Some of the things we learnt included; if you drop your palm cards you pick them up, keeping your arms in a square box, and lots of other debating terms eg. PEEL, 3 M’s, rebuttal, roles of different speakers, how to extend our argument. Thank you to Mrs Ralston, Mrs Brunick, Mr Dodd and Mrs Reynolds for transporting us and making this day possible.

Written by Charlotte, Lachlan, Sam, Clayton, Jay, Cameron and Bailey.
Memory Wall – The Oaks Public School
P&C Fundraiser 2016

The Oaks Public School commenced in 1862 and celebrated 150 years of education to the local community in 2012. We are now approaching 155 years in operation so the school, in conjunction with the P&C considered initiatives that would capture and preserve the School’s historical background. In 2016 we have decided to build a ‘Memory Wall’ and invite the school community to participate.

All past and present families, students, teachers, support staff and Principals are invited to purchase a plaque that will become a brick in the building of our wall. See a sample below of what we plan to achieve.

The plaques will be available for sale for $50 and can be ordered via the order form attached to next week’s newsletter and placing it in the P&C letterbox in the front office or through the P&C email address theoakspandc@gmail.com.

Plaques will be available for purchase from Week 8 Term 1 through to Week 7, Term 2. We plan to construct the Memory Wall ready for unveiling during Education Week Celebrations in Term 3. Plaque size is 10cm x 7cm and allows for 3 to 4 lines of text. All proceeds will go toward the refurbishment of the school library and will assist in delivering a modern 21st Century facility for current and future generations of students and teaching staff of the School.

Plaques will be available this year and will not become available again until a significant anniversary is reached allowing future generations to participate.

We plan to share this initiative through select Social Media to the local community to ensure that we capture as many past students, families, teachers and Principals so that our Memory Wall will be a strong reflection of our 150 plus years of service to the community.

Please help us to ensure this Fund Raising Initiative is a success. More information will be in next week’s newsletter along with the order form and payment options.

PARENT/PRINCIPAL AFTERNOON TEA

I, ________________________________ would like to participate in the Parent and Principal afternoon tea to be held on Friday, 18th March, at 2.40pm.

My child is in _____________________ class.
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Wednesday 9th March, 2016
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EARLY LINKS NSW
Supporting children and families in the community

What is Early Links?
Early Links NSW is for families of children aged 0-8 years living with developmental delays or disabilities. An Early Links worker can support families and carers to identify their individual needs and the appropriate services and supports to achieve their goals.

Where can I find an Early Linker?
Lifefirst provides Early Links support in the Eastern, Southern, St George and South West Sydney areas. We can also connect you to Early Linkers in other parts of Sydney and NSW.

Contact details
E: earlylinks@lifefirst.org.au
T: 9311 0177 (Southern/Eastern Sydney) or 4633 3870 (South West Sydney)
W: www.lifefirst.org.au

An Early Linker can assist you with:
- Information
- Learning about your child’s needs
- Setting goals and making plans
- Creating stronger links with your community
- Referral to specialist and community supports

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9am (register from 7:30am) | Picton Botanical Gardens

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Walk for autism
2 April

Event: Walk for autism
Date: Saturday 2 April 2016
Time: 8.30am registration for 9am start
Location: Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Cawdor Road Camden

Register: AspectMacWalkathon16.gofundraise.com.au
Register as an individual, family or corporate team. Choose 5km walk OR Family Circuit AND Create your fundraising page.

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