



School Banking

- ◆ Every Monday

Notes going home today

- ◆ Year 6 Farewell Reminder

Notes previously sent home

- ◆ Christmas Donations

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Water Safety Day
7th December
- ◆ Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
13th December
- ◆ Fun Day 14th
December

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I write this week's newsletter with mixed emotions. It is both good and bad news, good for the person involved but sad news for our school community. I wish to congratulate Mrs Crouch on her new permanent position of Principal School Leadership with the Department of Education. This position means that Mrs Crouch will not return to our lovely school as Principal in 2018. The school community will get a chance to say goodbye to Mrs Crouch at our Celebration of Learning assembly next week. Mrs Crouch has been a dedicated, caring and professional leader who has ensured all students at The Oaks have had a positive learning journey fostered by dedicated teachers, supportive parents, and has ensured The Oaks Public School is a place where students are able to shine and be **phantasmagorical**. We wish Mrs Crouch all the very best in her new position, as we know she will do a wonderful job. I will continue to relieve in the role of Principal until the end of Term 1, 2018.

Farewell and best wishes

Mr Crompton has been successful in gaining a position closer to home in 2018 and on behalf of the staff I would like to wish Mr Crompton all the best and thank him for all that he has done throughout the year, whilst being a part of The Oaks Public School.

Be TOPS Award Winners

Congratulations to our Be TOPS award winners for Term 4, Hannah P, Darcy B, Samuel F, Cooper F, Jack H, Jamie D and Baiden P. These students have received their award for demonstrating our school values of being a Safe, Respectful Learner on a number of occasions, they go above and beyond what is expected of them without fuss or direction.

School Leaders 2018

Today 10 students from Year 5 presented their Leadership Candidate Speeches to students in Years 1 to 6. The school then voted for their preferred candidate and the successful students will be presented to the school at the Celebration of Learning Assembly. Congratulations to all 10 students who did themselves and their families very proud today. I acknowledge that it is hard speaking in front of peers and even harder when you are talking about yourself and persuading others to vote for you because you are the best person for the job. I am very proud of all of you for giving it a go, well done.

Celebration of Learning

Next Tuesday's Celebration of Learning Assembly will take place at 12.30pm under the COLA. This assembly is a chance for our school community to celebrate in a formal respectful manner, the achievements, efforts and accomplishments of many students in our school.



Supervision
starts at 9am

Water Safety Day

Tomorrow students in Years 1 – 5 will be attending the water safety fun day at Picton Pool.

Talent Quest

The Students will be engaged in the annual Talent Quest on Wednesday 13th December. It will start at 10.30am with an intermission at lunch. This is a day for students to enjoy.

Year Six Farewell

Wednesday 13th December is a special occasion for our Year 6 students. It is a night for them to celebrate the culmination of their primary school years. Students will be receiving an information sheet explaining the final details.

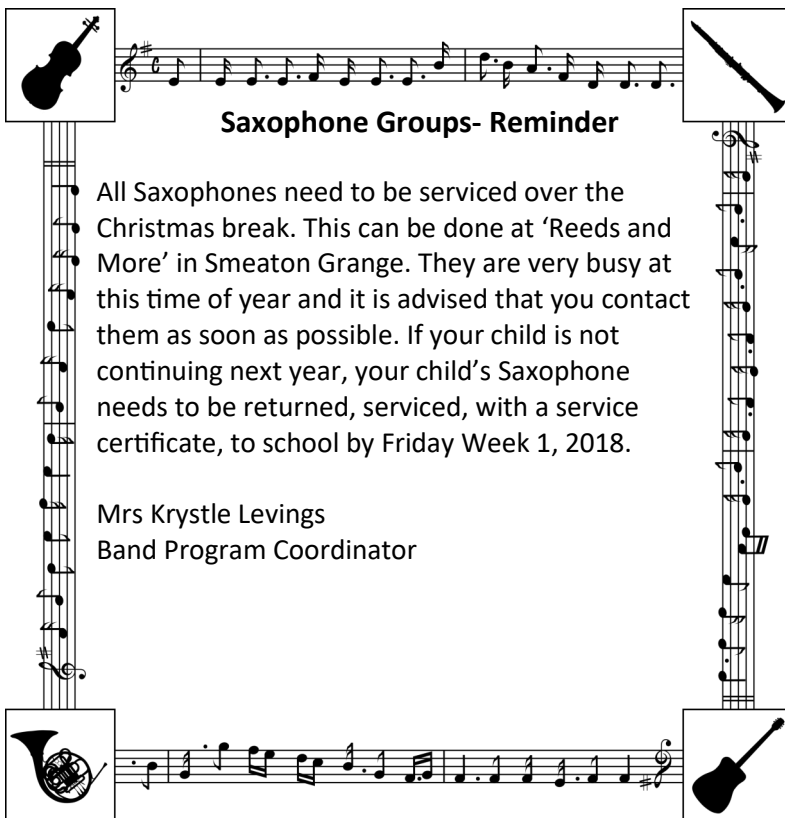
End of Year Fun Day

Thursday 14th December is our school fun day. Information about this day has been sent home previously. The day promises to be jam packed with lots of events and fun things for the students to do including; Mega Inflatable Obstacle Course, Tabloid Water Activities, Class Parties and a Whole School Dance Party. Thank you in advance to Mrs Grieve and Mrs Kent for organising this great day.

Last day for Students

Friday 15th December is the students’ last day at school for 2017. Each class has their own plans for this day however, the whole school will make a Guard of Honour to farewell our Year 6 students at 3.10pm. Enjoy your week and the festive celebrations that have already begun.

Melissa Manga
Relieving Principal



Saxophone Groups- Reminder

All Saxophones need to be serviced over the Christmas break. This can be done at ‘Reeds and More’ in Smeaton Grange. They are very busy at this time of year and it is advised that you contact them as soon as possible. If your child is not continuing next year, your child’s Saxophone needs to be returned, serviced, with a service certificate, to school by Friday Week 1, 2018.

Mrs Krystle Levings
Band Program Coordinator



Cake Stall

A huge thank you to all the wonderful families who supported The Oaks Public School Cake Stall for the Light Up The Oaks Night on Saturday 2/12.

Unfortunately due to poor weather conditions in the afternoon, the event was cancelled. On a positive note, we were able to donate all of the wonderful treats we received to The Shining Stars Foundation.

The Shining Stars Foundation is a local Not For Profit charity, who provide a mobile outreach service to those in need, in the Macarthur and Sydney Region. Their aim is to make a difference providing blankets, clothing, meals, daily hygiene and daily living needs to those in difficult circumstances and those without a place to sleep.

Again thank you to everyone who contributed towards TOPS Bake Sale, it was greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Sharna Simeons
0490 230 640



SHINING STARS FOUNDATION
street outreach service

Together we make a difference

Value of the Week

Be a Learner

Library

- Be prepared and ready to learn
- Do your best at all times
- Ask for help when needed

Office

- Return promptly to class or playground

Quick Flick Winners

Makayla 2S, Ella G 2G, Lilly W 2S, Chloe G 1B, Chelsea 1S,
Naomi 3/4L, Georgia G 5/6C, Evie H 3/4S, Travis G 5/6W

Congratulations to the following students who received Stage Awards at our 3-6 Assembly this week.



3/4L Baylee F, Brody O, Kelsey B, Tye G, Gloria R, Zane H, Thomas C, Isaac HD

3/4S Connor N, Nick H, Kassidy H, James C

3/4T Ella B, Jerome F, Riley G, Sienna M, Masen O'B, Lucas S, Samantha V, Matilda P

4/5P Georgia M, Jordyn P, Hannah VDZ, Alexander B, Shaylyn S, Gabriella S, Isabel P, Angelina R

5/6C Tara B, Harrison S, Ryan D, Blake GW, Lachlan H, Jay P

5/6G Katelyn B, Willem K, Jake M, Kaea JW, Ash P, Georgia G, Wade H, Emma W

5/6W Lara B, Jack C, Malachi B, Joey P, Allexis C, Raymond W, Karly S

★ The Oaks Public School ★
Celebration of Learning

Please join us for the 2017 Celebration of Learning.

When: Tuesday 12th December, 2017

Where: Under the school COLA

Time: 12.30pm

We hope to see you there!



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be
CLOSED WEEK 10
 (13th-15th December).

Thank you for supporting the
 canteen for 2017.
 Amanda Ormerod

Christmas Donations for Charity

We won't be having a Xmas raffle again this year, however even better, the P&C have decided to collect donations from you for Community Links Wollondilly and Shining Stars Foundation Street Outreach Service. These are two local charities that are helping those less fortunate. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and assist those in need at Christmas time.

In the past you have generously given goods for hampers and we are hoping that this year we will achieve the same results.

Please ensure that all items are non-perishable and in date. Donations can be left in the boxes located in the office foyer.

All donations will be given to a representative from each charity at the Celebration of Learning Assembly on Tuesday 12th December 2017.

Some suggestions are;

- *Staples such as rice, pasta, sauces, cereals, toilet paper, toiletries, coffee, tea, sugar
- * 2 minute noodles, Christmas puddings, mince tarts, long life milk, long life custard, jellies, cake mix, plastic plates, knives and forks
- *Other Groceries (non- perishable, in date and sealed)
- *Hygiene Products (men's and women's)
- *Christmas toys or gifts- preferably wrapped with appropriate age and gender attached.

Thank you in advance for your support,
 The Oaks Public School P&C



Reminders for Water Safety Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

A few reminders for the upcoming Water Safety Day:

When: Thursday 7th December 2017

Time: Bus leaves at 9:45am

What to bring: **1 towel, swimmers, rash shirt, spare underwear, sunscreen, lunch and plastic bag for wet belongings (please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name, including underwear and socks)**

Students will need to arrive at school wearing their swimmers under their school uniform. They will return to school at approximately 1:30pm.

Should you have any further questions regarding Water Safety Day please contact Miss Yeaman via the office.

Kind Regards,

Miss T Yeaman
Water Safety Day Coordinator



Youth Girls FREE Come and Try Night



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Visit www.playnrl.com/register
Rego Days

Friday 2nd February : 4.00 – 6.00pm

Saturday 10th February : 10.00am – 12.00pm

The Oaks Hotel, 36 John Street The Oaks

Please bring birth certificate & proof of residency

If you are unable to attend, please ensure you register online & contact us with any enquiries

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**PLEASE WITHHOLD PAYMENT UNTIL MORE INFORMATION IS KNOWN ABOUT CLAIMING THE
ACTIVE KIDS REBATE**

For information on the program visit : www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids

Growing up Online:

An informative & entertaining session for Parents and carers is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:-

- * What are kids doing online – The popular social networking sites and apps such as KiK, Musical.ly and Instagram & Yellow. What they are, what are the legal ages to use them & why these rules should be obeyed? The difference between an 'online friend' and a 'stranger'.
- * Online Grooming – What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- * Cyberbullying - What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- * 'Sexting' – the taking and sending of explicit images...what are the REAL consequences. (Primary school kids to).
- * Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passcodes
- * Problematic Internet use and gaming issues.
- * Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Role, Resources & Reporting.
- * Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around Internet use in the home. It's OK to say NO!
- * The session will conclude with time for Questions.



Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She is a mother of three and was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive parents' guide to helping their children stay safe online.

What Susan doesn't know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.

(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)

MULTI SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS



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5 Camps from 8th Dec through to 25th Jan

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THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club's last day this year was Tuesday 5th December.
Mrs Godkin, Ms Yeaman and the SRC would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you again next year

