



Wednesday 15th March 2017

Term 1 Week 8

REMINDERS:

Supervision
starts at 9am

*EFTPOS facilities
now available at the
school for all your
payments.

School Banking

Every Monday

Notes going home today

* NAPLAN info Yrs 3
& 5

* Peer Support Yrs 5
& 6

Notes that went home previously

Year 6 Shirt Order
Due 3rd April

Year 1 Vision
Screening Permis-
sion. Due 22nd
March

School Photo Order
22nd March

ICAS test permis-
sion note available
office, website &
app Due 17th
March

Book Club Order
due 23rd March.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A huge thank you to all of you who have contributed a voluntary payment for your child's education in our school. We appreciate this very much.

As of Monday 20th we will be able to accept online payments through another new system called "POP" which stands for Parent Online Payments. There is information about this new technology further in this newsletter.

This week all students in Years 3 and 5 will bring home a letter to inform you about The **National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy** (NAPLAN) that all students throughout the country participate in which is to be held in May of this year. Please read this information carefully. If you wish to speak to me about this matter please organise a meeting through the office by ringing 46571185. If you elect to withdraw your child from the assessment, you must complete an exemption form in a meeting with myself. NAPLAN often receives a lot of media attention. In our school we prepare our students for this assessment as part of their total education where assessments and learning are part of the teaching/learning cycle. From this assessment all parents/caregivers receive detailed information about their child's demonstrated ability that was evident on that one day of assessment. This information usually validates school report information and provides you the parent/carer with another source of knowledge about your child's learning. Next Tuesday 21st March our school will

be participating in **Harmony Day** activities. This is a time to celebrate cultural diversity and promote social inclusion within our communities. Our public schools reflect Australian communities and the department is committed to inclusive learning environments that benefit all students. The children are able to wear mufti (clothes of their own choice – not a uniform day). There will be more about that later in this newsletter.

Next Wednesday, 22nd March is our **School Photo Day**. In order for you to purchase photos of your child, you must have the photo form and money back at school prior to, or on, this day. We are not able to handle any orders that come into school after the 22nd March. Please ensure that your child is in their summer uniform for the photo day. The school photographer always comments on how impressive our students look on photo day. Thank you in anticipation of your preparation for our annual photo day.

This Friday 17th March is a **National Day of Action against Bullying**. One of our classes is making documentaries about bullying, plays and posters. You will get to see some of this work later in the newsletter.

Later in the term (this term is travelling very quickly) we will be holding an **East-er Hat Parade** on the Thursday 6th April. As usual you will be invited to the school to participate in this activity. There will be more details coming home about this very soon. On this same day the Wollondilly Council will be bringing

their Wollondilly Wanderer van to school to provide information about healthy eating hints and how to grow a vegie garden. I believe that they will have "showbags" available for you. They will set up on the lawn in between Mrs Stevenson's room and the hall. Please have a look at what they have to offer while you are here for the Easter Hat Parade.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch,
Principal

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY,

This Friday 17th March, The Oaks Public School will be participating in a Clean Up Australia Day event at our school. We are requesting that if possible, students bring in a pair of gloves to participate in the event. A pair of gardening gloves are preferred, as they can be returned home and reused.



Breakfast Club

After a successful start last year the Student Representative Council will again run a Breakfast Club for students once a week. SRC Class Representatives will assist in the running of Breakfast Club each week.

Breakfast Program Details

When: Every Tuesday morning
Time: 8.45am to 9.15am
Where: TOPS School Hall
Who: TOPS Students
What: Students will be able to choose from a range of healthy items, including toast, cereal, fruit and juice
Cost: A gold coin donation

Hope to see you there!

Mrs Godkin and Miss Yeamen
SRC Committee



Book Club

Orders are with your newsletter today and are due back at school by 23rd March.

BUSABOUT—OPAL CARDS

Reminder to Tap on and Tap off

One of the most significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not top on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recoded patronage.

This is a reminder to students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.



CANTEEN ROSTER 22nd—24th March

4th Wednesday: Vivian Jones, Deurn Williams
4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin
4th Friday: Robin Howell, Wendy Stevens, Jodie Stucki

NB: If you are unable to do your day, please find your own replacement. Volunteers contact details can be found on the 2017 roster.



\$5 END OF TERM MEAL DEAL ORDER FORM – Friday 7th April

Pluto Pup or Sausage Sizzle
Tomato Sauce or BBQ Sauce
(Please Circle)
Poppa
Apple or Tropical
(Please Circle)
Vanilla Ice Cream

NAME: _____
CLASS: _____

Please place order and payment in P & C Letterbox by
Monday 3rd April
LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Harmony Day

Our school is celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday the 21st March, 2017 by recognising that even though we may look slightly different, eat different foods or have different ways of doing things, we are still very similar.

The children are invited to wear mufti clothes on that day, especially in the rainbow theme, as they will be taking part in a rainbow art display. They will still need to wear sensible shoes and of course a hat for playing outside. There is no charge for wearing mufti as we would love all students to participate if they can.

Looking forward to this fun activity,
Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Hazelton

Tell Them From Me Survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. This is for Years 4, 5 and 6 only. The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27th March and 7th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form for parents/carers was sent home with students last week on purple paper. It was requested that this consent form be sent back by 22 April, however that is in the middle of the school holidays. Sorry! It was meant to read '**please return by FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2017**' and only if you **DO NOT want your child to participate**. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by

FRIDAY 24 MARCH to the front office.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

Thank you

Mrs Hazelton

You will soon be able to make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

Voluntary School Contributions
Subject Contributions
Excursions
Sport
Creative and Practical Arts
Sales to Students
Other



When?

This payment method will go live on 20/03/2017

How?

Log onto School site at <http://www.theoaks-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home>.

Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

HEAD LICE IN SCHOOLS

We have been notified that head lice are present in the hair of some students in our school.

Please check your child's hair for lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from the NSW Health website (<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx>).

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice:

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair

T.O.P.S student articles term1 week 8

Hi Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

I wanted to spread the message about bullying. Bullying is not okay we probably all know that. There are three types - social, verbal and physical they are all quite bad. I am trying to stop bullying at The Oaks Public School. These are some examples



verbal

social



Physical

Here is a link to a fantastic video to watch with your child/children: www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

By Takara 5/6W

☆ Would you love to learn to dance? ☆ Come and dance with Move it Groove it Dance Studio

Wednesday afternoons at The Oaks Public School

\$10 per class

starts 15th February

To enrol please email

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5.00-5.30 Kindy/Junior Jazz

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SUNDAY SALE



VINNIES SHOP

GLENDIVER RD THE OAKS

SUNDAY 26th MARCH. 2017

9AM - 2PM



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