



Wednesday 5th April 2017

Term 1 Week 11

REMINDERS:

Supervision
starts at 9am

*EFTPOS & POP facilities available for your payments.

School Banking

Every Monday

Notes going home today

- ♦ Long Distance Races Note
- ♦ Year 2 Excursion Heritage Centre

Notes that went home previously

- ♦ Peer Support Information
- ♦ Stage 3 Camp EO1
- ♦ Permission Notes 2017
- ♦ Student Records Update
- ♦ Stewart House

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all those adults who gave up their valuable time to assist Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 at the Camden Show last Friday. We would not be able to take young children to such an event without parent assistance. Thankfully the weather behaved itself. I have had a few people tell me some very muddy stories, so I hope that you and your child's shoes will eventually dry out and come clean.

A thank you to those parents who came to the parent/principal afternoon tea.

As you know our annual **Easter Hat Parade** is being held tomorrow – Thursday 6th April starting at 12:00 noon. The students will be making their hats at school with their buddy classes, using the wonderful collection of things that you send to school with them. I am always amazed at your ability to find resources for your child to decorate a hat with. These things do not need to be expensive. They can be chocolate wrappers, cotton wool balls, cardboard cut outs, old ribbons etc. We look forward to you joining us. A coffee van and the Wollondilly Wanderer will be here to support us all.

If you are electing to take your child home early after the Easter Hat Parade, please ensure that you sign your child out at their classroom from their classroom teacher.

Included in this newsletter is a brief newsletter from our **Speech Pathologist** who is working in our Kindergarten to Year 2 classrooms. We are very fortunate

to be able to employ this additional resource. I trust that you will be impressed with what has been happening and what is planned to happen in Term 2.

This is the last week of the term. On Friday afternoon we start a two week school holiday period that includes an Easter break for most of you. As was stated in last week's newsletter the students do not return to school until the 26th April. If you would like your child to march as part of our school on Anzac Day the 25th April in Picton, please complete an expression of interest so that we know your child will be marching with us.

I have included a short reading from one of the many educational magazines that I read. Steve Francis is the author. As we go into the holidays you may be interested to read it and know that you are the one who makes the most difference in your child's life. Parenting is vitally important.

On behalf of the staff at The Oaks Public School, we trust that you will all have some lovely family get togethers over the next period and certainly over the Easter holiday period.

Sharing the learning journey with you,
Suzanne Crouch,
Principal

Attention Stage 2 Parents

Just so you know, an excursion has been organised for Stage 2 students in Week 4, Term 2 (Monday 15th May). The cost of this excursion is \$30.00.

The note explaining all relevant details will be handed out Week 1.

Thank you , Stage 2 Teachers

2018 Opportunity Class Placement Test Information (for Year 5, 2018)

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on
Wednesday 26 July 2017.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, please contact Ms Watling for further details. You will need to complete an Intention to Apply form (from Ms Watling) and register online.

The application website opens on **26 April 2017** and closes on **Friday 12 May 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival is proud of its achievements which began approximately 30 years ago.

Your child may have had the opportunity to shine as part of this previously annual Festival. The commitment of individual schools, the commitment of the group of schools and staff in ensuring the Festival happens is unquestionable.

However, due to the increased demands on schools, staff, students and parents the Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival will move to a *biennial event*. It is expected that this will ensure the high standard and quality of performances that we have all come to expect.

During the "off" year– that is the year the Festival is not held, each school will endeavour to promote the Performing Arts within their own school programs.

We greatly look forward to our festival in 2018 and to our student's enthusiasm for performance.

The Wollondilly Performing Arts Festival Committee.



Do You Give Your Children 8 Minutes of Attention per day?

(Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. Investing uninterrupted time in their child AND partnering with their child's school are two of the most important things they can do)

Stop what you're doing and give 100% attention to each of your children for at least 8 minutes a day. Small emotional investments like one-on-one, quality time now will help ensure your kids grow up feeling safe, valued and listened to.

Time is precious...but not as precious as your children. That's why it's so important to set aside at least 8 minutes every day of distraction-free time to engage with each of your kids, one on one, without interruptions. Put down your phone, iPad or laptop and take the time to really BE with them - exchanging stories, asking and answering questions, sharing a laugh...whatever works best!

Your child will feel more listened to, valued, safer and happier. Studies show that kids who receive this kind of attention do better at school, with greater language skills and higher self-confidence. With benefits like these, there's no better way to spend 8 minutes a day.



ACTIONS

- Sit down with your child for at least 1 meal every day.
- Read a book together before bed or tell a story of your own.
- Ask questions about your child's life that need more than a one-word answer.
- For older kids, discuss a news item they might be interested in.

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



ANZAC DAY MARCH PICTON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

My child/ren will be attending this march

Student Name/s _____

Class _____

Class _____

Parent name: _____

Contact number: _____



Lest We Forget.

Students are to wear full school uniform including black shoes and grey or white ankle socks.

The Oaks Public School Easter Hat Parade

Thursday 6th April, 2017

Students will be making their Easter Hats, together, from 9:50am under the C.O.L.A. Parents are invited to assist.

Picnic lunch at 11:00am to 11:30am

K-6 Parade begins at 12:00pm. Pre-schoolers and younger siblings are invited to walk in our parade.

A coffee van will be selling tea, coffee and hot chocolate from 11:30am. The company will donate 10% of all sales back to the school P&C.



The P&C Easter Raffle

Thank you so much for supporting our Easter Raffle. To tomorrow is the last day to bring in money and any tickets, sold and unsold.



Please place these in the P&C letterbox located in the foyer of the office. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Easter Hat Parade tomorrow before the draw takes place.

We will also be accepting any last minute donations before the parade starts.

We thank you for your support in our raffle.

The Oaks Public School P&C



CANTEEN ROSTER

26th — 28th April

4th Wednesday: Vivian Jones, Deurn Williams.

4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin, Volunteer required!

4th Friday: Robin Howell, Wendy Stevens, Jodie

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

NOTE: Due to meal deal this Friday, there will be no normal lunch orders. Normal lunch service will be available.

MEAL DEAL ORDERS ONLY.

T.O.P.S student articles Term 1 Week 11



Hi, Parents/Guardians/
Caregivers

Hopefully you have spread the message on to your child/children. If you have problems with bullying either talk to your class teacher or the office. Or book an appointment with Mrs Crouch.

Here is a link to a fantastic video to show your child/children:

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

SPONSORS FOR FETE 2017

We are seeking businesses who are interested in becoming a sponsor for our Fete to be held on 14th October 2017. Attached is a sponsor letter with all the information regarding the levels of sponsorship and payment options.

Please share this letter with anyone who you think might be interested in being a sponsor for our fete.

Thanks,



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SEEKING YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR FETE

The Oaks Public School will be hosting a **Fete on Saturday 14th October 2017** to raise much needed funds for our school. It has been 3 years since our last fete and the teaching staff and P&C are excited about the two projects they are wanting to fund with the proceeds:

- an educational interactive white board for our computer room,
- to have the playground professionally landscaped and fitted with cooled water fountains, sensory garden and vegetable garden, additional seating and shade to seated areas, sand play and digging area, recycling bins, basic outdoor kitchen, painted hand ball courts, repaint & expansion of existing painted asphalt games.

A wide range of stalls, food and amusements are being planned to attract visitors from our local community on the day.

The fete committee is currently seeking sponsors that will benefit from a range of activities aimed at promoting your business. As a sponsor, you will also receive an official thank you certificate and a receipt confirming your contribution. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

The following sponsorship options are available:

Silver Sponsor- \$150 - \$200

Your business advertised weekly in the 'The Acorn' (school newsletter) until Fete day

Your business named listed on an official 'thank you' board to be displayed on Fete day.

Gold Sponsor- \$250 - \$300

Your business advertised weekly in the 'The Acorn' (school newsletter) until the end of the school year

Your business announced as a Gold Sponsor at various times on Fete day

Your business named listed on an official 'thank you' board to be displayed on Fete day.

Platinum Sponsor- \$350+

Your business advertised weekly in the 'The Acorn' (school newsletter) until the end of the school year

Option to display a business banner (supplied by you and of appropriate size) on the fence at the front of the school

Your business announced as a Platinum Sponsor at various times on Fete day

Your business logo placed on our special 'Fete Facebook page'

Your business named listed on an official 'thank you' board to be displayed on Fete day.

To take up a sponsorship, fill in the form and scan and email to the email address shown below. Alternatively, you can post the form to the school or drop it off at the school office.

For further information regarding Fete sponsorship, please contact **Jodie Stucki** on- **0417 416 272** or email jodie.stucki@gmail.com.

I would like to take up (Please tick) Platinum ☐ Gold ☐ Silver ☐ I wish to pledge the amount of: \$

Date: _____ Business name: _____

Contact name: _____ Ph No: _____ *Email: _____

Please make **cheques** payable to: The Oaks Public School P & C. OR you can **deposit directly** into the **P&C account**.

BSB: 062 516

Account Number: 1025 2359

Account Name: The Oaks P&C Assoc

Please put your business name as a reference.

*An **email address** is required so that your receipt can be sent to you promptly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Speechy Update for Term 1!

Dear Parents,

I wanted to give you all an update of some of the wonderful things we've been working on in Speech Pathology lessons this term and where the program is heading for term 2!

Have a safe and fun break!

Kindergarten

Term 1:

In Kindergarten classes we've been learning about different words we can use to describe the different places things can be (prepositions). We've also been working on our ability to listen to and correctly follow instructions. The students have been making some great sentences and learning the correct pronouns (he, she, they, her, him, them) to use in different parts of a sentence, as well as working on their social language and being able to present to the class about various topics!

Term 2:

In Kindergarten classes we will be learning about some wonderful words that we can use to describe different colours, sizes and emotions. We will be working on creating great sentences using these words as well! There will be time spent expanding the student's use of grammar when they are talking. We will also be having a look at the structure of a narrative, and making some fabulous stories that they can bring home for you to see!

Stage 1

Term 1:

In Year 1 and 2 classes we've been learning about all the wonderful and exciting words you can use to describe different colours, sizes, textures and emotions! We've been working on our ability to follow instructions (hopefully this part rubs off in the holidays). We've also been working on creating long and descriptive sentences! Ask your Year 1 and 2 children about their Lion in the cage... Teachers have been reporting the use of better descriptive and exciting words used in the student's writing!

Term 2:

In Year 1 and 2 classes we will be working on a range of different things. We will be having a look at lots of different types of sentences that the students can use in their talking, and transferring this into writing. Grammar is an area that will also be worked on, in particular tense, plurals and conjunctions. Narrative structure will be reviewed and the students will be making some wonderful stories.

In the holidays with your child play "spray the sound"

How?

Ask your child to draw some shapes on the concrete using chalk. Write a letter on each of the shaped and then give your child a water spray bottle. Call out the sound a letter makes then ask your child to find the corresponding letter and squirt the shape with their spray bottle to make it disappear!

Why?

This will help your child to develop their phonics skills and understand sound to letter links. These skills are important for reading and spelling.

What do I look for?

Make sure your child listens to the sound the letter makes. If they have difficulty, ask them to look at your mouth and copy the sound. Reinforce the letter name and sound it makes e.g. "you're right! M makes an mmm sound."

How do I make it harder?

Ask your child to draw lots of shapes and write letters on the shapes that will spell a few words. Say a 3 or 4 letter word then ask your child to sound out the word and squirt the shapes in the correct order e.g. for cat they need to find the 'c' then 'a' and then 't'.



In the holidays with your child have a garden treasure hunt!

How?

Ask your child to find a specific flower or plant or rock or something in the garden by describing it to your child. For example: find a small, purple flower with rounded petals.

Why?

This will help your child learn to remember multi part instructions and look for items based on descriptive words (colour, shape, size, texture etc.) By using new words to describe items you can also build your child's vocabulary.

What do I look for?

Your child can remember the descriptive objects that match some or all of your description.

How can I make this harder?

Ask your child to describe an object for you to find.



TOPS Sport News!

Razorback Trials

Congratulations to Katelyn B who was selected for the Razorback Girls Soccer team last week! We are still waiting for the boys trials to be held next term. Stay tuned for those results.

Long Distance Races

We will be holding our annual long distance races at Dudley Chesham Oval on **Friday 5th May 2017**. This year our long distance races will be a Kindergarten to Year 6 event! Students in Year 2 (turning 8 in 2017) to Year 6 will be competing for a position in the school team to race at the Zone Carnival. Students under 8 years old this year will race a long distance track as part of the school event, but will be ineligible for the school team.

Please see the permission note for further details on this whole school event.

If you have any queries regarding sport at The Oaks Public School, please contact Mrs Grieve via the office.



Stage 3 Peer Support

This week Stage 3 students have been in leadership training for Peer Support groups next term. More information will be available next term regarding our Peer Support program for 2017.

A HUGE SHOUTOUT TO THE OAKS BUTCHERY for donating the delicious sausages for our leadership training day BBQ! THANK YOU!

The Oaks Public School 2017 Fete Sponsors

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T.O.P.S ANZAC Day Ceremony

When: 27th April 2017

Where: T.O.P.S Hall

Time: 10am

* The SRC will be selling rosemary sprigs, to raise money for Legacy, for a gold coin donation before school, under the COLA



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Wednesday afternoons at The Oaks Public School

\$10 per class

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5.00-5.30 Kindy/Junior Jazz

5.30-6.00pm Intermediate Jazz/ Hip Hop

6.00-6.30 Possibility of Aero Dance class at The Oaks if we get enough interest.

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We provide a wide range of programs, catering for children from 1 year to adults over 50 years. With fun classes, fitness classes, team classes and competitive classes, we're sure you'll find something you'll enjoy.

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Contact Ph: 0408 203 468



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0415 995 225 or www.s-t-a-d-s.com

School Holiday Golf Clinic



Antill Park will be hosting a Junior holiday golf clinic at the course on the first Wednesday of the school

holidays.

Wednesday 12th April

This would be a fantastic opportunity to introduce your child to the game of golf or continue to improve their skills if they're already playing.

No handicap necessary;

We are keen to work with all kids who have an interest in playing golf and learning some of the finer points of the game.

Time: 9.00am till 12.30pm

(Players have to be signed in by an adult.)

Cost \$30 per player; \$50 family of 2.

(each additional player from family of more than 2; \$10 per head)

This includes a professional tuition clinic under the guidance of **Mr Brett Chappell** and **Gavin Meredith**; 6 hole competition with prizes, lunch and a drink.

Registration

Register by phoning the **Pro Shop** on **4677 1240** or ring **Rob Berger** on **0414 378 617**

(Registration closes on Tuesday 11th April.)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Brett and Gavin
Golf Professionals

Rob Berger – Junior
Golf Development



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