



Wednesday 10th May 2017

Term 2 Week 3

REMINDERS:

Supervision
starts at 9am

*EFTPOS & POP facilities available for your payments.

School Banking

Every Monday

Notes going home today

♦ Zone Cross Country

Notes that went home previously

♦ Life Education Note

♦ Stage 2 History Excursion Note

♦ Book Club Due 11/5

♦ Term 2 Calendar

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Since the start of this term (only two weeks ago) our school has had additional enrolments. This has caused our Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes to have up to 32 students in each class. As a result, these increased numbers mean that the Department of Education will now provide an additional teacher for an additional class. While it is fantastic that we have been allocated another teacher and another class, we now need to move some students from their existing class into our new class. We are attempting to make as little disruption as possible to the whole school. We will not be changing Kindergarten, Year 1 or Year 2 students and even though Year 3 is part of Stage 2 no Year 3 child will be moved into another class. We have also tried to maintain classes for Year 6. Therefore, we must build this new class from Years 4 and 5. The criterion for moving these students is we believe they would be able to cope with change. Currently we have a list of students who we think would be suitable for our new class. I will personally ring each of their parents in the next few weeks so that parents know what is going on and have time to consider the change. This new class will result in 7 Stage 2 and Stage 3 classes altogether. Each class will have approximately 26/27 children. This provides us with room to accept other students who we are expecting to enrol with us later in the year. Our new teacher is expected to start at the beginning of Week 7, that is the 5th June. The students who will be moving into this new class will have their reports written by their existing teachers and we will provide interview opportunities for all parents throughout the school during Week 3 of next term so that our new teacher has had some teaching time with their class and

is able to provide information about their students to their parents. There will be more about this later. I know that you, like me accept that our school is growing and that change is inevitable. We must ensure that we work together to reduce the impact on our students as much as possible. I sincerely thank you for the support that I know our school will receive from you in this matter.

Last Wednesday our Department of Education director – Dr Margaret Turner - came to our school to observe 3 classes and to see how we are teaching Reading and aspects of Writing. She was very, very impressed with what she saw and has asked that I pass on her thanks to those teachers and to the students in those classes for letting her be part of their learning.

Last Friday our school held its annual cross country races. As per usual our students gave their best. Thank you to Mrs Grieve for her excellent organisation of such a huge event and thank you to our office staff for their detailed work with notes, medications and communications.

On Saturday our very committed staff came to work for the day to learn more about Spelling. We spent the day acquiring content knowledge and modern pedagogy ideas for this very important aspect of teaching students how to spell as part of being able to write well. Our mentor, Justin, will be coming to the school again on the 24th May when we will hold another parent workshop at 3.45pm about Spelling. If you would like to attend please keep the date free.

On Monday our volunteers from the P and



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C held a Mother's Day stall. Your child may support them in this.
have something hiding in the bottom of
their school bag. You may need dad to un- Sharing the learning journey,
pack the bags this week.

Suzanne Crouch

On behalf of the staff we wish all our won- Principal
derful hard working mums a beautiful
Mother's Day filled with laughter and love.

Our first ICAS assessment will be held on
23rd May. This year, as never before, we
have received many, many applications to
do this testing. How wonderful that our
students want to do these assessments and
how inspiring is our parent community to

Week 2 Value of the Week

Be Safe	<u>Playground</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Play safely- Stay in the correct area- Wear a hat- Walk on concrete areas
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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is a research based, systemic approach to social learning and behaviour being implemented at The Oaks PS. Through PBL we actively teach students the interpersonal skills needed to achieve success in life. By actively teaching students clear expectations and the value of positive interactions we aim to increase their engagement with school and success in academic learning.

As part of The Oaks Public School Wellbeing Framework (which incorporates PBL) all classes we will be focusing on a value of the week. The value will be introduced at Monday morning assembly then explicitly taught and reinforced to all students throughout the week. Each week we will communicate the value of the week in the newsletter and encourage you to discuss the focus value with your child at home.

Week 3 Quick Flicks Winners

Kirby KS, Chloe 1B, Bryce 1S, Flynn 2G, Sienna 2G, Gemma 3/4L, Luke 5/6C, Crystal 5/6W, Harvey 5/6G and Jamie 5/6W



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Life Education

Healthy Harold will be arriving at our school in a few short weeks.

Please make sure that you have paid for your spot in the van by Wednesday 10th May.

Mrs Sampson

CHANGE OF DATE FOR PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Please be advised that the NEW date for the Primary Stage Assembly is Monday 22/5/17 at 2.50pm.

Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Please note that the date for clothing pick-up will be from 1st - 19th May, 2017.

If you require additional bags or have any queries, please contact Michael Price at The Smith Family on 1300 737 166.

Canteen

3rd Wednesday

Diane Taplin, Kasey Lowe & Chantel Norris

3rd Thursday

Karen Decourcey & Lisa Chapman

3rd Friday

Julene Rose, Lisa Chapman & Deanna Parry

**** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY ****

The Canteen is in DESPERATE need for volunteers.

If you can spare a morning a month, on a Wednesday & Thursday 9am-12.30pm, we need you.

The canteen runs by volunteers, and without them, we won't be able to operate, providing lunch for our children and all the money raised goes back into our school, to help our teachers and students.

Please call Amanda on 0409 537 265.

Thanks,
Amanda

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.

TOPS Sport News!

Long Distance Races

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Long Distance Races on Friday. The following students have been successful in making the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival, which is to be held on Friday, 26th May 2017.

8/9 years

Gemma K, Ella G, Karlia W & Ashleigh L
James A, Myles B, Max H, Jake T

10 years

Georgia Z, Iris D, Emma W & Elizabeth B
Ryan W, Alexander B, Jack D & Jack H

11 years

Taylah J, Karly S, Lara B & Keely P
Joshua M, Malachi, Lincoln D, Harvey S

12/13 years

Gemma H, Georgia G, Katelyn B, Ayva J
Tristan H, James S, Koby F, Blake G

Zone information and permission notes will be distributed in the coming weeks to those in the school team.

Congratulations to **ACACIA** house – winners of the 2017 Long Distance Races :)

Hockey

Congratulations to Taylah J for her selection in the Sydney South West Hockey team.

Athletics Field Events

As you may be aware, students 8 years (2017) and over trial for a Zone team position in Athletics field events before the actual Carnival day. Trials will be held this week (Week 3) on Thursday following NAPLAN and all day on Friday. This is a student and teacher event. Students will rotate in their age groups in the events of Shot Put, Discus and High Jump. The top 6 students in Shot Put will compete in finals at the Athletics Carnival. Long Jump will be held at the Carnival.

This year's Athletics K-6 Carnival will be held at Tahmoor Sportsground on Thursday, 22nd June 2017.

Gala Day 'A'

Students who were successful during trials for Netball and Soccer have received a note regarding Gala Day A, to be held on Friday, 19th May 2017. Gala Day A is for those students with prior knowledge in Soccer and Netball. Students will have received a note if they were interested in participating in skills day for AFL, also held on Friday, 19th May 2017. Permission note, money, Medical Information and Code of Conduct is due to the office no later than Wednesday, 16th May 2017.

A Gala Day for students who are developing skills (Gala Day B) in Soccer and Netball will be held later in the term.

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

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.

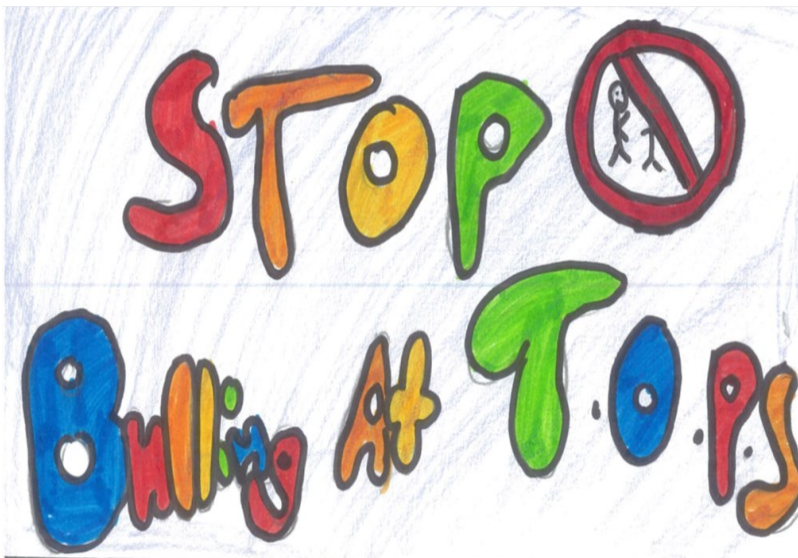
Breakfast Program Details

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



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

Peer Support – Living Positively 2017

Week 2

This week in Peer Support the children will share the things they enjoy in life and have an opportunity to discuss their favourite activity. This session enables children to recognise what makes them happy. Please discuss with your child their favourite activity.

For further information regarding the Peer Support program, please contact Mrs Grieve via the school office.

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,
The Fete Committee

The Oaks Public School 2017 Fete Sponsors

Platinum Sponsors

Dan Parry Plumbing
Plumbing, Gas fitting, Roofing,
Guttering & Hot Water service.
Ph: 0407 899 478

**Vella's Truck & Trailer
Repairs Pty Ltd**
Mobile Maintenance Service
PO Box 627 Camden NSW 2570
Phone: 0417 254 824



THE OAKS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOC

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Phone: (02) 4657 1185

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Email: theoaks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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