



## School Banking

- ◆ Every Monday

## Notes going home today

- ◆ Tell Them From Me Survey - Yr 4,5 & 6
- ◆ Concert Information Note
- ◆ P&C Fete Volunteer Request

## Notes previously sent home

- ◆ P&C Raffle Tickets
- ◆ Zone Athletics - Due 18 Aug

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ K-2 Assembly  
18th Aug
- ◆ Kindergarten Info  
Evening 23 Aug
- \* Tell Them from Me  
Survey 11-15 Sept



Supervision starts  
at 9am

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The term is flying and we are already half way through Term 3. Staff and students are very busy organising their 'TOPS Talent Time' performance as well as all the other events that we have planned for the remainder of this term. Please ensure you read the newsletter each week to keep up to date with 'what's happening' at the school. This week we welcome two interns from the University of NSW - Mr Russell Taylor and Miss Caitlin Johnson. Mr Taylor will be working with Ms Watling and Mrs Stewart on 5/6W and Miss Johnson will be working with Mrs Grieve on 5/6G.

### **Payments**

Please be aware that each of our excursions/incursions have due dates. This is because we often have to book buses, pay deposits and confirm attendance numbers prior to the event. Any notes requiring permission and/or payment will go home on Wednesdays with the newsletter. Please ensure you empty bags or ask for notes each week on Wednesday afternoon. We also communicate due dates regularly on the Skoolbag App. It is a great way to ensure you are kept informed of events at the school. This can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play. The instructions are provided later in this newsletter for your information. You can also access permission notes from our school website or via the Skoolbag App.

### **The 'Dilly Wanderer'**

The 'Dilly Wanderer' will be visiting our school again later this term. The focus for this visit will be around 'reducing screen time' for children. They provide lots of good tips and ideas and would love to see you there. This visit is scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Further details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

### **Parent/Principal Afternoon Tea**

Due to the 'Dilly Wanderer' visit the Parent/Principal afternoon tea has had to be moved to the following Thursday. It will now be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** starting at 2.45pm in the staffroom. Hope to see you there.

### **Zumba Showcase**

Another date for your diary is for the Zumba Showcase. Each week students have been participating in Zumba classes to improve fitness and dance skills. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 2.45pm, you are invited to come and see our students 'Zumba' into the holidays.

### **Naplan Online Readiness Test**

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the Naplan Online Readiness Test. This is not a test of student's ability but rather on our technology capabilities in order to move the test from paper to online from next year. This test will not be marked and the school will only receive a technology capabilities report. We anticipate that all students in Years 3 & 5 will participate to truly test our capabilities, however, if you do not want your child to participate, please contact Mrs Hazelton or myself. All students will need a set of headphones to complete the test. Some will be available at the school if your child does not have their own.

**Kindergarten Information Evening**

Just a reminder that next Wednesday 23rd August we are holding our Kindergarten 2018 Information Evening. This will commence at 6:30pm in the Kindergarten classrooms.

**ICAS Testing**

Yesterday we completed the last of our ICAS tests for the year. This year we had students elect to participate in all tests - Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths. We have already distributed some results at our Open Day Assembly and 3-6 Assembly on Monday just passed. As we receive all other results we will hand them out at assemblies.

**Father's Day Stall**

The P and C have organised to hold the Father's Day stall on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August. All gifts are priced at \$5.00 and are wrapped and ready to give to Dad on his special day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. If you would like your child/ren to purchase a gift please send the money to school on the day of the stall.

**Tell Them from Me Survey**

This year we are again asking parents to participate in the Tell Them from Me survey. This survey provides insight into what your perspectives are in relation to your child's experience at school. It takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. We encourage as many parents as possible to complete the survey.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn has started!**

Please remember to drop your stickers or completed sticker sheets into our school box at Woolworths Camden or to the school office.

**Feedback**

We always value feedback from parents about events at the school. Please complete the feedback form in the newsletter. One is provided for Education Week Open Day Activities.

Leeanne Godkin  
Relieving Principal

**Education Week Open Day Activities Feedback**

We value your feedback. Please write down your feedback and/or suggestions for our Open Day and return feedback form to the school office.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)  
Value of the Week  
Week 5

Be Safe

Library

- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Move sensibly
- Use equipment safely

Office

- Walk sensibly and safely
- Always carry a pass

Quick Flick Winners

We had a double draw this week.

Hannah 1S, Joshua KW, Lily 1B, Chelsea 1S, Maya 2G, Chloe 1B, Nicole 1S, Harry 1S, Ayda KW, Reuben 1S, Amelia KW, Gemma 3/4L, Jemma 3/4L, Alexander 4/5P, Joshua 4/5P, Riley 3/4T, Angus 3/4L, Tom 3/4L, Dimitri 3/4L, Ryan 4/5P.



Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly for being Safe, Respectful Learners at The Oaks Public School.

3/4L	Kye J, Kaitlyn, Kelsey, Gemma, Isaac, Cooper F, Jake T & Max
3/4S	Lochlann, Jonah, James C, Kye M, Elise, Grace H, Grace L & Ashleigh
3/4T	Arthur, Lucas S, Jack D, Matthew, Matilda, Kaiesha, Megan & Sarah W.
4/5P	Hannah, Georgia M, Alessia, Alexander, Gabriella, Ryan & Texas
5/6C	Jalen, Sienna, Mia G, Koby, Keely & Susan
5/6G	Ash, Jack H, Kaea, Alex, Georgia G, James S, Baiden & Emma
5/6W	Jack C, Nathan, Taylah, Keith, Malachi, Blake G, Aymee & Sasha

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!

The P & C will be holding our annual Father's Day Stall on Monday 28th August 2017

**TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY – STUDENTS**

I am delighted that this term, our school, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me Student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me Student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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 11 - 15th September 2017. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 1st September 2017. If you have lost the note, a handwritten note excluding your child is acceptable. Please give all these notes to your class teacher.

**TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY - PARENTS**

Our school will also be participating in the Tell Them From Me Parent. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Completing this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. It will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey can be completed anytime between Monday 21 August (Week 6, Term 3) through to Friday 22nd September (Week 10, Term 3). The online link needed to access the survey, will be sent home in future newsletters and via our Skoolbag App.

**TRANSITION TO NAPLAN ONLINE**

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move Naplan from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment in 2018. In preparation for this change, all schools across NSW will be involved in a compulsory School Readiness Test. This test will be conducted with Year 3 and Year 5 students only, and is a test of the technological capabilities of the school and useability of the platform for students and staff. No results will be given. The Oaks Public School's testing window is Week 6 (21st August – 25th August). Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit one 40 minute test which will be a mix of literacy and numeracy questions. Year 5 students only will also take part in an online writing test. Students will complete the assessment in a 'locked down browser', which disables the ability to access other internet pages, spell check and camera functions. More information regarding the new platform, including sample assessments can be found at: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>



### Threatened Species Art Competition

To raise awareness of the special plants and animals that call Macarthur home and to celebrate National Threatened Species Day on 7 September, kids across the Macarthur region are invited to learn more about local threatened species, creating artworks or creative writing pieces that will help teach the wider community about how, together, we can help to protect these species. There are some great prizes up for grabs for both artworks and creative writing pieces. There are prizes for individual winners and there are prizes for schools. If you are interested in entering a piece of Artwork or a creative piece of writing, please see Mrs Levings this week for information. Entries must be handed to Mrs Levings by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017.

Thank you Mrs Levings



### CANTEEN ROSTER.....

- 4th Wednesday: Amanda Ormerod & Jane Windred
- 4th Thursday: Amanda Biffin & Andrea Gauci
- 4th Friday: Jodie Stucki, Wendy Stevens & Sue Martin

A reminder that Canteen will be closed on **Thursday 7th August** due to School Concert dress rehearsal.

**Amanda Ormerod**  
Canteen Coordinator



### 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 Yeaman  
SRC Committee



# Dilly Wanderer Roadshow

Families come along for a free information session!

The Dilly Wanderer is a Council run, mobile community information service that aims to provide fun activities and community information to families across the Shire. Roadshow guests include:

- Ellen Smith, Child Psychologist—Community Health SWSLHD.
- Candice Muzevic, Community Outreach Worker—Wollondilly Shire Council.



**Date:** Thursday 14th September

**Time:** 2:30—4:30pm. There will be a 15 min break between presenters for parents to collect their children.

**Location:** The Oaks Public School



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## Managing Challenging Behaviours Collaboratively

Community Links Wollondilly and Dr Steven Walker of Brief Therapy Solutions are once again running the very much in demand workshops to help families better cope with children with challenging behaviour. Challenging and disruptive behaviour of children will be the focus of a series of workshops to begin on Monday 16 October, 2017.

The workshops will be presented by Carmel Flavell and Nicole Humphries from Community Links Wollondilly on behalf of Dr Steven Walker.

The workshops will be presented over a series of eight consecutive sessions, each session building on the previous. The series of eight sessions has been aimed to assist families experiencing the impact of challenging and disruptive behaviours such as suspensions from school and aggression to family members.

The workshops targeted families that might have already sought assistance with the behaviours but there had been no change, and parents who were desperate to take part in an interactive program so that they could encourage changes within their family.

Some children might have been diagnosed with conditions such as Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD), Conduct Disorder (CD), or Reactive Attachment Disorder (RAD), while some parents were feeling as though the challenging and disruptive behaviours controlled the household.

Families are sometimes at breaking point, not knowing where to turn or they are on a continuous search for some kind of relief or answers to help them cope. The workshops will help parents and carers develop networks and support structures even after the workshops had ended.

The workshops are free of charge and will be conducted at the Oran Park Sales and Information Centre, Oran Park Drive, Oran Park, each Monday from 16 October, 2017 until 4 December, 2017. All these dates need to be attended to complete the workshops. Each session goes for from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm. The workshops are free of charge but a gold coin donation at each workshop for refreshments would be appreciated.

These workshops are strictly for families and not for workers. Please add this information to your newsletters.

Bookings to the series of workshops are essential.

For Details ring 46833371, or 46832776,

Regards

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# GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

## **Parent Information Evening** **for parents of children** **starting school in 2018** **at** **The Oaks Public School**

If you have a child who is starting school next year we invite you to attend  
our information evening on

**Wednesday 23rd August 2017.**

The session will be held in the Kindergarten classrooms from  
**6.30pm to 7.30pm.**

A light supper will be provided and we look forward to seeing you.

## Skoolbag App

For faster communication we also send newsletters and alerts to your phone via the **Skoolbag App**, available through the App Store for your iPhone or Google Play Store for Android devices.

### To download the Skoolbag App for Apple devices

For iPhone and iPad users:



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

### To download the Skoolbag App for Android devices

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.



1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note:** Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

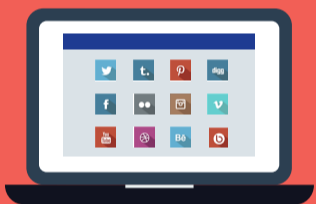
# IS YOUR CHILD BEING CYBERBULLIED?

## How and where to report



1

Collect **evidence** - take screenshots of the material and copy URLs



2

Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service. For information on how to report to social media sites go to **[esafety.gov.au/safetycentres](https://esafety.gov.au/safetycentres)**

## If the content is not removed within 48 hours



3

Report it online at **[esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying](https://esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying)**



4

Block the person and talk to someone you trust

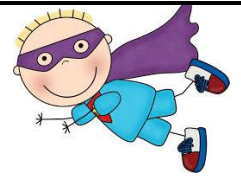
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If you need to talk to someone, visit [kids helpline.com.au](https://kids helpline.com.au)  
or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week



**Snap now to  
see later**



# Leaping Learners



**Celebrating the academic success of TOP5 students.**

No. 4

*This page aims to showcase some of the 'fantasmagorical' learning that happens here at The Oaks PS.*



Last week, we held the school finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Two finals were held. Stage 3 went first, with a tricky third round knocking the majority of the finalists out. A few rounds later, two finalists were victorious and will represent next month at the Regional finals. Congratulations to **Ryan Watson & Nathan Buckley**.

The Stage 2 competition proved to be a tough battle between the top 4! 7 additional rounds had to be held to break the deadlock of the final 4. Congratulations to **Jack Duguid** and **Adam Williams** who were successful in making it through to become school representatives. A huge congratulations also goes to Ethan and Alessia who fought valiantly in the final rounds. We were very pleased to have 4 students from Year 2 who earned the right to represent their classes at the Spelling Bee as a learning extension opportunity. Well done, Lilly Harriette, Archie & Cooper who kept up with the older students for quite a few rounds. I look forward to seeing them compete next year!!

	Year 2 and Stage 2		Stage 3	
<b>Regional Representative 1</b>	<b>Jack Duguid</b>		<b>Ryan Watson</b>	
<b>Regional Representative 2</b>	<b>Adam Williams</b>		<b>Nathan Buckley</b>	
School level finalists	Alexander B Lewie G Will J Joshua Mc Ethan B Dimitri T Jake T Archie M Cooper S	Sydney C Matilda P Alessia V Sophie D Evie H Taylor W Lilly W Harriette M	Mitchell G Jay P Dale A Nathan B Clayton B Sam G Travis G Harry B Jack L	Gabriella S Gemma H Ayva J Grace F Kate R

**GOOD LUCK AT THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SEPTEMBER!**

**NUMBER CRUNCHERS**  
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The Oaks PS representatives for the Regional Competition are:

*Number Crunchers:* Blake Garbutt & Gabriella Sousa

*Pi Challenge:* Ryan Watson    *Rubik's Speed Competition:* Alexander Benson

The Number Crunchers Team, along with 6 students who achieved highly in the in-school competition and Ms Watling, will attend the finals on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at Casula PS. All students will participate in coding and robotics workshops as well as watching the finalist compete against students from 75 schools. We wish the team lots of luck!

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# Armband Order Form

To take advantage of the \$25 unlimited ride pass for 4 hours on fete day, (~~10am-2pm~~ Saturday 14th October 2017) please enclose your full payment in an envelope and place it in the yellow P&C letterbox in the school office foyer.

Or, alternatively, you can use direct debit with your child's name and class as a reference.

Account name: The Oaks P & C  
BSB 062 516  
Acc No: 10252359

Rides are; Round Up ( thrill ride children must be over 130 cm), Circus Train Obstacle Course ( 3 yrs +), Super Slide - all ages (under 3 must be accompanied by an adult) Crazy Flyer and Flying Elephants ( 3yrs +)

After payment you will receive a voucher that is to be given to the Better Amusement ride Supervisor at the fete in return for an armband on the day.

Thank you,  
P&C Fete Committee

**\*\*Please note Armbands can be bought on the day at the inflated price of \$30 and will not benefit our school as the money will go straight to Better Amusements. Better Amusements will also charge \$5 and \$8 each for single ride tickets. \*\***  
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## Armband Order Form

\$25 each for 4 hours of unlimited rides 10-2pm Saturday 14th October 2017

Name: ..... Class if at school.....

Name: ..... Class if at school.....

Name: ..... Class if at school.....

Name: ..... Class if at school.....

Total Enclosed .....

Total Paid Online .....

Date..... Receipt No.....

P. S. Cheques can be made out to **The Oaks P&C**