



Wednesday 9th May 2018

Term 2 Week 2

School Banking

Every Monday

Notes going home today

- ◆ Athletics Carnival
- ◆ Zone Cross Country
- ◆ Stage 3 Newsletter

Notes previously sent home

- ◆ Canberra reminder note
- ◆ Book Club

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10th May
- ◆ Stage 3 Canberra
Excursion Friday 11th
May
- ◆ K-2 Assembly Friday
18th May 2.45pm
- ◆ ICAS Science Testing
Tuesday 29th May
- ◆ Athletics Carnival
Thursday 28th June

Book Club
Orders
DUE
14th MAY



Dear Parents/Carers,

Next week, Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the NAPLAN test. This year our school was one of 500 schools to be selected to sit the test online. Some of the benefits of sitting the test online are as follows:

- **Better assessment – and more precise results.** NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- **Faster turnaround of results.** Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- **More engaging.** ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests

The test will provide important information on how well students did on the day and provide the school with a snapshot of how we are progressing and areas for future development. It is important to remember, NAPLAN won't be able to provide you or the school with information of what it is that makes each student special and unique. The people who create these tests do not know each of our students the way our teachers do. So while the tests provide us with pertinent information they do not give us the whole picture of your child. I would like all parents to remember that when your child's result come back.

Parent Voice

One of the school's Strategic Directions for the next 3 years is "Well-being". Well-being relates to how well students are connected to their learning, have positive and respectful relationships and experience a sense of belonging to their school and community. Parents and carers play an equally important role in helping and supporting children to foster a genuine sense of well-being. I am committed to strengthening family and community engagement within the school.

To do this, I first would like to get parents and carer's thoughts/opinions/views of The Oaks Public School. I am asking all parents to please click on the link below and take 5 minutes to complete the parent survey for me. The aim of this survey is to ascertain what is valued within The Oaks Public School community and help me in the decision making process of what is best for our students. I would like to assure all parents/carers that the information you provide will be strictly anonymous.

Thank you in advance

<https://goo.gl/forms/NbNsKpqSaNnFhPkg1>

Yours in Education

Steven Hooke
Principal

5/6 Tiger Lily have been working hard during the first week of Term Two revising concepts taught last term and embracing new topics. Students have begun to study Drama as part of our Creative Arts program and are enjoying learning about vocal range and body movement. Recently students have been working in groups to practise their team work, listening skills and drama knowledge to demonstrate a particular scene or topic in a game we call "Freeze Frame".

Throughout Term One, students learnt about the history of Australian Government as well as the impact of significant individuals such as Charles Perkins and Edith Cowan. Students also enjoyed role playing our own House of Representatives, where students undertook roles such as Prime Minister, Speaker, Ministers and Independent Parties, initiating a continued excitement for our upcoming trip to Canberra.



5/6 Tiger Lily





Quick Flick Winners



**Mia T 2Y, Sophie 2Y, Kirby KK, Mia T 2Y, Angelina 1G
Takara F 5/6W, Georgia 5/6W, Gabbie S 5/6T, Luis S 3/4B, Alessia V 5/6T**



Session 2 – Strong Me!

Our session this week encourages students to identify their personal strengths as a key protective factor to address bullying and looks at ways of utilising these positive attributes to support themselves and others to build resilience. Parents might like to ask what they said or thought their strengths might be and suggest more.



Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Students from our school will be travelling to Canberra on Friday for an education tour of our Nation's capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of **\$20** per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

CANTEEN ROSTER.....**Week 3 Term 2**

3rd Wednesday 16/5 - Diane Taplin & Kasey Lowe
 3rd Thursday 17/5 - Lisa Chapman & Alana Cooper
 3rd Friday 18/5 - Julene Rose, Deanna Parry & Lisa Chapman

Thanks

Amanda Ormerod

Canteen Coordinator

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CANTEEN NEWS

EFTPOS is now available each morning for parents.

\$1 transaction surcharge applies.

Get involved in the School Banking program.

The Oaks Public School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball - Term 1
- Secret Scratch Pad - Term 1
- Sparkle Glitter Pens - Term 2
- Glow Light - Term 2
- Mighty Boom Handball - Term 3
- Heat Reactor Pencils - Term 3
- Slushie Maker Cup - Term 4
- Zoom Flying Disc - Term 4



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Monday**. Each week you need to **put your School Banking book into the School Banking box in the front office**.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10th May, 2018
Gifts \$5.

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send them with money in a container, envelope or ziplock bag clearly labelled with their name and amount enclosed.



THE OAKS PRESCHOOL

Extra funding received for 4 year olds
Fees now \$17 per day for children aged 4 before 31.7.18



The Oaks Preschool is a not- for- profit **Preschool** - all fees and funding go into providing quality education, more teachers and resources for children enrolled.

Recently rated "Exceeding National Quality Standards"

Our qualified, experienced and mature staff demonstrate excellence and dedication to quality care and teaching to prepare children for school.

Our large shady outdoor area provides many challenges and areas for exploration and learning.

WHERE: 2 William Street The Oaks. Telephone 46571327.

Some places available for 2018. ENQUIRE for your 4 – 6 year old **NOW**.

