



The Oakdale Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 10, 2013

Date: Tuesday, 2nd April

Dates to remember

Coming up in April/May

- *2nd Multicultural speeches due
- *2nd State Swimming
- *3rd State Swimming
- *4th Aussie of Month assembly 2.30pm
- *4th Mufti Day "babies"
- *5th Cricket Gala Day
- *8th April School Photographs; summer uniform please
- *8th Years 3-6 Social 5.00pm-6.30pm
- *9th Cross Country Carnival
- *10th April \$90 deposit Bush Camp Years 5/6
- *10th Survey about voluntary contribution returned to the office
- *12th last day of school
- *1st May Students return to school
- *3rd May International Dressage Event
- *Week 3 13/14/15 May NAPLAN
- *21st ICAS – Computer
- *23rd Aussie of Month

Reminders:

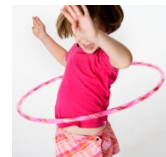
- *Canteen open every Wednesday this term for over the counter sales only- approved ice-blocks and other items
- *Start speeches for Multicultural Public Speaking due 2nd April
- *Reading Eggs payment \$5 if you only want school, \$10 for home and school subscription or \$25 per family
- *Deposit for Great Aussie Bush Camp \$90 by 10/4
- *Return survey about Voluntary Contribution to the school office



From the Principal's Desk:

Harmony Day was once again another very successful event. We managed to raise \$600 from the barbecue to go towards the Year Six Farewell and \$1000 from the raffles and stalls to go towards our school programs. It was wonderful to see the parents taking control of setting up and running the canteen, stalls and barbecue. Teachers and students had a wonderful time playing games from around the world. The atmosphere was relaxed, friendly and showcased a school community working together to achieve the best for its students. Thank you to everyone who donated to stalls, made cakes, worked in the canteen, on the barbecue or who gave their time up to spend in their school with their children. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

Mrs Itskos and Mrs Mineef will be on Maternity Leave at the end of Term 1. Mr Frank will replace Mrs Mineef on Year 6, one day per week and he will do 2 days RFF for Mrs Itskos. Mrs Smith Will be on 2HI Thursdays and Fridays for Term 2 and 3. We wish them all the best and value their contributions to the school so far this year. Have a safe and happy holiday. Have fun!



Maria Green – Principal

An invitation is extended to parents/carers to come and view our last dance lesson Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm in the Hall.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

Once again it is that time of year to start off the round of public speaking activities. I would encourage as many students as possible to consider writing a speech to be delivered at a school level; I am available for support to assist students develop and refine ideas. This is not a compulsory activity. Topics and guidelines are as follows:

2013 Years 3&4 Topics – 3 minute speech	2013 Years 5&6 Topics – 4 minute speech
Racism and bullying Sport - breaking down the barriers The Australian Flag How kids can make a difference It's cool to be different What Harmony Day means to me Every family has a story My overseas connections Refugees Multiculturalism at school	When does a migrant become an Australian? Asylum seekers Peace and harmony Getting a multicultural education Many languages, one land Religion Connecting communities The same but different Un-Australian Racist jokes aren't funny

Due - Monday, 2nd April

Fundraiser at Diana Ferrari Boutique at Macarthur Square Campbelltown

We are having a fundraiser at **Diana Ferrari in Macarthur Square** to raise money for Oakdale Public School to go toward learning programs. Diana Ferrari will donate 20% of the money spent on **Wednesday, 17th April**. The store will be open for Oakdale staff, parents and friends from **9.00am-9.00pm to pay for purchases**. It would be a good idea to go into the store before this day and try on what you like, knowing exactly what size you are, you can then pop into the shop on the 17th and pay for your items. Every \$100 spent means we get \$20. Spend up ladies! **Say Oakdale to the cashier even if you do not attend Oakdale PS and we will still get the rewards.**



Winter Tunic for K-4 girls

Macarthur Uniforms have taken a sample of our winter tunic, they are going to source the material and make the uniforms for us. These will be available from the school in Term 2, price to be advised.

Mufti Day to support Kids of Macarthur

On Thursday 4th April we are holding a gold coin donation day for The Kids of Macarthur Foundation. Our school will be having a mufti day this day and the theme will be - come "Dressed as a Baby". There are 22 schools across Campbelltown and Macarthur who are holding gold coin days and will be donating all funds raised towards The Kids of Macarthur Foundation. Last year we attempted to raise enough money for a Kanmed Baby Cot and Baby Warmer (Hot Cot). This unit is used to support critically ill newborn babies. The unit costs \$10,325. Unfortunately we fell short. This year we are aiming to once again meet that target and purchase this much needed resource. This unit will be utilised at Campbelltown Hospital Paediatric Special Care Nursery. All donations will be presented to Kids of Macarthur next Thursday afternoon 11th April, at the Kids of Macarthur Cup. Please assist us in supporting Kids of Macarthur on Thursday, 4th April.

Thanks,

Mrs Itskos and the SRC

Reports from Year 6

On the 21st of March we celebrated **Harmony Day**. The day started with Year 6 unpacking old goods and helping teachers set up chairs and tables. During lunch everybody had a barbeque/picnic and had a look around for some goodies! There was a cake stall and barbeque at the canteen. Harmony Day was also followed by lots of awesome fun and games which originated from around the world.

On Tuesday 26th March, Year 5 and 6 participated in a **Peer Support training day**. This was run by Ms Walsh and Mrs Fuller. We learnt the qualities of a good leader and how to manage different student behaviours. Lunch was provided for us as a reward for our hard efforts. It was a really worthwhile day!



TREASURE CHEST



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY VISITED THE TREASURE CHEST. YOU HAVE ALL BEEN TRYING VERY HARD TO DO YOUR BEST IN CLASS.

KB	Ashley Barnes, Chris Fordham, Lily Hooper, Isabel Nash
IC	Tim Prout, Joshua Ryan
4L	Chelsea Nink
5F	Maddison Hartshorne, Shaylee Robinson
6MW	Jessica Fordham

Voluntary Contribution of Funds to Oakdale Public School

Dear Parents,

We are considering asking for a voluntary contribution once per year from each family. All the funds we receive will go towards learning programs for your children. The amount of \$20 for one student or \$40 for a family no matter how large is the fee we had in mind. We are trying to offer a rich and varied curriculum and by doing so need extra funds to keep them operational in the long term. I would appreciate you completing the questionnaire and returning it to the office as soon as possible. Your responses will guide the decision that will be made.

I agree/disagree (circle your choice) that a **voluntary contribution** should be made by families to support the enrichment of programs offered to students at Oakdale Public School.

Any Comments:

Thanks for your cooperation – Maria Green - Principal