

# Oakville Public School

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Issue 1

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## P & C Meeting

Wednesday, 4 February

7.30 pm

School Staffroom

Plans and organisation for the year will be discussed

All interested people welcome!

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to Oakville Public School for 2009. This year we have grown by 1 class and will have 16 classes. With our new students and staff members we look forward to another great year of excitement and high achievement.

The activities begin with the first P & C Meeting for the year next Wednesday, 4 February. All parents, particularly new people to the school, are invited to attend, as it is a great way to learn about the school. The School Swimming Carnival is also on in the next few weeks with information included in today's Bulletin.

### New Staff

This year we welcome a few new staff members to our school. Ms Vanderberg and Miss Parkinson will be on class and Mrs James will take our support students. Mrs Duncan and Miss Iori will be also here for the year and taking classes.

### Class Organisation

Our class organisation will remain the same as the last few years. The stage-based classes have continued to be successful. The standard of students work continues to improve, we have achieved very pleasing results in all areas and quality teaching was occurring in every classroom

This organisation enables us to ensure all outcomes are learnt over the two years of the stage and organise students in appropriate learning groups. As we become accustomed to this format, we will be convinced by the progress in student learning and the flexibility the organisation provides.

We have delayed forming the classes to enable us to ensure that our numbers are accurate. This way we can be sure that the classes are set up to benefit the learning of all of the students. The classes should be running by Monday.

The classes will not be known by the year that the student is in. The classes will be known as stages:

Early Stage 1 **Kindergarten**  
Stage 1 **Years 1 and 2**  
Stage 2 **Years 3 and 4**  
Stage 3 **Years 5 and 6**

The students will be assessed on the stage outcomes and the expectations will certainly be that the students achieve the requirements of the academic year that they are in. In fact the structure will encourage students to progress and cater for the individual needs of each student.

### 2009 Organisation

To try and simplify matters, we have given each class a name by which they will be known, as well as by their Stage group. The theme for the classes is Astronomy as this is the International Year of Astronomy. Wherever possible we have chosen names that match the first letter of the teacher's surname. The class names will be announced next week.

Early Stage 1 Mrs Hassan, Mrs Payne, Miss Woodbury & Ms Vanderberg  
Stage 1 Mrs Clarke, Mrs Johnston, Miss Rose & Mrs Duncan  
Stage 1/2 Ms Howes  
Stage 2 Mr Burton, Mrs Beck, Mrs Finn, & Miss Iori  
Stage 3 Miss Downie, Mrs Lorenzo, Mr Kenna & Miss Parkinson

### Other staff

Library Mrs Robertson  
Support Teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mrs James  
Release & Support Mrs Williams, Mrs Smith & Mrs Payne  
Principal Mr Condon  
School Administrative Manager Mrs Endicott  
School Administrative Officer Mrs Clark  
School Administrative Officer (Lib) Mrs Pollock  
Teacher's Aide Mrs Burke  
General Assistant Mr Grimaldi  
School Cleaner Mr Woods

Gary Condon, Principal

### Dates For Your Diary

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|--------------|----------------------------|
| Thurs 29 Jan | Kindergarten begin         |
| Wed 4 Feb    | 7.30pm P & C Meeting       |
| Wed 11 Feb   | Parent Information Night   |
| Fri 13 Feb   | Welcome BBQ                |
| Wed 18 Feb   | School Swimming Carnival   |
| Tues 10 Mar  | District Swimming Carnival |

## P&amp;C Association

**Swimming Carnival – House Meetings**

Our annual school swimming carnival will be held at the Windsor Oasis Swimming Centre on **Wednesday 18 February**. This involves Yr 2 eight year olds who can swim 50metres and all students in Years 3 – 6. Students will nominate their selected events this Friday at our house meetings. Please discuss with your children their choice of events so that they enter races suitable to their capabilities. At this meeting the students will also select house captains and vice captains, senior and junior (current school councillors are unable to stand for nomination).

More information and permission notes will be sent home soon.

*Mrs Finn, Sports Coordinator*

The canteen will reopen for business on Monday, 2 February 2009.

For the canteen to continually operate we need the support of our families. If you are able to spare a few hours of your time once a month, we would greatly appreciate it. Please call Su to put your name on the roster.