

# Oakville Public School

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You are invited to the  
**Welcome Barbecue**  
at school  
on **Friday, 13 February**  
**5.30 to 7.30 pm**

Dear Parents and Friends,

### Parent Information Meetings

The Information Meetings are on *Wed, 11 February*.

Tomorrow evening all parents are invited to attend their child's class to discuss the procedures for the year. All meetings are planned for 30 minutes. They will be held in the individual classrooms except for Stage 3, who will all be in the Draco classroom.

The program is:

- 6.00 p.m. Astronauts, Comets, Venus  
- in each classroom
- 6.30 p.m. Clusters, Delta Star, Jupiter, Rockets  
- in each classroom
- 7.00 p.m. Blue Moon, Calypso, Futurama, Galileo  
Halley's Comet - in each classroom
- 7.30 p.m. Draco, Krypton, Light Year, Pisces  
- in Draco classroom

Open communication between school and home is vital and we look forward to working closely with everyone.

### Voluntary School Contributions

With today's Bulletin you will receive the Information about the Voluntary School Contributions for 2009. As for previous years, there is no textbook levy. The only funding support that we request is the Voluntary School Contributions. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you have any concerns or difficulties. All enquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

### P & C Support

We are extremely fortunate to have a very hard working and supportive P & C. The work that the P & C does greatly enhances the education offered to the children of Oakville.

We had a great attendance at last week's meeting. At this meeting the P & C organised the Welcome barbecue and decided to spend \$10 000 on reading resources, \$2000 on maths resources, \$3 000 on computers for the new classroom and \$1 000 on more equipment for our Kindergarten children.

### Welcome Barbecue

A letter with the information about the barbecue was sent home last Friday. Please return the RSVP by tomorrow so that we can organise the catering.

### Nits are back

There have been several cases of head lice reported. Please check your child's hair and if any evidence of lice is present, please treat accordingly.

Gary Condon, Principal

### Victorian Bushfire Appeal

This **Friday, 13 February**, the school will be raising money for the victims of the recent and ongoing bushfire disaster in Victoria. The children have been asked to bring **as many gold coins as possible** to make a huge "coin spiral" in the playground on Friday morning. Each class will be invited to participate by adding to the spiral in the attempt to make a significant contribution. A photo will be taken and published in next weeks' bulletin.

More Australians have lost their lives in these bush fires, compared to any other natural disaster in Australia's history.

With many community members working as volunteers with the rural bushfire brigade, we know this type of disaster hits very close to our hearts. Please encourage your child to donate, also on your behalf, as we continue to watch the situation unfold.

The children will be allowed to wear mufti on Friday as part of the fundraising.

Thank you for your support.

Students and teachers of Oakville Public School

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Wed 11 Feb</b>	Parent Information Night
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	Bushfire Appeal Welcome BBQ - 5.30 to 7.30pm
<b>Wed 18 Feb</b>	School Swimming Carnival
<b>Thurs 19 Feb</b>	2.30pm School Assembly
<b>Fri 27 Feb</b>	School Clean Up Day
<b>Wed 4 Mar</b>	7.30pm P & C AGM
<b>Thurs 5 &amp; Fri 6 Mar</b>	Leadership Camp
<b>Fri 6 Mar</b>	District Swimming Carnival
<b>Mon 23 Mar</b>	School Photos

### Parent Helpers Needed!

We are currently organising Scripture classes for 2009 and we need your help! If you are available to assist in leading Catholic Scripture lessons for our students, please contact Grace Sultana as soon as possible.

Scripture lessons are conducted each Wednesday afternoon. Training and ongoing support is available to parents or community members who would like to help out but are a little unsure of what is involved. As always, we look forward to meeting and supporting our wonderful Scripture volunteers this year.

*Ms Howes, Assistant Principal*

### Swimming Carnival

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 **MUST** come to school in the morning for roll call and to receive their wrist band. **NO** bands will be given out at the swimming pool. **No band no swim.**

Please read all the information sent home as it is very important that you understand the implications of not complying fully with the school's requirements regarding the delivery of these programs.

Permission notes were sent home yesterday.

Any issues or concerns regarding sport, please see me.

*Mrs Finn, Sports Coordinator*

### Sport Organisation for 2009

ES1	Monday
S1	Wednesday
S2 & S3	Friday

ES1 fitness program is incorporated with dance classes on Tuesdays. Students do not need to wear their sports uniform for fitness, but suitable footwear (eg joggers) is required. These may be worn with their school uniform.

### 2009 Dance News

Last week, our 2009 dance auditions were held.

Once again we had an overwhelming response with over 100 students keen to participate.

As a result, this year our dance program will be organised into 3 groups, (Junior, Senior and Boys) which will involve 70 students.

I would like to thank all children who came along to the auditions for their fantastic energy and effort and I encourage those children who unfortunately missed out to keep in mind our school choir and sporting group opportunities. I would also like to thank Miss Downie, Miss Rose, Mrs Duncan, Miss Parkinson and Mrs Clarke who had the difficult job of selecting the groups while the children worked through sequences with myself.

I look forward to another exciting year of dance at Oakville.

*Jo Lorenzo, Dance Co-ordinator*

### 2009 SRC NEWS

This term at Oakville, we will be commencing our Student Representative Council for 2009. This will offer additional leadership opportunities for the selected children from K-6 to further compliment those already being provided in each classroom.

Ultimately, an SRC provides excellent opportunities for decision making, planning, critical thinking, problem solving, assertiveness, resilience, negotiation and positive thinking while developing effective communication, interpersonal skills and relationship building. Essentially, our SRC will be an action group, working on set tasks to meet goals and promote our students, staff and school. In 2009, our SRC will also follow an exciting new revised program.

This week, the concept of an SRC and the process of nominations are being introduced to our students. Next week (Week 4), voting will take place at a classroom level. In Week 5, votes will be counted. The two students from each class who receive the highest number of votes will be elected as the representatives for their class.

The announcement will then be made at our Week 6 whole school assembly where these children will also be presented with badges.

In class, students will also be informed of the expectations of an elected SRC member and the job description. If they have nominated themselves to be considered for this experience, they are required to present a brief talk to their class next week, which is to be prepared at home.

For students in Stage 2 and Stage 3, this talk should be no longer than 2 minutes. The content of this speech should include comments on the child's personal qualities, interests and why they believe they would be able to best stand for and express the views of their peer group.

For students in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1, they will only be expected to complete a brief sheet (which will be provided and sent home for completion). This can then be read to their class, assisted by the teacher where necessary.

The SRC aims to give our students a valued voice to pass on recommendations of ideas and issues that they feel are important for our students and school community.

Wishing all students the very best of luck throughout the selection process and looking forward to another productive year with our SRC.

*Jo Lorenzo, SRC Coordinator*

### Student Banking

Student banking will resume this week so get your kids saving! Banking day will remain on Wednesdays with deposits books being collected in class. If anyone wishes to make enquiries regarding student banking please call Su or ask at the office for an introduction pack.

*Su Murphy, Student Banking Contact*

**P&C Association****Canteen News**

Please find a current canteen price list with this bulletin. We will be updating the menu soon but until then please refer to the attached list.

Thank you to all the new volunteers who have signed up for working in the canteen. We have tried to place everyone with their preferred partners, however, this is not always possible especially when times volunteered are not the same.

We hope to have everyone trained within the next few weeks. If you would like to come in and do some training we have the following times available:

Wednesday 11 February

Friday 20 February

Thursday 26 February

Please phone or text Su or Leanne if you are interested. We appreciate your time and hope that you find volunteering in the canteen a rewarding experience.

*Su Murphy, Canteen*