

Oakville Public School

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Dear Parents and Friends,

School Photos

The school photos will be taken on **Monday 23 March**. Information concerning the ordering of the photos has been sent home. Please ensure that all cheques are made out to the photo company and not the school.

All students will need to be wearing full summer school uniform on Monday.

Harmony Day, Saturday 21 March

Harmony Day, which began in 1999, occurs on 21 March each year and celebrates Australia's success as a diverse society united by a common set of values.

Since 1945 more than 6 million people have settled in Australia and in 60 years of post-war migration Australia's population has jumped to approximately 20 million.

Between us we now speak more than 200 languages, including 45 Indigenous languages. Our most commonly spoken languages are English, Italian, Greek, Cantonese, Arabic, Vietnamese and Mandarin.

You can develop the right attitude toward others if you have kindness, love and respect for them, and a clear realization of the oneness of all human beings.

The Dalai Lama, 1989 Nobel Peace Laureate

Road Safety around the School

Every morning and afternoon we have many cars and children endangered through unsafe road practices. It is important that we all follow the following safety rules. The safety of our children is vital so we need to take care around the school at all times.

Please comply with all road rules and in particular:

- ❖ **Obey** the speed limit and travel at 40km/h from 8.00 am to 9:30 a.m. & 2.30 pm to 4.00 pm
- ❖ At all other times it is a 60 km/h limit
- ❖ Park correctly on the side of the road
- ❖ **DO NOT** double park at any time, especially in the bus bay
- ❖ Only use the bus bay in the afternoon if you are collecting your child and leaving almost immediately (no cars after 3.30 pm)
- ❖ **DO NOT** perform a u-turn, or 3-point turn, outside the school, when all students are leaving
- ❖ **DO NOT** sit in your car on one side of the road and call your child/ren across to you
- ❖ Ensure your children hop in and out of the car on the passenger side of the car

Gary Condon, Principal

Harmony Day
Saturday 21 March
Everyone belongs

Easter Egg Donations

We still need lots of Easter Eggs to make our raffle prizes. The more egg donations we receive, the more prizes we can make up for the raffle. Please help us to make this a spectacular Easter Raffle with lots of prizes for the students to win.

If you are able to donate some eggs, please send them to the office and we will collect them from there.

We will be sending home information on the raffle tickets later this week.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Student Councillors & Year 6 Students.



High School Expression of Interest Forms

Last week, our Year 6 students took home information and a form for completion for placement in Year 7, 2010. The students designated local government high school was filled in on the form.

Parents now need to complete the other details, including their intentions for placement in 2010. This form **MUST be completed** even if you intend to send your child to a private high school. Please return the form to school by Friday, 27 March. It is important that we receive this information by this date.

If your child has not brought home their note, please contact Miss Downie.

Miss Downie, Yr 6 to 7 Transition Coordinator

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 19 Mar	2.30pm School Assembly
Sat 21 Mar	Harmony Day
Mon 23 Mar	School Photos
Thurs 26 Mar	2.30pm School Assembly
Fri 27 Mar	Stage 3 Excursion
Wed 31 Mar	Sydney West Swim Carnival
Wed 1 Apr	7.30pm P & C Meeting
Thurs 2 Apr	Rugby Gala Day
Fri 3 April	School Disco
Wed 8 April	School Anzac Service
Thurs 9 April	Easter Parade
	Last Day Term 1

School Photos



This year we have Advanced Life Photography coming to take our school photos.

The date is **NEXT MONDAY, 23 MARCH 2009.**

Please return your pre order envelope to your child's class teacher by this Friday, 20 March.

If you would like a sibling photograph, please collect this special envelope from the school office.

Please remember this important information:

- **Each** child will need their **own** envelope.
- Envelopes **MUST** be returned to school by Friday, **20 March**
- Orders **WILL NOT** be accepted after photography day
- **NO CHANGE** can be given. Please don't ask the office to change money for envelopes.

Mrs Clark and Mrs Endicott

2009 Australian Schools' Competition

This competition is open to all students in Years 3 to 6. The following subjects are available to enter: **Computer skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics.** Please return the permission note and payment to the office by this **Friday, 20 March** if you are interested in entering your child in one or more of the competitions.

No money can be accepted after this date. At this stage there are only a handful of children entered. Should you need another copy of the note, please see the ladies at the front office.

Mr Kenna, Competitions Coordinator

Hawkesbury Rugby Union Gala Day

Trials are over and the following teams have been selected: 2 Junior Boys Tackle, 2 Senior Boys Tackle and 3 Girls "Walla" teams. Boys in a tackle team must have a **mouth guard** and football boots are preferred, but not essential for the gala day.

The Gala Day will be held on **Thursday 2 April** at the University of WS, Richmond Campus. A map will be provided on the back of the permission note which will be sent home this week.

The cost per child to travel by bus will be **\$7.00**. Two buses have been organised and parents are quite welcome to come and support their child and the school. If you would like to take your child home at the end of the day, please ensure you see one of the teachers in charge. No child can be transported home with friends, unless a note is provided.

Mr B Kenna, Rugby Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This Thursday, 19 March
2:30pm in the school hall
Hosted by **HALLEY'S COMET**

Also

Thursday, 26 March
Hosted by **FUTURAMA**

Congratulations to all our swimmers who attended the Ridges District Swimming Carnival on Friday, 6 March. All the children attempted the events to the best of their ability and proudly represented their school.

We achieved 2nd place overall and were not far behind Rouse Hill, the winning school, considering they had far more students than us.

Many children made it through to the Sydney West Carnival and we wish them all the best for a successful meet.

Maths Challenge Awards: Jake, Samantha, Shane, Amy, Jack, Rhiannon, Luke.

P&C Association

Business Directory

Thank you to the families who have returned their Business Directory forms. It is still not too late to return your form to the school office.

Help us to promote your business. All monies raised will go towards educating our children!

Carmen Teuma, Fundraising Coordinator

IMPORTANT ROSTER INFORMATION

Su and Leanne are working on the roster for Term 2. A lot of time goes into the preparation of the roster and it is hard to change once it is printed. Please consider carefully the day you choose. Also, Fridays are in desperate need of volunteers. Please call Su or Leanne on if you have any changes to your roster.

If you are unable to work on your allocated day, please try to organise a swap with someone that does the same day with you. If you are unsuccessful, please call Su or Leanne.

New Items on Sale in the Canteen

Boost Bars \$1.80
Frozen Yoghurt \$1.70
Strawberry Moo \$1.30