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Issue 9

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P & C Meeting

Wednesday, 8 April 7.30 pm

Please note the date is on 8 April and NOT 1 April

School Staffroom

Items for discussion will include progress on plans for the year as well as P & C priorities.

All interested people welcome!

Dear Parents and Friends,

P & C Meeting

The next P & C Meeting has been postponed for a week and will now be held on **Wednesday 8 April**.

The Importance of School Attendance

It is important for all children to attend every day that is possible. The only reason to stay home is sickness (and it is important that the child does stay home when sick).

Every day and every activity is planned purposefully to benefit each child's education. Recently, attendance has been dropping slightly. It is also necessary to provide a note to explain the absences. This is all part of the Education Act.

It is also vital to be at school on time that is before 9.15 a.m. Classes begin at this time and many children miss the start of important work due to late arrival. The same thing applies to early departures. It is best to wait until 3:15pm to pick up your children.

Please help to maximise your child/ren's opportunities at school by ensuring that they attend frequently and on time.

Electronic Games and Mobile Phones

We regularly repeat that children are not to bring electronic games, iPods, MP3 players and mobile phones to school. These are too valuable to lose and they can go missing very easily. They also are disruptive and cause arguments. If children are seen with these items they will be taken by the teachers and given to me. Parents can then collect them from the office.

If it is important for your child to bring a mobile phone to school, the phone has to be handed into the office in the morning and collected at 3.15pm.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Whooping Cough Outbreak

A major outbreak of whooping cough continues to affect the Sydney area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Sydney West Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a **dry or persistent cough**, which may be especially bad at night, please **see your doctor** and take this notice with you. If the cough has been present less than 4 weeks a swab test can be performed. If longer than 4 weeks a blood test can be performed.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken at least 5 days of antibiotics.

Whooping cough is very dangerous for small infants – please ensure that you and your family do not visit babies if you have a cough.

Vaccination is the best protection against whooping cough. The vaccine is given at 2, 4 and 6 months and 4 years. A free booster vaccine will be offered to all Year 10 students at school this year – please take advantage of this opportunity.

Information on whooping cough is available at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pe_russis.html or from the Public Health Unit on 9840 3603 (Parramatta) or 4734 2022 (Penrith).

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 26 Mar	2:30pm School Assembly
Fri 27 Mar	Stage 3 Excursion
Wed 31 Mar	Sydney West Swim Carnival
Thurs 2 Apr	Rugby Gala Day
Fri 3 April	School Disco
Wed 8 April	School Anzac Service
Wed 8 Apr	7.30pm P & C Meeting
Thurs 9 April	Easter Parade Last Day Term 1
Tues 28 April	School Development Day
Wed 29 April	First Day Term 2 for all students

Gary Condon, Principal

End of Term Disco

Year 6 is hosting an end-of-term disco on Friday, 3 April. The disco is being held in two sessions. The first will be from 5:30pm until 7:00pm for the Kindergarten to Year 2 students. The second session is for Years 3 to 6, commencing at 7:30pm until 9:00pm.

The cost of the disco is \$5 which includes entry, chips and a drink. The event is being held in the school hall and will be fully supervised by Oakville school staff.

Tickets can be purchased from the Councillors under the COLA before school and at recess. When the students pay, they will have their names marked off on a class list and be given a ticket.

Tickets are on sale NOW.

Glowsticks will be sold at the door on the night. Long, necklace glowsticks will be \$2 and short bracelet glowsticks will be \$1.

Students will need to be dropped at the school hall at the designated times and must be collected from the hall by an adult. Students will not be permitted to leave unless accompanied by an adult – older siblings under the age of 18 are not considered an adult. If your child is to go home with an adult other than a parent then they must have written parental permission so that we are aware of these arrangements.

If you have any questions about the disco, please contact Miss Downie or the Stage 3 teachers.

Miss Downie, Mrs Lorenzo, Mr Kenna & Miss Parkinson

Easter Egg Raffle

Don't forget to bring back your raffle tickets. The Year 6 students will collect them from your classroom and give you a chocolate egg for your efforts.

A huge thank you for your Easter Egg donations. We are still taking donations, just pop them into the special box in the office foyer.

Student Councillors & Year 6 Students.

Easter Parade

Accompanying the bulletin today, each child would have received a pink note outlining the spectacular events in store for our annual Easter Parade to be held on Thursday 9 April which is the last day of this term.

Please read the note carefully as each stage will be showcasing something different on the day. There will also be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny himself!

Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming bulletins.

Mrs Lorenzo, Festivities Coordinator

Dance News

Next Monday, all three dance groups will audition for the Sydney West Dance Festival to be held at Castle Hill later this year. All dancers have worked extremely hard in preparation for this audition and I would like to wish them all the very best of luck for the audition process!

Mrs Lorenzo, Dance Coordinator

SRC

Last week our very first SRC meeting was held for 2009 and our work is now underway. At the meeting we arranged that the SRC would now be responsible for emptying compost daily and classroom recycling bins every Wednesday.

We also discussed Environmental Heroes. All teachers have lots and lots of stickers in their classroom and for playground duty. These will be given to students who are picking up rubbish, using the compost and recycling bins properly and doing other kind things for our environment. If a child receives a sticker, their teacher will mark their name off on a list in their SRC folder and then at each assembly, an Environmental Hero will be drawn out to receive a special SRC Award.

We also took a fabulous SRC photo for the school website and in the office you'll find a great poster of the SRC assembly presentation.

Next week we will be doing an audit of our playground and organising our 'Meet the SRC' posters to display in classrooms. Then, early next term we will be giving out Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes to support our favourite charity.

We also had a fabulous training on Friday 13 March where we participated in lots of games and activities using skills such as teamwork, listening, communicating, planning, sharing, thinking, creativity, discussion, co-operation and encouragement.

Jo Lorenzo, SRC Coordinator

Hawkesbury Rugby Union Gala Day

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. A permission note was sent home last Friday, along with a map, some rules, team lists and a current draw (this can change on the day). The cost per child to travel by bus is **\$7.00**. This day will be held on **Thursday 2 April**, at the University of WS, Richmond Campus. 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. **Please return the permission note and \$7.00 to the office as soon as possible.**

Mr B Kenna, Rugby Coordinator

2009 Australian Schools' Competition

Today all the students who entered one or more competitions in the "2009 Australian Schools' Competition" brought home a reminder note with dates. Please make sure your child places this information somewhere prominent so they can remember when their competition is on.

There are the following subjects: **Computer skills – Wed 27th May, Science – Wed 10th June, Spelling – Tues 23rd June, Writing – Tues 27th June, English – Tues 4th August and Mathematics – Wed 19th August.**

Thank you for entering your child in this competition, as it can give you a guide to your child's strengths and weaknesses in each of these areas.

Mr B Kenna, Competitions Coordinator

In our **Pursuit of Excellence** the following students received Awards at our last Assembly:

Principal's Awards

Astronauts	Daniel
Comets	Callum
Venus	Amelia
Clusters	Colby
Delta Star	Connor
Jupiter	Danielle
Rockets	Chad
Halley's Comet	Jules
Blue Moon	Rory
Calypso	Kortnie
Futurama	Jack
Galileo	Conor
Draco	Rhiannon
Krypton	Shania
Light Year	Jason
Pisces	Jorja

Merit Awards: Tayah, Elijah, Cooper, Thomas, Emily, Chloe, Amelia, Ethan, Isaac, Max, Connor, Mikaela, Jessica, Nathan, Brody, Georgia, Merri, Zander, Dylan, Samuel, Jeremy, Jessica, Alex, Shane, Jack, Brodie, Amy, Jesse, Maddison, Jayden, Donovan, Tiarne.

OAKVILLE STAR AWARD

- Amy Van*
- Georgia*
- Jack*
- Jessica*
- Amy*

Maths Awards: Joshua, Callan, Corey, Jordan.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

This Thursday, 26 March
2:30pm in the school hall
Hosted by **FUTURAMA**

NB There will be no Assembly in Week 10 due to the Rugby Gala Day

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

Canteen Procedure

When you are working in the canteen, please wrap frankfurts individually before freezing. If you don't have time to do this, please place package in the refrigerator.

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 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.

Easter BBQ

This year you don't have to pre order for the barbeque. With the very generous support of Billy's Bistro and Butcher's Direct (with special thanks to the Refalo Family) who have sponsored the cost of the meat, each student will receive a free sausage sandwich.

Parents and friends can purchase from the barbeque and drinks will be on sale from the canteen.

Leanne Stevens, Canteen Coordinator

