

# Oakville Public School

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## P & C Meeting

Wednesday, 6 May 7.30 pm

School Staffroom

All interested people welcome!

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope that you have had a relaxing break. The school grounds are looking fantastic. The oval has had 300 rolls of turf added to level out the areas damaged last year. They have all taken well and the oval looks better than ever.

This term does start with a rush as we have the School Cross Country on Friday, 8 May, the National Assessment Program for Years 3 and 5 in Week 3 and Education Week in Week 5. That it is just for starters. There will be plenty to keep us busy.

### Interesting website for parents

The second issue of the website for parents is now available. Please check it out at the following address:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents)

### Gymnastics for ES1 & S1

Last Term all students in ES1 & S1 received a note about the Gymnastics program that will start next week. Please return the note as soon as possible so that we can have it all organised.

### State Swimming Champions

During the last week of Term 1, we had 6 students compete at the State Swimming Championships at Homebush. These students were representing the best of the Sydney West Region. The champion swimmers are: Aaron Donaldson, Courtney Wright, Hanna Beven, Lily Wever, Brielle Donaldson and Isabella Newton.



Senior Girls Relay Team

### Successful Easter Parade

The last day of term was a fantastic day. The children had a great time and we had wonderful support from the community. Congratulations to Mrs Lorenzo and the Stage 3 teachers for their organisation and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Mrs Woodward, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Murphy and their team of helpers for catering for the event. They did a marvellous job. Also, thank you to Billy's Bistro, Butcher's Direct with the help of the Refalo family for their sponsorship of the BBQ.

Gary Condon, Principal

### School Cross Country

The school cross country will be held on Friday, 8 May weather permitting with all students from years 3 to 6 competing. Normal classes will occur in the morning session. The event will occur between recess and hopefully be completed before lunch.

Parents are welcome to attend to support the students. Normal classes will continue after lunch.

### It's Academic

Our Year 6 students have been invited to participate in the TV show *It's Academic* to be filmed next term and aired on Channel 7 later in the year. All Year 6 students should have received a note regarding participation in the show. It is very exciting and we will keep everyone updated via the newsletter so that you know when to watch the show to see our students.

We will be putting together our Oakville team soon and Year 6 students wishing to be part of the selection process need to return their expression of interest to participate form by this Friday 1 May. If your child did not receive a note regarding this then please contact the school.

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Tues 5 May</b>	Mothers' Day Stall
<b>Wed 6 May</b>	Rugby Gala Day 7.30pm P & C Meeting
<b>Thurs 7 May</b>	2.30pm School Assembly
<b>Fri 8 May</b>	School Cross Country
<b>Tues 12 May</b>	NAP (National Assessment Program) Years 5 & 6
<b>Wed 13 May</b>	NAP Years 3 & 5
<b>Thurs 14 May</b>	NAP Years 3 & 5
<b>Fri 22 May</b>	District Cross Country
<b>Mon 25 May</b>	Education Week begins
<b>Thurs 28 May</b>	Open Day & Lapathon

### MS Readathon

Registration Forms are now available for any student wishing to participate in the MS Readathon for 2009. The Readathon is being held from 1 to 30 June. If you wish to participate in the Readathon and raise money to help people suffering from MS then please see Miss Downie for an information package and registration form.

For further information you can visit the website at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)

### Interrelate

Notes have gone home to students in Years 3 – 6 regarding the Interrelate family based program for sex education and puberty. We are offering two seminars on the evening of Wednesday 10 June. One is aimed mainly at our Stage 2 students covering "Where did I come from?" and the other at Stage 3 covering "Preparing for Puberty." The cost is per family and includes parents and children.

If you wish to attend please ensure you send the Interrelate participation note back to the school with payment so that you don't miss out. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content or appropriateness of the program please contact Miss Downie for an overview and session outline.

### Change Over to Winter Uniform

We will officially change over to the winter uniform next Monday, 12 May. Until then students may wear either their winter or summer uniform but not a combination of both.

*Miss Downie, Assistant Principal*

### Environmental Club

#### **International Composting Awareness Week – Compost to Combat Climate Change! 3-9 May 2009**

Approximately 60% of the rubbish Australians put in the everyday mixed-waste 'garbage bin' could be put to better use in the garden as compost and mulch or could be returned to agricultural land to improve soil quality.

#### **Global Warming**

- Around 90% of greenhouse gas emissions from landfills are a result of decomposing organic material which could be diverted. Composting garden materials and food scraps diverts this organic matter from landfill.
- Composting reduces the quantity of waste going to landfill. Composting can reduce the amount of materials discarded to landfills by up to 50%. If landfilled without treatment, these organic materials will breakdown to release damaging leachates and methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

If we all try harder to compost, our world will be better off.

*Ms Vanderburg, Environmental Coordinator*

### Hawkesbury Rugby Union Gala Day ~ Wed 6 May

Permission notes must be returned to Mr Kenna as soon as possible. No extra money is required. Please note the bus will still leave school at 8.30am, so please have your child/children at school no later than 8.15am

*Mr B Kenna, Rugby Coordinator*

### P&C Association

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Thurs 30 Apr</b>	Caryn Codling, Brooke Andersen, Jeanne Paton
<b>Fri 1 May</b>	Su Murphy, Leanne Stevens, Victoria Paramonov
<b>Mon 4 May</b>	Fiona Refalo, Cassandra Isaacs
<b>Tues 5 May</b>	Tracy Thomas, Joanna Wassens
<b>Wed 6 May</b>	Wendy Barton, Tanya Hutchinson, Elizabeth Markwell, Melissa Brown

#### Business Directory

All final payments are now due. It would be appreciated if all monies could be returned to the school office by this Friday, 1 May.

Thank you for supporting our children.

#### Mothers' Day Stall

We will be holding this stall next Tuesday, 5 May. All gifts will be \$5 each. Please see the flyer sent home with the bulletin today.

*Carmen Teuma, Fundraising Coordinator*

### Community Announcements