

# Oakville Public School

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## P & C Meeting

Tomorrow

Wednesday, 6 May 7.30 pm

School Staffroom

All interested people welcome!

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to the ladies who organised the Mothers' Day Stall today. The children enjoy the opportunity to shop for their mothers.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, our Year 3 & 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program (NAP). Students from all over Australia will be participating in NAP along with them. This is the second year that NAP has been held. It used to be the NSW only Basic Skills Test.

One of the upcoming events is Education Week and our Open day on Thursday, 28 May. We will combine the open classrooms with the Lapathon being organised by the P & C. It should be a very entertaining day. More details will be in future Bulletins.

### Prevention against the Flu

There is a lot of talk about the flu at the moment. The Health Department have asked us to emphasise that the best way to avoid spreading or catching any form of the flu is to:

1. wash your hands regularly, particularly after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge
2. cover your mouth if you cough
3. if sick, stay home.

Gary Condon, Principal

### Dance Update

This term our dance program continues to be both very exciting and busy as we prepare for our upcoming performances. In Education Week (Week 5) all 3 dance groups will be performing at Windsor Riverview shopping centre and then in Week 6 our Junior and Senior troupes will be showcasing their talents at the Sydney West Dance Festival to be held at Castle Hill. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Toms for her help with costuming once again and we look forward to performing at school for you all later in the year.

Ms Lorenzo, Dance Co-ordinator

### School Cross Country

This Friday our annual cross country will be held at school. The carnival will involve K-6 with Years 3-6 running after recess and K-2 after lunch.

Parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch and come to cheer along all students.

After lunch Years 3-6 will return to class and students in K-2 will run the course.

At the conclusion of the event parents will be able to take their children home.

All we need now is lots of sunshine!

Ms Finn, Sports Coordinator

### Rugby Gala Day – TOMORROW

Yes, the rugby gala day is finally here after weeks of waiting and training. Please remember that all children will be travelling by bus to UWS Hawkesbury Campus, **leaving school at 8.30am.**

Don't forget that **all boys require a mouth guard** and **football boots are preferable.** Playing jerseys will be provided on the day for the tackle teams and the girls should wear their sports uniform, as different coloured bibs will be provided for playing in. There is a canteen provided, but recess, lunch and a drink should be brought.

At the end of the day you are permitted to take your child from the ground, but other children travelling with you will require a permission note from the child's parents or care giver. All other children will travel by bus back to school.

We will keep our fingers crossed for a fine day and we look forward to many parents, friends and relatives coming along and supporting the teams, as they have done so in the past.

Mr B Kenna, Rugby Contact Person

### Dates for the Diary

Wed 6 May	Rugby Union Gala Day 7.30pm P & C Meeting
Thurs 7 May	2.30pm School Assembly
Fri 8 May	School Cross Country
Tues 12 May	NAP (National Assessment Program) Years 3 & 5
Wed 13 May	NAP Years 3 & 5
Thurs 14 May	NAP Years 3 & 5
Fri 22 May	District Cross Country
Mon 25 May	Education Week begins
Wed 27 May	ICAS Computer Competition
Thurs 28 May	Open Day, Lapathon & Book Fair

### SRC News

At our last SRC meeting at the end of Term 1, we sorted through our suggestion boxes. We discussed all the ideas and eliminated those that were not possible or practical. Some issues that were very common included toilet and playground issues.

This week we put forward proposal letters to Mr Condon about the bins and toilet roll dispensers, Mrs Finn about classroom sport equipment bags, and Mr Burton about a ball games roster for our lunchtime games. We look forward to hearing their responses.

Last week we put forward a proposal to Ms Vanderburg and the Environmental Club about having a 'No Wrapper Day' once a week. Many classes said that they thought 'No Wrapper Day' was a great idea and the SRC thought that holding it weekly would help to reduce litter at a more rapid rate. We are pleased to report that Ms Vanderburg and the Environmental Club have already replied and excitingly agree to this proposal. So stay tuned for more information from the Environmental Club.

Also, this week you will have received Stewart House Gold Coin Donation Envelopes. Be sure to return these by **Friday 15 May** at the very latest to be in the draw for your chance to win a family holiday valued at \$4000 and support a very good cause!

*Ms Lorenzo and the SRC*

### Equestrian News

St Pauls Gymkhana will be held on Saturday, 16 May at the Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.

The program caters for beginners through to advanced riders. If you are interested in competing or have any questions, call Michelle Iredale-Sams by tomorrow morning, Wednesday 6 May.

*Michelle Iredale-Sams, Equestrian Contact*

### Well Done

Congratulations to Rebecka who has been selected into the Sydney West hockey team for the second year. She will be going to Canberra for the state carnival in June. All the best, Rebecka!

### Hawkesbury Show Winner

Congratulations to Isabella (Pisces) for gaining 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the Junior Craft for Hand Embroidered Huckerback Sampler. Why not drop into the office and see Isabella's work – it's displayed on the board in the foyer.

### P&C Association

### Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to all the ladies who helped with the Mothers' Day stall today. It is much appreciated.

Children who forgot their money today were able to choose a gift that remained with the class teacher. If you wish for your child to purchase that gift, an envelope was sent home today asking for the payment. Kindly return the money in the envelope to the class teacher, who will then give your child the gift.

As we sold out of gifts, some children missed out. We have ordered more gifts and these will be here by Friday for your child to take home.

*Carmen Teuma, Fundraising Coordinator*

### Lap-a-thon ~ Thursday 28 May 2009

Our friends at Bing Lee have kindly donated some fantastic prizes for each stage. These include:

ES1 - Portable CD Player

S1 - Mini Hi-Fi System

S2 - \$50 Bing Lee gift voucher

S3 - \$50 Bing Lee gift voucher

There is also a **major prize** of a portable DVD player with swivel screen, valued at \$239, for the child who raises the most money.

This is our major fundraiser for this year, so please support our school and fill up those sponsorship cards! If you need another sponsorship card, please collect one from the school office.

Remember, for every \$10 raised you have the chance to go into the draw to win your Stage prize.

*Melissa Smith & Joanna Wassens*

### From the Uniform Shop ~ Winter Uniforms

Orders will be packed this week. We are still waiting on some stock to arrive. Please don't panic if your child doesn't bring your whole order home – it will be sent as stock arrives.

### WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 7 May 2009

2:30pm in the school hall

Hosted by KRYPTON