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You are invited to

Education Week Open Day Celebrations

Book Fair

& Lapathon

Thursday, 28 May

*A love of learning
NSW public schools leading the way*

9.30 a.m. Stage-based activities and open classrooms

11.15 a.m. Recess

11.35 a.m. School Lapathon

12.55 p.m. Picnic Lunch

The Book Fair will be in the Library all day

Dear Parents and Friends,

Congratulations to all students for their efforts in the Cross Country last Friday. It was great to see children from Kindergarten to Year 6 enjoying the opportunity to run the track.

This Saturday we have 5 girls competing in the St Pauls Gymkhana. We wish Ashley, Jessica, Stephanie, Madison and Brontai all the best.

Oakville's share of the Federal Building funds

Oakville has received its share of the Building Education Revolution funding. It will comprise of a few different elements. Firstly, we will be having a major maintenance overhaul, which started last Saturday. This will involve painting of some buildings and classrooms, general repairs and upgrade of storm water drains.

In the second section we should be receiving a new modern technology library and 4 new brick classrooms. The details for this still needs to be finalised.

We are extremely fortunate with the proposals and our school will be greatly improved by the whole program. However, there will be a bit of disruption and relocation of classes while the work is taking place. This should not be a problem as we are benefiting from all the planned work.

It also means that there will be workmen around the school during this time. They will be clearly identified and easy to recognise.

Code of Conduct Required of Parents and Other Persons on School Grounds

As a result of all this activity and extra people inside the school we have finalised a policy concerning all visitors to the school. It was discussed with the P & C at the last meeting and endorsed by them. This policy concerns all visitors and parents to the school and is attached to the Bulletin.

It is necessary to sign in and out of the school during the school day. When you sign in you will receive a visitor's badge.. It is not necessary to sign in when dropping your child/ren off at 9.15 a.m., picking them up at 3.15 p.m. or attending special school events. At all other times entry needs to be via the school office in Ogden Road.

The signing in also enables us to know who is on site for the rare occasion that an emergency may occur. If we need to have an evacuation, lockdown or lockout, we do need to know the names of every person on the school site for safety reasons.

This does mean that parents are asked to leave the school grounds straight after 9.15 a.m., unless they are helping in classrooms or the Canteen.

PSSA Code of Conduct

This year the PSSA requires all students and parents to read and sign a code of conduct for sport. Most people would be used to this from their weekend sporting teams. Mrs Finn will send them out before the PSSA season begins.

School Photos

The delivery of our school photos has been delayed. Please read the attached letter, which explains the situation.

Gary Condon, Principal

Mind Quest 2009

	Dates for the Diary
Tues 12 May	NAP (National Assessment Program) Years 3 & 5
Wed 13 May	NAP Years 3 & 5
Thurs 14 May	NAP Years 3 & 5
Thurs 21 May	2.30pm School Assembly
Fri 22 May	District Cross Country
Mon 25 May	Education Week begins
Wed 27 May	ICAS Computer Competition Dance Performances at Windsor Riverview
Thurs 28 May	Open Day, Lapathon & Book Fair
Week starting 1 June	Sydney West Dance Festival
Tues 2 June	Stage 2 Excursion
Thurs 4 June	2.30pm School Assembly

On Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 July 2009 the Mind Quest Program is offering courses for gifted and talented students from Year 1 to Year 6. These courses will be held at Quakers Hill High School.

The cost of the weekend is \$150 and courses are offered in a variety of areas. If you are interested in gaining further information about the courses on offer please see Miss Downie for a brochure. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 9 June 2009.

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 remember to have the participation note back into the school with payment by **Friday May 29**.

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.

S3 Camp Payments

Please make sure final payments are made by Friday, 19 June, 2009. If you are having any difficulties meeting this deadline, please contact the school.

Miss Downie, Assistant Principal

SRC News

Stewart House Gold Coin Donation Envelopes need to be returned by this **Friday 15 May**. Why not 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

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

Principal's Awards

- Astronauts** Matilda
- Comets** Thomas
- Venus** Tiarna
- Clusters** Olivia
- Delta Star** Abby
- Jupiter** Mikaela
- Rockets** Jade
- Halley's Comet** Chloe
- Blue Moon** Sarah
- Calypso** Nicola
- Futurama** Callum
- Galileo** Georgia
- Draco** Keiva
- Krypton** Alexandra
- Light Year** Casey
- Pisces** Matthew

Merit Awards: Lilly, Daniel, Lucy, Shania, Oliver , Jack, Grace, Ryan, Maddison, Cooper, Connor, Jessica, Kiara, Paul, Joshua, Zac, Daniel, Maria, Olivia, Tim, Lachlan, Allison, Amelia, Joshua, Alana, Ashley, Jesse, Danni, Callan, Madieson, Jack, Harrison.

OAKVILLE STAR AWARD

- Jeremy*
- Nathan*
- Joshua*
- Isabella*

Well Done!

Congratulations to all those students who participated in last Friday's Cross Country. It was a beautiful day and the children were very enthusiastic. Students who qualified for zone will receive permission notes this week.

PSSA trials have been completed and thank you to all students who tried out. Teams will be posted this week and students will receive a permission note that needs to be returned as soon as possible as competition begins in week 5 (29 May).

Ms Finn, Sports Coordinator

Rugby Gala Day

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who attended last Wednesday's Rugby Gala Day at Richmond. The behaviour of the children was excellent and we had many positive comments from a variety of adults over the terrific manners of our students. The teams in all ages won more games than they lost, but mostly it was pleasing to see the games played in the right spirit and the improved skill level from earlier in the year and from last year's gala day.

The senior boys WHITE team made the grand final and because they came second, provided the opportunity for us to put a combined team into the Sydney Wide Competition. This will occur later in the year. The best senior team will be chosen for this, as discussed already with the boys.

A huge thank you to Mr. Burton, Mrs. Finn and Miss Parkinson who worked tirelessly all day organising the teams and making sure they turned up to the right field at the right time. Also thanks to all the many parents who attended to support our teams. They were very vocal in their support, if not too knowledgeable on the rules. The referees were a little inconsistent which didn't help. Special thanks to Mrs. Woodward who made it possible for me to fit everything into the car for returning to school and Mrs. Rea for her great photos of the girls playing.



Well done again and hopefully the students of Oakville enjoyed the opportunity to play a sport they may not usually be able to.

Mr B Kenna, Rugby Contact Person

Stories from Blue Moon

Once upon a time, there was a jolly pig. He always dreamt of being skinny.

The problem was that the pig kept on eating, even though he wanted to be skinny.

The jolly pig stopped eating and decided to start doing exercise. The pig ran on the treadmill, ran around the block, and rode his bike.

After two weeks of exercise, he became a skinny pig and lived his dream. He loved his new life. He went into town and told everybody about it and he lived happily ever after.

By: Daniel, Jamie, Blake,
James, Jackson, Elleesha

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Talia. She was 10 years old. Talia lived on a little island called Tiger Island.

The problem was that there were no houses or a school to go to on Tiger Island.

Talia went out walking and found someone who went to school. The girl's name was Penny. She said, "Why don't you come to school with me?" Then Talia said, "Sure. I've always wanted to go to school." The next day she got dressed up and ready, but the school burnt down and Talia never got to go to school. Talia was so upset.

So Talia built a raft and went away.

By: Danielle, Allana, Maria, Jessica, Tiannah, Jett, Joel.

One weekend in winter, there lived a dolphin named Lizzy and a mermaid named Jessica. They were both best friends and they lived together in a cave under the ocean.

Everything was all good, except for one day there were two best friends on a boat trying to catch Lizzy and Jessica.

They tried to swim away. Then a fishing net came down and nearly got them so they kept on swimming. But this was bad. The net came down and got them and they were trapped and had no place to go. As the net was lifted it broke and they were swimming as fast as they could to get away.

Someone swam past to find them and said, "Come to my cave", so they went to that cave and were safe.

By: Eilish, Sarah, Zac, Kiara Mia, Allana, Danielle

Once upon a time, Simon and Samantha were playing at the park. They went on the slippery-dip and were having lots of fun.

Suddenly they saw three tough, angry-looking boys coming over to the park.

Simon and Samantha felt worried. The three boys pushed them to the basketball wall. Simon and Samantha started to cry. Then they saw a really strong man. Luckily, he helped them. Then they saw the bullies' mums, and their mums joined the bullies.

Next, they saw a police car and the police told the bullies' mums, "Don't teach them to bully other people." The mums started fighting with the police and they went to gaol in the end.

By: Byron, Kobi, Matthew, Zander, Emily, Claire.

-Long ago, in a dark rainforest, lived two sisters. Their names were Ashleigh and Jessica.

They got lost in the dark rainforest with nowhere to go.

Then they saw some Indians in the distance. Jessica was forced to marry the chief of the tribe. She was crying because she had to marry the chief. A search party then came to save her.

The party's name was Prince Charming. Prince charming said, "Stop being a wuss and just marry the Indian", so she married the Indian and was crying for the rest of her life.

By: Meeri, Amy, Eilish, Sarah, Billy, Rory.

P&C Association

Please try and send the correct money with your child's lunch order. The canteen takes no responsibility for any change given once it has left the canteen, unless advised otherwise by a teacher.

The office is unable to supply change for lunch orders.

Help Needed PLEASE

A coordinator is required to run the barbeque for Education Day / Lap-a-thon on Thursday, 28 May.

If you are able to help with this activity, please call Leanne. *Leanne Stevens, Canteen Coordinator*

Lap-a-thon ~ Thursday 28 May 2009

The lap-a-thon will be our major fundraiser for the school this year, as we will not be having a County Fair. Please support our school by finding as many sponsors as possible. Money raised will be used to purchase new resources for our children. Everyone benefits!

All students who raise over \$10 will go into a draw to win some fabulous prizes, kindly donated by **Bing Lee**. There will be a **pizza party** for the class that raises the most money (on average) as well as a **certificate and canteen voucher** for \$2 for the child in each class who completes the most laps.

With just over two weeks until our lap-a-thon, we look forward to your continued support!

Melissa Smith & Joanna Wassens

OPS Business Directory

To all the wonderful people who are advertising in our next edition of the business directory, could you please return your payment to the school office no later than this Friday, 15 May.

Carmen Teuma, Fundraising Coordinator

Uniform Shop Makeover

The uniform shop will be closed until further notice due to the renovations taking place. Orders may still be left with the office and these will be filled, depending on availability of stock, and sent to your child's classroom.

Keep your eye on this space for an update of when we will be able to reopen.

Sandra Woodward, Uniform Shop Coordinator



