

# Oakville Public School

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*Dear Parents and Friends,*

We are now reaching the end of a very busy term. The students and teachers have worked very hard to achieve success in many areas such as in the classroom, debating, environmental area, dancing and sport.

For the first three days this week I will be on the Canberra excursion with Stage 3. It is a very valuable experience and one that will be enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the P & C and parents for a fruitful term's work. The support has been displayed in many ways around the school daily as well as the running of the Lapathon and the Business Directory. Thank you to everyone for your support.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to another exciting term.

## Lapathon

Thank you to everyone for returning their Lapathon money on time. If you have not yet returned it, please do so as soon as possible. The major prize winners were announced at the Assembly last Thursday. Once again, thank you to Mrs Wassens and Mrs Smith for their hard work and to Mr Burton and Miss Howes for providing the expertise needed from the school.

## Staff Farewells

Last Friday we said good bye to Mr Woods who has retired as our school cleaner after 9 years of outstanding service. During this time he has always done extra things for the school and has been willing to work with the school on presenting a clean safe environment for our students.

We also farewell Ms Lorenzo, who is moving to Blackwell P S. Ms Lorenzo has also been here for 9 years and has taught all classes from K to Year 6. She has been an extremely valuable member of staff and has contributed in many extra areas, such as dance and SRC. We are sorry to see her go and wish her well in her career and know that Blackwell P S is fortunate to have her.

## Term Dates

The end of Term 2 is this Friday 10 July. Students return to school on **Tuesday 28 July**.

The staff will be at school on Monday, 27 July for a School Development Day, which is student free.

*Gary Condon, Principal*

**NO STUDENT BANKING THIS WEEK**

## A GOODBYE NOTE FROM MS LORENZO....

I would just like to take this opportunity to show my gratitude and appreciation to you all with a very heartfelt thank you and farewell to the entire Oakville community. I have been truly blessed by the wonderful staff, students and families that I've had the pleasure of meeting and working with over the past 9 years. I will certainly take away and treasure many special memories from my time here.

Thank you for your ongoing support, friendship and confidence in me. I have been humbled by the kindness of your hearts and wishes. It has honestly been the most rewarding and inspiring experience and I have been enriched both on a personal and professional level. Thank you once again.

*Ms Jo Lorenzo*

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

### Principal's Awards

<b>Astronauts</b>	Max
<b>Comets</b>	Kristina
<b>Venus</b>	Chloe
<b>Clusters</b>	Liam
<b>Delta Star</b>	Max
<b>Jupiter</b>	Isabella
<b>Rockets</b>	Jackson
<b>Halley's Comet</b>	Parker
<b>Blue Moon</b>	Kobi
<b>Calypso</b>	Olivia
<b>Futurama</b>	Alannah
<b>Galileo</b>	Cassie
<b>Draco</b>	Kyle
<b>Krypton</b>	Amy
<b>Light Year</b>	Andrew
<b>Pisces</b>	Jed

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Wed 8 July</b>	Stage 3 return from Canberra
<b>Fri 10 July</b>	Last Day Term 2
<b>Mon 27 July</b>	School Development Day
<b>Tues 28 July</b>	Term 3 begins for students
<b>Tues 4 Aug</b>	ICAS English
<b>Wed 5 Aug</b>	7.30pm P & C Meeting
<b>Tues 11 Aug</b>	School Athletics Carnival

**Merit Awards:** Sam, Georgia, Jayden, Zoe, Jacob, Matthew, Olivia, Jake, Nathan, Matthew, Sophie, Lachlan, Bella, Jade, Jules, Taylah, Zac, Danielle, Jackson, Shane, Jayme, Jackson, Max, Jayson, Lachlan, Michael, Jeremy, Kyree, Brendon, Lisa, Rebecka, Holly.

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 OAKVILLE STAR AWARD  
*Alexandra*  
*Jack*  
*Jordan*  
*Elizabeth*

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**P&C Association**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**The canteen will be closed this FRIDAY, 10 July.** It will re open on Wednesday, 29 July.

The new roster will be out this week. If you do not get a copy, please call Leanne.

Thank you to all our volunteers. If you are able to assist, please call Leanne.

**Lapathon Results**

Many thanks to the families who have returned their Lapathon sponsorship money. Your efforts have raised a total of \$9836.40 which will contribute towards the purchase of another Smartboard for our school. If you have not yet returned your money please do so as soon as possible. Every dollar raised is appreciated!!

Congratulations to the Astronauts (Kindergarten) who raised the most money. You will be enjoying a Pizza Party this week!

Congratulations to Daniel in the Astronauts who raised \$264. He is the lucky recipient of the portable DVD player, kindly donated by Bing Lee at Rouse Hill.

Congratulations to our Stage raffle winners:

- ES1 – Cooper, a portable CD player
- S1 - Lewis, a Mini Hi-Fi System
- S2 – Nicola, a \$50 Bing Lee voucher
- S3 - DJ, a \$50 Bing Lee voucher.

Please remember Bing Lee at Rouse Hill for all your electrical and white goods buying.

*Joanna Wassens & Melissa Smith, Lapathon Coordinators*

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**NO PSSA this Friday, 10 July**  
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**Community Announcements**



**Premier of New South Wales Australia**

Dear Parents and Carers

NSW has some of the most exciting museums and art galleries in Australia and I want every family to enjoy them and feel at home in them, especially our children. That's why I'm delighted to announce a new plan to get our primary school children involved in the arts, the Premier's Adventure Challenge. Most of you would have heard about the Premier's Reading Challenge, which has done wonders in getting our children to enjoy reading and books. I want to see the same enthusiasm in the arts, with more children discovering the riches of our amazing museums and galleries. The Challenge is easy. Simply take your child to one of the 70+ participating museums and galleries across NSW and get their free *Kids' Adventure Passport*.

This is how it works:

- Every primary school student (K to 6) can participate by visiting one of the 70+ participating institutions across NSW;
- Most of the institutions are free, but for those with a general admission charge, each passport holder will be entitled to free entry on weekends, public holidays and school holidays;
- The passport is valid from 13 July 2009 to 27 January 2010;
- Passport holders collect a sticker or a stamp on each visit;
- Once three stamps have been collected, complete and return the tear-off form at the back of the passport and I will send your child an official Premier's Adventurer Certificate to acknowledge their achievement.

A great range of prizes will be awarded to those families who finish the challenge quickly. Further details can be found at [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au) And remember, if you use public transport to visit a museum or gallery on Sundays, you can get unlimited all-day travel on City Rail trains, buses and ferries for just \$2.50 per person under our special Family Funday Sunday program.

**Nathan Rees MP** Premier and Minister for the Arts