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Dear Parents and Friends,

School Athletics Carnival

Yesterday, the weather made it very difficult for us to hold our Carnival; however, most of it was completed. The children did very well battling the rain for the 200m events. The rain stopped for the 100m races and the relays and the children tried hard in every event.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the races and novelty events for the ES1 and S1 Children and postpone the 800m races for the older children.

The 800m races will be held later in the week and the ES1 and S1 events are planned for next week.

Thank you to all parents who survived the rain to support the children. Thank you to the parents in the Canteen and on the Barbecue. It all worked very well.

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Finn, Mr Burton and Mr Grimaldi for setting up and organising the Carnival. It was a very successful day, even with the bad weather.

Thank You P & C

Thank you to the P & C for organising to purchase 8 new computers to replace some of our older machines and to purchase 2 new electronic whiteboards for the classrooms in the MDR.

Bus Travel

All parents of children who travel on the bus to and from school need to reinforce the correct behaviour for travelling on a bus.

They have to remain seated at all times; no standing on seats, no throwing items (including food, around the bus).

The standard of behaviour at the moment is very poor. It could lead to some children being denied the right to travel on the bus.

Correct behaviour and safety is very important.

Snap Happy

With digital cameras, it's now so easy to share photos with family and friends online. But how do you control where they end up and how can you remove material once it's out there?

The latest issue of Click, the department's guide to technology for parents, has some great advice on keeping your family's photos safe from prying eyes and some simple ways you can ensure the privacy of people in the photos, especially children.

Read the full story at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

Gary Condon, Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge

A quick reminder to all parents that the reading logs for this year's Premier's Reading Challenge are due back at school by the end of August. Please double check you have completed and signed your child's reading log before returning it to school for processing.

Oakville Public Speaking Competition

A note was sent home last week with all students about the Oakville Public Speaking Competition.

This competition will be run throughout Term 3 and will result in a school champion being chosen for each stage. The purpose of the competition is to develop the skills of public speaking in all our students and prepare students for increasing challenges in public speaking as they progress through the stages.

The public speaking competition will work in conjunction with the classroom *Talking and Listening* program where students will be learning how to present a speech to an audience. All students are expected to participate at the classroom level and present a speech to their class. This is part of their normal curriculum. Children then have the option to be considered to move onto the stage level of the competition. The competition is outlined below.

Step 1 All students complete a speech in front of their class

Step 2

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1	Stage 2 and Stage 3
3 students are chosen to represent their stage at the school level of the competition.	4 students are chosen to represent their stage at the school level of the competition.

Dates for the Diary	
Fri 14 Aug	PSSA
Tues 18 Aug	Hawkesbury Dance Eisteddfod
Wed 19 Aug	ICAS Maths Competition
	ES1 & S1 Athletics Events
Thurs 20 Aug	2.30pm School Assembly
Fri 21 Aug	PSSA
Fri 28 Aug	PSSA
Wed 2 Sept	Wacky Wednesday
	7.30pm P & C Meeting
Thurs 3 Sept	Maths Fun Day
	2.30pm Whole School Assembly
Fri 4 Sept	District Athletics

Step 3

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1	Stage 2 and Stage 3
3 students are chosen to represent their class at the stage level of the competition.	4 students are chosen to represent their class at the stage level of the competition.

Step 4 An Oakville school champion is chosen for each stage

The classroom level of the competition will be held in Week 5 of the term (week commencing Monday 24 August). Topics were included in the note sent home last week.

Parents will be invited to attend the school level presentation of speeches. Further details including the date and time will be advertised in the Bulletin. If you have any questions about the competition please see your child's classroom teacher.

Bronwyn Howes, Assistant Principal

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

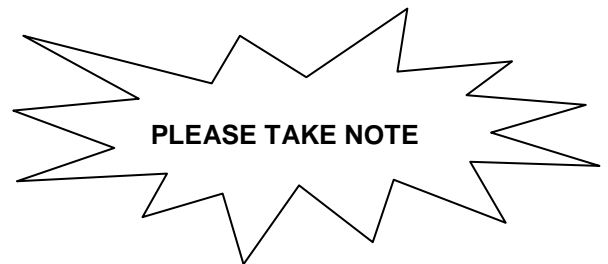
Principal's Awards	
Astronauts	Roan
Comets	Amy
Venus	Amelia
Clusters	Ethan
Delta Star	Duncan
Jupiter	Caleb
Rockets	Kiara
Halley's Comet	Chloe
Blue Moon	Allana
Calypso	Tyger
Futurama	Emily
Galileo	Keiren
Draco	Denmark
Krypton	Brittany
Light Year	Chloe
Pisces	Jack

Merit Awards: Tilly, Jake, Charlie, Angela, Jack, Bradley, Clayton, Hayden, Dylan, Harrison, Luke, Zachary, Benjamin, Jessica, Madeline, Jessica, Liam, James, Blake, Makayla, Shane, Jack, Jack, Anthony, Michael, Hannah, Daniel, Alexandra, Justin, Alix, Rachael, Dallas, Ben.

 OAKVILLE STAR AWARD
Jake
Brydie
Harrison
Ryan

PSSA Friday, 14 August 2009

Team	Venue
Newcombe Ball	Rouse Hill PS
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts, Court 1
Boys Soccer	Schofields Park, Station St, Schofields (bottom field)
Girls Soccer	Newbury Oval, Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens. Field 1
GAME TIMES	
Newcombe Ball	11:20am
Netball	11:20am Juniors, 12:00pm Seniors
Boys Soccer	11:20am Juniors, 12:00pm Seniors
Girls Soccer	12:10pm



Update on Athletics Carnival

The 800m will take place after lunch this Friday when the PSSA students return.

The ES1 and S1 novelty events and races will be held next Wednesday, 19 August after recess at 11:35am.

Let's hope the weather will be as good as it is today.
Mrs Finn, Sports Coordinator

P&C Association

If you did not receive your roster, please call Leanne or pop into the office for a copy. This will avoid any last minute surprises.

Great Job!

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the athletics carnival barbeque and canteen duties yesterday. Your invaluable help and assistance contributed to a successful day.

Many thanks to the Egg Barn for their kind donation of eggs and to the S2 parents for their luscious cakes.

Leanne Stevens, Canteen Coordinator