

# Oakville Public School

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*Dear Parents and Friends,*

Since last Tuesday the weather has been dry and warm. It seems to be that we encourage rain for the days that we organised activities this year. With the fine weather, the 800m races were held last Friday and Stage 1 will be conducting their events tomorrow.

Today, we have our three dance groups performing at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod and one of our Rugby teams is competing in the second level of the Rugby Gala competition. We know that both the dancers and rugby players will be excellent representatives for our school.

### ICAS Science Competition

In June, we had 18 students compete in the ICAS Science Competition. They competed with students from schools all over Australia and the Pacific area. They all performed very well, with the following special certificates being earned:

*Distinction* Jade  
*Credit* Jeremy, Julian,  
Lachlan and Brodie

### ICAS Writing Competition

In June, we had 23 students compete in the ICAS Writing Competition. They competed with students from schools all over Australia and the Pacific area. They all performed very well, with the following special certificates being earned:

*Distinction* Jade Ramos  
*Credit* Jai McQuillan

### Go green with nude food

Did you know that each child produces approximately 30 kilos of waste per year from their school lunch alone? And imagine this amount multiplied by the number of children in your child's school!

The latest edition of School Parents ezine is full of ideas on how to go green and how to make a 'nude food' lunch box for your child. Nude food is not only low on waste or makes no waste, it's not processed and therefore it's healthier and cheaper.

A nude food lunch uses:

- paper wrap, brown paper recycled bags but no plastic bags or aluminium foil
- reusable containers that get taken home and washed
- lunch boxes that have lots of separate sections
- reusable forks and spoons
- drink bottles with water that can be used each day.

Find out more at: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine)

Gary Condon, *Principal*

### Maths Fun Day

To celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week we will be having a Maths Fun Day on **Thursday 3 September**. This will involve our students participating in a range of fun maths games and activities. Students will get to work with their peers in groups with students from Kindergarten to Year 6 in each group. Our Year 6 students will be the group leaders.

Parents are welcome to attend this day and go with their child as they travel around the school participating in maths activities. Please note that there will be no set rooms for the groups as students choose the activities in which they wish to participate. This will mean that locating your child may be difficult once the activities have already commenced.

We will be starting from the top playground (in front of the flagpole) at 9:30am and again at 11:35am. Parents are welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with their child. As this is a Thursday we will also be having a whole school assembly. **This assembly has been brought forward to commence at 1:45pm.** At the conclusion of the assembly students will return to their classroom or may leave early with their parents, in which case, you will need to sign your child off the class list. Please see the class teacher who will direct you to this list.

We are looking forward to a fun day and to promoting maths in our everyday lives.

*Nicole Downie, Assistant Principal*

### Visiting Performer ~ Donna Rawlins

Please make sure you have your money and permission slip back to school by Friday 21 August so you don't miss out on seeing this wonderful illustrator/author.

*Mrs Robertson, Librarian*

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Wed 19 Aug</b>	ICAS Maths Competition ES1 & S1 Athletics Events
<b>Thurs 20 Aug</b>	Maths Fun Day 1:45pm School Assembly
<b>Fri 21 Aug</b>	PSSA
<b>Mon 24 Aug</b>	Visiting Illustrator, Donna Rawlins
<b>Fri 28 Aug</b>	PSSA
<b>Tues 1 Sept</b>	Stage 1 Excursion to Featherdale
<b>Wed 2 Sept</b>	Wacky Wednesday Fathers Day Stall 7.30pm P & C Meeting
<b>Thurs 3 Sept</b>	Maths Fun Day 2.00pm Whole School Assembly
<b>Fri 4 Sept</b>	District Athletics
<b>Mon 7 Sept</b>	Stage 3 Excursion to Powerstation

**Dance News**

Congratulations to all three dance groups who were successful in the auditions for the Hawkesbury Dance Festival. They will be performing early November. More information will follow.

*Hawkesbury Eisteddfod*

We wish all three dance groups good luck today as they perform at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod.

*Sharon Clarke, Dance Coordinator*

**Catholic Scripture**

We are in need of a teacher for our Year 1 and Year 4 Catholic students. If you are interested, please give St Matthew's Parish a ring on 4577 3073 or contact the school office. Scripture lessons are conducted each Wednesday and last for 30 minutes.

**ES1 & S1 Novelty Events & Races**

We will be holding these events tomorrow, Wednesday, 19 August after being washed out last week. Activities will commence at 11:35am.

Parents are welcome to stay and have lunch with their children and if you would like to order your lunch, please send your request in with your child in the morning to be placed in the class lunch basket.

*Bronwyn Howes, Assistant Principal*

**PSSA Friday, 21 August 2009**

Team	Venue
Newcombe Ball	<b>BYE</b>
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts, Court 4
Boys Soccer	Quakers Hill Park, nearest car park
Girls Soccer	Newbury Oval, Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens. Field 2
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

**P&C Association**

**Tupperware Fundraiser – Go Green with Nude Food**

A flyer and price list has been sent home today which focuses on wrap free lunch, drink and snack storage solutions from Tupperware. 10% of sales will be donated to our school.

If you would like a new catalogue, you can collect one from the school office, which will also go towards the fundraiser.

For any enquiries, call Maryann Portelli. Please return orders with correct money to the office by 31 August.

Also, if you book a party with Maryann, she will give a further \$10 to the school and a \$25 voucher for you to spend at your party.

The person who collects the most orders in sales will receive a mystery gift worth over \$50.



**Father's Day Stall**

Fathers Day is quickly approaching. We will be holding our stall on Wednesday 2 September.

**All gifts will be \$5.**

If your child wishes to purchase a present from the stall, they should bring \$5 (per gift) on the day.

At recess, children may also be able to purchase extra gifts for their grandparents, etc if there are gifts left over

Please send along a plastic bag with your child to protect their gift, as they will not be wrapped.

If any parents are available to help on the stall, even for just a few hours in the morning, please call Carmen Teuma. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

*Carmen Teuma, Fundraising Coordinator*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

The canteen is receiving a lot of lunch orders using the old price list. A new menu with revised prices was sent home to all families earlier this term. Please use the menu headed

**“Term 3 2009”**

Children's orders will be changed if there is insufficient money in the order.

*Leanne Stevens, Canteen Coordinator*