

# Oakville Public School

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## P & C Working Bee

**Sunday, 27 September**  
**8.00 a.m. start**

*All interested people welcome!*

The working bee will mulch and install the plant signs around the top garden, and mulch the other gardens.

*Dear Parents and Friends,*

Last week we had a great time with Wacky Wednesday and the Maths Fun Day. It was great to see all of the students participate enthusiastically in the activities.

Thank you to Mrs Teuma, Mrs Genovese and their helpers for the organisation of the Fathers' Day Stall. It worked very well and the students enjoyed their shopping experience.

Congratulations to all members of the District Athletics team. They performed with pride and enthusiasm on Friday. All efforts were outstanding with some in particular standing out. Thank you to all parents for their support.

### School Uniform

It is noticeable that some children are a little casual in the wearing of the school uniform. It is important that all children wear the full school uniform every day. This includes hats and jumpers. The community of Oakville views it to be important and would like all children to display a pride in their school.

Last Friday, it was very disappointing that a number of students in our District Athletics team came out of uniform. The variety of jumpers and hats was very noticeable. At the track, it was obvious that some schools were in uniform and some weren't.

In future all children representing the school need to be in full school uniform.

On the other hand, yesterday it was pleasing to see all the Stage 3 students leaving on their excursion in full school uniform. This is what we want to see all of the time.

### Term 4 Swimming School

Today, all students in Years 1 to 4 will receive a note concerning the proposed Swimming School for the start of next Term. At this stage we only have 30 students interested. We need over 50 students interested for the Swimming School to be viable. Please read the note and return the attachment before the end of this week.

### Helpful links for parent communication

Great parent resources can be found at the newsstand on the Public Schools website.

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/)

Here you will find:

School Parents ezine [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine)

Click ezine [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)

K-12TV-vodcasts for parents

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/k12tv/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/k12tv/index.php)

Parent folder information sheets

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/schooldays/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/schooldays/index.php)

### Starting school information

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/primaryindex.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/primary/primaryindex.php)

School orientation vodcast

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue03/watch/index.php)

### Starting Year 7

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php)

High school orientation vodcast

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue04/watch\\_high/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue04/watch_high/index.php)

### Fruit and Veg Week 2009

With Fruit and Veg Week being celebrated in schools around Australia from 7-11 September it's a great opportunity to hit the greengrocer and ensure your child's lunchbox is full of healthy, fresh and tasty fruit and vegetables.

[www.schoolcanteens.org.au/category/44/Fruit-n-Veg-Week-09](http://www.schoolcanteens.org.au/category/44/Fruit-n-Veg-Week-09)

For great school lunch ideas check out: [www.healthy-kids.com.au/category/10/recipes](http://www.healthy-kids.com.au/category/10/recipes) and the School Parents ezine: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine).

*Gary Condon, Principal*

### Dates for the Diary

<b>Fri 11 Sept</b>	School Public Speaking Finals
<b>Thurs 17 Sept</b>	Year 6 Boys Charge program 2.30pm Whole School Assembly
<b>Fri 25 Sept</b>	School Disco
<b>Sun 27 Sept</b>	8.00am Working Bee
<b>Thurs 1 Oct</b>	2.30pm School Assembly
<b>Fri 2 Oct</b>	Last day Term 3
<b>Mon 19 Oct</b>	First Day Term 3 for students and teachers

### It's Academic

Our Year 6 students have been to their filming for *It's Academic* and have recorded the shows. They are all very excited about being on television. These shows are scheduled to be broadcast for the week commencing **Monday 9 November** until **13 November** on Channel 7 at 4pm. On our filming day we also filmed one episode for the Summer Series which is scheduled to be broadcast on **Thursday 24 December** at 4pm on Channel 7.

So if you would like to watch our students on the show remember these dates and tune in to Channel 7 at 4pm. Channel 7 does advise that you also check TV guides closer to the on-air date for any programming changes that may occur. If we are notified of any changes we will let you know via the bulletin.

*Miss Downie, Assistant Principal*

### Debating News

This term we have had two debates and the debating teams have been fantastic representatives of our school. On 25 August we hosted a debate at Oakville and our team won with the negative argument for the topic that sport should be compulsory for children on weekends. On 1 September we travelled to Kurrajong and our team lost the negative argument for the topic that all children should have pets.

Congratulations to Rhiannon, Alana, Georgia, Jade, Katie, Ashley, Kirsten and Emma for their great job as members of the Oakville debating team.

*Miss Downie (Debating Coach)*

### END-OF-TERM DISCO

Year 6 are hosting an end-of-term disco on Friday 25 September. The disco is being held in two sessions. The first from 5:30pm until 7pm is for the Kindergarten to Year 2 students. The second session is for Years 3 to 6, commencing at 7:30pm until 9pm.

The cost of the disco is \$5 which includes entry, chips and a drink. The event is being held in the school hall and will be fully supervised by Oakville school staff.

Tickets can be purchased from the Councillors in the COLA before school and at recess. Sales commence on Wednesday this week. When the students pay they will have their names marked off on a class list and be given a ticket.

Glowsticks will be sold at the door on the night. Long, necklace glowsticks will be \$2 and short, bracelet glowsticks will be \$1.

Students will need to be dropped at the school hall at the designated times and must be collected from the hall by an adult. Students will not be permitted to leave unless accompanied by an adult - older siblings under the age of 18 are not considered an adult. If your child is to go home with an adult other than a parent then they must have written parental permission so that we are aware of these arrangements.

If you have any questions about the disco please contact Miss Downie or the Stage 3 teachers.

*Miss Downie, Miss Parkinson, Mr Gee and Mr Bessell*

### Change Over to Summer Uniform

As the weather is warming up, students may wear their summer or winter uniform for the remainder of this week, but not a combination of both.

Summer uniform is to be worn from Monday, 14 September. The uniform shop is open on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3:00pm – 3:30pm or you can leave your order at the office and it will be filled on these days when the shop is open and sent home via your child.

### 2009 Oakville Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all students who represented their classes at the recent stage levels of our 2009 Oakville Public Speaking Competition. On Friday, 11 September, 2009 (commencing at 9:30am) we will be holding the finals of this competition in our school hall. Parents and guests are welcome to attend. The following students will be competing to determine the overall stage champions for 2009:

- Early Stage 1: Aidan, Roan and Lilly.
- Stage 1: Tahlee, Grace and Liam.
- Stage 2: Ben, Emily, Elleesha and Meg.
- Stage 3: Rhiannon, Emily, Sarah and Rebecka.

We wish all competitors the very best of luck and thank all previous participants for their fine efforts.

*Miss Howes, Assistant Principal*

### No Waste Wednesday

Please continue to support this day by sending your child's recess and lunch in containers and sending food items that do not have or require packaging. This will happen every Wednesday as an initiative of the SRC and the Environment Club. The Tupperware fundraiser will be able to assist you with containers.

*Mrs Vanderburg, Environmental Ed Coordinator*

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

#### Principal's Awards

<b>Astronauts</b>	Daniel
<b>Comets</b>	Angela
<b>Venus</b>	Cooper
<b>Clusters</b>	Joshua
<b>Delta Star</b>	Harrison
<b>Jupiter</b>	Kima
<b>Rockets</b>	Benjamin
<b>Halley's Comet</b>	Zac
<b>Blue Moon</b>	Emily
<b>Calypso</b>	Dylan
<b>Futurama</b>	Jeremy
<b>Galileo</b>	Blake
<b>Draco</b>	Katie
<b>Krypton</b>	Jeremy
<b>Light Year</b>	Corey
<b>Pisces</b>	Isabella

**Merit Awards:** Gabrielle, Elijah, Aidan, Hayden, Tylah, Logan, Grace, Liam, Charlotte, Hannah, Liam, Kirsty, Jessica, Libby, Chloe, Ben, Rory, Claire, Kai, Jessica,

Lachlan, Ben, Conor, Elijah, Alana, Emily, Felicity, Jesse, Claudia, Ryan, Brittney, Tyler.

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OAKVILLE STAR AWARD

*Luke*

*Emily*

*Zoe*

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**P&C Association**

**IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION FOR EVERYONE**

Please note the canteen will **BE CLOSED TOMORROW**, Wednesday 9 September. Please supply your children with enough food for recess and lunch.

If you are able to help out in the canteen at any time, volunteers are desperately needed. Please be aware that we will have to close the canteen more often as our numbers of volunteers are declining.

Rosters are being processed soon; please call Leanne if you need to change your days.

**Lunch Order Procedures**

Please note that incorrect money in lunch bags will result in an alteration to your lunch order.

When **NO MONEY** is in the lunch bag, the order will not be filled. A vegemite or cheese sandwich will be available from the school office.

Canteen volunteers, please follow this procedure. Also, we ask that volunteers do not sell multiple amounts of food to students. Please use your discretion.

*Leanne Stevens, Canteen Coordinator*

**PIRATE HATS ARE NO LONGER FOR SALE ON THE CANTEEN MENU**

**Great Fundraising Opportunity**

Our local Pitt Town Fishing Club will be holding their Annual Hawkesbury Fishing Classic in November. Thanks to the help of Maree Peck, our school, along with Camp Quality and Windsor Park Public School Special Unit will each receive 1/3 share of **ALL PROFITS RAISED**. Please see the separate flyer sent home today for more information.

**Father's Day Thank You**

Many thanks to Sonya Genovese and all the parents, grandparents and children who helped with the Father's Day stall. It was greatly appreciated.

**Don't Forget** to use the school **Business Directory** for all your business needs. Support the businesses that support our school.

**Tupperware Fundraiser – Extended to 14 September**

A flyer and price list has been sent home 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 14 September.

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.

*Carmen Teuma, Fundraising Coordinator*

**Working Bee ~ Sunday 27 September, 9:00am**

Your help is needed for only a few hours on this day. We will be spreading mulch around the school gardens and erecting signs around our new garden "Arunga Gnorang" located at the top corner of the school.

Please bring your gloves, hats, and if possible shovels and wheelbarrows to make the job a little easier.

Children are welcome to help too!

Please contact the school if you are able to assist us. We look forward to seeing lots of helpers on the day.

*Craig Smith, Working Bee Coordinator*