Principal’s Column

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2016!

Much has been accomplished this year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone associated with Oak Park Primary School for contributing to our many successes as a school in 2016.

Our academic results in many areas have been very encouraging again this year, and our school has outperformed state averages across every measure. Our sporting teams always do well and are a credit to the children and their coaches – both inside and outside of the school. We are very proud of the many achievements of our students. Many thanks to the whole Oak Park PS community for their work and assistance in these pursuits.

Whilst we have faced many challenges throughout the year, I really have loved working with the kids, parents and staff. I firmly believe we are on the right track in most areas, and as long as we all team together, I am certain we will continue to achieve ongoing success!

Goodbye once again to June Pleban who will be taking leave in 2017 prior to retiring at the end of the year. June has been a wonderful teacher for Oak Park over many years; her experience and knowledge will be sorely missed. After 5 years, Breanna Kilmartin leaves us for a new school next year – many thanks Breanna for all you have done for Oak Park, it
was great working with you! Goodbye too, to Jessica Cullinan who is also leaving at the end of the year. Thanks Jessica for all your work in the Japanese program.

Next year we welcome back Tess Haycox to the senior school team. Also, Melanie Ojczyk (you might remember her as Melanie Schirmer) to our Specialist team, working as our Performing Arts teacher. Next year is a concert year, so it will be great having Mel work with the kids and staff on that.

We will also welcome Kirsty Potts (Grade 5/6), Kate Dyer (Grade 2), Alexandra Macias (Grade 1), Lacey-Rae Garner (Grade 1/2) and Melissa Broso (Japanese).

To our Grade 6 students who leave us at the end of the year – thank you for your contributions to our school throughout your time here, but particularly this year. You have been a FANTASTIC bunch of kids and we are very proud of you. We will miss you! Good luck! To those families who will no longer be at Oak Park Primary School next year – we wish you well.

Several families have been associated with the school for many years and it is something of an end of an era, in many ways, for the family and the school. Good luck too, to those children who are moving house and transferring to new schools in 2017.

Finally, a Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year to you and your families. I hope you get the opportunity to spend time with people close to you - and have a very relaxing break!

**PLEASE NOTE**

Our final assembly will take place tomorrow FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER from about 3.00pm.

Monday 19th December is a Student Free Curriculum Day.

Students who attend on Tuesday 20th December will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
Families Leaving Oak Park

As I mentioned at our Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony this week, this time of the year is both a happy and sad time. Happy because holidays and Christmas are just around the corner, but also sad because we have to say goodbye to a number of people, who we will greatly miss.

There are families leaving the Oak Park PS community after a long association. Many have contributed so much to the school and we appreciate all that they have done.

Families leaving Oak Park this year include:

Ainsworth (the Tara variety)
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Baks-Marino
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Brown
Coory
Cox
Dobson
Downs
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Karaata
Liddy
Lynch
Magbegor
McArthur
Munster
Petts
Santiglia
Tampubolon
Tan
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Yorston

On behalf of the Oak Park Primary School Council, staff and school community, thank you to you all. Thank you for your beautiful children and your wonderful support over the past few years!

Lost Property

If your child has lost any article of clothing, drink bottle, hat, or anything this year, please take the time to check out the Lost Property rack tomorrow. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity.
Foundation News

End of Year Pyjama Breakfast

The Foundation students enjoyed a ‘Pyjama Breakfast’ last Friday to celebrate the end of their first school year! The students loved coming to school in their pyjamas and ate lots of pancakes, toast and fruit to start the day.

We have had a fantastic school year and we would like to wish all the Foundation students and their families a happy and safe Christmas break!

Play@School

Oak Park Primary School Playgroup –
It’s official......... in 2017 Oak Park Primary will be starting a Playgroup session called Play@school!

Play@School will run for 2 hours on a Friday morning and is open to all families with children aged 0-4 years. This session will be capped at 10 enrolments so please be quick to ensure a place. Attending Playgroup is a great opportunity for children to socialise, play, sing, enjoy stories and have fun! For parents, it is a wonderful place to meet other parents and gain insight into early teaching opportunities and the benefits of play. Please contact me if you are interested in attending these sessions.

Please email Jodie Sperling sperling.jodie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Oak Leaf

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Inkrewsive Incursion

Inkrewsive is a dance crew made up of people with Down Syndrome and other disabilities. This incursion definitely stands out from all the other things we’ve done this year. It was an amazing experience for everyone. Shea, Fran’s daughter is the Dance MC.

First they introduced themselves and showed us their moves. They were very good. There was a breakdancer who spun on the floor.

Secondly they did a performance. Their routine was well choreographed and we all applauded at the end. After that we got into a circle and Maddy and I got in the middle and did the worm. I was a little bit nervous at the start of it, but I got over it. Finally, lots of people joined Inkrewsive members on the dance floor. It was so much fun.

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Coburg Lake Excursion

Grade 3 and 4 Excursion
On Monday the 12th of December, Grades 3 and 4 travelled to Coburg Lake Reserve to spend the day exploring various playgrounds and equipment. The excursion completed our CBL unit on ‘Power’, in which students designed machines that could ‘move something without electricity’. The students consolidated their knowledge through investigations and activities at the park and we spent a fun and enjoyable day in the sunshine.
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December 16th 2016

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New! New! GIRLS CLINIC

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New! New! New! CALISTHENICS COLLEGE

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Summer School
JANUARY 23-25, 2017!

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