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Principals Column

You would be aware that this year we have a team working on the implementation of the School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB) initiative at Oak Park. This has been mentioned several times in the newsletter. SWPB is not about responding to the negative behaviours we would like to discourage, but more focussed on articulating and promoting the positive behaviours we do want to see.

Another aspect relating to our focus on the positives that we are currently investigating, is a ‘Big Buddy’ program based on World Vision’s ‘Kid’s Hope’ Program. Here is a brief introduction from the Kids Hope website:

KIDS HOPE AUS is Australia’s largest early intervention, school-based mentoring program. It has been impacting the lives of children in Australian schools since 2004. Over that time thousands of children have been matched with mentors in primary schools.

Caring relationships with mentors have a significant impact on children because they help to meet their emotional and social development needs and enhance their capacity to learn. KIDS HOPE AUS mentored children consistently show increased self-esteem, confidence and resilience.

Uniform Award

This week’s Uniform Wearer of the Week Award goes to Lilly Zeini 2E

Congratulations Lilly for setting such a terrific example to the rest of the school.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 8  NAPLAN online trials
August 11  Hoop Time Tournament
August 16  ‘About Me’ Survey
         (Grade 5 only)
August 20  Tournament of the Minds
October 8  School Fete

August 16th  6.30pm Education/ICT
August 18th  5.00pm Buildings & Grounds
             6.00pm Finance/Grants
August 24th  7.00pm School Council Meeting
In simple terms, designated children (with parental permission) will spend up to one hour per week with a mentor. This is not about counselling or advising – it is basically ‘hanging out’ and promoting a connection. In some cases, it may be one-to-one assistance with school work, in other cases it may be working on a mini project together and in others, it will simply be completing an activity of mutual interest together.

Mentors will either be teachers from our own staff or specially trained people from our community (all with Working With Children’s checks)

While some churches are involved in providing mentors at some schools, please note, at Oak Park this program will NOT be ‘religion based’ in any way.

To find out more, please visit:
https://www.kidshopeaus.org.au/

More information to come.

WOW Awards Review

Thank you to those who responded to the article in last week’s newsletter regarding the review of the WOW awards. So far, everyone has been generally very positive about the WOW awards. If you would like to contribute your thoughts, please email Bryan at:

nolan.william.b@edumail.vic.gov.au

Bully Zero

Many thanks to the 30 or so parents who braved a very cold and wet Monday night to attend our Bully Zero presentation this week. By the end of the night, I had sat through about 5 hours of different antibullying presentations – students, staff and parents – but the last 15 minutes where we heard from Michael was the most riveting.

Michael spoke about the personal effects of bullying on his daughter and his family and while it was very confronting to listen to, it was also extremely worthwhile to hear his story. I’m sure everyone who was there to listen to Michael went home that evening and hugged their kids.

Many thanks to Sue Annett for her organisation of the day!

SRC Hot Food Day

Tomorrow, Friday 5th August is the last day for Hot Dog orders to be handed in.

NO late orders will be accepted
FETE SPONSORS 2016
Saturday 8th October 10am-4pm

All of the businesses below have sponsored our fete; please support their businesses in return by using their services.

PLATINUM SPONSORS
McDonalds Oak Park: 598 Pascoe Vale Road Oak Park, Ph: 9304 125, www.mcdonalds.com.au
Lifestyle Portraits: Studio 3 661 Victoria St Abbotsford, Ph: 9428 5877, images@lifestyleportraits.com.au
Barry Plant Real Estate: 1/828 Pascoe Vale Road Glenroy, Ph 9300 2344, glenroysales@barryplant.com.au
Lizzie Blandthorn: 416A Bell Street Pascoe Vale, Ph: 9354 9935, Lizzie.blandthorn@parliament.vic.gov.au

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SILVER SPONSORS
Sydenham Dental Group, Ph: 9390 5199, www.sydenhamp didntalgroup.com.au
George Weston Foods Limited (Don Smallgoods Division), Ph: 1800 147 613, www.gwf.com.au

BRONZE SPONSORS
Costco Wholesale Docklands, Inflatable World Tullamarine, Bob Jane T-Mart, Clip N Climb, AGS Prints, Essendon Keilor Gymnastics. All enquiries regarding sponsorship can direct to Casilda on 0458 340 130

2016 Fete

“Little Jobs for The Fete” Hour:

Every Thursday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the staffroom, helpers are most welcome to assist with some ‘little’ jobs for this year’s fete. ALL WELCOME.

If you would like to volunteer but cannot make it on a Thursday, there is a form at the office that you may complete to offer yourself as a volunteer.
School Labels

Students will be bringing home a fundraising brochure today for ‘that’s mine’, a company that makes labels. Orders are placed on line and shipped directly to families.
By using the CODE #1962 or put the school name into the fundraising box at the checkout, families will give the school a 25% commission.

Labels are a great way of ensuring clothing and containers return to the right owner, and helping families save money through reduced waste and loss of property.

Samples are available to view at the office.

Lost Keys

The following keys have been handed into the Office.

100 Days of School Celebration

On Friday the 29th of July, the Foundation students celebrated their first ‘100 Days of School’. The children were very excited about reaching this milestone and had lots of fun sharing the celebration with their Grade 6 buddies. Throughout the morning, the Foundation students and their buddies participated in many learning activities based around the number 100 and enjoyed eating hundreds of hot chips for lunch!
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Visitor Sign Out

A reminder for all visitors to the school, to please ensure you **SIGN OUT** when leaving the school grounds. We have a sign in/out procedure and unfortunately many visitors are not remembering to leave their visitors pass and sign out.

Walking School Bus

**Proposed second route for the Walking School Bus.**

There has been some interest in the school community in regards to starting a second route for the Walking School Bus along **New Road, Oak Park**. I am trying to establish the viability of this option and I would appreciate any expressions of interest. Please contact me if you live along, or in the vicinity of New Road, and you would like to have your child walk to school safely with other children.

Also, keep a look-out in this week’s Leader newspaper for a feature on our Walking School Bus the last surviving one in the Moreland district.

Mary Petts: 0438 538 27

Community News

I am a parent at OPPS and a local Tupperware consultant offering 10% of sales to school.

I can be contacted at: Chathu-0405482064 Chathuri2@hotmail.com
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WOW AWARDS

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Welcome to the first newsletter from the 2016 FETE Team!

This newsletter will keep you up to date on the preparations and requirements in readiness for this year’s fete.

The Oak Park Primary School fete operates on community spirit. The teachers and administration staff all volunteer their time to the fete and its success is based on the generosity of donations of goods and labour.

What can YOU do this week to help:

• Complete & return volunteer slips, including time availability, as soon as possible
• Assist with sourcing potential sponsors/donations
• Send your “Big Wheel”donations to your child’s classroom by 5th August
• Come along on Thursday afternoon from 2:30-3:30 to the staff room for a “little jobs for the fete” working bee

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Co-ordinator – Lisa Kalimeris
Email: lisakalimeris@ymail.com or text 0431 857 071

Do you have a couple of hours free on fete day? Please help us and volunteer to lend a hand and be involved in your child/children’s school. You will enjoy the experience and meet lots of new people from our Community. A volunteer form has been sent home with your child, so please help us by completing and returning to your child’s classroom teacher. We need in excess of 60 volunteers throughout the day, in order to make for a smoothly run day. We will also have a Volunteers stand set up in the School office foyer after Assembly, so please stop in and sign up to help on the day.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle Co-ordinators – Melanie Ainsworth / Caroline Jory
Email: mainsworth78@bigpond.com or carolinejory@hotmail.com

All raffle tickets have now been sent out to families. But don’t just stop at one booklet, there is a prize available to the family who sells the most raffle tickets! If you would like additional ticket books please see Melanie or Caroline. All money and tickets need to be returned by 3rd October.

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship Co-ordinator: Cas Cannon
Email: tccannon@optusnet.com.au or phone 0458 340 130

Sponsorship (along with Volunteers) is pivotal to the success of our Fete. If you know of any business, big or small, that can contribute money or goods, please speak with Cas.

RIDES

Rides Co-ordinator: Sharon Mulder / Melanie Ainsworth / Caroline Jory
Email: mainsworth78@bigpond.com or carolinejory@hotmail.com

Ride wristbands will be on sale on the tiger turf in the second last week before school holidays.

First peep at the rides (only in unforeseen events out of the Fete Committee’s control, will rides change from what we have booked):

Prices:
$20 earlybird restricted rides wristband ($25 on fete day)
$30 earlybird unrestricted rides wristband ($35 on fete day)
Check out next week’s newsletter for a sneak peek at what other rides are coming your way!!!!

COLOURING COMPETITION

Competition Co-ordinator – Carolyn Drenen / Kelly Richardson. The colouring competition will be out very soon, so children, get your pencils sharpened and ready…..!