The Oak Leaf

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Principal’s Column

A significant amount of work in and around the school grounds was completed during the holidays. Some of this you would have noticed, but you may not be aware of other works. Here is a summary of what has been happening:

- Painting of Grades 5/6 and 1/2 Classrooms
- New furniture for Grade 5/6 and one junior classroom
- Massive clean out of shed and Multi Purpose Room store: Concert costumes relocated to shed to free up space for storage for Play Group
- Continued work on oval irrigation
- Signage painted on grounds in various place reminding children not to run (this came out of the junior school’s CBL unit)
- Repairs to staffroom ceiling following heavy rain
- Repaired light switch in staffroom
- Installation of about 20 cupboards/shelves across the school
- Gym floor resurfaced
- Sandpit topped up
- Old cricket nets removed and are now being used in the building of the chook enclosure
- New fence/gate erected along Ridge Rd boundary
- Old paling fence we share with a neighbour has been replaced
- We have employed a gardener to work

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 15  ‘Meet the Teacher’
           Parent/Teacher meetings
Feb 13  School Elections process commences
March 1, 8  Parent Info/Parent
          and 15  Helper’s sessions
March 14  Curriculum Day (TBC)

Uniform Award

This week’s
Uniform Wears of the Week Award
      goes to
      ARTEMIS REZAII MIRGAHAED 3C

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

February 16th
5.00pm Buildings & Grounds
6.00pm Finance/Grants

February 22nd
7.00pm School Council Meeting
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for about one day per fortnight
- Rubbish Free Lunches has led to a massive improvement in the state of the yard – many thanks to everyone for their support

And some of the other we are working on:
- Chook shed is well under way and should be completed soon
- Currently organising for the building of a big shed, next to the gym
- Playgrounds to be re-mulched
- New football and soccer goal posts to be put up before the end of this term
- Really keen to remove old junior school playground and replace with new – will work with kids on this
- Landscaping of amphitheatre area

Our school’s website is excellent. Our local technician David Lu has worked very hard to ensure we have a contemporary, user friendly website that has all the information that parents and the school community would need. David is tasked with the responsibility of updating the website on a regular basis – so that this will continue to be an excellent resource for everyone.

We produce a weekly newsletter which is accessible via the school’s website and COMPASS. We are also happy to provide hard copies of the newsletter for parents unable to access the website – please let Fran know.

The large sign at the front of the school advertises the next ‘big event’ on the school’s calendar.

At each assembly, monitors provide information on coming events to the parents who are able to attend.

Staff also provide notes that children are asked to give to their parents – please check regularly for these.

All of you will be aware that we are a COMPASS school. COMPASS is an online school and student management tool which provides on-demand access to student performance and wellbeing data, among other things. We are increasingly using COMPASS to assist in a wide range of communications with parents.

All parents have already been provided with log on details for COMPASS. We ask that...
parents log on to COMPASS and investigate its capabilities! These will become more apparent as we continue to roll out different functions.

If you need any assistance with COMPASS please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

OSHC Program

Many parents will be aware that the school runs both a Before Care and an After Care program. In recent years, there has been an increasing demand for the service and we have been able to increase the number of places from 30 to 60.

The services come under the National Quality Framework and there are strict guidelines around space requirements and supervision.

We are currently licensed for only 60 places in the After Care Program and these are currently filled. The Multipurpose Room and Art Room combined allows us space only for 60 students.

However, there are some spaces available in the Before Care Program – this was recently increased from 45 to 60 students. Please note that 60 is the limit at this stage.

We will continue to do all we can to provide a high quality Out of School Hours Care Service for parents who need it, but at this stage cannot guarantee a place for everyone.

School Council Elections

Next week, I will call for nominations for both the Parent and DET categories for school council. There are four vacancies on council for parent representatives.

School Councillors whose terms expire at this election are as follows:

Caroline Jory (Parent Rep)
Andrew Ward (Parent Rep)
Joanne Roolker (Parent Rep)
Tracy De Marco (Parent Rep)
Sally Morath (DET Rep)
Jessica Costanzo (DET Rep)

If you decide to stand for election, you can either nominate yourself or be nominated by someone who is eligible for the same category as you wish to stand for.

Nomination forms need to be in by Monday 20th February 2015.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

The School Council Election Timeline is as follows:

Notice of election & call for nominations Feb 13
Close of nominations Feb 20
Ballot papers distributed Feb 27
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Close of ballot March 7
Count votes March 8
& declare ballot

School Assemblies

Our School assemblies will now be held every Friday afternoon at 3pm, instead of Monday mornings. Parents are very welcome to attend

Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings

Our initial Parent/Teacher Meetings for 2017 are scheduled for Wednesday February 15th. We will use a similar online booking system for meetings that we have used the past few years. More information about this will be going home soon.

Please note that the main purpose of the meetings is for parents to provide information to teachers about their children that may be important for them to know. Teachers will only be able to provide basic information on how children have settled into school and routines but will outline classroom expectations and programs.

Thank you for your support in providing a RUBBISH FREE LUNCH every day. The yard is a lot healthier!

SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES – TERM ONE

During Term One the grade 3’s and 4’s will be learning about their roles as consumers and the impacts their choices can have on the environment. The grade 5’s and 6’s will be learning about producing vegetable gardens, nutrients in soil, pollination and cooking with the produce. They will be responsible for planting out our vegetable gardens. If they or you are interested in following up at home, here’s a QR code for the planting guide we’ll be using to help us decide what and when to plant.
Book Club

Oak Park Primary School Book Club will be meeting on the 27th Feb at 7.30pm. New people always welcome. This month’s book is ‘Not Without My Sister’ by Juliana Buhring.

Inquiries contact nursebron@yahoo.com

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders will be available from next week, new price list is as follow: (paper copies are available from the front of the office)

School Lunch Orders must be written clearly on a paper bag with the student’s name and class.

- Lunch orders are to be placed in the class lunch tubs on WEDNESDAYS.
- Lunch orders will be delivered at 11am on THURSDAYS.

LUNCH ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE CAFÉ

Parents & Friends

PFA MEETING ALL WELCOME

The next PFA meeting will be held on 13th February at 7.30pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to come along and find out more about what the school PFA does. New ideas and new members are always welcome and any help is appreciated. We meet monthly but there is no need to attend all meetings, as long as you register your interest to help with us we will keep you informed of activities throughout the year.

Any queries please chat to any PFA members you may know or recognize at the school or
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email nursebron@yahoo.com for more information.

LABELS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Just a reminder there are labels for sale through www.thatsmine.com.au

Labels help us to return any lost property to its owner quickly and when you name OAK PARK PRIMARY while purchasing, a percentage of sales will go directly to the school.

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO LABEL YOUR CHILD’S UNIFORM

Book Club is Back!!

Book Club gives parents and children a convenient way to purchase affordable, age appropriate books to bridge the class-to-home reading connection.

Twice a term a catalogue will be sent home for your consideration. There is no obligation to purchase but if you do the school will receive rewards that will enable resources to be purchased for the school library and classrooms.

Attached to the catalogue are instructions on how to arrange payment for your selections. Please note:

- LOOP – online ordering and payment (preferred method of payment)
- Cash payments (correct change) – are to be sent to the teacher

CLOSING DATE for orders:
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tutoring

Sussex Neighbourhood House offers courses to parents needing to upskill and/or those running small business….Please see flyers below for courses on offer.
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Skills for Small Business & Job Seekers

An ideal course for job seekers, small business and admin volunteers. Update your Excel, PowerPoint Presentation, Website & Social Media Skills to improve your business success or your opportunity for employment.

- Excel
- PowerPoint
- Website - WordPress
- Social Media: Mailchimp, Facebook & Survey Monkey

Starts 6 Feb
Enrol Now!

Dates: 6 February – 27 March
Pathways: Pathways to Cost I or II in Information Technology or Business

Location: Sussex Neighbourhood House
Mode of Study: classroom & home based study
Days: Tuesdays
Times: 6.30pm - 9pm, plus flexible delivery
Duration: 7 sessions
Cost: $180 or $140 conc.
PYO: Exercise book, pen, USB

Introduction to Bookkeeping

This course is ideal for small businesses, job seekers, volunteers and those wishing to speak. Learn the essentials of manual bookkeeping and gain skills in the day to day processes including:

- Concepts and terminology
- Invoicing
- Purchasing
- Journals, cash book
- Petty cash
- Bank reconciliations

Starts: 7 Feb to 28 March

Football St Francis

For further information contact Mark Koster on 0418 535 080 or email st francis Football Club: admin@stfrancis.leaguebase.com
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### WOW AWARDS

#### Term 1 Value - RESPONSIBILITY

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Parent Helpers' in 2017

Dear Parents,
As the partnership between home and school is valued at OPPS, we welcome parents to assist in our classrooms. Classroom teachers will be sending out an expression of interest towards the middle of Term 1 for parents to indicate where they can assist.

If you would like to help in our classrooms, it is mandatory that you attend the Education Forums on the 8th and 15th March (information on Compass and the Newsletter) as well as the 'Confidentiality' session. You are not required to attend if you are a teacher or have participated in a previous Classroom Helpers' Course.

If you have any queries, please contact Jill Ridgwell.

Information is as follows:

'Confidentiality' sessions:
- Wednesday 1st March 2:30pm & 6:00pm (please choose)

Education Forums
- 8th & 15th March

Please return to the office

Parent Helpers’ ‘Confidentiality’ Session

I wish to attend:

Name: _______________________

Child’s Name: _____________________ Class: _______
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Twilight Education Forum

Early Years - Reading & Writing including Speaking and Listening
This forum is for parents wishing to learn more about how they can help their child at home with learning to read and write. It is an opportunity to gain an insight into the reading and writing philosophies and practices at Oak Park P.S. so that these can be reinforced at home. These sessions will not only be interactive but also a chance to hear other parents’ issues and successful ideas. These sessions will be conducted by Jill Ridgwell. We believe a home/school partnership serves to benefit all stakeholders...teachers, parents and students.

There is no need to attend if you have participated in a Parent Helpers’ Course in previous years. Parents wishing to be a classroom helper in the Early Years’ classrooms for 2017 are required to attend all sessions.

The details are as follows:
Dates: Wednesday 8th & 15th March
Times: 6:15-7:30pm

Venue: School Library (located next to Foundation classrooms) - The office area will be locked; please enter through the Library door.

Tea and coffee will be available

Please return the form below to the office

Twilight Education Forum - 8th & 15th March

I wish to attend these sessions

Name:________________________________________________________

Child’s name:__________________________________________ Class:__________
Aladdin-The Musical- ‘Expression of Interest  Grade 1 & 2

Monday 6th February 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of our English Program, Performing Arts and Civics and Citizenship curriculum the teachers in the 1/2 Team would like to provide the students with an invaluable and memorable experience by organizing an excursion to see ‘Aladdin-The Musical’ on stage at Her Majesty’s Theatre for later on in the year.

We have made a temporary booking for a Wednesday matinee on the 11th of October as a considerable number of tickets have already been sold out. The cost of the excursion will be approximately $85.00. This will include entrance to the musical and bus fare. The normal cost of a ticket to see the musical is $100.00.

You will be able to pay for this excursion in three instalments; a $20.00 deposit by 20th March, 1st June $30.00 and 2nd August $35.00 or payment in full can be made at any time before these dates.

We acknowledge that the excursion appears expensive, however it is potentially a great incentive for students to save towards some of the cost themselves such as doing some chores around the home and earn some pocket money to pay towards some of the cost.

In order for the excursion to go ahead we would need to get 80% attendance.

It would be appreciated if ‘The Expression of Interest’ slip below is returned by Monday 13th February

Yours sincerely,

Jane Cardamone and 1/2Team (Kate Dyer, Hayley Evans, Lacey-Rae Garner Alex Macias)

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Aladdin- The Musical
Expression of Interest
Monday 13th February 2017

I give permission for my child (Full Name) ________________________________,

to attend the musical “Aladdin’ to be held in October.

Signed: ________________________________ Date: ___________
Dear Parents,

We are seeking a parent representative for each class in the school. Depending on the expression of interest it may only be for the duration of a Term or for the whole year working with a partner. In partnership with the teacher, this may involve activities such as rallying other parents to attend working bees, excursions and special events. It does not mean that the parent representative needs to attend all events; this role is mainly to support the school by encouraging parents to become more involved.

All parents need to fill out the information section below and return to the classroom teacher A.S.A.P.

Thanking you

Jill Ridgwell

Assistant Principal

Parent Name: __________________________

Child’s name: __________________________ Class: _______

Please circle: I do/do not wish to be my child’s class representative.

I wish to be contacted by the class representative when necessary and relevant to school events.

Yes/No

If yes, please provide a contact number: _________________________