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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 27<sup>th</sup>** Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings – Student Free Day
- June 28<sup>th</sup>** Grade 5/6 Japanese visit EKC
- June 29<sup>th</sup>** Final day of Term 2. 2.00pm dismissal

## Next School Tour:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.30am. Please contact the office to arrange a place on the tour.

## Uniform Award



This week's  
**Uniform Wearers of the Week Award**  
goes to

**GRACIE LOWRY 1M**

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

## Principal's Column

I read an article recently by Bill Murphy which outlined seven things parents should do every day to help raise 'successful' kids. Here are the seven things:

### 1. Make your kids do chores.

Take out the garbage, mow the lawn, do the dishes- they're not just ways to make your life easier, they're ways to make your kids' lives better, too. "By making them do chores ... they realize, 'I have to do the work of life in order to be part of life,'" Julie Lythcott-Haims, a former Stanford University dean and the author of *How to Raise an Adult*, told Tech Insider.

### 2. Teach them social skills.

It's probably no surprise to you to learn then that a 20-year study at Penn State and Duke found that kids with good social skills turned out to be more successful.

"Socially competent children who could cooperate with their peers without prompting, be helpful to others, understand their feelings, and resolve problems on their own, were far more likely to earn a college degree and have a full-time job by age 25 than those with limited social skills," the authors wrote.

### 3. Teach and demonstrate high educational expectations.

A University of Michigan study found that if you want your kids to go to college/university, present



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yourself as a good role model by making sure you finish your education first.

"Parents who saw college in their child's future seemed to manage their child toward that goal irrespective of their income and other assets," says UCLA professor Neal Halfon, who studied data from 6,600.

#### **4. Teach them to develop good relationships.**

We've all heard of parents whose marriages were failing but who decided to stay together for the sake of the kids. That might be admirable, but it matters more that they have good relationships with each parent, and with siblings (if they have any).

First, a study at the University of Illinois showed that it matters more that kids grow up in a home without conflict among their peers and siblings than that their parents are together. And second, a study of children born into poverty reported that "children who received 'sensitive caregiving' in their first three years" of life did better in school, and then had "healthier relationships and greater academic attainment in their 30s".

#### **5. Get them excited about maths (early).**

Reading to young children is important, but it turns out teaching them maths skills is crucial as well. In one study of 35,000 young children, early maths skills translated into not only "future maths achievement," according to the study's co-author, Greg Duncan of Northwestern University, but also "future reading achievement."

#### **6. Teach them to try. And not to worry about failing (or much else).**

You've probably read about the idea of adopting a growth mindset versus a fixed or scarcity mindset. Short version: For your kids, you want a growth mindset. You want them to view failure, which happens to all of us, as a chance to learn and grow - not as an ending. In other words, don't worry.

More than that, try to control your level of stress, or at least to control the extent to which they perceive your stress.

#### **7. Show them work ethic-and achievement.**

If you want your kids to behave a certain way, the most likely way to make it happen is to model good behavior.

Moreover, a Harvard Business School study shows that kids who grow up with working mothers have advantages over those who don't. As Gillett and Baer wrote, "The study found daughters of working mothers went to school longer, were more likely to have a job in a supervisory role, and earned more money - 23 percent more compared to their peers who were raised by stay-at-home mothers."

## **Book Fair**

The news you have all been waiting for is finally here! The final tallies have been made and because of your generous purchases during the Book Fair, the school now has \$1540 to spend on resources for the Library. This is a fantastic effort and one that we are very grateful for. I would like to thank the following people for their assistance during the fair:

- Sheryl Hamilton



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- Christine Tripp
- Parents who attended their child's session

A big thank you also goes to Michael Wright (Library Captain). Michael excelled in many areas. He confidently made announcements at lunchtime, the end of the day and at assembly. Michael arrived promptly to assist with the selling of novelties and posters and always packed away once finished. Great work Michael. Each year the school gives parents the opportunity to donate a book to the school Library as a tribute to their child's time spent at Oak Park PS. Once again we are overwhelmed with the response. Thank you to the following families for their thoughtfulness:

- Bolte (Alyssa)
- Barwick (Stephanie & James)
- Murone-Barr (Adamo, GianLuca & Alessio)
- Bunting (Alex & Pyper)
- Lowry (Gracie & Lucy)
- Corso (Donika & Zayden)
- Kalimeris (Ava & Holly)
- Richardson (Ethan & Kyle)

Once the books have been catalogued your child will be given the opportunity to be the first to borrow the book.

All students should have received their book orders. If you have not received your order please contact me IMMEDIATELY. Thank you all for your support

## Lost Property

Once again, we have an unbelievable amount of lost property. At last count, there were over 50 bomber jackets, as well as various other uniform and non-uniform items.

There is a crate full of lunch boxes & Tupperware containers, and a crate jam packed with at least 30 drink bottles. Majority of these items are unnamed. Please: name your child's items, and have a chat to them about leaving their uniform items all over the playground at recess and lunchtime

## Updated Contact Numbers

Thank you to those families who have updated their contact details via the Office. Please advise the Office if you have changed addresses, phone numbers and/or work details. It is imperative that we are able to contact families in case of emergency

## Japanese Day

Some students' feedback about Japanese day:

"The sushi tasted delicious"

"The dress up day made the school look colourful"

"The Taiko drumming sounded amazing!"

"The karaoke was lots of fun"

Until next year... また らいしゅね.

***Melissa Ly***

***Japanese Language Teacher***





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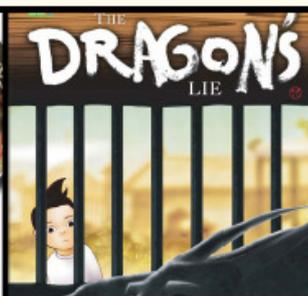
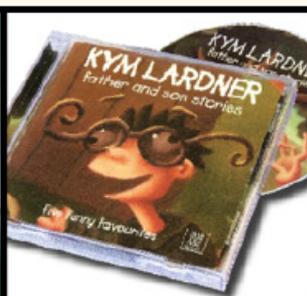
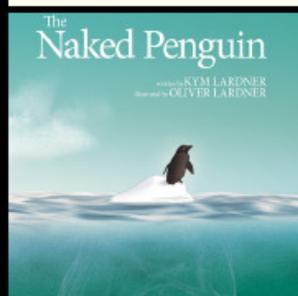
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## Community News

**SUSSEX NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE  
PRESENTS:**

**Kym Lardner**



Kym Lardner is an Australian Author of Childrens Books, who loves to entertain with his comedy, humour and wonderful story telling.

Come along for school holiday fun and be part of an hour of laughter, fun and great humour.

Age group - 5yrs to 12yrs.

Date - Friday 13th July, 11am to 12 noon.

Cost - \$10 per child, Adult - gold coin donation.

Bring along a cushion or small blanket to sit on.

Books and cds available for purchase on day for \$10.



Sussex Neighbourhood House  
7 Prospect Street, Pascoe Vale, 3044  
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**TO ENQUIRE OR PAY FOR THE EVENT, PLEASE CALL 9354 2210**



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## WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
<b>FH</b>	Eaintchue Htike	For working hard to master your 'Sound Talk It' goal in reading. Congratulations and keep up the wonderful effort!
<b>FS</b>	Lucy Taylor	For working hard and always showing respectful behaviour
<b>FP</b>	Scarlett Ellis Di Martino	For showing great persistence when working through a challenging task. Well done!
<b>1M</b>	Ellie Khadour	For always trying to improve your work and never giving up
<b>1/2C</b>		
<b>2M</b>	Isla Roolker	For doing some fantastic detective work during reading and using clues from the text to help you infer
<b>2D</b>	Mia Musa	For consistently working hard in class, always being ready for learning and for being a positive role model in class
<b>3/4B</b>	Chanel Eshaya	
<b>3E</b>	Piya Mohal	For settling into Oak Park Primary School so easily and for impressing us with your amazing maths fluency skills
<b>4JW</b>	Amine Kobak	
<b>5/6G</b>	RJ Siipola	For growing his confidence and leadership skills in the classroom and on the footy field. Well done RJ
<b>5/6LD</b>	Sahil Khatri	For working well in a team, showing his ability to collaborate and being resilient when encountering challenges
<b>Japanese</b>	Tabitha Pereira 3E	For your dedication and effort that went into creating an amazing room design. Well done Tabitha, keep it up!
<b>P.E.</b>	Sureja Shrestha	



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