Dear Parents and Carers,

I am concerned about the number of students who are accessing some high risk social media sites. Recent conversations with several parents and members of the local police indicate that many of our students are using Facebook, Instagram and Kik on a daily basis to message their friends. Cyber safety experts will tell you about the dangers of predators using these sites to access young children by messaging them, requesting personal information, asking for inappropriate photos to be posted and luring them to meet up. This is not an urban myth, it has recently happened to some of our students and fortunately they reported this to an adult and we were able to alert the police.

The Department of Education and Communities has provided the following information for parents to ensure we keep children safe online.

Many parents are aware of Facebook and may be hearing about Kik Messenger. Kik Messenger is a texting app which allows users to send messages, photos and videos, to other users.

**What you need to know:**
Facebook is open to anyone over the age of 13. If your child is under 13, you should be sure they are not using Facebook as they are open to content from adults.

**Kik Messenger is rated +17** because it allows users to send content from other sites like YouTube. **Anyone who knows your child’s username can then send them a Kik message.** Instagram and Twitter are full of #kikme requests with children and teens posting their usernames and there have been many reported cases of inappropriate adult contact because of this. It is important to understand that while you can delete a message on your own Kik account, the people in the conversation still have the message. Once it is out there, it can never be completely erased. Kik is always on and does not have a logout button.

Further information for parents regarding social media and messenger apps can be found at: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology

**Photos and Facebook**
When students enrol at our school we always seek permission from parents and carers to take photos of the children and to use them in our newsletter, website and displays. For various reasons some parents have not provided photo consent, therefore it would be appreciated if parents could refrain from taking photos and images at school events in which other students are visible. Posting images or names of other students and staff without their consent can be offensive to some individuals. In any school community there can be families with private legal issues, who have genuine concerns about maintaining their child’s privacy and security. Thanks for helping to keep all our kids safe and respecting the privacy of others.

Regards,
Delphine Annett
Principal

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Calendar

Week 4
May 22  District Cross Country
May 23  PSSA commences

Week 5
May 26  P & C meeting 2pm
May 29  Stage 3 Rugby League Knockout

Week 6
June 2  Sydney West Dance rehearsal
June 4  UNSW Science competition

Week 7
June 9  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
June 10 Stage 1 Incursion – Chinese New Year
June 12 K – 2 Disco – Lunchtime
       3 – 6 Disco – 6 - 7.30pm

Week 8
June 16  UNSW Writing competition
June 17  UNSW Spelling completion

Week 9
June 24  Koori Yarn time 3 – 4.30
June 27  Reports sent home
          Last day of Term 2

Week 10
June 22  District Cross Country
June 23  PSSA commences

Curriculum Corner

Staff are currently learning about the Disability Discrimination Act and how best to make adjustments and accommodations for those students with disabilities in their classrooms. Students learning needs vary greatly within each class so teachers plan to differentiate the curriculum to meet these needs. Parents are encouraged to share information such as medical reports and speech and occupational therapy programs with the class teachers to assist in the planning and implementation of effective teaching programs.

In addition to this staff training, our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

Show and Tell

Kindergarten Blue has been working very hard in the classroom, learning and growing each and every day! They enjoy participating in a range of hands-on games and activities that help them learn more about mathematical concepts in a fun, cooperative and engaging way!
5M Stories

Dumbhead the Donkey

Dumbhead the donkey and Lachlan lived in a farm. Dumbhead the donkey tried to run away then he hit a pole. That's where he got his name from. Dumbhead was born in 1985. The next morning mum and dad came to check on Dumbhead the donkey and Lachlan but they were gone. Then they saw a note it said, I'm going to the city with Dumbhead the donkey for a couple of weeks. Bye mum and dad. The problem was they had no food at all and the city was a long way to go. When they got up the hill they saw a shopping centre, they had some food to eat. So they bought some chips and a drink of coke. After they had hunger jacks then they booked a hotel and when they got in the hotel they had a pillow fight all weekend. The next week Lachlan said to Dumbhead the donkey it's time to go home. First they went to the beach for a swim. After that they went home and mum and dad were so glad that they were home. They lived happily ever after.

By Lachlan 5M

Jess the Dragon and the Town in 2003

Once upon a time there was a dragon that lived with sea birds and her name was Jess. Jess loved the sea birds but sometimes they got annoying. So one day she went out and the sea birds were following her then she breathed fire the birds fell to the ground. The town people said "poor birds" then they found out that they were sea birds and they ran because of the dragon. That day Jess went home and cried because she killed her friends but they did not know that they were her friends. The very next day the town people went to visit her in the cave and Jess said "they keep following me" she said. "Ok" they replied. 'I will bring the sea birds back alive'. Jess was so happy and they crowned her queen of monsters and the sea birds were crowned kings of monster. They lived happily ever after.

By Sharnieka 5M

Lovely Rapunzel, PB and Fin

Fin lives in a tree house while PB lives in the candy kingdom. One day Fin was reading a book about Rapunzel. He went to look for Rapunzel. One hour later he found a tower. Fin yelled out Rapunzel let down your hair. Hair fell down. Fin climbed the tower. Fin found Rapunzel but PB saw and she got jealous. Fin the hero let Rapunzel stay in the tree. PB - princess of the candy kingdom also a scientist was making a poison to get rid of Rapunzel. Fin the greatest hero of Ooo, took Rapunzel for a walk. SUDDENLY PB showed up and sprayed the poison on Rapunzel and she disappeared.

By Dylan 5M

Princess Bubble Gum

There once lived a young princess named Bubble Gum. She lived in the magical Candy Kingdom. One day she decided to invent a lemon man name Lemon grap

That night something horrible happened. Lemon grap turned evil and sent all the Candy people to the DUNGEON!!!!!!!!!!!

The princess couldn't do anything she was powerless. So she called for her friends Fin and Jake to save the day. Fin & Jake went to Lemon grap and Lemon grap said to Fin & Jake that they were unacceptable.

Furious with Lemon grap. They demand Lemon grap to let all the candy people go. ‘NO’ shouted Lemon grap. Fin & Jake were getting madder by the second. They decided to lock up lemon grap in the dungeon forever and ever, they also let out all the candy people go and they lived in peace...

The End
Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Active Kids are Healthy Kids
Are you ready to take the challenge?

On Friday 23rd May 2014 Oxley Park will be taking part in the National Walk Safely to school day. Walk safely to school helps us to…

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.

Receive a sticker at the front gate when you walk safely to school on Friday 23rd May 2014

Breakfast Club
Thanks to all who help out at Breakfast Club each morning. Mrs Jurisic and her band of faithful helpers, including Dominic’s Grandmother (pictured) ensure our students start their day with a healthy breakfast.

P & C News

Slice & Lolly drive: Don’t forget our lolly and slice drive. Money and forms need to be returned to the school canteen marked “slice & lolly drive” by the 30th May. Please note that no late orders will be accepted after this date: Your slices and lollies will be delivered to the school around the 24th June, please make sure that the order forms have a name and contact phone number so we can contact you to organise collection.

Uniform shop:
If you have ordered uniforms/ winter uniforms and have not yet collected your order, they are now available for collection from 8.30 am to 3pm Monday to Friday from the Uniform shop. Please note that we will only hold onto these uniforms for 2 weeks, if they are not collected by 4th June the stock will be returned to the shelf.
We still have some uniforms on back order from our supplier, and soon as these arrive we will contact you to organise collection.