From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

A HUGE thanks to all the parents and visitors who attended our Education Week Open Day last Tuesday. It was fantastic to have so many visitors in classrooms and the students really enjoyed your participation in the games and art and craft activities. Our performers were excited to perform in front of the audience at the concert. Our Parent focus groups with Ms Chris Brooker were a great success. Ms Brooker is currently collating all the ideas provided by the parents who attended and is going to pass these on to us to help us plan our Vision Statement and School Plan for 2015 – 2017 as well as giving us feedback on what areas we need to improve in terms of communication and engagement with the community. Thank you to all who attended.

Our Senior Choir have attended their final rehearsal before their big performance at the PULSE concert on Thursday. The students and Mrs Bayssari are off to the Opera House to join the massed Western Sydney Choir. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to perform at this magnificent venue. Something they will tell their children and grandchildren. We wish them well.

We have the Colyton Learning Community Showcase coming up soon with several groups currently rehearsing their items. More details are provided in the newsletter and will be coming home to students in the coming weeks.

Our students have been enjoying their visits to the Life Education Van and have been learning about their bodies, keeping safe and healthy and of course chatting with Happy Healthy Harold. Many of our students are coming to school in a variety of coloured jackets and jumpers. If your child has lost their jumpers or jackets please check the lost property on the verandah at the back of the office. Some students have told me that they don’t have a school colour jumper or jacket. If parents need financial assistance to purchase the appropriate items please don’t hesitate to contact the office and we will arrange some support. Other students are just choosing to ignore the uniform code, so we ask parents to support us in these instances and ensure all children are wearing their correct uniform.

regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal

Calendar Term 3

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Notes sent home this fortnight:
Stage 1 Wild Life Sydney Zoo – Darling Harbour

Have you returned?
Stage 1 Wild Life Sydney Zoo note
Life Education permission note

Curriculum Corner
Our school was selected to take part in a research project with the University of Newcastle. We have eight teachers participating in the project which is assessing and developing their skills in Quality Teaching and Learning.

Each fortnight the teachers will undertake some study of professional readings, will observe a lesson taught by one of the group, they will then assess and code the lesson using the Quality Teaching Framework and will then spend time discussing the positive aspects of the lesson and how they can improve their teaching to ensure better outcomes and engagement for our students.

We are very honoured to have been chosen and look forward to sharing the improved teaching pedagogy of this team across the whole school.

What’s happening in.....
Positive Behaviour for Learning @ OPPS

At OPPS our three school rules are:
Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner

The school has a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team, which meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings. As we have been a PBL school for a number of years, this year the team has been gathering information from students, staff and the community to examine and evaluate our PBL practices. There is a PBL survey available from the front office if you wish to provide feedback. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

Colyton Showcase
Students at Oxley Park Public School will have the opportunity to perform at the Colyton Showcase on Tuesday 2nd September 2014. The following groups will be participating:

- Stage 2 Dance Group- Mrs Hodges
- Stage 3 Dance Group- Miss Ingram
- 3-6 Dance (Boys Hip Hop)- Mrs Borg
- 3-6 Instrumental Group- Mrs White
- Combined Choir- Miss Honeysett

Further information will be provided in the upcoming week.

University of NSW Competitions
The following children will receive their certificates for the University of NSW Science and/or Computer competitions at the assembly this Friday at 11.20am:
Lachlan Pabian, Klarisa Delipetar, Emily Payne, Jarrad van der Meulen, Harley Montgomery, Kyan Grima, Jye Tuite and Junsung Choe.
Parents are welcome to attend the assembly in the hall.
Koori Yarn Time
Koori Yarn Time has been postponed to Thursday, week 6, which is next week on 21st August. Leanne Makin the new Mission Australia worker will attend and we are hoping to complete some more of the pavement mural in area 1. We will meet in area 1 and have afternoon tea on the verandah. All Aboriginal families are welcome to attend.

Playgroup
Playgroup is cancelled week 6 (20th August, 2014) and will resume on week 8 (3rd September, 2014).

P&C News
The P & C are running a 5c drive to raise money for new sporting equipment to be used in the playground at lunchtime, can you please start collecting as many 5c pieces as you can. They can be returned to the school canteen on Wednesday 27th August marked with the child’s name and class. The first Infant and Primary class to raise the most money will receive a free paddle pop from the canteen. So start collecting and help your class win this prize.

The P & C will be holding a father’s day stall in September. We are asking for donations, if you can make a donation for the stall please drop the items off at the canteen between school hours until the end of August. All donations greatly appreciated Some ideas are: Face washers, men’s hankies, soap, shaving cream, men’s deodorant, men’s shampoo and conditioner etc.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 25th August, 2014.

Show and Tell
5B have been using technology to compose informative digital texts. Here are some of our flowcharts on ‘How to make bread’.

HOW TO MAKE BREAD

TOOLS: YOU WILL NEED / INGREDIENTS
Dough
- 4 Cups / 350g Strong White Bread Flour
- 1 1/2 Cups / 330ml Water
- 1 1/2 Buckets / 7g or 5% Yeast
- 1 Tablespoon / 4g Salt

Doughnut
- 1 Teaspoon / 4g Oil

Measure all the ingredients into a large bowl and combine them together using 30 kneading movements.

Leave for 10 minutes then knead again using 30 movements. Leave for another 10 minutes then knead again using 70 movements. Leave for another 10 minutes then knead again using 70 movements.

Cook on a griddle or baking tray. Leave for another 30 minutes in a warm place and preheat the oven to 450F then bake for 20-25 minutes.

ENJOY!
Show and Tell

1R have been busy learners. They have been composing texts in Writing, and creating visual art and craft works on the topic ‘Schoolyard Safari’. Here are some of our creations.

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My Holidays

In the holidays I went to the movies to see Rio 2 with mum, dad, my brother and sister. We had a good time together and it was very fun.

First, I went to Katoomba with my brother, sister, mum and dad. We had lots of fun on the rides.

Next, my family and I went home to get warm because in Katoomba it was very cold.

Finally, we went home.

By Kiara