**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

With Term 3 ending on Friday 19th September 2014, I would like to wish all the students and their families a very safe and happy holiday. **Students are expected to return to school for the commencement of Term 4 on Tuesday, 7th October.**

Finally, I would like to ask the Oatlands School community to please keep watch over the school during the vacation period. If you observe any suspicious people or behaviour around the school please contact **School Security on 1300 880 021.**

**Fathers' Day Stall and Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who supported our P&C Father's Day Stall and Raffle. Both were very successful with well over $1000 raised! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the P&C Cake Stall which was held at Bunnings on Father's Day. The cake stall raised $500!

**Cyber Safety**

As you may be aware, issues involving students accessing inappropriate content via the internet have become more prevalent in recent years. On Monday 8 September we held a parent workshop on cyber safety in the computer room which was conducted by Constable Rachel Edgar-Moore from Rosehill Police Command. The session was highly successful and the parents and myself learnt valuable information to help keep our child/ren safe. Please see the office if you would like a copy of the handouts.

**Movie Night**

Exciting news, you are invited to the first Oatlands Public School outdoor movie night to be held on Thursday 18 September 2014 here at school. The movie we will be showing is called Despicable Me 2. Your family and friends are also invited to attend. Gates open at 5.30pm and the movie begins at 6.20pm. Before the movie we will be selling glow sticks, snacks and drinks, including coffee! No card facilities will be available on the night, so don’t forget to bring some cash. The students will become stars before the show as we display photos and film that showcase just some of the skills and talent displayed during the year so far. **Yes, you can purchase tickets at the door, see you there!**

**NAPLAN results**

The 2014 NAPLAN results were released in Week 8 and Oatlands Public School performed very well. Recognition once again for our hard working teachers and students, well done all! I will be holding a parent workshop early next term where I will be presenting our results.
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

VIP DAY – FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2014
PROFESSOR MATHS FUN DAY
A very busy and productive term is coming to an end. As is the custom of Oatlands Public School, we will be celebrating VIP Day on the last day of term, Friday 19 September 2014 as a reward for students who have demonstrated satisfactory behaviour. This term our VIP Day will be an exciting visit from the Professor Maths Travelling Road Show and a school-wide celebration of Mathematics. Professor Maths will bring a large range of fun activities for students to rotate their way through in small groups. All the activities will be stimulating and “hands on” and are designed to improve students’ attitudes towards Mathematics.

As part of the celebration students are also encouraged to come to school dressed up as something related to Mathematics. The cost is $5.00 per student. A note was sent home with your child in Week 8. Please complete the permission slip and return with payment to school in an envelope marked “Professor Maths” now if you haven’t already.

Keep brains ticking over these holidays
If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G

Mobile Maths Games
Channel your child’s interest in playing mobile apps into a chance to improve their maths skills and recall. The free School A to Z app has a Maths Monkey game to help test times tables and the follow-up app, Maths Monkey’s Quest ($1.99), challenges kids from Yr 2 to Yr 8 with addition, subtraction, ratios and percentages. Both apps are created by the NSW Department of Education and are available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. You’ll find links to both here: http://bit.ly/oSREYV

Mr D’Amore
Principal
P&C News

The P&C has been very busy so far in 2014 and we’d really like to thank all the people who have either donated their time or goods to the various fundraisers throughout the year.

So far, the P&C has organised the following events in 2014:

Term 1
- Easter raffle and parent morning tea
- Bunnings BBQ
- Mother’s Day stall
- Cookie dough drive

Term 2
- Father’s Day stall
- Bunnings cake stall
- School open day morning tea
- Outdoor cinema

You may not know that the P&C has also made the following contributions to the school this year:
- New AFL jerseys for the Junior and Senior Teams
- 6 x iPad2 devices purchased for the school
- Contributed 50% cost towards installation of Wi-Fi internet access throughout the school
- $200 donation to Westmead Children’s Hospital

If you’d like to be part of the great P&C team please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the school hall.

We are also planning a special cheese and bikkies night for our next meeting on 14th October so mark it in your diaries!

The inaugural Outlands Public School Movies by Moonlight is on this

**Thursday 18th September.**

Pre-ordering of tickets has now closed but DON’T WORRY you can still buy tickets on the night.

5:30pm – Gates open

6:20pm – Movie begins

Further details can be found in the P&C section of the school website here
From Our Assistant Principals

Kidsmatter

As holidays are fast approaching here are some tips on their importance of play and its role in the social and emotional development of children.

Children learn through play
A good deal of children’s important early learning about how to express and manage their feelings takes place through play. Children’s play is ‘an important training ground for intellectual and emotional development’. (Garbarino, J., & Manly, J. (1999). Free play and captured play: releasing the healing power. International Play Journal, 4, pp. 123-125.) This learning underpins much of children’s future success and wellbeing.

Play helps children develop a positive sense of self
Play provides opportunities for children to have power over what they do and what and how they learn.

Young children depend on the sensitivity of the adults who care for them. They often have little or no say about what they do, when they do it and when they stop. Their lives are often organised around an adult’s schedule. Children are put in and out of high chairs and cars, they are fed and go to bed when adults organise it, they go to preschools and often even dress according to adults’ wishes and preferences. Of course most adults are making decisions in the interests of the child, but in the eyes of the child they may feel quite powerless in many aspects of their everyday lives.

Play is different. In play, children have more opportunity to make decisions. This is important for their developing sense of self as it builds feelings of self-efficacy, competence and confidence. Play enables children to express feelings and practise roles. Through play children also learn to negotiate the give and take of relationships with others.

Learning impulse control
If you are building a castle and you get frustrated and knock it down, you have lost your castle. If you are drawing a picture and scribble on it because it is not going right, you learn you no longer have a picture. In these ways children gradually learn that they need to control their impulses in order to achieve what they want.

We all know talking about a problem with someone else helps find a way forward. Young children often do not have the language to really express their feelings but they can do it through play. As children grow and learn, their play becomes a basis for creativity in art or music or other ways of expressing themselves. These ways of personal expression can help them to cope with feelings all their lives.

For example, a child whose family has separated may feel very anxious about what is going to happen to them. These feelings and possibilities can be explored through play. The child can practise having two homes set-up with two houses and different dolls. The same applies to children who have moved house, as distance can be a difficult concept for young children to understand. There is no need for adults to take part, but being near while the child plays shows support and acceptance.

Play is a way for children to learn about their abilities and have mastery experiences that are important for building resilience and developing.
Oatlands Public School

Week 10, Term 3

**PBL**
This week students have been reviewing our expectations of being safe, respectful and a learner at school. These rules can easily be used to reinforce positive behaviour at home as well. During the school holidays you might like to speak to your child about these types of behaviours. Thank you all for helping to make PBL a success at our school. I hope all Oatlands families have a safe and happy holiday break.

Miss Gould

Peer Support
Last week in Peer Support, the students learnt about positive self-talk. It is important that what we say and think to ourselves is optimistic. This enables all of us to deal with situations that may be challenging. The students practised speaking positively to themselves when good things happen as well as when things are not going well. Please encourage your child to practise this at home so they are more likely to develop an optimistic attitude and approach to life.

PSSA AFL
A HUGE congratulations to the junior AFL team! They won the PSSA Grand Final against Carlingford Public School 34-10. Every student played extremely well and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship. Oatlands Public School Junior AFL team are now back to back Premiers in this competition. Many of the students in the junior team will move into the senior team next year and we will work towards a premiership for both the junior and senior team in this competition for 2015.

Mind Quest 2014
On Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 November 2014, the seventy-fourth Mind Quest program will be held for gifted and talented primary school students from Years 1-6 at Glenwood High School. Students will have an opportunity to participate in over 36 exciting, fast paced courses in the two day program. They include courses in chemistry, earth sciences, drama, lego robotics, mathematics, writing, art and drawing and much more. Please contact our school office for a brochure.

Ms Dayhew
Live Life Well at School

Children and Fruit - Love at First Bite

Fruit provides a wonderful array of colour, taste and texture in the diet. It is also an excellent source of fibre, vitamins and minerals. Children should be encouraged to include fruit in their diet every day.

**Fabulous ideas to encourage children to eat more fruit.**

- Serve fruit cut into bite-sized pieces. Children usually prefer and manage fruit better this way.
- Frozen fruit pieces are a real treat in hot weather. Simply wrap pieces of peeled banana, pear, rockmelon or orange in cling wrap and freeze. Grapes are also great frozen.
- Fruit kebabs can be made using icy pole sticks and served either chilled or frozen. Bananas are great for this and make an excellent alternative to ice cream.
- Fruit smoothies are popular with many children and are so easy to make.
- Add chopped fruit or unsweetened fruit pieces to your child’s favourite breakfast cereal.

How you serve them can make all the difference!
### Oatlands Award Winners

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Bear Award Winner: Sean
Would your child like to learn Guitar or Keyboard?

Aria Music is enrolling for Term 4 at Oatlands Public School

Please email: ariamusicschool@gmail.com
Ph: 0402 780 130

Qualified, friendly teachers encourage serious musical skills in a fun learning environment.

Group classes of 3-5 students at school, $23.10 (Incl gst) per half hour lesson.

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Time: 3.05pm
Location: The School Hall

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