Swimming Carnival
On Friday 20th February Oatlands PS held their swimming carnival at Granville Pool. All students participated with enthusiasm and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Students can be commended for their outstanding behaviour and the teachers were proud and pleased with how the students took care of their belongings, encouraged others and behaved perfectly. A HUGE THANKYOU goes to those parents who helped out on the day. Details of the zone carnival will be given to those students whose time enabled them to qualify.

School Canteen
The canteen is open on Mondays and Fridays at lunchtime. Students are able to order their lunch all year round on Mondays and Fridays from this week on.

School Leaders
Our School Captains and Vice-Captains are doing a fantastic job in leading the morning assemblies. Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in by their peers to be SRC members for Semester 1-

K/1 Appleby- Caitlin and Jesse
1/2 Peacock- Joyce and Navid
2/3 Mawson- Bianca and Tye
3/4 Clark- Esther and Daniel
3/4 Kossoff- Sharon and Christian
5/6 Wood- Emily and Harry
5/6 Hill- Cili and Riley

Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in as the House Captains for 2015-

Freeman- Aimee and Min
O'Neil- Taylor and Aaron
Thorpe- Parnia and Max

Emergency Contacts
Students from 1-6 have received emergency contact sheets. Please ensure you check these details, sign the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Term 1 Invoices
Term 1 invoices have been posted to your home address. Prompt payment is appreciated. If you have not received your invoice please contact the school office.

Absences
If your child is absent from school an explanation note must be provided.

Stage 3 Camp
Year 5 and 6 students will be going to Berry for Camp next Wednesday. Please ensure full payment is made by this Friday.
Select High School Placement Test – 12th March 2015
The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. In 2015, the Selective High School placement test will be held on Thursday 12 March. For key dates and more information parents may visit the website www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Mathletics and Reading Eggs / Reading Eggspress
All students have access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs or Reading Eggspress. Student usernames and passwords will be sent home shortly. Students are encouraged to use both of these programs regularly. Classroom teachers may set certain work from these programs for homework and use them to support and enhance learning in the classroom.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey Yrs 4-6
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students in Years 4-6 to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey was sent home today. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Amazing Photos by Colour my Memories
From Monday 16 March until Wednesday 18 March, 3-6pm in the school library (Monday and Tuesday) and in the school hall (on Wednesday) there will be a photo fundraiser run at school where $10 from every image purchased will go to Oatlands Public School. Lucky Dip prizes will be offered for the first 25 bookings, prizes include free and half priced family photo sessions, colour my memories gift ideas and more. Amazing Photos delivers stunning photographic images through the creative use of conceptual themes, set and subject styling, photographic expertise and post-production editing. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for examples of how the photos turn out. Booking forms will be sent home this week. If you would like to book your child in please complete the booking form and return it to the school office by 13 March. After the photo shoot you will receive an order form with payment options.

Mr D'Amore
Principal

Crunch and Sip
Crunch&Sip® is a set break during the school day when students can eat fruit (or salad vegetables) and drink water in the classroom. The idea is to help students to re-fuel and boost their physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Each day, students bring an extra piece of fruit (or salad vegetables) to school to eat in the classroom, usually at around 10am. In addition, each student is asked to bring in a small bottle of water to drink throughout the day.

Through Crunch&Sip®, our school is demonstrating its commitment to nutrition education in the classroom by making links with the curriculum and creating a supportive school environment.

Crunch&Sip® has a positive impact on students by:

- Creating an enjoyable daily routine that increases fruit and vegetables intake
- Promoting a positive attitude towards fruit, vegetables and water
- Incorporating nutrition education into key learning areas of the curriculum

We thank you for your support of this key initiative. A school Crunch&Sip® policy is currently being developed.

Live Life Well @ School Committee
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
Oatlands Public School will be contributing to the National Clean Up Australia campaign on Monday 2 March. Our students will be cleaning up around the school grounds. Each class is allocated a section of the school to clean up with their teacher. Students will need to bring rubber gloves or old tongs to pick up rubbish and a plastic bag to put the rubbish in. Students will also have to wear their school hats. All classes will be supervised by their teacher.

Mr Hyland - Clean Up Organiser

Curriculum Corner

READING
Children improve reading by reading – success breeds success. It is important for children to get off to a good start. You can help by reading with your child at home. Is your child a reluctant reader? Let’s look at what reluctant readers need.

WHAT DO RELUCTANT READERS NEED?

1. Success
2. Instructional Level Books
3. Real Engagement in Reading
4. Frequency of Instruction / Short lessons
5. Small, sequenced steps
6. An appropriate time to practice
7. Re-reading of familiar text
8. Praise

BOOK LEVEL GUIDE

APPLICABLE TO ANY READING MATERIAL

Choose the book/story
Count off the first 50 words
Hear the child read the passage

0-2 errors = easy leisure reading (recommended for home reading)
3-4 errors = instructional level (learning at school)
4+ errors = frustration level (read to the child)

BEFORE READING

Find a comfortable, quiet spot, away from distractions
Sit beside the child. Let the child hold the book
Look at the book title together
Discuss what the story could be about
Look through the book at the pictures
Discuss child’s own experiences relevant to the text

Deliberately discuss and point out harder words that are contained in the text, in preparation for meeting them
Show your enthusiasm for having the child commence reading the story to you
Ten cybersafety tips every parent should know

Keeping your children safe online is easy with a few simple precautions.

1. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.

2. Set a technology curfew.

3. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.

4. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.

5. Remind your child that people don’t always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.

6. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.

7. If they get a message or email that’s threatening or rude, they should ‘STOP, BLOCK, TELL’. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.

8. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as sexual content, they could contain a computer virus.

9. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.

10. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you’re in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.

PBL

Over this fortnight students are learning to stay safe in the playground by staying in bounds and walking on hard surfaces. Students are also being reminded to keep their hands and feet to themselves. Bear tickets will be given to students who follow these rules and at next week’s assembly the student from each class who best meets these expectations will receive the Oatlands Award. Please discuss these positive behaviours at home with your child.

Ms Gould
P&C News

Fundraising Committee

The P&C is establishing a new Fundraising Committee which will meet directly after morning assembly on

9.15am on Thursday 26 February 2015 in the school hall.

So if you are unable to attend the regular P&C meetings on a Tuesday evening than this is a great opportunity for you to be involved and contribute to the P&C fundraising efforts this year.

Please come and meet Kerrie Dodge, Vice-President (Fundraising) at our first Fundraising Committee meeting:

9.15am on Thursday 26 February 2015 in the school hall.

Election Day Event

The P&C are hoping to hold an election day mini-market day at the School. Anybody is welcome to have a stall on the day to sell trash and treasure.

We will also be asking for donations of cakes and other baked goods to sell on the day. We are also in need of volunteers to help staff the stalls and assist with the BBQ so please let us know if you are available to assist on the day. You can volunteer for as long as you like – from 1 hr to the whole day, it’s up to you!

Jennene Griffiths
Vice-President (Communication)
Oatlands Awards Week 4 – Being a learner who knows the school rules (K-2)

Being a learner who articulates and explains the school rules (3-6)

K/1 Appleby  Angelica
1/2 Peacock  Grace
2/3 Mawson  Natasha
3/4 Clark  Jazmin
3/4 Kossoff  Samuel
5/6 Hill  Ethan
5/6 Wood  Estelle

Class Awards:

K/1 Appleby  Glen
             Joshua
1/2 Peacock  Morgan
             Jamal
             Joyce
2/3 Mawson  Erica
             Ryan K.
3/4 Clark  Cinji
             Sebastian
             Esther
3/4 Kossoff  Ellie
             Shaon
             Darcy
5/6 Hill  Ashley
             Brandon
             Mitchell
5/6 Wood  Dane
             Sean
             Max

Bear Award  Noah
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Years 7 - 11 - 2016

Auditions for Year 7-11, 2016 will be held on:

Wednesday 18th March 2015 - Visual arts.

Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March 2015 - Dance, Drama and Music.

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2015 specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music or Visual arts.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program MUST also audition.

NCAPAHS is a specialist Creative and Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities in a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Audition application forms can be obtained via our school website (www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), or can be posted or emailed to you directly by contacting NCAPAHS and speaking with Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116 or june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

N Vazquez

Principal
Muirfield High School

- excellence in comprehensive secondary education

We welcome interested families to our Open Evening
Thursday 26th February, 5pm - 7.30pm

Muirfield offers a broad curriculum in a nurturing and friendly environment.

- High academic achievement
- Strong sporting culture
- Rich extra-curricular activities

Out of area applications are most welcome.
Individual day-time tours and interviews always available.

Congratulations HSC Class of 2014 on your Outstanding Results

The school acknowledges the achievements of all HSC students. Of special note is the achievement of:

Jeffrey Ting, Dux, ATAR 99.50.
Lachlan Gabb 2nd & Ben Taylor 9th in State in Information & Digital Technology
Huw Murray, 4th in State in Primary Industries
Karla Wilson, 1st in State in Human Services

Limited places available in some year groups.
Enquiries: 9872 2244
Web: www.muirfield-h.school.nsw.edu.au
Barclay Road, North Rocks NSW 2151
Would your child like to learn Keyboard?

Aria Music is enrolling for 2015 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.

Keyboard/Piano classes
Day: Monday at 3.15-3.45pm
3.45 - 4.15pm
Location: Learning and Support Room
Teacher: Carol Park

- Hons BMus Sydney Conservatorium
- 20 years teaching experience
- Warm & friendly personality
- Free trial lesson

Music lessons have the Power!
- Develops musical talent
- Develops Self discipline
- Encourages self-esteem
- Enhances co-ordination & Concentration
- Is lots of fun!!!!
Oatlands Public School

Week 5, Term 1

MON 16 MARCH UNTIL WED 18 MARCH 2015

TAKING CHARACTER WITH AMAZING PHOTOS

SCHOOL FAMILY FUNDRAISER PROGRAM 3PM-6PM

BABY AND TODDLER AMAZING PHOTOS
DUNDAS CHINESE SCHOOL 2015
ENROLMENT

CHINESE CLASSES ARE FROM BEGINNERS TO
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL COVERING SPEAKING,
WRITING, AND CHINESE CULTURE

ALL PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
ARE WELCOME

WHEN: THURSDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM

TIME: 3.30-5.30PM

WHERE: DUNDAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
85 KISSING POINT ROAD DUNDAS

CONTACT DUNDAS CHINESE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL PHILLIP NG ON 98762900

Marsden High School
Open Day
Tuesday 10th March
4.30pm to 6.30pm

Principal’s address 4.30pm
Followed by School Tours

Partners in education with: Macquarie
University
Northern Sydney
TAFE
Johnson & Johnson

Take this opportunity to meet our students and
staff and see all that Marsden High School can offer