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OATLEY ORGANISER Term 1 Week 10- 2 APRIL 2024.

We hope you enjoy the posts of all our activities and events on our Facebook. This newsletter is elaborated information on what is happening in our school.

EASTER BREAK Friday 29 March until Monday 1 April. Have a wonderful break.

We value the safety of our students

As we near the end of the term the teachers have been implementing safety protocols to our students through their Personal Development and Health program. Areas of sun safety, bike safety, water safety and road safety are highlighted areas within these programs. These safety programs are critical to our students especially as we move into school breaks.

Our school is unique in our setting as having a split site school and we do use Neville Street as an access for both sites. Please be aware that the boom gates are not closed during school holiday breaks as we have noticed that we can be complacent during school operational hours by walking, playing and standing on this road not on the footpaths.

A teacher raised concerns in regard to before school care drop off when parents allowed their child to exit on the roadside not the gutter side.

While a father was getting bags out of the boot of his car, his kindergarten child exited the open door of his car and ran into the middle of the road. I almost hit him with my car if I didn't slam on the brakes. His father was oblivious to what just happened.

Students must exit cars on the kerb side or have adult supervision when opening car door on roadside. Then hold adults hand crossing the road. Please be aware too the child safety locks on cars are there to help young children's safety so please use them.

We have a very clear safety phrase for our primary aged students when on the road to always hold an adult's hand when crossing a road. A message we consolidate in class safety programs.

Cross Country Tuesday 2 April K-6

K-2 will run their cross country around the FLATs area. The teachers have orientated the course to our K-2 students. Parents welcome

All 3-6 will marshal in age groups on the north site playground and then run their age cross country race across at Memorial Park Avenue. The distance age races will be staggered at Memorial Park and then all students will return to the north site playground as toilet facilities are readily available. Please note this year due to significant ground works the school has made a decision for safety and accessibility to toilet facilities to use our local park instead of Renown Park. Students to wear sports

uniform or House coloured T-Shirts as house points are awarded to all students who compete. Parents welcome.

Order of events – Age races (commencing approx 9:45am)			
Age	Girls/Boys	Course Length	Born
12/13 years	Boys	3000m	2012 / 11
12/13 years	Girls	3000m	2012 / 11
11 years	Boys	3000m	2013
11 years	Girls	3000m	2013
10 years	Boys	2000m	2014
10 years	Girls	2000m	2014
8/9 years	Boys	2000m	2015/16
8/9 years	Girls	2000m	2015/16

Week beginning 8 April – Collaborative Planning for all teachers. This allows professional learning opportunities and collaborative planning to occur within stage teams. Teachers are scheduled for one day to meet with their executive team leader and team to review student data and program and plan for term 2 teaching and learning programs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 1 ends Friday 12 April

Term 2 resumes for teachers Monday 29 April and is a Staff Development Day and office is open.

Term 2 resumes for students Tuesday 30 April

Student/Parent/Teacher interviews will be held in Term 2: Week 2 Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May (inclusive).

On Tuesday 2 April at 9am an email will go out to families via school bytes showing details of a weblink and specific code. Three easy steps to follow are 1. Enter your details. 2. Select the teachers you wish to see. 3. Select the appointment time that suits your family best.

When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you instantly. This information and more will be on that School interview email.

Bookings must be finalised by Thursday 11 April at 4pm to create appointment times for teachers.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance is mandatory for all students 6 years and over. The NSW DET has targeted overall state attendance of students in all public schools. The DET is also clear about the notation of absences. I have provided a snippet of expectation below.

Absences are justified in the Education Act 1990 (NSW) if 'the child was prevented from attending school because of some medical condition, or because of some accident or unforeseen event' (section 23).

On occasion, a child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

When is being away OK?

Sometimes it's hard to decide when it is acceptable to keep your child home from school. Below is a list of acceptable and unacceptable examples:

Justified

Unavoidable medical, specialist or dental appointments (Try to encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home time.)

Religious holidays

Urgent family situation (E.g. funerals)

Sick or infectious disease (E.g. conjunctivitis)

Unjustified

Shopping

Sleeping in

Working around the house

Minding siblings/other children/older relatives

Minor family events (birthdays)

Hair cuts

Weather conditions: Rainy/Windy/Hot

Frequent car problems

Frequent late train/bus

Airport/Visitors from overseas or other states

Other member of the family is sick.

Hospital visits to relatives or friends

Head Lice (This can be treated effectively at home after school)

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal