



23 February 2018

Dear Parents

We have passed the halfway mark for Term One! There are a few things that I would like to bring to your attention.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Ronel Pompe is coming to our school next week on Wednesday the 28th February and Thursday the 1st March to take individual photos of the children. There is absolutely no obligation to purchase any photographs, it is purely a convenient service that we offer for those that are interested. We have found her to be excellent with the children as well as the admin around this process and of course, her photograph quality is great. There is no form to fill in, or consent to give, she comes in for two days and takes photos of each child. Following this, she will communicate with each parent and give them the opportunity to purchase or decline the photographs.

EXTRA-MURALS

Some of the times have changed where there are smaller groups that could be combined. The extra mural teachers would have communicated these changes to the parents of children involved and the teachers have an updated schedule for you to refer to. Please note that the 13:00 – 13:15 time is purely for us to register the children into the aftercare or extra-mural for the day, you are not charged for aftercare for these fifteen minutes when your child is going to the 13:15 extra-mural.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday the 22nd March we are celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a storybook – please enjoy this process with your children. Read the book together, discuss the characters and plot and have fun creating an outfit! Remember, not all children like to dress up so there are easy characters to dress up as that won't cause any anxiety (boy/girl from any simple story). We would love the children to bring along some of their favourite stories so that we can share them together. The Grade 4 children will be coming to read to the Grade Rs and the Grade 000 and Grade 00 classes have some fun activities planned for the morning.

WATER PLAY

With the current restrictions we will not be able to justify running our little cobblestone stream permanently. We will, however, consider using the borehole water on 'hot days' for short periods of fifteen minutes. The water then runs into the tank and is used for irrigating our young trees, thereby not wasting any borehole water. We do want to include this in our outside play but have to be mindful of our current water situation. This is also why there have not been any 'water troughs' set up at outside play as we usually do.

Wacky Week is coming up, as are Parent-Teacher Meetings as we move towards the last month of the term. Please keep checking the links that Tracey Du Toit emails out on a Friday along with the Blah, for any important news and information pertaining to Oakwood children.

Many thanks,

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