



# The Oakdale Newsletter

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**Term 4, Week 6, 2012**

**Date: Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Dates to remember**

### **Coming up in November:**

- \*16<sup>th</sup> Gala Day touch football
- \*20<sup>th</sup> 2/3F & 3/4B excursion to Maritime Museum
- \*22<sup>nd</sup> Music Bus to visit/Parent session 9.00am
- \*23<sup>rd</sup> Extra gymnastics session
- \*26<sup>th</sup> Christmas Social 3-6
- \*30<sup>th</sup> Camden Carols rehearsals leave school at **8.50am sharp** (same arrangements as the first visit)
- \*30<sup>th</sup> Evening performance Camden Carols – parents to transport students

### **Coming up in December:**

- \*3<sup>rd</sup> Swim School
- \*3<sup>rd</sup> Last K-2 assembly
- \*4<sup>th</sup> Last scripture
- \*6<sup>th</sup> Last primary assembly
- \*10<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 excursion to Woogilemai
- \*11<sup>th</sup> Principal's Morning Tea
- \*12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell
- \*17<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day starts 9.40am
- \*18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Fun Day
- \*19<sup>th</sup> Big Day In
- \*Holidays – school closed



### **Reminders:**

- \*Class assessments will take place in Week 5 & 6 so try to be in attendance each day unless sick.
- \*Items for the Xmas hampers sent in – food, decorations, toys etc.
- \*Raffle tickets returned - if you need more see the office.
- \*If you are going to Camden Carols learn your words at home.

### **From the Principal's Desk:**

\*The three sessions of Kindergarten Orientation are over and Mrs Berger feels they are a very interesting group of students. Currently we have 21 students enrolled for 2013 - if you have not yet enrolled could you please do so before the end of the year.

\*There are many exciting events over the next few weeks; we have tried to give parents as much prior notice as possible so as arrangements can be made to attend Presentation Day and the last half hour of The Year 6 Farewell.

\*At this time of year parents are wondering what class their child will be in next year. We are holding off on forming classes for next year as our numbers are once again borderline. Of course we will plan for different scenarios but will have to wait and see what our actual enrolments are in week one 2013. If you need to speak to me concerning any issues over classes please come and see me.

\*On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November "The Music Bus" will visit our school and each class K-5 will go in for a lesson. A parent session will be held from 9.00am – 9.30am to let you know how the music program operates. It would be great if we could have as many parents as possible attend as I would like your feedback as to whether you find the program valuable and affordable.



<b>KB Term 4 Week 5</b> Josh Graham Joshua Ryan Talina Seisun Tim Prout Casey Beard	<b>I/2H Term 4 Week 5</b> Lauryn Takiari X2 Brandon Baker Cooper Taylor X2 William Milne Zac Harding X7 <b>Week 6</b> <b>Student of the Week:</b> Mitchell Welsh	<b>II Term 4 Week 5</b> Anthony Roth X2 Joel Graham X2 Jessica Webber Katie Chelin X2  <b>Week 6</b> Jasmine Griggs <b>Student of the Week:</b> Katie Chelin
<b>2/3F Term 4 Week 4</b> Jesse Beard <b>Term 4 Week 5</b> Charlie Roberts <b>Student of the Week:</b> Melanie Van Der Meer <b>Student of the Week:</b> Calix Rowland	<b>3/4B Term 4 Week 4</b> Zoe Palmer Taylor-Lee Johns Brandon Takiari <b>Student of the week:</b> Ethan Stack	<b>5L Term 4 Week 4</b> Adrian Van Der Meer Corey Burton <b>Student of the week:</b> Suzi Roth  <b>6HP Term 4 Week 4</b> April Couley <b>Student of the week:</b> Brooke Gatt



## Christmas Raffle

This year we are asking for donations of food items and wrappings, bon-bons etc (no out of date items please) to make up several Xmas hampers. Raffle tickets will be 50 cents each and one book of ten sent home to each family. We will be drawing the raffle on Presentation Day which is Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets need to be returned by Friday, 14th December.



## Camden Carols

Thanks to the parents and staff who transported our students to Camden on Thursday. Our next session is on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. We will meet at the school at **8.50am sharp** in order to arrive at the venue by 9.30am.

Arrangements will be the same as last week. If you cannot assist with transport and you said you could please let the school know so we can make alternative arrangements.

### **Wollondilly Rotary Club**

This year Wollondilly Rotary Club gave the school \$450 and we spent the money of quality literature to support our Accelerated Literacy Program. Mrs Berger and I are going to give a presentation to the committee on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November about Accelerated Literacy and the impact we hope it has on our student's over the next 3 years.



### **Christmas Social for Years 3-6**

The last social for the year will be held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November. Students are asked to dress in the theme of Christmas. We will start at 5.30pm and conclude at 7.00pm. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.



### **Principal's Morning Tea**

The last morning tea will be held on 11<sup>th</sup>, December 2012. Send all of your Big Bluey's into the office as soon as possible so that you don't miss out.



### **The Music Bus**

#### **What is it?**

THE MUSIC BUS offers high quality and modern weekly music tuition to primary school students on board our mobile classroom.

The children can choose from guitar, drums, keys, and singing, as well as our rock band program. Classes can run before, during, and after school depending on your schools needs and requirements.

This program has been running for over 20 years and is very successful. We currently have over 2500 students at over 100 schools on our buses per week. All our teachers are fully qualified and have undergone a full Working with Children's Check and we are covered for public liability insurance for \$10,000,000.00.

\*Parents wishing to attend the parent seminar please call the office and leave your name. (46596251)

## **Year 6 Farewell**

All of the preparations for the Year 6 Farewell have been taken care of and the following is the agenda for the night.

Date: 12/12/12

Time: 6.00pm -9.00pm

Attendance Year 5&6 students

Please see Mrs Green if you need any more details.



- Seated by 6.15pm
- Acknowledgement of Year 6 by Mrs Green
- Main meal served
- Captains – “Looking Back”
- Vice Captains present their gift to the school
- Cutting of the Cake
- Dessert and DVD of “Our Years at Oakdale”
- Take the dance floor
- Parents join us for
- “Presentation of graduation certificate and signature bear”

At 8.30pm

- Dancing – parents join in with their child for the last dance
- Students walk out to graduation song
- Finish 9.00pm

**NOTE: Parents arrive at 8.30pm to watch graduation certificates being presented and to join in for the last dance.**



# TREASURE CHEST



Congratulations to the following students who recently visited The Treasure Chest. You have all been trying very hard to do your best in class.

<b>KB</b>	<b>Nash Brackenrig, Casey Beard</b>
<b>II</b>	<b>Katelyn Chelin</b>
<b>1/2H</b>	<b>Lachlan Brincat, Madelyn Russell, Imogen Ramp, Lauryn Takiari, Cooper Taylor, Zac Harding x 2, William Milne</b>
<b>2/3F</b>	
<b>3/4B</b>	<b>Ethan Stack x 4, Casey Ramp, Brandon Takiari</b>
<b>5L</b>	
<b>5/6HP</b>	<b>April Couley, Stephanie Fraser</b>

## Library News

### Last Week to Borrow – Week 7, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November

2012 has been a great year for student borrowing from the library. Even though all borrowing is voluntary the number of loans this year has been very high. Our 21 Year 4 students for example, have borrowed over 750 books.

### Please Return Overdue Books

We are now looking at winding down our loans to prepare for stocktake and the school holidays. Please help your child return all school library books by the end of Week 8. If you have been receiving reminder notices to return library books, now is the time to dig them out and send them back in to the school. If you think a mistake has been made, please contact Mrs Antoniak – [elizabeth.j.antoniak@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:elizabeth.j.antoniak@det.nsw.edu.au) or send in a note with your child.

### Return Books Anytime

During normal office opening hours we have a book returns box on the floor in front of the office. You do not need to wait for the library to be open to return your books.

### DVDs in the Library Collection

We are trialling a limited number of DVDs in the library fiction collection to enhance student interest in books. Students can now read Dr Seuss's "Horton Hears a Who" and also enjoy the story on DVD.

### Kindergarten 2013

A special hello to all the Kindergarten 2013 students and their parents who popped into the library for reading and singing at the start of the term. It was wonderful to meet you and I am already looking forward to our library time next year. I hope you are having fun playing "I Spy" and reading together before school starts next year.

See you in the library!

Mrs Antoniak



### **TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY**

Notes have been sent home for the final Gala Day for the year at Tahmoor Sports Ground this Friday, with our students participating in touch football. Permission notes and money should be returned by Wednesday. The junior girls and boys will have a skills session in the morning followed by games, with the seniors playing games all day. Please be advised that students need to be at school by 8:50am as the bus will be departing at 9:10am. The bus will not wait for late comers. This is to ensure rolls can be marked and sports jerseys handed out. Students are required to wear full sports uniform (Year 6 may wear green school t-shirt) as well as their school hat. Normal joggers should be worn.

At this stage it is uncertain whether a canteen will be operating, so children should bring, recess and lunch. Children should also bring a water bottle as the forecast is for a warm day. If your child is unable to attend, please let Mr Barr or Ms Pearsall know as soon as possible.

### **Yarramundi Camp**

Last term Years 3 & 4 went to Yarramundi for a two-day camp at the foot of the Blue Mountains, near Penrith. The children completed a range of activities from making damper to finding their way through a cave maze. The children had a fantastic time and learnt about teamwork, encouragement and having a positive attitude.



**Congratulations to April Couley who won third place in the “Design an Ad” competition run by the Wollondilly Advertiser.**

