



The Oakdale Newsletter

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Term 4, Week 8, 2012

Date: Tuesday, 27th November



Dates to remember



Coming up in November:

- *26th Christmas Social 3-6
- *26th Last K-2 Assembly/ Combined K-6 Assembly for school captain speeches 2013/6th Dec
- *28th School surveys returned
- *30th Camden Carols rehearsals leave school at **8.50am sharp** (same arrangements as the first visit)
- *30th Touch Football Gala Day at Thirlmere
- *30th Evening performance Camden Carols – parents to transport students

Coming up in December:

- *3rd Swim School
- *3rd Last K-2 assembly
- *4th Last scripture
- *6th Last primary assembly speeches for 2013 captains
- *10th Yr 5 excursion to Wooglemai
- *11th Principal's Morning Tea
- *12th Year 6 Farewell
- *17th Presentation Day starts 9.40am
- *18th Year 6 Fun Day
- *19th Big Day In
- *Holidays – school closed



Reminders

- *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.
- *If you can still transport students to the Camden Carols rehearsal on Friday, 30th November please ring the office by Tuesday, 27th.

From the Principal's Desk:

Sadly Mrs Antoniak, our 2 day a week librarian will not be with us next year. She has been offered a full time Head Teacher Library position and has accepted it. Mrs Antoniak has been a very involved, enthusiastic and talented member of staff. Her new school are very lucky to be getting her! We wish her well in her new position.

*Our General Assistant Angus Le Good has retired from his one day per week position at Oakdale PS. Angus maintained the grounds and managed maintenance at the school. He has worked here for about 5 years. We thank him for his efforts at our school and wish him every happiness in retirement.

*On the 22nd of November "The Music Bus" visited our school and each class K-5 thoroughly enjoyed singing, moving and playing with instruments. Some parents visited the bus and were keen to enrol their children. Please return completed surveys so we can ascertain if we have enough students to start the program.

*Gymnastics has been a wonderful program in the school. The same company will be running a dance program for us in Term 1 next year. Notes will go out next week and payments can be made up until the end of the first week back next year. We would hope to get 100% of students participating. If you have any concerns re payment – weekly payments are fine. If finances are an issue please call Mrs Green to confidentially discuss the matter.

*Healthy Harold will make a return to our school in Week 2 next year to present a Life Education Program.



KB Term 4 Week 7 Breeanna Austin Student of the Week: Blake Takiari Week 8 Jake Griggs Blake Takiari Joshua Ryan Ike Sanderson Jeremy Sanderson X2 Student of the Week: Jake Griggs Writer Award Madelyn Russell	I/2H Term 4 Week 7 Wesley Johns Stephanie Fordham Noah Meredith William Milne Hayley Underwood Student of the Week: Hayley Underwood Week 8 Caitlyn Hartshorne Jesse Holland Student of the Week: Madelyn Russell	II Term 4 Week 7 Dallas Wellington Dylan Palmer, Myia Tabone Emily Ballard Cameron Richards Student of the Week: Madison Hay Week 8 Ruby Sanderson Jasmine Griggs X2 Dylan Palmer, Cooper Eather Tyrone Baker X3 Mitchell Briggs Student of the Week: Tyrone Baker
2/3F Term 4 Week 7 Joshua Young Student of the Week: Brooke Campbell Term 4 Week 8 Lachlan Burley X2 Cody Beard X2 Calix Rowland Student of the Week: Brooke Campbell	3/4B Term 4 Week 7 Chelsea Nink X3 Zoe Palmer Jami Roberts DJ Gatt Student of the week: Josie Dunn	5L Term 4 Week 7 Student of the week: Corey Burton 6HP Term 4 Week 7 Student of the week: Lola Salzmann

Parents & Teachers Education Opportunity

Teen Depression Presentation

A guide for parents and teachers to understand the signs and symptoms of teenage depression and how they can assist in helping a depressed teenager and supporting them through treatment.

Please join Counsellor & Psychotherapist, Kate White for an informative workshop aimed at assisting carers to gain practical tips and tools for helping teenagers with depression.

Wednesday 12th December 10am – 12midday at 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor (Community Centre). Cost \$10 to be paid on the day. Bookings essential, call 0411837171 or email katewhitecounselling@gmail.com

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, 17th 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 30th 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.** Our rehearsal is at Camden Civic Centre and students are to bring lunch and plenty of cold water as it is predicted to be about 40 degrees on the day. No bars with nuts or peanut butter are to be brought as there are students from other schools with severe allergies.

Christmas Social for Years 3-6

The last social for the year will be held on Monday, 26th November. Students are asked to dress in the theme of Christmas. We will start at 5.00pm and conclude at 6.3pm. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.



Principal's Morning Tea

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



K-2 Xmas Fun Day and Social

K-2 will have a Christmas Fun Day on Tuesday, 18th December. Students are asked to dress in Xmas colours etc. and to bring their lunch in a decorated lunch box. They will have a social at some stage during the day. **Jingle bells!**



Swim School

Swim School starts on Monday, 3rd December. All payments need to be finalised by Friday, 30th November. Don't forget to put your child's swimmers, towel, cap and optional goggles in a plastic bag with their name written on it. Thanks for your support.

Life Education

The Life Education van will visit for lessons at our school in Week 2, 2013 (Monday 4th February – Wednesday 6th Feb). The cost per student is \$9 which includes a workbook. We believe the program would be very valuable for our students. Following is a brief outline:

Primary School Program

Life Education's comprehensive programs have been specifically designed to assist schools achieve the outcomes of the NSW curriculum. Activities are based on the Health and Physical Education outcomes. They are also designed to be integrated into additional curriculum areas, as deemed relevant by individual schools.

Primary schools play a vital role in preparing children for life and in shaping their journey through school. Research shows that the earlier we encourage children to develop positive self-image, self-esteem and a feeling of uniqueness, the better equipped they are to make positive healthy choices later in life.

Life Education assists student to:

- acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices
- develop and practice skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions
- recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours



Dance Program 2013

In Term 1, 2013 (Wednesday, 6th February) we will commence our dance program. After the success of our gymnastics program we are going with the same company "Fitfutures." They offer exciting, active dance classes to motivate and get children interested in dance. All programs are designed to fulfil the NSW syllabus outcomes for dance.

The instructors are high energy and passionate about keeping children fit through dance. There are a variety of dance styles offered including Hip Hop and Break Dancing components.

This is part of our PDHPE program and we anticipate that all students will participate. The cost is **\$31.50** which is slightly cheaper than the gymnastics program. We are informing parents now so you can plan ahead for payment **or pay before the end of this school year.** If you need assistance with payment please contact Mrs Green.

RESCHEDULED TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Notes have been reissued for the rescheduled Touch Football Gala Day at Thirlmere Sports Ground this Friday. 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT CAMDEN CAROLS REHEARSAL IS ON THIS DAY. CHILDREN MAY ATTEND THE GALA DAY INSTEAD OF THE REHEARSAL AND STILL ATTEND THE CAROLS AT NIGHT.**

A canteen will be operating, however children are encouraged to bring recess, lunch and plenty of water as the forecast is for a very hot day. If your child is unable to attend, please let Mr Barr or Ms Pearsall know as soon as possible.

FOR SALE

20" BMX Bike – like new \$80.00
Phone: 46596837

WANTED

Baby car seat – from newborn.
Phone: 46596837

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.

KB	Niamh D'Arcy, Suvi Lehtonen, Tim Prout, Jake Griggs,
II	Anthony Roth, Katelyn Chelin, Joel Graham,
2/3F	Hayden Peters,
3/4B	Aislinn D'Arcy, Chelsea Nink x6, Alicia Campbell

Rotary Club of Wollondilly North Supporting Oakdale Public School

Last week Mrs Berger and Mrs Green went to Oakdale Worker's Club to attend the Rotary Club Meeting to thank them for their support of our Accelerated Literacy program. The program started in Term 4 this year and Rotary kindly donated \$450 toward the purchase of high quality literary resources. We were made feel very welcome and treated to dinner. We look forward to continuing the partnership in 2013. Thanks to Marie Taylor for organising the event.

