



The Oakdale Newsletter

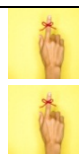
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Term 4, Week 4, 2013

Date: Tuesday, 29th October



Dates to remember

Coming up in October

***31st Kinder Orientation Library Visit**

Coming up in November

***5th Year 6 photo**

***6th Making Mud Bricks Year 1&2**

***7th Mrs Green and Mrs Berger Leadership Training**

***8th Kindergarten Orientation Superplay**

***11th Mrs Itskos returns**

***12th Mrs Coppola Climate Clever Conference**

***13th/14th/15th Stage 3 Camp**

***14th Mrs Green and Mrs Berger Leadership Training**

***15th State Multicultural Public Speaking Finals Aislinn D'Arcy**

***21st Last Aussie of the Month Assembly**

***28th Year 5 present speeches for school leaders 2014**

***29th Principal's Morning Tea (last for the year)**

Reminders

***Week 5 and 6 are class assessment weeks. Please try to ensure your children are here every day.**

These results are used for report writing.

***Please return Rydges raffle tickets when sold if you require more tickets see the office.**

***It is not too late to complete a survey on the website. Google Oakdale Public School website and click on parent survey at the top of the page.**

*** Year 6 photo 5th November. Year 6 shirt, sports shorts and sport shoes to be worn. If you are away on the day the photo cannot be taken again.**

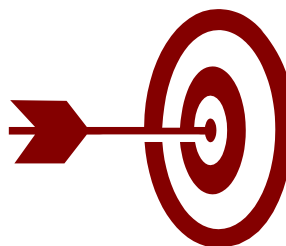
From the Principal's desk

It was lovely talking to the new Kinder parents for 2014 last week. We have four new families starting their children at our school. I mentioned that it was great to see a lot of dads take time off from work to be a part of the day.

At the moment we are looking at our budget for next year and evaluating our own performance. Our next couple of staff meetings will include discussions on class formation, priorities to be targeted, curriculum implementation, planning excursions, camps etc. and locking them in for the year ahead. We are starting so early because as demonstrated this year we had a very smooth start to the year because of thorough planning.

I urge parents if they have any input to give me a call or come up and have a chat about any of these issues.

WORKING HARD TO GET IT RIGHT



MARIA GREEN

**ONLY 5 SPOTS TO FILL FOR
THE SWIMMING SCHEME,
PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD
UP TODAY!**

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	David Milne, Kuljas Kapoor, Ella-May Dern, Phoenix Chelin
1C	Timothy Prout
2HI	Dylan Palmer
3B	Mitchell Welsh
4L	Brooke Campbell, Ebonnie Brincat, Kalani Wymer
5F	Shaylee Robinson
6W	

Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Awards 2013

One student from each class of students that has attended "The Talented Artists" classes this year has been selected to submit one artwork to the Festival of Fisher's ghost Art Awards. The artworks will be on display from 2nd -16th November at Campbelltown Arts Centre on the corner of Camden and Appin Roads Campbelltown.

KB – Isabel Nash – Spring Flower

1C – Tyrone Brincat – Cat and Bird

2HI – Joel Graham – POG

3B – Amy Hooper – Fat Cat

4L – Emmitt Carlile – Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley

5F – Maddison Hartshorne – Cat Vase with Flowers

6W – Jessica Fordham - Fearless

Rydgges Raffle

We have our final fundraiser for the year our Rydgges Raffle which is valued at \$962. The prize package includes a two night stay in the city, with breakfast for 2 adults and 2 children. A Taronga Zoo pass and fuel card valued at \$200 is also included. Each family is asked to sell one booklet and send the money in as soon as they are sold. There are 20 tickets at a cost of \$2.00 each so each booklet is \$40.00. Unsold tickets need to be sent back as well. The prize will be drawn at our Presentation Day Assembly on the 16th December. **All tickets and money must be returned by 2nd December. Each booklet sold will receive a discount voucher and the chance to win an iPod Shuffle**

Enrol for Kindergarten

We would be grateful to parents if they intend enrolling a student in Kindergarten next year to come to the office and complete an enrolment form. We are already planning for next year and want as much organisation as possible to be done before the end of the year.

Reveal Your Talent School Initiatives

Our school has been chosen along with a handful of other schools to enter an art competition to design a Christmas card with the theme: Christmas in the Summertime, Our Family Christmas. Cards will be sent to all of our ambassadors across the world, throughout our embassies and to world leaders. Mrs Gonzales and the talented artists are busily coming up with imaginative ideas for our entries.

Garden Competition 2013

This year we came second in the Wollondilly Garden Competition. The judges were very impressed with our well maintained gardens and lawns. Last year we came first and next year we will enter our class gardens and outdoor learning area.

Area Oracy Competition

Jami Roberts and Aislinn D'Arcy represented our school last week at Mawarra Public School. The standard of the speakers was amazing. Our students were extremely good and enjoyed the experience.

Arrival Times

The school playground is not supervised until 9.00am each morning. We have students arriving very early to school sometimes before 8.00am. If you are dropping your child off early please let the office know so we can make arrangements for them to sit in the office area.

School Uniform

I am requesting the support of parents to ensure their children are wearing full school uniform to school each day. We do not want students wearing coloured jumpers, fluorescent sports shoes and basketball caps.

Primary Big Blueys

Term 4 Week 3

3B	4L	5F	6WF
Amy Hooper Lachlan Brincat Cooper Taylor Mitchell Welsh Hayley Underwood	Ebonnie Brincat x 2 Brooke Campbell x 3	Jami Roberts Kye Dingle Sarah Hooper Brandon Takiari Joshua Prout x 3 Maddison Hartshorne	Madison Box x 4 Jessica Fordham Corey Burton x 3
Student of the Week: Kate Foster	Student of the Week: Bilal Dirani	Student of the Week: Shaylee Robinson	Student of the Week: Macie Carlile

OAKDALE SPORTING NEWS

PSSA Softball

THE Sydney South West team has won this year's NSW Primary Schools Sports Association Boys' State Championship following three days of tough competition at Softball Macarthur's grounds at Cowpasture Reserve, Camden late last term. Sydney South West boys secured this year's title with a final round 9-3 victory over Western. Oakdale was represented in the team by school captain **Harrison Meredith**. Harrison is always a proud and humble member of any sporting team and it is great to see him achieve success at this high level. It is also encouraging to hear from zone or region sporting coaches reporting great sportsmanship and enthusiasm from Oakdale students at these events. Congratulations Harrison!

PSSA Cricket Gala Day

On Friday 25th October we participated in the Cricket Gala Day at Tahmoor Sportsground. A group of men and women from NSW Cricket ran fun drills that help to develop the skills necessary to play cricket. The cricketers made the day even more exciting and enjoyable by playing music during the drills and games. Our boys team consisted of Ryan Ballard, Malcolm Dalton, Scott Dimech, Kye Dingle, Hassan Dirani, Dylan Newham, Joshua Prout, Casey Ramp, Corey Roberts, Brandon Takiari and the girls team was made up of Taylor-Lee Johns, Erika Thornton, Jaide Curtis, Tiffany Brincat, Kristy Dalton, Macie Carlile, Esjie Degroot-Franke, Callista Tyldsley. They played two games each and represented our school with pride. Their dancing throughout the day was also a highlight! Thankyou to both teams for such an enjoyable day.

Ms Fuller

YEAR 3 & 4 BLUE MOUNTAINS CAMP



On Thursday we went to school for our camp. When we got onto the coach I sat next to Ana and we sang 'Happy lama, sad lama, totally rad lama, super lama, drama lama, big fat mamma lama, baby lama, crazy lama and don't forget Baracka lama, fish, fish, more fish, turtle, ha, unicorn, peacock!' over and over again. Then we went to the Aboriginal Cultural Educational Centre where we did boomerang throwing and if we caught our boomerang we got to keep it. Tori got to keep hers.

After that we went to Scenic World and had lunch. It was so windy Thomas B. lost his hat and then a cicada landed on Mr Luckman's bag. When we finished lunch we went on the steepest train ride in the world. I went on with Miki, Tori and Mr Luckman. It was so cool! Everyone was screaming when we went into the tunnel because it was completely dark. We got off the train and went on a guided tour, it was so cool! We looked at a giant boulder that had come crashing down and one of the biggest trees. Then we went souvenir shopping and got back on the bus to Jenolan Caves.

When we got to Jenolan Caves we had dinner and then went on a guided tour in the Lucas Cave, it was so cool! We then went to our rooms. I was with Ana and Hayley. Hayley came up to my bed when I was trying to sleep and trying to get lollies off Ana, but eventually she fell asleep.

The next day we woke up at 6:15am and got dressed and had breakfast. I had cornflakes, bacon and eggs, it was so good! Then we went for a walk through the Nettle Cave. We got things that looked like a phone and we put in a number and placed it next to your ear to hear someone talk about what you could see.

Then we went on the platypus walk/talk and we saw platypuses and ducks swimming in the lake, so cute!

Other kids then went souvenir shopping but I did not. We were supposed to go to another place to dress up in old fashion clothes but because of the fires we could not go there so we went in the Chifley Cave, it was so cool! We then went home.

It was a great camp and my favourite part was being with my friends.

Ebonnie Brincat 4L

BELGENNY FARM EXCURSION K – 2 REPORTS