

The Oakdale Newsletter

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| **Term 4, Week 6, 2013** **Date**: **Tuesday, 12th November** |

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| Description: Description: Description: MPj04227060000[1] Description: Description: Description: MPj04227060000[1] | **From the Principal’s desk**  Our recent parent survey was responded to by 11 parents online and 19 completed the paper copy attached to the newsletter. Most parents believed our school was welcoming to parents and visitors - Almost always (81.82%) and Usually (18.18%). The school changing to meet community need - Almost always 36.36% Usually 54.55% and sometimes 9.09%. The P&C work for the benefit of the school and students - Almost always 63.64% Usually 18.18% and Sometimes 18.18%. We fared well in our response to dealing with parental concerns – Almost always 54.55% Usually 45.45. How well do we look after our students? – Almost always 81.82% and Usually 18.18%. The school keeps parents informed about what is happening – Almost always54.55% Usually 36.36% and Sometimes 9.09%. Financial demands are fair – Almost always 36.36% Usually 54.55% and Sometimes 9.09%. Individual needs of students are considered 27.27% said we do this extremely well 45.45% Very well 18.18% Moderately well and 9.09% Slightly well. The community responded positively to professional development for teachers being an ongoing process - Almost always 36.36% and Usually 63.64%.  In the written part of the survey parents acknowledged the positive aspects of the school as being - a clean and pleasant environment for their children, many varied and interesting activities for children to be involved in, high expectations, parental involvement is encouraged, teachers work hard to give students many opportunities to excel in other areas not just sport and academics. The school was congratulated on supporting families facing hardship.  Areas for consideration - ensuring students wear full school uniform and that they wear it consistently, giving more notice for upcoming sporting events; allowing parents to notify workplaces so they can attend, dealing more strongly with repeat offenders of bullying, P&C to subsidise school excursions, improving the bus service as the area grows, including chickens into our sustainable projects. |
| **Coming up in November**  **\*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**  **\*Mayor Banasik Governance Program 5&6**  **\*25th Last K-2 assembly**  **\*28th Last 3-6 assembly**  **\*29th Principal’s Morning Tea (last for the year)**  **Coming up in December**  **\*2nd Swim School starts**  **\*2nd 3-6 Social**  **\*3rd Last Scripture (Combined) 11.00am start**  **\*5th Parent Helper Morning Tea 11.30 library**  **\*9th Year 5 speeches for Captain**  **\*11th Year 6 Farewell**  **\*12th Year 6 Fun Day**  **\*13th K-2 Social and Christmas Fun Day**  **\*13th Swim School ends**  **\*16th Presentation Day**  **\*17th Big Day In**  **\*18th Last day of school C:\Users\mgreen15\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4ZZLCDAC\MP900442372[1].jpg**  **Planning today to create a brighter future** |

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| **Description: Description: MCj03906860000[1]Description: Description: MCj03906860000[1]**  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** | **Bindi Woods, David Milne, Christopher Xegas, Lily Hooper, Joel Harvey, Emma Palmer, Zahli Hoare, Kassidy Halliday** |
| **1C** | **Bowyn Scott, Casey Beard** |
| **2HI** | **Stephanie Fordham, Cheyanne Baker, Ruby Sanderson, Anthony Roth** |
| **3B** | **Hayley Underwood, Amy Hooper, Cody Beard, Brandon Baker** |
| **4L** | **Caitlyn McSavaney, Chelsea Nink** |
| **5F** | **Joshua Prout, Jaide Curtis** |
| **6W** | **James Burley, Suzi Roth, Jessica Fordham** |

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| **KB**  **Term 4 Week 3**  **Bindi Woods x2**  **Phoenix Chelin**  **Ashley Barnes**  **Kassiday Halliday**  **Chris Xegas x4**  **Lily Hooper**  **Chris Fordham x2**  **David Milne**  **Student of the Week:**  **Ella-May Dern**  **Term 4 Week 4**  **Georgia Griffin**  **Claire Sproule**  **Emma Palmer**  **Ella-May Dern**  **Zahli Hoare**  **Reagan Austin**  **David Milne**  **Student of the Week:**  **Bindi Woods** | **2HI**  **Term 4 Week 3**  **Dylan Palmer**  **William Milne**  **Student of the Week:**  **Edward de la Mare**  **Term 4 Week 4**  **Ruby Sanderson x2**  **Kane Camilleri**  **Student of the Week:**  **Madelyn Russell** |

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| **Term 4 Week 4** | | | | | |
| **3B** | | **4L** | | **5F** | **6WF** |
| Jett Hickson  Kate Foster x2  Imogen Ramp  Angus Dwan  Amy Hooper  Cody Beard  **Student of the Week:**  Liam D’Arcy | | Thomas Bonomini  Hayden Bond  **Student of the Week:**  Mikayla Ashman | | **-**  **Student of the Week:**  Ryan Ballard | James Burley x 3  Elsjie Degroot-Franke  Darcie Roche  **Student of the Week:**  Suzi Roth |
| **Term 4 Week 5** | | | | | |
| Brandon Baker  **Student of the Week:**  Hayley Underwood | Zoe Palmer  **Student of the Week:**  Thomas Bonomini | | Jaide Curtis x 9  Taylor-Lee Johns  Dylan Newham  Malcolm Dalton  Shaylee Robinson x 10  **Student of the Week:**  Amy-Rose Ciampa | | Suzi Roth  **Student of the Week:**  Jackson Walker |

**Rydges Raffle**

We have our final fundraiser for the year our Rydges 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**

5 SPOTS LEFT FOR THE SWIMMING SCHEME, ENROL YOUR CHILD NOW!

**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.

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**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.

**Area Oracy Competition**

Imogen Ramp and Hayley Underwood represented our school in the Area Public Speaking Competition which was held at Appin Public School last Wednesday. They both wrote very interesting speeches and delivered them confidently. We are proud of your efforts!

**Staff Changes**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Frank and Mrs Smith for relieving for Mrs Itskos when she was on maternity leave. Mrs Itskos will return to 2HI two days per week and continue RFF two days per week.

**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.

**Survey Feedback**

The survey feedback was mostly very pleasing. We as a staff will look at recommendations and make improvements where we can. It was reassuring to read all of the positive comments and I always find it useful receiving feedback on our performance as a school. In the next newsletter I will report on student responses.

**Fisher’s Ghost Winner**

Jessica Fordham received first place last week with her art work entry into the competition. She was given a $125 voucher to have some extra art lessons at Campbelltown Arts Centre. Jessica and her family attended the awards ceremony and prize giving and had dinner with the other winning artists. Our Talented Artist group is producing some outstanding work. Congratulations!

**OAKDALE SPORTING NEWS**

**REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET**

Continuing a year of outstanding sporting achievements by Oakdale students, we now have a representative cricket captain to add to the list. William Salzmann recently tried out for the Camden District Cricket Association Under 10 Foster Shield team. Not only was William selected in the team as opening batsmen but also appointed captain of the side, a great achievement. William has not let the captaincy affect his performance and has top scored in both games he has batted so far. He managed 30 runs against Hornsby Ku-ring-gai followed up by 40 runs against North Shore. He also shared in a 73 run opening partnership and claimed a wicket. For his efforts William received the Man-Of-The-Match cap which was presented to him by NSW player Scott Coyte. In the third game of the season on Sunday, Camden managed their first win for the season – and the first in this division for three years. William should be extremely proud of his efforts and for displaying such fine leadership skills. Michael Clarke will no doubt be looking nervously over his shoulder. For those that are interested you can follow the game results on [www.cdca.nsw.cricket.com.au](https://staffowa.det.nsw.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?C=6df3909f7c974923b8fc27a88ceb8747&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cdca.nsw.cricket.com.au) then NSWDCA Shield Match Highlights (Foster Shield).

**SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

For any late year sporting achievements, please send through details for inclusion in the school newsletter to [Dale.Barr@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Dale.Barr@det.nsw.edu.au).

Mr Barr

Hello Families  
I am Reagan Austin's mum and we have a personal connection to the disaster that has occurred in the Philippines this week. Reagan's Lola (filipino for nan) is originally from the Cebu in the Philippines and also has family on some of the smaller islands that have been very badly affected. Lola is going to the Philippines on Friday and our friends and family here are putting together a cash donation for her to take so it can go directly to those in need. Any amount large or small will help dramatically as the cost of living is much lower in the Philippines and even your small change can feed a family. If you can spare a little please drop it into the school office by Thursday and I will pass it on to Lola.  
Thank you  
Melissa Austin