



## The Oakdale Newsletter

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Date: Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February



### Dates to remember



#### Coming up in February:

- \*4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> - Healthy Harold Visits
- \*6<sup>th</sup> - Music Bus begins
- \*6<sup>th</sup> - Whole school Dance lessons start
- \*6<sup>th</sup> - P&C Meeting 2.30pm Mrs Green's office
- \*7<sup>th</sup> - Swimming Carnival
- \*8<sup>th</sup> - SRC Voting
- \*12<sup>th</sup> - Stage 2 and 3 Planning Days
- \*13<sup>th</sup> - Induction Ceremony 2.30pm in hall
- \*15<sup>th</sup> - Kinder and Stage 1 Planning Days
- \*19<sup>th</sup> - Scripture starts
- \*20<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher
- \*20<sup>th</sup> - P&C Meeting 2.30pm
- \*28<sup>th</sup> - Aussie of the Month Assembly

#### Reminders:

\*If you still require information about The Music Bus and would like to enrol see Mrs Green

\*Permission notes and money for Dance lessons need to be in by Wednesday. Any family needing assistance please see the front office or Mrs Green

\*Notes and money for the Swimming Carnival need to be in by 7<sup>th</sup> Feb or earlier

\*If you have a change of Scripture details, home address, telephone number or custody arrangements please inform the school this week by phone or at the front office.

\*We will be extending the Reading Eggs program to include students K-6. Hold off on subscribing individually as we can subscribe for about \$10 per student compared to \$80 that you would pay.



#### From the Principal's Desk:

Welcome back! The formation of 7 straight classes is very exciting. The students were able to move into their new classes by 12.30pm on day one. Prior planning in 2012 resulted in a very smooth transition for students and staff in 2013.

As mentioned last year we are aiming to see every student wear their uniform with pride this year and we will be vigilant about addressing the issue. I am asking for parental support in this matter so we can achieve the high standards we are aiming for.

Our emphasis on cultural activities this year has seen over 30 students enrol with The Music Bus where they will be taught how to play an instrument. The Dance program will commence this Wednesday and choir and art extension will commence in Week 3. We have decided Year 4 each year will receive vocal training so that we can build a choir of students interested in singing.

Once again I will offer support to any families requiring financial assistance if they cannot pay planned activities within the school. I do not want any child to miss out on what we offer. Please do not be embarrassed to ask for help by phone or in person. Enjoy the exciting term ahead.

Maria Green

# Oakdale Public School Library

Our library has had a makeover and I think it looks absolutely amazing! Feel free to pop your head in and have a look.

Class teachers have chosen their Accelerated Literacy (AL) texts for the term. The school already owned the texts chosen for KB, 2HI and 4L:

<b>KB</b>	The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
<b>2HI</b>	Koala Lou by Mem Fox
<b>4L</b>	Quirky Tales by Paul Jennings

A **big** thank you to our P & C for raising enough money so that we could buy some more exciting AL texts for 1C, 2HI, 3B, 5F and 6MW:

<b>1C</b>	There's a Sea in my Bedroom by Margaret Wild
<b>2HI</b>	Koala Lou by Mem Fox
<b>3B</b>	Refugees by David Miller
<b>5F</b>	Unbearable by Paul Jennings
<b>6MW</b>	Fox by Margaret Wild

I'm getting in very early here but the Book Week theme for this year is: 'Read across the universe'. The Book Week Parade will be held during August so you have plenty of time to think of some costume ideas for your child/children.

## This term in library:

**KB** will be learning some basic library skills and they will also be introduced to a wide range of children's literature.

**1C** and **2HI** will be learning some new library skills and will continue to read and enjoy a variety of children's literature.

**3B** and **4L** will be learning some new library skills as well as some basic typing skills.

**5F** and **6MW** will be revising library skills before focusing largely on research skills.

Miss Hannaford ☺

sporting fields. The swimming carnival kicks us off this week with the cross country carnival later this term with a date yet to be confirmed. The school athletics carnival will be held in Term 3 as the zone carnival is being held at a later date this year. As always students will be afforded the opportunity to compete in numerous gala days this year.

If your child has competed in sporting events outside of school we want to know. Send the details to my email Dale.Barr@det.nsw.edu.au, so we can recognise all achievements of our students in and out of school. Alternatively, you can contact me at school.

### **House Captains & Vice Captains 2013**

House meetings were conducted last Friday to elect Captains and Vice Captains for the Thunderbolts and Meteorites for 2013. Students from K-6 were able to vote. Some loud and fantastic war cries were heard echoing over Oakdale. Congratulations to the following students. Badges will be presented at the presentation assembly next week.

**Thunderbolts Boy Captain:** Corey Burton

**Thunderbolts Girl Captain:** Tori Torrisi

**Thunderbolts Boy Vice Captain:** Jack Hay

**Thunderbolts Girl Vice Captain:** Sarah Hooper

**Meteorites Boy Captain:** Joshua Towner

**Meteorites Girl Captain:** Chloe Jensen

**Meteorites Boy Vice Captain:** Dylan Newham

**Meteorites Girl Vice Captain:** Shaylee Robinson

### **Swimming Carnival**

A reminder that the school swimming carnival is being held on Thursday for 3-6 students and competent 8 year olds in Year 2 at the Wollondilly Leisure Centre. The forecast is for a hot 31 degrees, so make sure plenty of sunscreen is applied during the day. The bus will be leaving at 9:30am sharp so please ensure your child is on time. Please make sure no thongs or sandals are worn to school however they may be brought for use at the pool. Children are encouraged to bring their own lunch and snacks however a canteen will be operating at the pool. If you are able to assist with time-keeping or acting as a lifesaver please let Mr Luckman know. All assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 1**

**Thursday 7th February (Week 2) – School Swimming Carnival**

**Thursday 28th February (Week 5) – Zone Swimming Carnival**

**Friday 1st March (Week 5) – Zone Swimming Carnival**

**Tuesday 19th March (Week 8) – Regional Swimming Carnival**

**Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April (Week 10) – State Swimming**

**Date to be confirmed - School Cross Country**

**Date to be confirmed – Cricket Gala Day**

**Mr Barr**

