



## The Oakdale Newsletter

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### Dates to remember



#### Coming up in February:

- \*19<sup>th</sup> – Scripture starts
- \*18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> - Meet the Teacher
- \*22<sup>nd</sup> - Lockdown Drill K-6
- \*26<sup>th</sup> - Aussie of the Month Assembly/2.30pm  
(Date has been changed due to Zone swimming)
- \*28<sup>th</sup> – Zone Swimming

#### Coming up in March:

- \*1<sup>st</sup> March – Zone Swimming
- \*6<sup>th</sup> – K-2 Assemblies open to parents
- \*7<sup>th</sup> Parent tour Camden High School
- \*14<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Tree Planting
- \*15<sup>th</sup> – Funky Hair Day
- \*15<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Sleepover
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> - Harmony Day (Many stories- one Australia)

#### Reminders:

- \*Payments for Dance need to be finalised by 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- \*Donations to our “Treasure Stall” sent in to office for Harmony Day
- \*Easter raffle - P&C are asking for one item per family so as baskets can be made up for our raffle
- \*Canteen open this Wednesday for over the counter sales only- approved ice-blocks and other items
- \*Start speeches for Multicultural Public Speaking due 25<sup>th</sup> March



#### From the Principal's Desk:

The school is calm and settled at the moment with class and school programs up and running. Our choir met for the first time last week and we had a lot of fun with Sharna our vocal instructor. We were taught some vocal exercises and started looking at Motown music.

Extension Art lessons were a hit and the students are keen to return next week and learn more about line.

The Music Bus students love their lessons and we still have more students wanting to join. I can't wait to see them perform.

Our whole school dance lessons have been enjoyed by all as they focus on modern dance moves and use current music that the students can relate to; keeping them very engaged.

Over the next few weeks I will be going into 4L to introduce the new comprehension program – “Making Connections.” This action has been taken as a follow up to NAPLAN and internal assessments which revealed that many of our students struggle with higher order comprehension skills. All grades 3-6 will focus on this area in 2013.

Mr Barr, Mrs Fuller and I attended a “Taking Off With Numeracy” inservice last week to assist us support the students better understand place value. All students in years 3-6 will complete a series of assessments and be grouped according to the results. This will enable the teachers to cater more for the child at their level.

#### Rule of the week – Be Polite

Please discuss what this means with your child.



Maria Green

## **Multicultural Public Speaking Competition**

Once again it is that time of year to start off the round of public speaking activities. I would encourage as many students as possible to consider writing a speech to be delivered at a school level; I am available for support to assist students develop and refine ideas. This is not a compulsory activity. Topics and guidelines are as follows:

<b>2013 Years 3&amp;4 Topics – 3 minute speech</b>	<b>2013 Years 5&amp;6 Topics – 4 minute speech</b>
Racism and bullying Sport - breaking down the barriers The Australian Flag How kids can make a difference It's cool to be different What Harmony Day means to me Every family has a story My overseas connections Refugees Multiculturalism at school	When does a migrant become an Australian? Asylum seekers Peace and harmony Getting a multicultural education Many languages, one land Religion Connecting communities The same but different Un-Australian Racist jokes aren't funny

Due - Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

## **Easter Raffle**

The P&C are organising an Easter raffle to be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. They would like each family to donate one item so they can prepare several baskets. Funds from the raffle and the previous sale of pancakes will go towards continuing the art and choir programs.



## **Early Bird Reading in the Library**

As of next week the library will be open to parents and their children to sit and read books together. The library will open on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** this term from 9.00am – 9.25am with Mrs Green supervising. We will also be starting a parent section in the library where parents can borrow magazines, novels and information on topical subjects. See you there!

## **Playground Duty and the Play Equipment**

When the bell goes at 9.00am each day students are required to move to the **bottom playground**, not stay on the basketball area or near the K-3 classrooms. I am seeking parental assistance with this matter as supervision is much more difficult if we have to keep asking parents and students to move to the bottom oval. It is all about keeping our students safe and in the duty teacher's sight.

**The fixed equipment** is out of bounds to all children in the morning and afternoon; including toddlers. This equipment needs to be supervised closely by a teacher and is used on designated days at lunch times.

## **Lockdown Drill**

On Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February all students K-6 will be involved in a lockdown drill. Teachers will respond to a signal and carry out several procedures to ensure the security of all students and staff in the event of a dangerous situation in the school such as an intruder on the grounds. This takes a relatively short amount of time and then lessons will resume as normal.

## **Change of date for Aussie of the Month**

The date for our Aussie of the Month Assembly has changed due to a clash with the Zone Swimming Carnival. It is now scheduled for **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February** at 2.30pm.

## **Harmony Day**

We are once again going to be involved in Harmony Day activities. The theme for this day is “Many stories – one Australia.” There will be organised activities on the day as well as a BBQ, cake, tea and coffee, book, raffle and treasure stall. All proceeds from the day will go to the school to support the Year 6 Farewell and other school projects. Send in books, unwanted items; such as clothing and knick-knacks to the school office. We need your support!



## **Sporting News**

### **OPS Swimming Carnival**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of February the majority of our 3 to 6s (plus some Year 2s and a few children from Yanderra PS) travelled down to Picton Pool for what turned out to be a glorious day in the sun. When the children arrived we were quickly through some basic housekeeping and then onto the 100m events. With these done and the 50m freestyle races completed the students had a great time in the novelty events (which were really about having fun, cooling down and getting wet!) We then preceded with the stroke events and finished off with some more novelty events.

The children behaved very well and participated in all events with sportsmanship and admirable courage as 50m is a long way. Well done to all the children for their efforts on the day and well done for behaving as good in public as you do within our school grounds.

Thank you to all the parent spectators who cheered their children on and our helpers who assisted in various capacities. Without this assistance the day becomes very difficult to organise and run so a big THANKS to you all. Thank you to Mrs Carlile, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Torrisi, Mrs Hay, Mrs Nink, Mrs Shepherd, and those parents who made offers of assistance and anyone else whose name I may have forgot in the excitement.

I believe a thank you is also required for the staff for their work. It is a collaborative effort with the data entries for the day altering as children had built up the courage to have a go or on the contrary decided to pull out when they saw how long 50m is. The time keepers, starter and marshalls were all kept on their toes.

These are the day's results. Highlighted are the children who will be representing us at zone on Thursday 28th February (freestyle) and Friday 1st March (Stroke) at Picton. First place in

each event may go regardless of time but second place must qualify. ® signifies relay team member.

Events	1st	2nd	3rd
Open Boys 100m Freestyle	Emmitt Carlile 1:23.16	James Burley 1:59.27	Jake Austin 2:00.92
Open Girls 100m Freestyle	Macie Carlile 1:10.23	Jami Roberts 2:00.45	Jaide Curtis 2:10.68
Boys 8 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Mitchell Welsh 1:26.71	Mitchell Nash 1:41.83	
Girls 8 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Jasmine Griggs 1:31.62®	Cody Beard 1:48.01	Ruby Sanderson 2:12.31
Boys 9 Yrs 5 m Freestyle	Lachlan Burley 1:08.67®	Cooper Taylor 1:35.55	Liam D'Arcy 1:50.69
Girls 9 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Jesse Beard 56.81®	Grace Curtis1:04.92®	Charlie Roberts 1:20.27
Boys 10 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Emmitt Carlile 36.15®	Jake Austin 52.98®	William Salzmänn 1:03.79®
Girls 10 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Chelsea Nink 1:00.86®	Caitlan McSavaney 1:12.79®	Victoria Davis 1:26.62
Boys 11 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Jack Hay 1:03.82		
Girls 11 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Jami Roberts 49.58®	Jaide Curtis 56.39	Shaylee Robinson 1:01.41
Boys 12 Yrs 50m Freestyle	James Burley 46.11®	Oscar Roche 47.37®	Blake Harris 47.63®
Girls 12 Yrs 50m Freestyle	Macie Carlile 31.13®	Darcie Roche 47.82®	Madison Box 49.63®
Junior Boys 50m Butterfly	Emmitt Carlile1:02.72		
11 Years Girls 50m Butterfly	Jami Roberts 1:08.97		
Senior Girls 50m Butterfly	Macie Carlile 35.69		
Junior Boys 50m Backstroke	Emmitt Carlile 48.21	Jake Austin 1:10.50	Cooper Taylor 1:38.21
Junior Girls 50m Backstroke	Jesse Beard 1:21.34	Chelsea Nink 1:26.75	Jasmine Griggs1:39.47
11 Yrs Boys 50m Backstroke	Jack Hay 1:30.38		
11 Yrs Girls 50m Backstroke	Jami Roberts 1:18.60	Aislinn D'Arcy 1:36.00	
Boys Senior 50m Backstroke	Blake Harris 1:05.31		
Girls Senior 50m Backstroke	Macie Carlile 39.25	Madison Box 52.15	Darcie Roche 1:08.06
Junior Boys 50m Breaststroke	Emmitt Carlile 1:06.78	Jake Austin 1:30.34	William Salzmänn 1:32.37

Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke	Chelsea Nink 1:19.38	Caitlan McSavaney 1:25.79	Jesse Beard 1:45.87
Boys 11 Yrs 50m Breaststroke	Joshua Prout 1:23.75	Casey Ramp 2:00.00	
Girls 11Yrs 50m Breaststroke	Jami Roberts/Shaylee Robinson 1:19.60		Jaide Curtis 1:39.78
Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke	James Burley 1:04.37	Harrison Meredith 1:10.34®	Blake Harris 1:21.50
Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke	Macie Carlile 50.66	Darcie Roche 54.82	
Open Boys Individual Medley	Emmitt Carlile 4:12.69		
Open Girls Individual Medley	Macie Carlile 3:06.85		

Well done once again to all boys and girls for their participation in the day. Notes for the zone team were sent home last week and need to be returned ASAP so transport can be organised and any changes made.

The presentation of certificates and ribbons for all placegetters and trophies for swimming age and house champions will be conducted at next Tuesday's Aussie of the Month Assembly.

### Mr Luckman

There were several records broken again this year by Macie and Emmitt Carlile. This is Macie's final Oakdale PS swimming carnival however I'm sure that the numerous records she holds will remain for many years. Emmitt will have the chance to improve on his times over the coming years. There were numerous courageous efforts across all the events. Thank you to Mr Luckman and Ms Walsh for their efforts in providing such a successful carnival. Below are the records broken at this year's carnival by Macie and Emmitt.

Previous Record	New Record Time
Open Girls Medley 3:32.41	Macie Carlile 3:06.85
Open Girls 100m Freestyle 1:18.25	Macie Carlile 1:10.23
Senior Girls 50m Freestyle 40.86	Macie Carlile 31.13
Senior Girls 50m Butterfly 58.22	Macie Carlile 35.69
Senior Girls 50m Backstroke 54.64	Macie Carlile 39.25
Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke 56.51	Macie Carlile 50.66
Open Boys 100m Freestyle 1:35.97	Emmitt Carlile 1:23.16
Junior Boys 50m Butterfly 1:05.92	Emmitt Carlile 1:02.72
Junior Boys Backstroke 58.13	Emmitt Carlile 48.21

The school's cross country carnival has been scheduled for Tuesday 9th April (Week 11) with back-up dates on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. Let's hope the weather is as kind as the recent swimming carnival (just right that is!)

Razorback trials for various sports begin tomorrow with boys trying out for the 11s and Open Rugby League teams. Students who try out should play competitive sport on the weekend and

have excelled for their team and/or represented at higher levels to be considered. The Razorback zone consists of some 22 schools and places for teams are extremely competitive. Students also need to be available for afternoon training sessions (organised by convenor) and regional carnivals should they be selected.

### Mr Barr



### FREE TO GOOD HOME – KINDLING FOR WINTER

We have lots of kindling in our garden recycling bin, please come to the office and we will gladly show you where it is. No cost involved, just come and take what you need.

### Canteen news

We are having a trial for over the counter sales on Wednesdays, starting on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

There will be no lunch orders available on this day and these items will only be available on Wednesdays at lunch time to give the students a better variety of snacks. All snacks comply with the Department guidelines and there will be a limit on the amount of snacks per child.

<u>Snack Menu</u>		<u>Wednesday only</u>
Frozen yogurt	- Strawberry or Passionfruit	\$1.50 ea
Milk Moosies	- Strawberry or Banana	\$0.80 ea
Uglies biscuits		\$0.60 ea
Sunfruits faces	- Limit \$1 worth	\$0.20 ea
Sugarfree bears	- Limit 50c bags	\$0.05 ea

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If there are any parents who could spare 1 hour on Wednesdays from approx. 11am – 12pm, please put your name down at the office.

Thankyou

Carmen Crompton – Canteen Supervisor

