



## The Oakdale Newsletter

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### Dates to remember



#### Coming up in March/April:

- \*11<sup>th</sup> Camden HS tour for parents 7.00pm-9pm
- \*14<sup>th</sup> Tree Planting Program Mrs Coppola and 5F
- \*14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Mrs Green at Principal's Conference Wollongong
- \*15<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Sleepover
- \*15<sup>th</sup> SRC Funky Hair Day
- \*15<sup>th</sup> Rugby League Trial
- \*19<sup>th</sup> Regional Swimming
- \*20<sup>th</sup> Girls Swimming Trials
- \*21<sup>st</sup> Harmony Day starts at 11.30am
- \*22<sup>nd</sup> Hockey Trials
- \*28<sup>th</sup> Easter Hat Parade
- \*28<sup>th</sup> Easter Raffle drawn
- \*29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- \*30<sup>th</sup> Easter Saturday
- \*31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday
- \*1<sup>st</sup> April Easter Monday
- \*2<sup>nd</sup> April Return to school
- \*2<sup>nd</sup> Multicultural speeches due



#### 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 baskets can be made up for our raffle
- \*Canteen open every Wednesday this term for over the counter sales only- approved ice-blocks and other items
- \*Start speeches for Multicultural Public Speaking due 2<sup>nd</sup> April
- \*Reading Eggs payment \$5 if you only want school, \$10 for home and school subscription or \$25 per family
- \*School Magazine payment \$16 due

#### From the Principal's Desk:

In order for teachers to keep up with current teaching methodology continual professional development needs to be ongoing. This year our teachers will complete up to 20 hours of online training in the area of Autism. Mrs Fuller, Mr Barr and I are involved in the Taking Off with Numeracy Project which focuses on teaching Place Value and understanding the Base Ten system. This is quite an involved process of class assessment, analysis, grouping and strategies implemented to assist students better understanding our number system.

I am also assisting in the introduction of our new Making Connections comprehension program across Years 3-6.

Beat Start will continue K-2 with Mrs Coppola and Mrs Hooper receiving extra training from Dec personnel.

Crunch and Sip will continue in each classroom and once again we would like parents to encourage their children to bring a variety of fruits and vegetables in small portions and cut up.

Mr Barr, Mr Luckman and Ms Walsh are our sports coordinators this year and we have already seen the fruits of their labour at our well organised Swimming Carnival. I would like to thank them for the many hours they have spent after school together organising events.

Teachers have the right to teach and students have the right to learn. All teachers follow a school discipline policy, where issues of concern are reported to the principal and executive staff. Consequences are put in place for students who continually break school rules. If you would like to know more about our system please give me a call.

#### Rule of the week – Be Honest

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

## **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. If you cannot sell your booklet of tickets please return to the office. If you want to sell more than one booklet that would be great; see Mrs Bailey in the office.



## **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!

## **Canteen News**

The canteen will open every Wednesday this term at lunch times for the sale of over the counter items such as approved ice-blocks. Lunches won't be made on this day. This new venture will start on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.



## **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.

### **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!



### **Interviews with the Teacher**

If you have anything you need to discuss with a teacher including behaviour, academic performance etc. please make an appointment so that the teacher can give you their undivided attention. Trying to discuss issues as the class is walking in each morning takes away from valuable class time and does not allow for the privacy the situation deserves. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

### **Wollondilly Support & Community Care Inc.**

Wollondilly Support & Community Care Inc, located at the School of Arts Building in Picton – Services available for older Wollondilly residents (those over 65, frail aged, younger with a disability and their carers). MEALS ON WHEELS – Flexible meal options are delivered by volunteers each week day. NEIGHBOUR AID – Provides caring staff and volunteers to assist with: social support outings and activities, transport, shopping, handyman repairs and home visits. SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Provides outings & activities including: concerts, guest speakers, movies, BBQ's, shopping and theme days, etc. To enquire about receiving any of these services or becoming a volunteer, please contact 4677 2524.

### **Parking**

Please be mindful of not parking in front of any of the school gates as we have many deliveries at all times of the day. The Music Bus needs to get into the school grounds every Wednesday also.

## **Zone Swimming Carnival**

On Thursday and Friday last week the Razorback Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Picton Pools. Whilst fine weather prevailed on Thursday, Friday (in a repeat of last year) presented competitors and spectators with miserable conditions. Oakdale had 20 students attend on Thursday in the freestyle and medley events, whilst 11 students braved the elements on Friday for the stroke events.

Macie and Emmitt Carlile once again did Oakdale PS, family and themselves proud with some outstanding and amazing performances. Firstly Macie won five of the six events conducted and finished second in the other. That means Macie is the Razorback Champion in Open Girls 100m Freestyle, Open Girls Individual Medley, Senior Girls 50m freestyle, Senior Girls 50m Backstroke and Senior Girls 50m Butterfly. She finished second in the Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke. Macie's win in the 50m Butterfly, is one that she will remember (or try to forget.) During her heat, Macie failed to hear the false start signal (and was too fast for the false start rope) and completed the entire race just for practice. After a short break, Macie returned to comfortably still win her heat. Not to be outdone Emmitt is the Razorback Champion in the 10 Years Boys 50m and Junior Boys 50m Backstroke. He also made the Breaststroke and Butterfly finals. They both move onto to the Regional Carnival on Tuesday 19th March at Bradbury Aquatic Centre. We wish them all the best.

Congratulations to all our competitors who attended the zone carnival including: Girls - Macie Carlile; Grace Curtis; Jesse Beard; Chelsea Nink; Caitlan McSavaney; Jami Roberts; Jaide Curtis; Madison Box; Darcie Roche; Shaylee Robinson; Jasmine Griggs; Boys – Emmitt Carlile; Lachlan Burley; Jake Austin; Jack Hay; James Burley; Harrison Meredith; William Salzmänn; Blake Harris; Oscar Roche; Mitchell Welsh.

Finally, huge thanks to parents for helping organise and provide transport for other students. So thank-you to Mrs Nink and Mr Hay for helping transport our swimmers and to Mrs Carlile for taking the school shelter and tarps and getting prime viewing positions on both days. Mr Luckman and Ms Walsh have also done a fantastic job organising and co-ordinating the school and zone carnivals and a final thank-you to Mrs Fuller for being team manager on Friday in the dire conditions.

## **OZTAG News**

Oakdale students have impressed in the past month playing Oztag. Harrison Meredith, James Burley, Emmitt Carlile and Macie Carlile recently played for Picton in the State Oztag Championships at Fairy Meadow – the biggest of its kind. Whilst results didn't fall their way, they all played very well in the hot conditions and they should be proud of their efforts. To represent at any level is an outstanding achievement.

On the back of her achievements in swimming Macie has been recognised with selection in the NSW Oztag team as part of the NSW Junior Tri-Series against teams from the ACT and Queensland. The tournament is being held in June at Fairy Meadow. Well done Macie on a fantastic achievement!

## **Dates for the Diary**

Friday 5th April – Cricket Gala Day (seniors only)

Tuesday 9th April – School Cross Country Carnival

Mr Barr