



The Oakdale Newsletter

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Term 1, Week 8, 2013

Date: Tuesday, 19th March

Dates to remember

Coming up in March/April:

- *19th Regional Swimming
- *20th Cakes sent to office for Harmony Day Cake Stall
- *20th Treasure Stall items sent to office
- *21st Harmony Day starts at 11.30am – 3.00pm
- *21st Volunteers for Harmony Day set up stalls at 10.30am
- *22nd Hockey Trials
- *28th Easter Hat Parade starts 10.00am
- *28th Easter Raffle drawn
- *29th Good Friday
- *30th Easter Saturday
- *31st Easter Sunday
- *1st April Easter Monday
- *2nd April Return to school
- *2nd Multicultural speeches due
- *8th April School Photographs; summer uniform please
- *10th April Bush Camp Years 5/6 deposit



\$90

Reminders:

- *Donations to our “Treasure Stall” sent in to office for Harmony Day by Wednesday, 20th March
- *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 2nd 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
- *Deposit for Great Aussie Bush Camp \$90 by 10/4

****PLEASE NOTE PRIMARY ASSEMBLY IS ON FRIDAY AT 2.45PM DUE TO HARMONY DAY ACTIVITIES ON THURSDAY.**

From the Principal's Desk:

Australian public schools promote equity and excellence for all students. Our goal is to see all of our students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

We have taken the approach that “one size does not fit all” to educating our Oakdale students. This philosophy is behind us offering a varied curriculum that caters for as many students as possible. We have seen some of our talented artists produce works that are outstanding. Several are on display in the office area and around the school so next time you are in take a look.

The music tutor spoke to me last Wednesday and said he has identified several very talented students and that he would like to form a rock band with the drummers, guitarists and keyboards. I am hoping to add a drama group to our activities this year. On Friday, 22nd March all teachers will write Learning Plans for students of Aboriginal background, in care situations, with a diagnosed disability and who have shown they are having learning difficulties and are operating at a significant level below expected stage outcomes.

With the addition of a more tailored education comes cost. We want to keep these programs going but our limited budget can only do so much. The school is paying for these extra activities but will not be able to do so without a regular injection of cash. At the P&C we spoke of a voluntary contribution of \$40 annually per family or \$20 for one child. They agreed it would provide the school with much needed funds. I would like parents to think about this option and I will conduct a survey early next term to find out your views. Have a happy Easter and enjoy the precious extra time with your families.



Maria Green - Principal

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:

2013 Years 3&4 Topics – 3 minute speech	2013 Years 5&6 Topics – 4 minute speech
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, 2nd April

Easter Raffle

The P&C are organising an Easter raffle to be drawn at our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, 28th 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.



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, 20th 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!



Harmony Day starts at 11.30am and concludes at 3.00pm. The students will take part in tabloid events and have a chance to purchase cakes, treasure items, books etc. from the stalls. If you are sending your child with money please make sure it is in an envelope, purse or wallet with their name clearly marked. We will all sit for a picnic lunch and you are invited to bring a blanket or chairs to sit on.



Harmony Day Cake Stall – We need your help!

We need donations of whole cakes, slices, donuts and cupcakes for Harmony Day. Please deliver to the office on Wednesday, 20th March or first thing Thursday, 21st March. All proceeds go to the school to support learning programs.

Support our Barbecue on Harmony Day

All proceeds from the barbecue on Harmony Day will go towards the organisation of the Year 6 Farewell. The cost is \$5 per Harmony Day Combo. The deal includes a sausage sandwich a popper or water and a Quelch ice-block. Additional sausage sandwiches may also be ordered for \$2. Please fill in the order form and send with money to the office.



Wearing Make-up to School

Several girls are wearing a lot of make-up to school. This is not necessary and we urge parents to support us in putting a stop to this trend. We have not approached any student as yet as we prefer the parents to deal with this issue in the first instance.



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, Zahli Hoare
IC	Talina Seisun, Jake Griggs, Zac Crawford, Blake Takiari,
2HI	Cheyanne Baker
3B	Kate Foster, Brandon Baker, Noah Meredith, Grace Curtis, Mitchell Welsh,
4L	Lydia Foster, Chelsea Nink
5F	Maddison Hartshorne
6MW	Jessica Fordham

Big Blueys

<p>KB</p> <p>Term 1 Week 4 David Milne X3, Ashley Barnes Isabel Nash X2, Zoe Peters Zahli Hoare X2, Joel Harvey Lily Hooper X2 Emma Palmer X2 Christopher Fordham Georgia Griffin</p> <p>Student of the Week: Claire Sproule</p> <p>Term 1 Week 7 Chris Xegas, Joel Harvey Ella-May Dern, Zahli Hoare Ashley Barnes, Chris Fordham, Zahli Hoare</p> <p>Student of the Week: Kassidy Halliday</p> <p>Term 1 Week 8 Phoenix Chelin X2,</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>Term 1 Week 7 Zac Crawford, Jake Griggs Joshua Ryan Nash Brackenrig Talina Seisun X2 Blake Takiari X2</p> <p>Student of the Week: Lisa Dalton</p> <p>Term 1 Week 8 Joshua Ryan Zac Crawford X2 Casey Beard Breeanna Austin Suvi Lehtonen X2 Tim Prout X2</p> <p>Student of the Week: Seth Siggelkow</p> <p>Artists Award</p>	<p>2HI</p> <p>Term 1 Week 4 William Milne Madison Hay</p> <p>Student of the Week: Myia Tabone</p> <p>Term 1 Week 7 Cheyanne Baker X3 Jessica Webber</p> <p>Student of the Week: Tyrone Baker</p> <p>Term 1 Week 8 Lauryn Takiari Emily Ballard Katie Chelin X3</p>
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David Milne, Esther Brown Reagan Austin, Bindi Woods X2 Student of the Week: David Milne	Isabel Nash Writers Award Kuljas Kapoor Mitchell Briggs Sports Award Lauryn Takiari	
3B Term 1 Week 4 Liam D'Arcy X3 Cody Beard Student of the week: Calix Rowland Term 1 Week 6 Kate Foster Caitlyn Hartshorne Mitchell Welsh Brandon Baker X3 Noah Meredith Imogen Ramp X2 Grace Curtis Amy Hooper Student of the week: Caitlyn Hartshorne Term 1 Week 7 Hayley Underwood Zac Harding X2 Reanna Thornton X2 Grace Curtis X2 Student of the week: Cooper Taylor	4L Term 1 Week 4 Zoe Palmer Student of the week: Thomas Dalton Term 1 Week 6 Lydia Foster X2 Student of the week: Brooke Campbell Term 1 Week 7 Melanie Van Der Meer Student of the week: William Salzmman	5F Term 1 Week 4 Student of the week: Paul Bowtell Term 1 Week 6 Student of the week: Maddison Hartshorne Term 1 Week 7 Erika Thornton 6MW Term 1 Week 4 Student of the Week: Jessica Fordham Term 1 Week 6 Jessica Fordham Harrison Meredith Student of the week: Joshua Towner Term 1 Week 7 Jessica Fordham Student of the week: Kristy Dalton



Camden Show Art Competition

Last week 61 students from K-6 entered some beautiful artwork in the Camden Show. What a wonderful effort from our school!

Congratulations to Kate Foster who came first in the "Cartoon Character" section, Brandon Baker who came second in the "Cartoon Character" section and Hayden Peters who got Highly Commended for his "Cartoon Character" drawing! Mrs Fuller

Chess Club

Mr Davies will start the chess club the first Tuesday back after the school holidays which is the 30th of April. Student's interested in joining need to register at the office. We hope to enter a chess competition this year at Campbelltown.

Oakdale Sporting News

RAZORBACK REPRESENTATION

Razorback trials for various sports are in full swing. The Razorback Zone consists of some 22 schools, so it is very competitive to make these teams. I'm proud to announce that **James Burley** and **Harrison Meredith** have both made the Open Rugby League team. This is a fantastic effort to have two students from Oakdale PS

Represent the zone. This is the second representative year for James, whilst Harry has proven that dedication and persistence are beneficial qualities in any activity. **Macie Carlile** has made the Razorback Girls Soccer Team for the second time. Macie's exploits in the pool are matched by her soccer skills and perhaps more importantly so is her gracious attitude toward her successes. Well done once again Macie! It was also great to see our Year 5 girls trying out with Aislinn D'Arcy getting great experience for next year.

OZTAG NEWS

On Monday 11th of March, Emmitt Carlile and William Salzmänn were at Picton football grounds playing Oztag for the Little Workers. Our first game was at 4:30. It was the semi-final with the final score 2-1. Emmitt scored one of the two tries. It was a long wait between the semi-final and grand-final. We played against the Choppers who had a state runner on their team so it made it a lot harder. At half time we were 2-0 down and we had to work hard in the second half. Then Harry scored followed by Emmitt and Tyler to lead us to a 3-2 victory. We are now the Oztag premiers for 2013. And a special thanks Mrs Carlile.

By William Salzmänn

(Editor's note: It is great to see students being enthusiastic about their successes and willing to write about them. Great work William!)

There were plenty of other Oakdale students participating in the Oztag finals. Forgive me if I get some teams mixed up with players and forget others. Noah Meredith and Lachlan Burley were runners-up with their team, while Harrison Meredith and James Burley played in the semi-finals.

CRICKET GALA DAY

Selection and training for the upcoming cricket Gala Day on Friday 5th April will be conducted on Wednesday, with permission notes handed out this week. This is a gala day for inexperienced cricketers with skills and fun priorities for the day. Mrs Itskos will be coordinating the team. The gala day is for seniors only and students are reminded that their behaviour at school needs to be acceptable to represent the school at gala days.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The school cross country carnival is due to be conducted on Tuesday 9th April, with back-up days on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th, in case of inclement weather. Students have begun training at school and I encourage some endurance training after school. It is a great feeling to represent at the zone carnivals, so maybe if you have just missed out on going in previous years, some consistent exercise may get you over the line this year. Good luck! Please contact Mr Luckman or Ms Walsh regarding any questions for the day.

Mr Barr

Parent and Teacher Interviews

Interviews with the class teacher will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of April from 3.30pm-6.30pm. If you can't attend at the allotted times you may be able to make alternative arrangements with the class teacher. More detailed information will be sent home over the next few days.

Burraborang District Soccer Club



- * has 2 girls teams, under 16's and All Age Ladies.
- * We are looking for players for both teams.
- * Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7pm.
- * Come and meet the teams and coach, at Willis Park, Oakdale
- * Enquiries: Call Marelle Harding 0412279142 (player), or email: Deanne Fordham (Registrar) registrar@burraborang-soccer.org.au

Year 4 Need Your Help!

Year 4 have started working on their item for our concert in Term 3. We need to start making the costumes, which have already been decided on. If you can sew please contact Mrs Green or Mr Luckman as we need to get started soon.