



## The Oakdale Newsletter

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### Dates to remember

#### Coming up in May

- \*20-24<sup>th</sup> Class Assessments
- \*21<sup>st</sup> - ICAS Computer
- \*21<sup>st</sup> - Science groups begin 3-6
- \*21<sup>st</sup> - Vision Screening
- \*21<sup>st</sup> - Peer Support begins
- \*23<sup>rd</sup> - Aussie of Month Assembly plus Cross Country, Attendance, Year 6 Ambassador Presentations and our leaders receive Grip leadership Certificates
- \*24<sup>th</sup> - Stewart House Fundraiser - Mufti Day
- \*29<sup>th</sup> - Principal's Morning Tea
- \*31<sup>st</sup> - Gala Day for Soccer, AFL and Netball

#### Coming up in June

- \*5<sup>th</sup> - \*ICAS Science
- \*5<sup>th</sup> - P&C Meeting 2.30pm
- \*6<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 to Camden HS Discovery Day
- \*7<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Public Holiday
- \*27<sup>th</sup> - AGM 1.30pm (P&C)

#### Reminders:

- \*Pie and Lamington Drive notes and money returned
- \*Camp notes and money
- \*Bullying Performance note and money



#### From the Principal's Desk:

I had the privilege, last week, of taking our School Leaders to Wollongong for a student leadership conference. The leaders learnt some vital skills about working collegially as a team and being able to direct team members. There were hundreds of students present on the day and as usual our children stood out for their good manners and excellent behaviour.

NAPLAN is complete for this year and I would like to take the opportunity to thank the students for trying their best and also a big thank you to the teachers for preparing our students and making them feel relaxed and confident whilst sitting the assessment.

Teachers are busily designing assessment tasks, marking and grading them over the next two weeks ready to formalise results into a written report. Reports will then go out in Week nine. (27/6/13) If you have any concerns after you receive your child's report request to speak to the class teacher at an arranged time.

As the weather is becoming colder we would like to see students bringing a jumper to school or to transition to the winter uniform. Quite a few students are coming up to the office to borrow warm clothing as they are still in their summer uniform.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Maria Green



## **Multicultural Public Speaking Competition**

The Multicultural Public Speaking finals will be held on the 20th, June at Picton Public School. Students chosen to represent our school in the next round are Imogen Ramp, Hayley Underwood, Aislinn D'Arcy and Jami Roberts. Congratulations!

## **Premier's Spelling Bee**



The four students representing us in the Premier's Spelling Bee this year are Aislinn D'Arcy, Jessica Fordham, Zoe Palmer and Reanna Thornton.

## **S.T.A.M.P OUT BULLYING PERFORMANCE**



At Oakdale Public School it is our aim to be proactive about dealing with the issue of bullying. Each year we will have a performance at school that highlights what bullying is and what can be done to prevent it. The cost per student is \$4 and the performance will be held on 28<sup>th</sup>, June. Ideally we would like to see every student attending. If you need support to ensure your child's attendance please ring Mrs Green. The note will go out within the next two weeks.

## **Change of Arrangements for Staff Development Days**

The staff of Oakdale Public School have made arrangements to come to school on Saturday, 13th July, 2013 to continue working on the implementation of the English Syllabus K-10. As we are already committed to Accelerated Literacy and have had a great deal of community support for this program we would like it to continue. Joy Mayfield will lead staff through a series of workshops assisting us to link the new English Syllabus to Accelerated Literacy; ready to trial in classrooms in Term 3 this year.

The last day of school for students would be Wednesday, 18th of December, 2013 with no staff here on the Thursday and Friday. This is the same as the arrangements made in 2012. If you have any queries about these arrangements please contact the school.

## **Pie and Lamington Drive**

### **Fundraiser for Oakdale Public School**

We are having a "Pie and Lamington Drive" this term to raise money to support school programs and purchase class equipment. The Oaks Bakery will donate a percentage of our sales in cash back to the school. Orders need to be returned by Monday, 3rd June and pies and lamingtons will be sent home on Friday, 14th June. Ask your family, friends, neighbours and relatives to place an order. More order forms available at the office.

Pies and lamington prices:

- \*Plain meat family pie - \$11
- \*Curry or mushroom family pie - \$11
- \*Apple or cherry family pie - \$8.50
- \*Lamingtons (6) - \$6





## **Hot Dog Day**

The canteen committee are organising a hot dog day in the last week of school this term. This will be organised for Wednesday, 26th June.

## **Students Reading Targeted**

All students 3-6 with a reading level under 30 will be targeted with extra support and a home reading program. Parents will receive a note informing them if their child is receiving some individual support. We are attempting to raise reading and comprehension levels across the school. The school and parents need to work in partnership if we are going to achieve our goals. Students need to read their text to an adult and return readers to be changed. We will inform each parent of their child's progress throughout the year.



## **Talented Artists Program**

This term selected students have sent entries to The Children's Hospital Art Competition and Wollondilly Arts Centre. I am sure we do very well as the standard of the art the children are doing is outstanding.



## **Stewart House Fundraiser**

On Friday, 24th May we are holding a Mufti-Day Fundraiser for Stewart House. For \$5 you will receive a Stewart House handball, a packet of popcorn and be able to come to school in mufti for the day. Your money (\$5) needs to be sent to the office in a clearly marked envelope by Wednesday, 22nd May.

## **Student Leadership Conference**

On Friday, 17th of May the captains of our school went to the University of Wollongong for a leadership conference.

We learnt different ways of becoming a better leader; we learnt different methods to work by such as Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. This is what they stand for:

**Heads:** Always thinking of others.

**Shoulders:** Carry the load for others.

**Knees:** Moving forward.

**Toes:** Balancing responsibilities.

We also learnt to be a great leader you need to:

- 1. Actively engage in the task.**
- 2. Give good instructions to others.**
- 3. Care for others.**

I remember the 3 T's in team and that for a team to function well you must look at these 3 areas:

\*Target

\*Time

\* Trust



**Growth** - leaders should continually grow in different areas.

**Relationship** - Leaders should spend time with others and lead with others.

**Integrity** - Leaders should be the same person on the inside and the outside.

**People** - Leaders should see all people as important.

In conclusion we all had a great time; thank you Mrs Green for taking all of us to the conference.

Written by Darcie Roche

## Library News



This term:

Library lessons will focus on  
Online Safety including  
Cyberbullying for all classes  
except for 5F who learnt about  
Cyberbullying last term with Mrs  
Fuller. 5F will be working on an  
Australian Invention Project.

Keep reading  
books for the

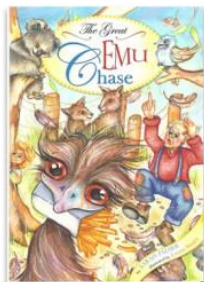
Premier's Reading Challenge!

*Remember the class with the most students who  
complete the challenge from Years 3-6 gets a  
movie afternoon with popcorn and a drink in Term 4!*





## **Book Review:**



### **The Great Emu Chase**

**Written by Sarah Palmer, Illustrated by Emma Stuart**

**Book Review by Jami Roberts**

The Great Emu Chase is a very funny poem/story. The story is set in an Australian Zoo where Ga and his granddaughter are eating hot chips but then they discover they are being followed by an EMU! Ga is not that happy then the emu steals his chips how crazy is that! Ga has to do some wild and whacky things to get back his hot chips.

Read The Great Emu Chase in Oakdale Public School Library to see if Ga ever gets his hot chips back.

### **GET INTO THE GOOD BOOKS WITH BOOK BONUS!**

This year, our school has registered to participate in Book Bonus, an exciting online fundraising option directly linked to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

We believe Book Bonus is an ideal opportunity to encourage students to read books for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Book Bonus is a fundraising partnership and all funds raised are shared between our school and Dymocks Children's Charities. Our school will receive 50% of funds raised by our students (as Dymocks book vouchers), to buy new books for our students to enjoy. The other 50% of funds raised will be used to support Dymocks Children's Charities literacy support programs for children in need across NSW.

This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for much needed quality books for our school as well as give back to the wider community.

**Students can only sign up and access Book Bonus through the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge site, which they can access through their school portal or at**

**[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)**

**If your child is sponsored \$1 per book and they read 30 books to complete the PRC, the school will receive a \$15 book voucher!**

An example of how this could be easily achieved is: 10 people sponsoring 10c per book. This is only \$3 from each of the 10 sponsors!

**Once your child/children have signed up and entered the email addresses of sponsors, Book Bonus will take care of the rest! They will send emails, process payments, issue tax receipts and follow up pledge donations.**

Miss Hannaford





# 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.

<b>KB</b>	<b>Reagan Austin, Esther Brown, Bindi Woods, Kuljas Kapoor, Ella-May Dern, Georgia Griffin, Zahli Hoare, Phoenix Chelin &amp; Emma Palmer</b>
<b>1C</b>	<b>Suvi Lehtonen x2, Nash Brackenrig, Blake Takiari, Breeana Austin</b>
<b>2HI</b>	<b>Lauryn Takiari, Katelyn Chelin, Jessica Webber,</b>
<b>3B</b>	<b>Amy Hooper, Olivia Bunce, Hayley Underwood</b>
<b>4L</b>	<b>Emmitt Carlile, Melanie Van Der Meer</b>
<b>5F</b>	<b>Paul Bowtell,</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>Stephanie Fordham,</b>

## Big Blueys

<b>KB</b>	<b>1C</b>	<b>2HI</b>
<b>Term 2 Week 2</b> Kuljas Kapoor X4 Ella-May Dern Georgia Griffin, Ashley Barnes Chris Xegas, Emma Palmer Reagan Austin, Bindi Woods  <b>Student of the Week:</b> Emma Palmer  <b>Term 2 Week 3</b> Joel Harvey X3 Bindi Woods, Zahli Hoare David Milne, Isabel Nash Chris Fordham, Zoe Peters Emma Palmer, Cassidy Halliday Phoenix Chelin X2 <b>Student of the Week:</b> Chris Fordham	<b>Term 2 Week 2</b> Suvi Lehtonen Nash Brackenrig Breeanna Austin Casey Beard Josh Graham  <b>Student of the Week:</b> Seth Siggelkow  <b>Term 2 Week 3</b> Talina Seisun Joshua Ryan Blake Takiari X2 Bowyn Scott Breeanna Austin Nash Brackenrig <b>Student of the Week:</b> Seth Siggelkow	<b>Term 2 Week 2</b> Kane Camilleri, Joel Graham X2 Emily Ballard, Will Milne Ruby Sanderson Madelyn Russell Lauryn Takiari, Myia Tabone <b>Student of the Week:</b> Cameron Richards  <b>Term 2 Week 3</b> Stephanie Fordham Katie Chelin  <b>Sports Award</b> Cassidy Halliday

## Peer Support – Term 2

Peer Support starts this week. It is a peer led program (Years 5 and 6) which focuses on developing communication skills, self-confidence, positivity and self-esteem. We believe the program benefits the whole school community. This year the program will run across grades K-6 for one session per week over a 6 week period. The program provides the opportunity for students to befriend and support their peers across the grades. This helps to foster a positive environment for all staff and students.

Earlier in the year, Year 5 and 6 students were trained to act as group leaders and co-leaders for a small group of children from other grades. The training was intensive and was designed to equip Years 5 and 6 students with the skills and strategies to enable them to conduct the weekly Peer Support sessions. At the weekly sessions the groups work through a series of programmed activities aimed at developing communication, self esteem and leadership skills. We find it improves relationships in our school. Three groups go to each classroom and are carefully supervised by the teachers. Parents are encouraged to discuss the weekly sessions with their child/children.

Ms Fuller and Miss Walsh

### **OAKDALE SPORTING NEWS**

#### **AFL CLINIC**

Last Friday all children participated in an AFL clinic run by the GWS Giants. Information was distributed regarding the AFL Auskick program to be conducted at the school on Tuesday afternoons (starting today!) The program runs for 6 weeks (finishes last week of Term 2) and costs \$45. The clinics run for an hour and will start at 3:45pm. Children were given a flyer with all registration details on Friday. The program is wholly administered by the AFL and all contact should be made through them. Teachers will have notes for those students who were away or alternatively log on to [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) for further information and registration.

#### **RAZORBACK ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

Approximately 30 children competed at the recent Zone Cross Carnival at Camden Equestrian Park. Students ran 2 kilometres in the 8/9 and 10 years division, whilst the 11 and 12 year olds competed over 3 kilometres. It is great to see some new faces competing at the carnival this year. **Macie Carlile** once again excelled on the sporting front, finishing 5th in her event and now moves on to the Regional Carnival on the 13th June. Other notable finishes included **Caitlan McSavaney** (13th) and **Tori Davis** (18th) in the 10 Years division. Thank you to Mr Luckman and Ms Walsh for their efforts in coordinating entries and managing the team on the day. As always, a huge thanks to our 'taxi drivers' for transporting the children to and from the carnival, including Mrs Hooper, Mrs Bowdler, Mrs Ramp and Ms Walsh.

The school cross country presentation of ribbons and certificates for all placegetters and medals for age champions will take place at the Aussie of the Month Assembly this Thursday.

#### **PSSA RAZORBACK SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

Congratulations to **Ryan Ballard** who has made the Razorback Rugby Union side. A keen participant in any oval ball sport, this is a great achievement for Ryan as he is still only in Year 5. We wish **Ryan** all the best at the Rugby Championships on May 29.

Another outstanding performance from **Macie Carlile** at yesterday's Zone Touch Football carnival has seen her make her third regional side this year. Although Razorback was defeated 1-0 in the final, **Macie** will represent the zone at the Regional Carnival at Tamworth in August. This truly is an amazing performance from a very gifted athlete. Congratulations once again Macie.

### **RAZORBACK GALA DAYS**

Some 70 students will be competing at the Soccer, Netball and AFL Gala Day on Friday 31st May. Notes have been sent home and need to be returned by the prior Wednesday. All players should wear their full school sports uniform and have any jewellery removed before playing. Soccer players are reminded that shin pads are compulsory. Please advise Ms Walsh, Mr Luckman or Mr Barr if you are not attending the Gala Day as soon as possible, so as other children may be selected. The next Gala Day is on Friday 21st June.

### **THUNDERBOLT'S VICE CAPTAIN**

With Thunderbolts Vice Captain Jack Hay recently leaving the school, a new Vice Captain has been named. **Joshua Prout** has recently taken over the mantle and is carrying out his responsibilities with pride. **Josh** will be presented with his badge at the upcoming Aussie of the Month Assembly.

### **PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE**

The Premier's Sporting Challenge is being held again this year with students encouraged to be active during and after school hours. The challenge will start shortly with further information to be sent out soon.

**Mr Barr**



**On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May BUZY BEE KINDY will be holding the "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" at 10.30am**

Please join us for a cuppa and chat, help us raise some much needed funds for the Cancer Council.

We have a huge raffle, tickets are available now or on the day, at the morning tea.

Where: 100-102 Merlin Street, The Oaks

**RSVP Cathy 46571943**

**Hope to see you there!**