

OAKDALE PS NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 10



DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH	
31 Mar	School Photos
31 Mar	Selective High School Test
APRIL	
5 Apr	Class Champions assembly
7 Apr	School Cross Country Carnival
7 Apr	Progress Reports sent home
8 Apr	School ANZAC Service
8 Apr	Last day Term 1
25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 Apr	School Development Day
27 Apr	Students return Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It's hard to believe we are nearly at the end of Term 1 already! Thank you for your ongoing support of our beautiful school. The partnership between home and school is highly valued by staff at Oakdale Public School. As I visit classrooms and walk around the playground, I am very impressed with the positive attitude towards learning and the beautiful manners displayed by our students.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that our school photograph day is 31 March. Students should come dressed in their full summer uniform. Sibling photos will also be taken on this day.

CROSS COUNTRY

Next Thursday, we will be holding the annual Cross Country carnival on the school grounds. We are excited to be able to send a warm invitation for parents to come along and watch. Mr Couchman will be sending out additional information shortly.

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ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Miss Hayward led our focus on kindness and each class has developed a kindness pledge. With our focus on kindness and through the gold coin donations, our little school raised \$153 to donate to a local Camden charity, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard.



CONGRATULATIONS...It's a boy!

Congratulations to Mrs Oliver who gave birth to a beautiful healthy baby boy last Friday. Mrs Oliver is still deciding on a name. We can't wait for Mrs Oliver to visit us at Oakdale PS so we can meet him.



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL DAY

Students from K-6 participated in an Aboriginal Cultural Day last week. This was an opportunity to engage authentically with Aboriginal culture through learning about Aboriginal tools and weapons, along with learning how to do Aboriginal weaving. The children enjoyed learning how to throw the boomerang and have it come back and took away a small item that they made themselves following the weaving activity. Both the students and teachers found the day very informative and really enjoyed the day. We would like to thank Warren and Kyara for generously sharing their cultural knowledge with Oakdale PS. Warren and Kyara were very impressed with the excellent behaviour and engagement of our students.

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COVID

Covid safety measures continue in all aspects of school life. The guidelines from the Department of Education and NSW Health remain the same. Please see the current advice below.

Guidelines for if your child is unwell

- If a student is unwell and has any COVID 19 symptoms, they should always test for COVID-19.
- If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until either:
The student no longer has any symptoms, or
A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever)
- It is important that students do not attend school if they are unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.

Guidelines for positive cases of COVID19

- If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advice.
- If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:
record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app. Please add details of your child's school or early childhood education centre when prompted
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.
- Registering your child's positive RAT with Service NSW is a requirement of the Public Health Order and helps NSW Health track COVID-19 in schools and address any public health issues early on if required.
- Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.


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AWARDS

A highlight of my week is acknowledging the wonderful achievements of our students. Don't forget the awards carry over from year to year. I can see there are lots of children who are close to earning another Big Bluey. The following children are to be congratulated for earning a Big Bluey this week.

TREASURE CHEST	
	Earn 3 Big Bluey's and you get to take a visit to see Mrs Curran. Earn nine Big Bluey's and you celebrate by coming to a morning tea with the principal!

KHA	
1H	Matilda, Jesse, Billy, Bentley, Lily
2BY	Viviana, Madeline, Lulu, Delilah,
3C	
4A	Ava, Kaden, Clay
5EF	
6I	Sam,

FORTNIGHTLY UPDATES FOR PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA TERM 1

I am looking forward to inviting the following students to the special Principal's morning tea on Friday.

1H Ashton, Jesse, Emilia, Mahli, Bentley

2BY Viviana, Wade, Joshua, Lucinda

3C Tayson

4A Clay

6I Sam

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs J. Curran
Principal

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