

OAKDALE PS NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8



DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER	
5 December	Principal's Morning Tea
5 December	Class Champions Assembly
6 December	Year 2 Sleepover
9 December	Presentation Day
10 December	Year 6 Graduation
11 December	Year 6 Fun Day
12 December	Year 6 Farewell
16 December	Reports home
16 December	End of Year Christmas Concert
17 December	Big Day in
18 December	Year 6 Arch
18 December	Last day of school for students
JANUARY	
31 January	Staff Development Day
3 -5 February	Staff Development Days
6 February	First Day back K-6

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The term has continued to fly by so quickly and it's certainly been busy. We have quite a full calendar for the remainder of the year, and we hope you will be able to join us for our end of year celebrations.

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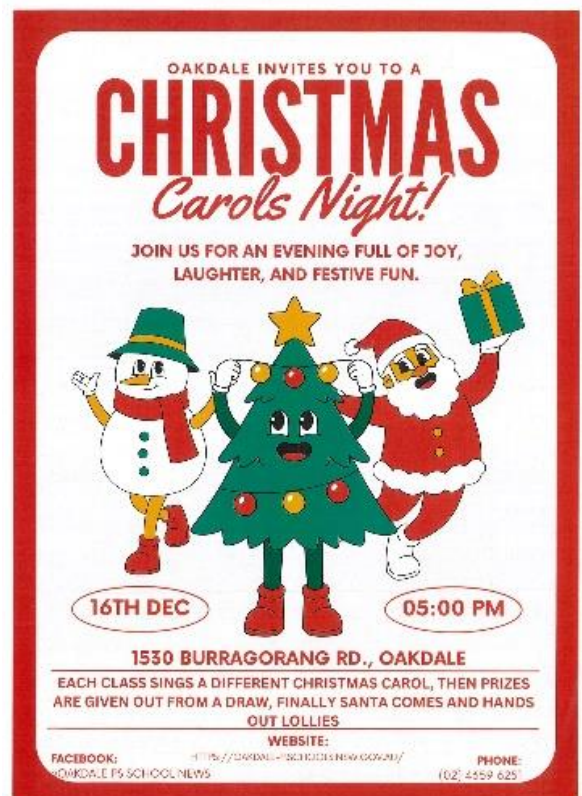
CHRISTMAS CHEER

Many of our children enjoy visiting Mrs Funnell and engaging in alternative activities at lunchtime. Mrs Funnell always has a lot of fun options in her trolley for children to join in with. Their great Christmas craft is on display in the foyer.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and festivities when we present our end of year Christmas concert. Bring a picnic rug and enjoy the performances. Thank you to Aiden from Year 6 for designing the Christmas concert flyer.



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LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Our Year 5 students should be commended on their outstanding efforts in presenting their speeches this week. I was very proud of the thought they put into their speeches and posters. The 2025 leaders will be announced on Presentation Day. I feel confident that our future Year 6 students will be excellent role models for their younger peers.

READING HELPERS

We are always grateful to parents and grandparents for helping in classrooms. Please speak to Mrs Yarrow if you are able to spare a little bit of time to be a reading helper.



2025 Reading Assistants CAN YOU HELP?

Oakdale Public School has recently commenced a new reading program for some students. We are looking for parents, grandparents or community members who would be able to come and read with some of our students for a short period of time, once or twice a week.

If you know of someone, or are interested yourself, please contact Mrs Kerry Yarrow or the school office for more information.

NEW BUBBLERS

I am pleased to announce that we have approval to install new bubblers at the back of the school library. This will make it much easier for the children to have a quick drink during playtime.

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OPPORTUNITY CLASS AND SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder that applications are now open for selective high schools and opportunity classes.

Opportunity classes are offered for students entering Year 5 in 2026 and selective high school placements for students entering Year 7 in 2026.

Please use the link below for further information.

[Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MORNING TEA

Congratulations to the following students who are invited to the final morning tea for 2024.

KH Zoe

1M James, Eleanor, Jack, Tye, Charlie

2SA Ruby, Alaina, River

3J Mia

4/5H Brooks, Leila, Madeline H, Matilda, Edward, Dominic, Claire, Koby, Heath

5/6CT


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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. The following children are to be congratulated for earning 3 Big Blueys.

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!

KH	Charlie
1M	Charlie, Blake
2SA	Jason, Addie
3J	
4/5H	Edward, Dean, Matilda. Lachlan, Maddi
5/6CT	

Have a wonderful week!

Mrs J. Curran
Principal

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FROM THE ADMIN TEAM

RETURNING NOTES AND PAYMENTS ON TIME

We appreciate that life can be very busy, and things are forgotten from time to time, but we do need to remind parents and carers that notes and payments must be submitted by the due dates. It makes it incredibly difficult to accept notes and payments on the day of an event and it leads to disappointment if we are unable to accept them.

Please make sure you stay up to date with what is happening and if you need to check any dates, please refer to the school newsletter that comes out fortnightly, check your emails regularly and remember to check the Audiri APP.

Thank you for your understanding

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOMENT

Swimming carnival – for current y2 – 5

Big Day In – all students

Expression of interest for intensive swimming lessons in 2025

PLEASE LOOK IN SCHOOL BYTES and respond yes or no to this amazing opportunity. Intensive swimming lessons for 1 week Term 2 2025

School Bytes allows you to give permission for events / make a payment and see payment history.

<https://oakdale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/payment-schoolbytes.html>



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CHANGE OF BUS NUMBERS

From Monday 9 December, the route number of two school buses will change.

- Route 6566 will change to 6558
- Route 6556 will change to 6503

The departure times and path/directions of these routes will all remain the same.

You can also use the below link to our website and search for your school.

<https://nsw.transitsystems.com.au/schools>

Tap on and tap off every time

because it tells us how many people are using public transport. This allows us to better plan services for you.



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COBBITTY MARKETS

**NEXT MARKET
SATURDAY
DEC 7th**

A delightful country atmosphere!

The market is in the grounds of Cobbitty Public School, with lovely shade trees, some covered walkways, and the delightful country atmosphere of Cobbitty town. Off-street parking is available behind the market, and there is local and professional entertainment.

What's for sale?

We are a craft market, with our stallholders selling a wide range of unusual and interesting hand-made goods, gifts and wares. These include ceramics, woodwork, paintings and frames, clothes and jewellery, unique furniture, gorgeous knick-knacks and trinkets, lovingly made soaps and body products, toys for the littlies, and a whole lot more. There is always something perfect for that special gift, important occasion, or just to spoil yourself, friends or family. We also sell a selection of gourmet fresh, baked, and carefully prepared foods and produce. There are flowers, plants and seedlings as well.

Refreshments!

Foods available include a BBQ, vegetarian fare, turkish foods, Devonshire coffee and tea, cappuccino, fresh fruit frozen yoghurt, ice cream and lots of delicious home-made snacks and treats.

Location and time

Cobbitty Markets are held in the grounds of Cobbitty Public School, on Cobbitty Road, the first Saturday of the month.

Market trading starts at 8am and finishes at 1pm

Come with friends or family for a great day out!



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WE ARE HOSTING A SCAT WORKSHOP

WHERE: The Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum

WHEN: Wednesday 15th January 2025

TIME: 10am-12.30pm



AGE: Primary School age (must be accompanied by adult)

COST: Gold coin donation/bookings essential/ numbers are limited



This hands on program explains:

- ⇒ Scats and eDNA and how to identify (animal droppings)
- ⇒ How scats & eDNA can be used assess predator risk
- ⇒ Examining scats of native and introduced predators
- ⇒ What native animals are there and what they are eating
- ⇒ Conservation of species that are endangered or threatened and the ecosystems on which they depend

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Our Daily Fee: Inspire @ Oakdale

Before School Care	After School Care	Vacation Care
\$18.00	\$32.50	\$79.00

Use the table below to calculate an estimate for your out of pocket cost for Inspire!

Combined Family Income	CCS Percentage	After School Care*	Before School Care*	School Holiday Fun*
Up to \$83,280	90.00%	\$3.25	\$1.80	\$7.90
\$90,000	88.66%	\$3.69	\$2.04	\$8.96
\$95,000	87.66%	\$4.01	\$2.22	\$9.75
\$100,000	86.66%	\$4.34	\$2.40	\$10.54
\$120,000	82.66%	\$5.64	\$3.13	\$13.70
\$150,000	76.66%	\$7.59	\$4.20	\$18.44
\$200,000	66.66%	\$10.84	\$6.00	\$26.34
\$350,000	36.66%	\$20.59	\$11.40	\$50.04

*Please note, these are estimates of what your Gap Fee payment may be. Your actual Gap Fee payment may be different as they are calculated by Centrelink and are dependent on your combined family income, subsidy hours, withholding percentage, if you have more than one child enrolled etc.

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