Hi Team,

Thank you for being a part of another successful fortnight at the mighty Oakenden State School. Over the next fortnight, our students will be exceptionally busy both inside and outside of the classroom. During this time, I would like to ask that we remain supportive to our students and each other. With extracurricular activities occurring I want to ensure that our communication lines remain open and consistent. If we continue to maintain our high communication expectations then the next fortnight will be a success.

Massive thank you to all the parents, community members and staff who helped out at Cross Country. We ran an exceptional event. This could not have happened without the support and dedication of our wonderful P&C.

Every Day Counts

Everyone is aware of how vitally important it is for students to be at school every day and on time, to help them have every chance in making the most of their educational opportunity. Students are at school only 13.9% of the year and every percent counts. Understandably so, research tells us that there is a clear link between student attendance and academic success. With consideration to our target of 97% attendance, students can only afford to have 1.5 days off per term. While we understand that students will be sick from time to time, I ask parents to really work at the ideal concept that every child is at school every day (health permitting). This is merely a reminder of one of our keys focus’ for this year and a commendation for our school for tracking towards our goal. With your support we will be successful.
**Behaviour**
Class Dojo Update for April

![Class Dojo Chart]

**Culture**
School culture underpins the direction of Oakenden SS. Positive school culture is built from a community who is constructive and embraces challenges, and capitalised on strengths. In class we are currently discussing the different mind-sets both Growth and Fixed. A ‘Fixed’ mind-set is a person who believes that individuals are either born smart or dumb. Whereas, a person with a ‘Growth’ mind-set believes that achievement is earned through hard work and challenges. We want our students to be the latter. We want to develop students who are aware of their strengths and weaknesses, but realise they can make measurable improvements on these through hard work and commitment. This mind-set ultimately will breed a culture of improvement and performance.

**Summary of Dweck’s Mindset**

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NAPLAN
NAPLAN is on the 10th, 11th, 12th of May, and the 13th is a catch up day if needed. These dates are in week 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday. NAPLAN is a numeracy and literacy test that tests students’ general capabilities. On the student level it allows use to identify areas for development and celebrate the students gain. On a school level, our NAPLAN data along with other sets of information allows us to potential areas for development across the whole school. We will be holding a NAPLAN information session on Thursday, 5th of May 2:45 pm. All staff and parents are welcome.

SPORT
Cross Country
Five of our students, Abby, Payton, Lachlan, Bejay, and Seana were selected to compete at the Sarina District Cross Country trials. The trials will be held on Tuesday, 3rd of May at the Sarina golf course. Well done to these students for their initial success. They should be proud of their achievements thus far. We will be sending a staff member to Sarina Cross Country, but parents are still encouraged to transport their own children. Please, contact the school if you are unable to transport on the day.

YEAR 3 - 6 CLASSROOM NEWS WITH MRS McFAUL
Congratulations Oakenden on the Cross Country! This School sure knows how to run an event! The awesome working bee, so many helpers on the day, the great baking and the tasty sausage sizzle! What a fantastic school spirit with so many helpers! I am so proud to be associated with a school where families are such an asset. In this day and age, our school is a true rarity.

In the classroom we are about to begin writing a narrative. After looking at language features and revising structure we are almost ready to write our own amazing stories. I am excited to see the growth from students’ previous story writing efforts. Our 5/6 cohort is almost finished their semester 1 History Unit, ready to swap to Science in week 6. The 3/4 cohort will be finishing their Science and resume their History Unit in week 6.

We are also compiling a Growth Mindset Wall at the entrance of the classroom. It’s an interesting read to see how to compliment the ‘growth in abilities’ rather than the ‘single outcome’ of an achievement. I’d also like to ask you to circle our Biggest Morning Tea event on your calendars. Please call, text or email a friend or two to bring along to experience a bit of Oakenden hospitality. We may be asking for a few favours closer to the date ;)

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Oakenden State School is holding Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. This event is an opportunity for friends, family or workmates to come together, share a cuppa and some delicious food, and help those affected by cancer. Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is on Thursday 23rd May 2016. Please see attached flyer. We encourage all parents to share this event between friends and community members. Let’s make this a big event and raise important funds for people affected by cancer.

Daniel Morcombe Foundation
The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is committed to Keeping Kids Safe. They have two main aims; to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical or online environment and to support young victims of crime. The Foundation’s belief and vision is one that incorporates a future where all children are provided with safety, protection and opportunity, in their lives.

The Daniel Morcombe foundation will be visiting Homebush State School on Wednesday 4th May at 11am. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to attend. Transport will be provided. Please fill out the attached permission form and return it to school no later than Tuesday 3rd May.
**Student Of The Week**

is awarded to

ADAM MATSEN

For

Going above and beyond

the requirement of the

classroom.

29 April 2016

**The Portal to Wonderland**

As the young boy Alex Gardiner was painting his room as a Wonderland then something magical happened. When he finished somewhere he had opened a portal to Wonderland. He had not been looking where he was going and he walked into the wall but he didn’t fall back, he stumbled into Wonderland!

He found his way back into his room and promised himself never to tell his parents because they would paint his walls differently so he could never go to Wonderland again. So when his parents came in after he finished painting, he kept his mouth shut and only replied when he needed to.

The next when he took his friends to Wonderland, the portal suddenly closed and they were stuck in Wonderland for 5 years before they found Madeline Hatter, daughter of the Mad Hatter, who was the only one in Wonderland who knew how to open the portal. They were starved and thirsty. When they pushed through some bushes and found the Mad Hatter, his daughter Madeline Hatter and her pet mouse. “Hello there Alex,” Madeline said in astonishment, for she had met him before in his previous Adventures in Wonderland. “Hello Madeline” Alex replied like honey.

“Who are your friends?” she asked curiously. “Seana, Sophie and KriS. Is this your father,” I asked. “Yes, this is the Mad Hatter, my father.” “I’ve got a favour to ask, can you get us out of here and maybe a spot of food on the way?” “Oh,” she agreed. “It’s settled.”

To be continued ………

By Sophie.

**School Captain Report**

On Friday the 23rd of April we had our Cross Country event. Cross Country is the most important for Oakenden because we hold it at our small school. There were a lot of ribbons won and we all had a lot of fun. Congratulations to everyone who competed, however, five of our students are going to the next level in Sarina, Abby Matsen, Lachlan Matsen, Payton Douglas, BeJay Mcsweeney and Seana Christensen. Our P & C fundraiser of home baking and sausage sizzle was a success as well. In the end Oakenden came 3rd for the schools with Chelona first, Homebush second and Dundula 4th.

**TUCKSHOP MENU**

**FRIDAY 6TH MAY**

This will be held on second break with Mrs Hill.

Roast Beef & Gravy Rolls
$2.50
Flavoured Milk
$1.00
Ice Creams
$1.00

**NEXT P&C MEETING**

Wednesday 4th May
2.45 pm
ALL WELCOME

2016 text books have been issued. Your prompt payment is appreciated.
Costing sheet attached

**“Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future”**
CROSS COUNTRY
Beers and Brains in the Bush

FRIDAY MAY 13, 2016

DOORS OPEN 6PM, TRIVIA AT 7PM

HOSTED BY ZINC FM

BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE

15+ Event

HOMEBush STATE SCHOOL
1181 Homebush Road, Homebush

BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW
$20 per person or $100 per table of 6
Hot and Cold food platter provided

Lucky door prizes and raffles throughout the night

YOU BRING THE BRAINS AND WE'LL BRING THE BEER!

Payments can be made online, by cheque or cash.

For further enquiries or to register please contact Homebush State School P&C Association at pandc@homebushss.eq.edu.au, Homebush State School on 4959 7286 or 0419 792 145.