



# The Oakenden Buzz



## Oakenden State School

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**"04 February 2015"**

Next Fortnight		Forward Dates	
	Wed: Student Banking	20 Feb	Playgroup
05 Feb	Day 8 Enrolment Data Collection	23 Feb	Chess Competition
06 Feb	Tuckshop / Playgroup	26 Feb	Daniel @ Principal Conf.
17 Feb	Grip Leadership - Student Leaders	27 Feb	Daniel @ Principal Conf.
17 Feb	Mobile Library	03 Mar	Safety Circus Performance - CQU
		03 Mar	P&C Meeting
		06 Mar	Playgroup / Tuckshop

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### WELCOMING NOTE:

Our year has got off to a great start. Thank you Mums, Dads and grandparents for the wonderful way you presented your children in uniform with all their learning materials ready for the learning year ahead.

This week students (including Prep) have completed writing samples and maths samples that will inform their learning goals for the next 5 weeks. These will be shared with you during weeks two and three. Despite running through copious amounts of testing, they have successfully adapted to new structures and routines - demonstrating just how amazing Oakenden State School students really are.

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended the annual parent information night. I was very humbled to see the high level of support and commitment shown by our small school community. The goal of the evening was to ensure every community member is aware/shares the same vision for our great school for 2015. If you have any questions or need clarification on any items discussed on the night please come and see me for a friendly chat.

Please note the calendar of dates on this newsletter and accept my invitation for you to be actively involved in all aspects of your child's education. Welcome to Oakenden State School - 2015.

### DETE Parent Information about Attendance

- It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.
- If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school.
- If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal of your child's school before you travel away.
- You can find more information about exemptions: <http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/exemptions/index.html>.

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library is back and better than ever! The mobile library truck will be returning to Oakenden State School on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2015. Thank you to those new families who returned your child's registration form.

## Raising the Bar

*Working together to ensure that everyday in every classroom every student is learning and achieving.*



## Every Day Counts at Oakenden

2014 Attendance  
94.38%

Target > 95%

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### P AND C MEETING

Our next scheduled P and C meeting will be Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2015. The meeting will commence at 2:45pm and will be held in the main classroom. I would like to personally encourage all parents/caregivers/ community members to become a part of our great team. Please find attached the P&C Membership Form for 2015.

### TENNIS NIGHT

We will be starting up our tennis evenings again this year. Our first night will be held on **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of February starting at 5:30pm**. There will be a **FREE** sausage sizzle to ensure you keep your energy up! I openly invite all community members to join us on this evening.

### GRIP LEADERSHIP

As part of taking on a leadership role at Oakenden State School, year 6 students receive the opportunity to attend the Mackay 'GRIP' leadership conference. GRIP Leadership (formerly known as Impact Leadership) is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector.

#### Conference details:

**Date:** Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**Time:** 8:55am – 2:30 pm therefore I would ask that the year 6 students be at school by 8:00am and will be returned to school by 3:15pm.

**Location:** Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre

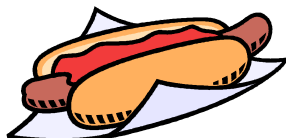
**Transport:** The students will travel to and from the conference via a staff member's vehicle.

### TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will commence this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We welcome all families and friends with little children to come along for a fun filled morning of planned activities. Playgroup begins at 8.30am and concludes at 10.30am. Playgroup families are welcome to stay and have lunch with Oakenden Students.

Tuckshop will also commence this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February with Mrs Matsen for first break only, and will consist of the following:

Hotdogs w/cheese	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk	\$1.00
Ice Creams	\$1.00



### STUDENT BANKING

Student banking commenced today. Please find attached information regarding student banking issued by the Commonwealth Australia Bank. If your child is wanting to bank with the school all that is needed is for you to open a Dollarmites account with Commonwealth Bank and send your book and money along to school each Wednesday. We will do the rest.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

Last week during parade we publicly recognised the achievements of two very special boys at Oakenden State School. Both Kristopher and Darby have achieved yet another milestone in their lives- completing their very first week of schooling. Both boys have had a successful start to their learning journey with all staff and students remarking on their ability to follow routines and their high level of participation in classroom activities. We at Oakenden State School are looking forward to guiding them through the first years of their learning journey.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### WEEK 1



### Student Of The Week

is awarded to

Kristopher Caracciolo  
& Darby Geisler

For

**Great Start to their Learning  
Journey**

## SCHOOL RULES

Our school rules have been created collaboratively by the students and staff. They are simple enough to be remembered by the youngest student, positive and proactive.

### **Oakenden State School Code of Behaviour**

*The OK Way: Making positive behaviour choices every day.*

#### **Safe choices**

- Behave safely by sitting, moving, dressing and playing in ways that respect your safety and that of others.

#### **Fair choices**

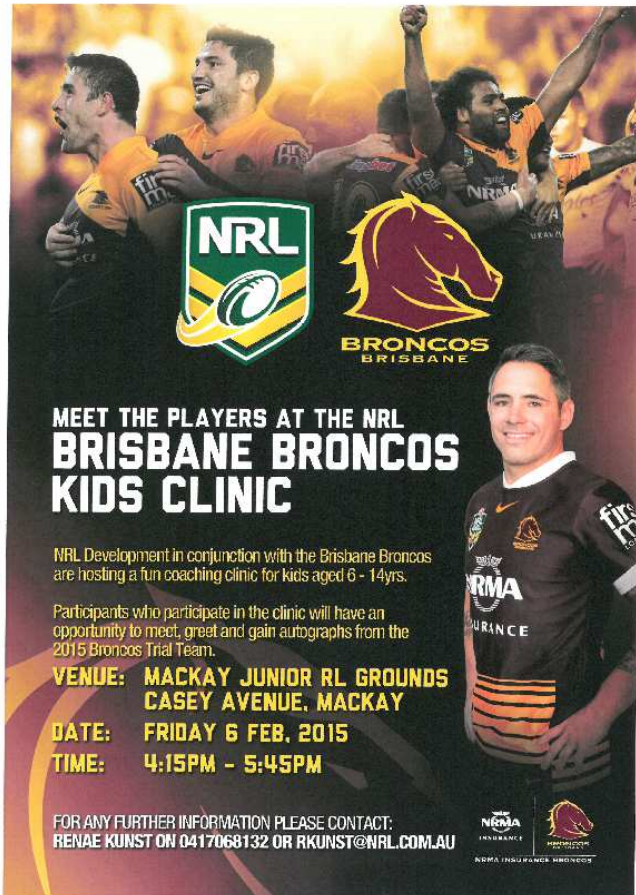
- Behave fairly by displaying good manners and sportsmanship. Respect the property of others and their right to participate in class and in the playground.

#### **Smart choices**

- Behave cleverly by coming to school properly prepared and dressed in your uniform. Do your best in all things and ask for help when needed.

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## Community News



**MEET THE PLAYERS AT THE NRL BRISBANE BRONCOS KIDS CLINIC**

NRL Development in conjunction with the Brisbane Broncos are hosting a fun coaching clinic for kids aged 6 - 14yrs.

Participants who participate in the clinic will have an opportunity to meet, greet and gain autographs from the 2015 Broncos Trial Team.

**VENUE: MACKAY JUNIOR RL GROUNDS  
CASEY AVENUE, MACKAY**

**DATE: FRIDAY 6 FEB. 2015**

**TIME: 4:15PM - 5:45PM**

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:  
RENAE KUNST ON 0417068132 OR RKUNST@NRL.COM.AU

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## SENSORY MOVIE DAY 15 February at 11:00am



Tickets are \$8.00 each  
Companion I.D Card Accepted  
Children 2yrs and under are free  
Birch Carroll & Coyle Mackay North Cinemas  
Grandview Drive, North Mackay QLD 4740  
For more information email or call Katie on:  
[sensorymovieday.mackay@hotmail.com](mailto:sensorymovieday.mackay@hotmail.com)  
0400843127

Face Painting starts at 10am thanks to Ink Kidz, spot prizes and every child receives an animal balloon at the end of the movie

Sensory Movie Day Mackay is an inclusive event for families with special needs.

Lighting on dim, sound lowered, volunteers at doors for those escape artists.

Children are free to move around, flap or stim.  
This is a no judgment screening.

Refunds are available within the first 40mins.  
No Diagnosis required, siblings and extended family are welcome.

FOR UPDATES LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:  
[SENSORY MOVIE DAY MACKAY](#)

## Mackay Athletics Club

run jump throw  
**Sign-on and Information Day**

Saturday 21 February 2015

Anytime between 10am-2pm

Mackay State High School,

Via English or Penn Sts, Mackay

Ages from 5 to Masters

1st club day, Saturday 28 February

Trial period only \$10.00 for two weeks

[www.mackayathletics.com.au](http://www.mackayathletics.com.au)

for more information or call

James on 0431 973 129

New members to bring a  
copy of Birth Certificate for sighting.



Enjoy **SUMMER** in the city

2015  
Year of the goat

# Chinese New Year

Saturday February 21

Bring in the Year of the Goat at the Chinese New Year Celebrations. Enjoy Asian cuisine food stalls, Chinese Lion Dancers, a Fire Show, Thai Dancers and Time Out Tai Chi Interactive Sessions. Fun for the kids including arts and crafts activities, face painting, Kevin the Magical Balloon Man and a jumping castle.

4pm - 8pm

Victoria Street Markets  
(145 - 147 Victoria Street)



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"Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future"

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*"Is your New Year's Resolution to take better care of yourself ???*

*One way is for women aged 40 or older to book a **FREE** breast screen. No GP referral is needed.*

*BreastScreen Queensland Mackay Service has appointments available now - including early morning, late afternoon & Saturday mornings at our Wellington Street service.*

*We encourage all eligible women to make a New Year's Resolution to have their first or next breast screen. **Early detection is your best protection.***

*Book now on **13 20 50** or 4968 3813 for your **FREE** appointment. No GP referral required."*



## **JUNIOR BASKETBALL SIGN-ON DAY**

**Where:** Mackay Multi Sports Stadium, Juliette Street  
**When:** Saturday 14th of February, 9am - 12noon  
**Cost:** \$75 per season (12 weeks from January til June)

### **5 Clubs to choose from:**

Magpies, Midgets, North Mackay Magic, Renegades and Souths

### **Game Days:**

- **Wednesday 5 - 9pm:** Under 14 and 16 Boys  
Under 14 Girls
- **Friday 5 - 9pm:** Under 16 Girls
- **Saturday 8am - 3pm:** Under 8 Boys and Girls  
Under 10 Boys and Girls  
Under 12 Boys and Girls

Club competition offers 1 training and 1 game per week.

### **REFEREE'S ALSO WANTED!**

- Sign-up for free
- Earn extra pocket money
- Flexible hours / game times
- Keep Fit
- Meet new people
- Increase your basketball knowledge and understanding

**foster CARER**  
could you be one?

Foster carers are as different as the young lives they transform

Churches of Christ Care Pathways support their carers with training, advice and access to local resources to enable them to provide the best home environment for the children and young people in their care.

Contact us for a foster care information pack.

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