



The Oakenden Buzz



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Next Fortnight		Forward Dates
	Wed: Student Banking	06 Mar Playgroup / Tuckshop
20 Feb	Playgroup	
23 Feb	Chess Competition	
26 Feb	Daniel @ Principal Conf.	
27 Feb	Daniel @ Principal Conf.	
03 Mar	Safety Circus Performance - CQU	
03 Mar	P&C Meeting	

PRINCIPAL NEWS

WELCOMING NOTE:

Another great fortnight at the power house that is Oakenden State School. Students have settled into their routines perfectly and now we are enjoying seeing the benefits of their initial hard work. Students are really living up to our mantra for *'Measurable improvements, every way, every day'*. I am looking forward to students continuing on this pathway and building on skills and developing new ones throughout the term.

PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

Next week (Thursday and Friday) I will be off campus attending the annual Principals conference in Brisbane. During my absence the lovely Mrs Heather Brady will be stepping into my position and continuing with the teaching and learning. While, the principals' conference is mandatory, it is truly a worthwhile experience for all principals, as it provides an opportunity to directly hear what the expectations are for this year and also collaborate with other successful principals.

HOMEWORK AND PRACTICE

Homework provides students with the opportunity to extend their learning outside the classroom. Research shows that the amount of homework assigned should vary by grade level and that parent involvement should be supportive not instructional. Teachers should explain the purpose of homework to both the student and the parent or guardian, and teachers should give feedback on all homework assigned. Research also shows that students must adapt skills while they're learning them. Speed and accuracy are key indicators of the effectiveness of practice. At Oakenden SS the homework we set has two main objectives:

- Provide practice on areas which have been identified in class as student/class focus areas.
- Increase speed-automaticity-accuracy on key literacy and numeracy foundational skills.

Homework should be an enjoyable experience and students should want to complete their homework either individually or with a parent or sibling. If you are finding you are receiving too much resistance, please do not force the issue. I am making myself available from 8:00 am in the morning or 2:45pm in the afternoon to work with students on their homework. So, please do not try and force the issue with your children, simply utilise my services and send them to me in the morning or afternoon.

If you feel that our homework demands are too high or we are not clear in our expectations- please come and see me for a friendly chat.

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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REPORTING FOR 2015

New: A term 1 and 3 report that will be a 'tick' rating, and no comment, progress report to parents. This will be an A-E rating for academic, behaviour and effort results.

Term 2 and 4 will still be the full reporting cycle however, there will be a change in regards to the language used. Comments will be written in a more general form.

CHANGES IN STAFFING

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Bec Williams to our team. Bec will be with us for term 1, where she will be working one on one with students from 9:00am-12:00pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are looking forward to working with Bec and seeing great results from her work.

Mrs Brady will be joining us for an extra half a day on Monday. Mrs Brady will be working exclusively with the year 3 and year 5 students on NAPLAN based skills (Literacy and Numeracy). I would publically like to thank Mrs Brady for all her hard work and dedication she gives to Oakenden State School, she is a true asset for the students and school.

Thanks for choosing to send your child to Oakenden State School. The best school for your child that is continually building to become even better.

INVOICE & UPDATE STUDENT DETAILS

Please find attached to this week's newsletter, invoices for this years student textbooks.

Would you also take a minute to check that we have correct details of your children on our database and make any necessary changes and return to school as soon as possible.

P AND C MEETING

Our next scheduled P and C meeting will be Tuesday, 3rd 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.

TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday 20th February. We welcome all families and friends with little children to come along for a fun filled morning of planned activities. Playgroup begins at 9.00am and concludes at 11.00am.

The next tuckshop will be on Friday 6th March with Mrs Christensen for second break only, and will consist of the following:

Spaghetti Bolognese	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk	\$1.00
Ice Creams	\$1.00



Student Work

SPLASH! I fall into the water with my two brothers Leo and Nick as we watch the cruise ship we were on, sail along. I shout out "Leo, Nick... Are you alright?" No answer. I keep on paddling trying to look for my brothers...

Finally I see Leo, he is younger than me, so he is struggling to stay above the surface. I grab hold of him and let him know that it's okay. But it's not okay, I can't find Nick and mum and dad are both on the ship. They think we're playing hide and seek in our room but in fact we were chucked out by this mental bloke that had too much to drink.

I have to stop thinking about it, I need to find Nick my twin brother he is probably lost and scared, just like me. At least I found Leo, so now we can look for Nick together.

"Where's Mummy and Daddy?" Leo asked, full of fright.

"They're having a five course meal at the best restaurant ever!" I say positively but I'm trembling.

"Sidler?"

"Yes, arrrr... Sizzler, your favourite, right?"

He doesn't reply, he just stares at me with that sad look on his face. I'm speechless, I don't have any more encouraging words to say. I just have to find Nick and fast because he's not a very good swimmer.

I hold Leo as I paddle to what I think is a tyre tube but I'm not sure. I feel gutted when I had a flashed back about our soon to be baby sister. She had tubes hooked up to her and that's when it happened... she just died right in front of my eyes.

Then I see it, it is, when did. "Wait come back !!!"....

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to

Adam Matsen

For

Improvement in Grammar & Punctuation Results



Student Of The Week

is awarded to

Darby Geisler

For

Demonstrating an improved time on task attitude



Grid Award

is awarded to

Zoe Merkel

For

measurably improving on her fractions and percentages

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2.50PM.**

PRESENT: Teneile Merkel, Leah Tyrell, Linda Matsen, Ivy Christensen, Allison Bugeja, Michael Bugeja & Daniel Evans.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES: The minutes were read and Linda Matsen moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Allison Bugeja.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Teneile Merkel read the Presidents Report on the previous 12 months. Teneile moved that the President’s Report as presented be accepted. Seconded by Ivy Christensen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurers Report was presented and Allison Bugeja asked that the Treasurers Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Leah Tyrell.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: No Principals Report for 2014.

MEMBERSHIP: It was moved by Linda Matsen that the membership applications be accepted upon receipt. Seconded by Teneile Merkel.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Daniel Evans declared all Executive positions vacant and called for nominations for President.

President:

Ivy Christensen nominated Teneile Merkel.
Seconded by Michael Bugeja. No further nominations.
Teneile Merkel was **DULY ELECTED - PRESIDENT**
Teneile Merkel took the chair.

Secretary:

Teneile Merkel nominated Linda Matsen.
Seconded by Leah Tyrell. No further nominations.
Linda Matsen was **DULY ELECTED - SECRETARY**

Treasurer:

Allison Bugeja nominated Ivy Christensen.
Seconded by Linda Matsen. No further nominations.
Ivy Christensen was **DULY ELECTED – TREASURER**

Vice Treasurer:

Linda Matsen nominated Allison Bugeja.
Seconded by Teneile Merkel. No further nominations.
Allison Bugeja was **DULY ELECTED – VICE TREASURER**

O.S.S. P&C MOWING & WATERING ROSTER 2015

Please volunteer your time to mow the school grounds. If your preferred month has already been taken please ask to change with someone as some families don't have a preference.

MONTH	FAMILY NAME
January	Christensen
February	Bugeja
March	Geisler
April	Geisler
May	Christensen
June	Tyrell
July	Bugeja
August	Christensen
September	Matsen
October	Tyrell
November	Matsen
December	Caracciolo
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January	Caracciolo

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OAKENDEN STATE
SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015 AT 3.30PM**

PRESENT: Teneile Merkel, Ivy Christensen, Alison Bugeja, Leah Tyrell, Linda Matsen, Michael Bugeja & Daniel Evans.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES: Linda Matsen read the minutes and moved that the minutes be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Allison Bugeja.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Bunnings, QCPCA Policy Email, Queensland Rail Email, P&Cs Qld Email, Australian Fundraising Email & Bravehearts Email.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle date for 2015 is Sunday 12th April. Linda has asked Bunnings to put the P&C on their cancellation list.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$12,623.13 as at January 2015. Ivy Christensen moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Teneile Merkel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: As tabled. Daniel Evans moved that the Principals Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Michael Bugeja.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS CARRIED OVER: Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Dan Murphy Sausage Sizzle – Linda will look into the viability of this.
- Senior Shirts - P&C to pay for one senior shirt for the Grade 6’s.
- Cross Country - Daniel to discuss Cross Country further with the new PE teacher. Preferably second last week of Term 1.
- Mower needs attention. Michael will organise this.
- Mower Fuel has been moved to under the toilet block.
- Student Teachers – Daniel is open to volunteers.
- Tennis Night will be Friday 13th February at 5.30pm. P&C to provide a sausage sizzle.
- Mowing Roster (almost completed) - to be sent home with the school newsletter.
- Tuckshop Roster (completed) - to be sent home with the school newsletter.
- Disco – a date will be set at a later date.

Next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 2.45pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.35pm.

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OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL P&C TUCKSHOP 2015

DATE	MENU	NAME
Friday 6th February 12:15pm	Hot Dogs with Cheese \$2.50 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Linda Mazon
Friday 6th March 12:15pm	Spaghetti Bolognaise \$2.50 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Ivy Christensen
Friday 1st May 12:15pm	Pie / Sausage Rolls with Peas \$3.00 / \$2.00 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Ivy Christensen
Friday 5th June 12:15pm	Pizza \$2.50 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Stacey Gaskin
Friday 7th August 12:15pm	Beef & Crispy Potatoes \$2.50 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Allison Stugeja
Friday 4th September 12:15pm	Ham / Chicken & Salad Wraps \$3.00 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Linda Mazon
Friday 5th November (Time TBA)	Fish Wraps \$2.50 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Frog in A Pond \$1.00	Janelle Marlow
Friday 4th December (Time TBA)	Bananas / Tacos \$3.00 Flavoured Milk \$1.00 Ice Creams \$1.00	Leah Tyrrell



STAPLES
WIN Your Child's School a \$5000 CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

PARENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS, PUT THE BEST EDUCATIONAL TOOLS AT YOUR CHILD'S FINGERTIPS!

Imagine what your school could do with a \$5000 classroom makeover from Staples! The school with the most entries per student levels will take your child's school into 2015 by making it really shine so you can COOL DOWN TOOLS IS FUN FROM SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY TO MONDAY 9 MARCH.

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Enjoy SUMMER on 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, Revin the Magical Balloon Man and a jumping castle.

4pm - 8pm
Victoria Street Markets
(145 - 147 Victoria Street)



Sarina & District Netball Association
NETBALL SIGN ON FOR 2015

WHEN: Thursday 26th February 2015
TIME: 3.30pm—7pm
WHERE: Sarina Netball Clubhouse, Sarina Showgrounds

For more information visit the Sarina Netball Facebook Page or email sarinanetball@gmail.com



SIGN ON DAY
2015

Date: Sunday 1st March
Where: Cathy Freeman Oval
Wren Street
Slade Point
Time: 1 pm to 3 pm
Cost: \$110 per athlete

- Includes Registration, Insurance & Club Day levies
(All new members must bring copy of birth certificate at sign on)

President: Bill Gilbert
0409 508 260

Vice President: Balinda Gall
0417 851 633

Registrar: Amanda Dickson
0437 558 560

Coach: Cheryl Dixon
National credited Level 4 Coach
0432 282 182



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