



The Oakenden Buzz



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"04 March 2015"

Next Fortnight		Forward Dates	
	Wed: Student Banking	19 Mar	Sandy Creek Cross Country
06 Mar	Playgroup / Tuckshop	31 Mar	Mobile Library
06 Mar	Chelona Disco	02 Apr	Term 1 Ends - School Holidays
09 Mar	Dundula Writing Workshops	03 Apr	Good Friday Public Holiday
17 Mar	Mobile Library.		
18 Mar	Bookclub Due		

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%

PRINCIPAL NEWS

A small school doing BIG things! This goes without saying. Inside and outside of the classroom Oakenden State School continues to impress and showcase their skills. Just this past week Oakenden State School sent away two teams to participate in the Mackay/ Whitsunday chess competition, with Oakenden 1 placing 1st and Oakenden 2 placing 8th. Both teams played exceptionally well and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship. A special mention to Abby Matsen (placed 1st) and Amity Bugjea (placed 3rd) who placed in the top 3 individually. Furthermore, thank you to Mrs Merkel who invested hours of her own time to train and guide prior to the competition.

A major aspect of our strategic planning is developing the belief that our students can be successful. Having worked with students, families and the curriculum, my belief is that every child CAN and WILL achieve highly. For me, this is not a value that I have had to change as my expectations have always been high and students are well aware of this. To ensure that all key stakeholders have the same level of belief in our school and students, it is now the time for all of us to take ownership.

Our students, staff, parents and community all have a role to play in our Annual Implementation plan and Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2015. As the community we ask that you believe in us and our students. 100% of our staff have the ability to educate your children to a high level and 100% of students are able to achieve at a high level. We need to remember this and our students need to also. If we all work together and ensure we maintain high expectations of all key stakeholders, Oakenden State School will be unstoppable.

In the classroom students have been evaluating the goals they had set themselves at the start of the term. 100% of students have either completed these goals or have identified measurable improvements in their focused areas. Even though we have celebrated their success in class, I would ask that you take the time to celebrate these goals with your child at home (all goals have been sent home with the students). This is just another way in which we can further build the connection between school and home for our students.

Kind Regards,
Daniel Evans

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub is being sent home with todays newsletter. Please return any orders and payment to the school by Wednesday 18th March

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THE DAILY MERCURY—MY FIRST YEAR FEATURE

The Daily Mercury are offering parents to purchase The Daily Mercury at a cost of .65 cents each on the day the My First Year Feature appears. If you would like to take advantage of this please let the school know so we can place an order to The Daily Mercury for that day.

LOLLY JAR GUESS

Students are fundraising for Chess. There will be a jar of lollies in the office from Next Week and will continue through to the day of Cross Country. If you would like to guess how many lollies it will cost you 50c.

CROSS COUNTRY BAKING

Cross Country is on Thursday 19th March and as always we will be needing our families to donate home baking. We are asking for anything from cakes, biscuits and slices.

STUDENT PROJECT CLUB RAFFLE

Our student project club will be running a raffle leading up to Cross Country. Tickets will be \$1.00 each. Prizes are:

- 1st: Grocery Hamper
- 2nd: Easter Hamper
- 3rd: TBA



Tickets and money must be returned by Monday 16th March as the raffle will be drawn at the Cross Country.

CARE PACKAGE - LEGGATT FAMILY

We are putting together a hamper to send to Townsville for the Leggatt Family. If you would like to contribute to the hamper, please bring it to school by 18th March. Ideas for hamper can include Magazines, DVD's, Yummy non perishables, Woolworths Gift Card etc.

There will also be a card for Ezra if you would like to send a special message or sign it.

TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday 6th March. We welcome all families and friends with little children aged from 0 - 5 yrs to come along for a fun filled morning of planned activities including playdough, painting, craft, and much more. 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



MACKAY/WHITSUNDAY CHESS COMPETITION

Last Monday, our students that made up 2 teams participated in the Gardiner Chess Mackay/Whitsunday Chess Competition.

Team 1: Amity Bugeja
Hannah Matsen
Zoe Merkel
Abby Matsen

Team 2: Lachlan Matsen
Seana Christensen
Sophie Tyrell
Adam Matsen

Congratulations to Team 1 who came first and Team 2 who placed 8th out of 14 teams. Individual results were Abby 1st, Amity 3rd, Zoe 6th, Hannah 14th, Lachlan 16th, Seana 35th, Adam 41st and Sophie 43rd. Congratulations to all students on achieving fantastic results.



SAFETY CIRCUS

Yesterday, our Preps to Fours attended an excursion to the Safety Circus. The award-winning *Safety Circus* musical, written by Hannah Barn and Dr Judith Brown, imparts important safety messages to children around the areas of road safety (wearing helmets on bikes and scooters), bullying (using bystander behaviours to change the outcome of bullying), and use of a safety network to find a trusted adult. The students loved the show and took the opportunity after the show to obtain some performers autographs.



“Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future”

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I WANT TO BE DAY

Oakenden State School let their imagination run wild and supported The Kids' Cancer Project by getting involved and having our very own 'I Want 2 Be' Day!

We dressed up as what we 'wanted to be' when we grew up and by donating a gold coin. By taking part in this great day we helped raise funds to find a cure for childhood cancer – giving all kids the opportunity to grow up and be what they want to be.



The Story on the Typewriter Came True!

How was this happening? I just finished reading my story and it had no ending! Seriously, who would write a story, a good story and make it have no ending? The story was on the old typewriter in the attic. It ended with Curtis, the bad with a weird name, about to blow up the whole school with a giant bomb.

When I went to school today I almost fainted. I saw Curtis! I took a look at him. Half his face was made out of metal and he wore a mask on the other. To finish off, a black coat covered the rest of his body.

The bomb in his hand was beeping I saw the time left on it. It had two minutes left.

The smell of smoke filled my lungs while people's screams grew louder and louder.

I ran home to the typewriter, my fingers touching the keys.

I knew it was up to me to write the ending, before it was too late!

By Abby Matsen

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Seana Christensen
For

**Improved attitude towards
independent tasks**



Grid Award

is awarded to
Declan Christensen
For
Measurably improving

DISCO FEVER

This Friday Chelona State School will be holding a Disco for all band 5 schools in our cluster (Chelona, Dundula, Homebush and Oakenden) from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. To make transportation easier Mrs Ivy Christensen and Mrs Linda Matsen have spare seats and would love to take some extra students with them. This is a great opportunity for Oakenden to show our support to other schools, so come and Disco with Mr Evans this Friday night.

Chelona State School

Disco

Friday 6 March

BBQ 5:30pm

Disco 6:00-8:30pm

Fancy dress (encouraged but not essential)

Invitation extended to all students of

- Chelona
- Dundula
- Homebush
- Oakenden

Cost

Free entry to disco

Burgers \$5

Sausages on bread \$2

CAPTAINS REPORT

CHESS

Eight students represented Oakenden State School in the Mackay/Whitsunday Primary Chess Tournament, Round One on Monday 23rd February at Mercy College. Team 1 won the competition and our newest Team 2 (consisting of Lachlan, Sophie, Seana and Adam) placed 8th out of 14 primary school teams.

Well done to all.

Round 2 will be held on Monday 1st of June so keep practising!

GRIP LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday 17th February, the three Oakenden State School Captains- Hannah, Zoe and Amity attended the GRIP leadership conference at the MECC. It was a great experience and we all learnt a lot about how to be a positive and supportive leader. Mrs Merkel accompanied us while the rest of the school was busy learning. It was a great day and we all feel that we are now better roles models for 2015.

Thanks for reading, Hannah, Amity & Zoe

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015 AT 2.45PM.

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

APOLOGIES: Leah Tyrell.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE: Parent Talk Magazine, Seed Creations Brochure, Peters Pricelist, Qast Postcard, Moon and back School Gifts Brochure, Maps Fundraising Mothers Day Stall Catalogue, Living Fundraisers Brochure, Cadbury Fundraiser Catalogue, Billy G's Fundraiser Email, The Give Back Campaign Email, Talking Tuckshops Email, P&Cs Qld Network Meeting Emails, P&Cs Qld Newsletter, Letter from the Director-General, Webinar Email, Australian Fundraising Specialists School Run 4 Fun Email, Raffle Fundraiser Resort Holiday Email, School Spell-A-Thon Email, Unicake Bag Email, Buy a Bale Day Email & CFT Email.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$12,633.85 as at February 2015. Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2014 returned and approved by Connole Carlisle. Ivy Christensen moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Allison Bugeja.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRINCIPALS 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:

Dan Murphy Sausage Sizzle – awaiting the person in charge to return from holidays for further information and viability.

Cross Country – to be held on Thursday 19th March. Ivy to purchase all drinks & zipper doopers, Allison to purchase sausages and Linda to purchase bread, onions & sauces. Homebaking needed from families.

Mower – Michael has fixed the mower.

Disco – to be postponed to Term 2.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Playgroup Flyers – delivered this week.

Nikki & Ezra – care package to be sent. Donations by families. Teneile organising.

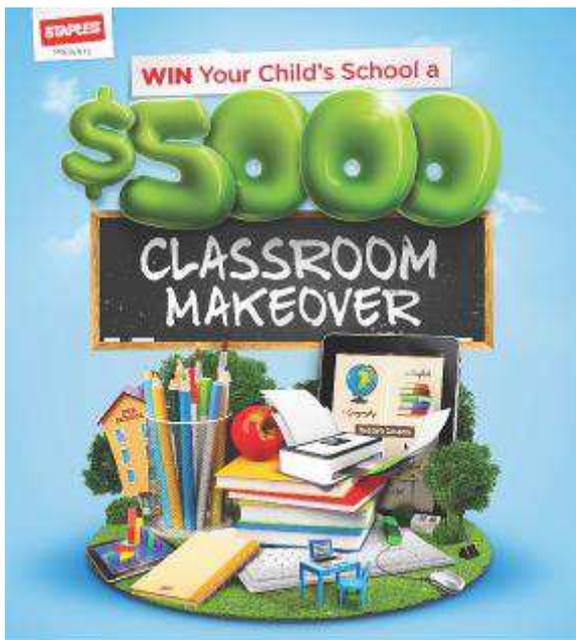
Chess – Andrew from Gardiner Chess would like Team 1 to go to the State Girls Chess Competition again. Fundraising to be allocated.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – to be organised by phone.

Next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 2.45pm. There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30pm.

President

Secretary



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SENSORY MOVIE DAY
15 March 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: senso-rymovieday.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

Learn about Your World



Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers' market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from **France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain** all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email us at scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

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