



The Oakenden Buzz



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"18 March 2015"

| Next Fortnight | | Forward Dates | |
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| | Wed: Student Banking | 20 Apr | Term 2 Resumes |
| 19 Mar | Sandy Creek Cross Country | 25 Apr | Anzac Day |
| 31 Mar | Mobile Library | | |
| 02 Apr | Term 1 Ends - School Holidays | | |
| 03 Apr | Good Friday Public Holiday | | |

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Time has flown and we find ourselves only 2 weeks away from our Easter break. Over the past eight weeks students have demonstrated measurable improvements across all aspects of schooling - academic, behaviourally and socially. Individual improvement is the number one indicator of a successful learner. No matter what stage or level a student is at in their learning journey our primary target is to see all individuals improve. When I consider how can we create successful learners, I always seem to come back to one central element, communication.

Communication is key. I cannot stress enough the importance of communication between us as teachers and the parents of our students. Strong communication is fundamental for our parent teacher partnerships and to build a sense of community between home and school. Here at Oakenden S.S we partake in many forms of communication with our parents / community members. These include: weekly emails home to parents, newsletters and organised meetings/ informal conversations. These consistent forms of communication allow us to keep our parents involved with what is going on here at school and what is coming up. Every communication exchange, regardless of format, should reflect a thoughtful, planned approach and should be viewed as an opportunity for us to promote parent partnerships and ultimately, to support learning. Effective communication is essential in forming strong school - home partnerships and successful learners.

SANDY CREEK CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow is the Sandy Creek Cross Country and we are playing host to three other schools (Chelona, Dundula and Homebush). All students are expected to attend on the day and participate in the race. Our fantastic parent group will be putting on a cake stall and BBQ, which I am sure will be a hit with the other schools. The racing commences from 9:30am until 11:30am. In the past Oakenden State School have been very competitive and this is a tradition we will live up to this year. I would like to encourage all parents, caregivers and family members to come down and support our students. On the day we will also be supported by our local Police and Ambulance officers, so please take the time to make them feel welcome. A special thank you to Stacey and Clint, whose efforts on Sunday have made our grounds look amazing.

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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TAKE THE LEAD

Next Wednesday we will be playing host to a small group of *aspiring* principals. Take the Lead is an innovative strategy to initiate and implement a development strategy for small school Teaching Principals across the state, focussing on rural and/or remote locations. Aspirants are invited to apply to participate in a three year program of structured Professional Learning opportunities to raise their awareness of the expectations of being a Teaching Principal and develop their skills and capabilities to become a high performing Teaching Principal. I personally have taken part in this program and jumped at the opportunity to participate and give back the program.

TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday 20th 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 1st May with Mrs Christensen for second break only, and will consist of the following:

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| Pies & Sausage Rolls | TBA |
| Flavoured Milk | \$1.00 |
| Ice Creams | \$1.00 |



CAPTAINS REPORT

STUDENT WRITING WORKSHOP

On Monday the 9th of March, all the students of Oakenden State School attended the student writing workshop at Dundula State School with Mr Mark Svendsen.

The 5-6s went to the first session, Mrs Merkel transporting and accompanying us.

We learnt a lot about the structure of a narrative, how to keep a sentence interesting and he taught us how to write a fabulous sizzling start.

The 3-4s attended the next session and the P-2s went to the session after.

Mrs Merkel took us to and from each event and stayed with us throughout the whole day. She deserves a huge thank you so students don't forget to give her a big hug!

By Amity Bugeja



Student Work

SHOULD WE LEARN TO COOK?

Everybody should learn to cook! No here are a few reason why.

Do you know how to cook? If you don't then you should. It saves having to go out every night buying dinner which sometimes is a waste of money. Going out every night is expensive, but if you learn to cook you will save heaps of money.

Learning to cool will take you away from the television which is better for you. Cooking is a lot more fun than being so lazy sitting in front of the television. With cooking you can create so much! A kid could do it, it's so easy. Then they will be creating too.

That is why you should learn to cook. Women, men, and children you can do it!

Declan Christensen

SARINA & DISTRICT U11 & U12 NETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations to Zoe Merkel, Abby Matsen, Hannah Matsen and Amity Bugeja for being selected to represent Sarina & District at the Mackay District Carnial on Thursday 26th March.

Special mention to Allison Bugeja for umpiring for the afternoon.



While Allison umpired it gave our selectors the opportunity to concentrate solely on selecting a strong team. Thank you Allison!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to

Amity Bugeja

For

Demonstrating accuracy and efficiency when solving mathematical problems.



Student Of The Week

is awarded to

Hannah Matsen

For

Dedication to her learning journey and achieving great results in her literacy tasks.



Total Grit Award

is awarded to

Sophie Tyrell

For

Ability to accept challenges and persist mentally and physically to achieve goals and success.

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Do you Have any Old Batteries Lying Around your House or Farm?

HOMEBUSH STATE SCHOOL
Homebush State School is going to start recycling batteries. If you have any that you don't need lying around your house, farm or friends house we would appreciate them.



- Truck, motorbike, boat, machinery or batteries that have the Lead Symbol Pb shown on them are recyclable
- NO AA, AAA, D, C, button, lithium, NiCd, NiMH and mercury are not lead Batteries.
- You can deliver them to the staff carpark next to the green ox ort if unable to deliver e would greatly come and collect them from you.
- Please contact 1 of the following people for more details:

| | | | |
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| Allyce | 0411 255 953 | Leigh | 0418 592 922 |
| Janis | 0481 765 | Chelsea | 0419 792 145 |

Or Homebush State School on 49597 286
1 or many would be greatly appreciated.

Certificate of Appreciation
In recognition of your support of
The Kids' Cancer Project
Oakenden State School
2015

Colin Reynolds
Col Reynolds OAM
Chairman and Founder

**We have set ourselves a single mission:
To cure kids' cancer.**

**Coupons End 23rd March,
so keep them coming in!**

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chelona@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

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Rebates Available for most Families!

Breakfast is provided for Before School Care.

Afternoon tea is provided for After School Care.

Programmed FUN activities to meet the interests of **ALL children!**

ASC 3:00pm-6:00pm

BSC 6.30am-8.30am

Vacation Care/Pupil Free days:
6:30am-6:00pm

"Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future"