



# The Oakenden Buzz



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"29 April 2015"

Next Fortnight		Forward Dates	
	Wed: Student Banking	15 May	Playgroup
29 Apr	Parent NAPLAN Info Session	19 May	ICAS - Digital Technologies
01 May	Playgroup	19 May	Under 8's Day - Swayneville
08 May	Tuckshop		
05 May	Sarina Cross Country		
12 - 14 May	NAPLAN		

## 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

Hi Team

It has been a great start back to term 2! Students have come back looking refreshed and ready to take control of their journey. I am excited to get back into the classroom after a great 2 week break. This term we will have a focus on the teaching of reading strategies. Oakenden students are already great readers; however their HOT (Higher Order Thinking) – analysing and evaluating texts – has room to move. I am confident that if their focus continues throughout the term, we will see every student measurably improving.

#### WEBPAGE

Oakenden SS has a new webpage! The other one was severely outdated and we needed a change. Michelle accepted and delivered on this challenge- please go and check it out at <https://oakendenss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx> This website is a one-stop-shop for all your Oakenden SS needs from Newsletters to School audit reports!

#### HOMEWORK CLUB

I encourage everybody to take advantage of this offer.

Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Time: 2:30pm-3:00pm

Why: Opportunity for students to complete their homework before heading home

#### NAPLAN INFORMATION EVENING

As you are aware, NAPLAN tests for the Year 3 and Year 5 students will be conducted this term in week 4. If you have any queries about the tests, log onto the NAPLAN website and have a read of the information. Also this evening I am hosting a NAPLAN information evening from 4:30-5:00pm. All parents regardless of student's age/ grade are welcome.

#### VEGETABLE GARDEN

As we are all aware we have begun our winter vegetable garden. All of the students seem excited and enthusiastic about the prospect of growing their own food / getting out of the classroom. The vegetable garden will be used also in our health unit for this term. During this unit students will investigate food groups and macro nutrients. There will be a strong push towards healthy eating and a focus on the difference between a healthy and unhealthy diet.



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### ANZAC DAY

Anzac day was celebrated at school, where Mrs Brady and a member from the Sarina RSL spoke to the students about the significance of ANZAC day. Thank you to those families who attended early on Saturday morning and joined Mrs Brady and myself for the dawn service at Eton. Our school captains laid a wreath showing great respect.

### SARINA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Zoe Merkel, Amity Bugeja, Hannah Matsen, Abby Matsen and Lachlan Matsen who will represent our great school in the Cross Country event at Sarina next Tuesday. This is a great result for mighty Oakenden with close to 80% of our student's eligible in making the Sarina trials. I would like to personally commend all students for their dedication and efforts during before school training.

### EASTER BONNET PARADE

At the end of last term we had an Easter Bonnet parade on the last Friday. There were some very beautiful and creative bonnets made and judging them was difficult. The Easter baskets they made in Art were also very innovative and it was great to see the enthusiasm and pride on their faces.



### FUN WITH MATHS - HOMEBUSH SS

Yesterday students attended a Fun with Maths day at Homebush. It was a great day of math rotations and physical activity. Oakenden students, as always were commended for their manners and also their problem solving skills. Overall, it was a great opportunity for our students and all students benefited from the excursion.



### Child & Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay (School Dental Service)



Dear Parents,

The School Dental Service is now offering services to students at your school.

Medical/Consent form will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by: **15 May, 2015.**

The School Dental Van will be visiting the school to do check ups and treatment will be completed at the **Eton State School.**

Further Enquiries please phone **0412 034 591**

For further information on this service, please visit our website:  
<http://>



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### TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday 1st May. 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 8th May with Mrs Christensen for second break only, and will consist of the following:

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



Mary had a little lamb,  
She also had the flu.  
And when she left her school,  
The others had it too.



So anytime your children are sick  
Please keep them home with you.  
Then the children in our school  
Will be happier and healthier too.

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