



The Oakenden Buzz



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Next Fortnight		Forward Dates	
Mon: Guitar Lessons	Wed: Student Banking	02 Jun	P&C Meeting
15 May	Playgroup	03 Jun	ICAS - Science
15 May	Oz Tag visit	05 Jun	Playgroup / Tuckshop
19 May	ICAS - Digital Technologies	08 Jun	Queens B'day Public Holiday
19 May	Under 8's Day - Swayneville SS	09 Jun	Mobile Library
19 May	Premier's Reading Challenge begins	15 Jun	ICAS - Writing
21 May	Oakenden/Homebush Sport Day	16 Jun	ICAS - Spelling
26 May	Mobile Library	22 Jun	Report Cards
		22 Jun	The 26 Storey Treehouse Perform
		23 Jun	Mackay Show Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hi Team

The students have had a couple of busy weeks. They are continuing to work hard during class and are showing pleasing results. With this continued effort throughout the term we can expect to see a great report card. On another note, I trust that all mothers had a great day on Sunday.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests for the Year 3 & 5 students will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. I will be supervising the students as they participate in these tests so that they are familiar with the person administering the tests. The tests will be conducted first thing in the morning on each of the three days. The Language Conventions and Writing tests were on Tuesday, Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday.

Last week I spoke to a couple of parents about NAPLAN – how we use it and the direction it is heading. I have written a brief summary of the key points from the presentation.

NAPLAN is about students, parents and schools receiving some external feedback. The test is not about creating a competition between students, schools or states nor is it about passing or failing. The test covers the general literacy and numeracy capabilities (not the whole curriculum). The results from NAPLAN are used in partnership with other literacy and numeracy testing data to guide our teaching and learning focuses. The results are not only beneficial to the individual but also to the school as a whole. By analysing the results we are able to see common trends across year levels. For example: Upon analysing the previous years of NAPLAN we were able to see our numeracy and spelling improvement was not great- so by using this data we as a school are able to direct some funds towards improving this area. Please contact me if you have any concerns over NAPLAN or would like further information on how NAPLAN is one tool that helps inform our teaching practice.

We use data/results collated at the following points across P-6:

- A-E unit results twice a term. These are subjects that students are taught.
- Literacy and numeracy general capabilities twice a year- NAPLAN practice (2-6)
- NAPLAN in years 3 and 5
- Weekly spelling
- Weekly grammar and punctuation
- Writing over 2 and 3 week cycles
- Numeracy fundamentals weekly

More information is available on the [NAP website \(http://www.nap.edu.au\)](http://www.nap.edu.au).

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any concerns or questions about what is written 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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SCHOOL CAMP

School camp has been finalised and it will be held on the 14th – 16th of July at the BIG4 adventure park, Whitsundays. I will share the finer details with you within the next week.

SPORT

Cross Country

Five of our students, Abby, Hannah, Zoe, Amity, and Lachlan were selected to compete at the Sarina District Cross Country trials. The trials were held on Tuesday, 5th of May at the Sarina golf course. Hannah placed 3rd and Amity 5th in the Under 12 girls; Abby 4th and Zoe 6th in the Under 11 girls and Lachlan who came 9th for the Under 10 boys. Well done to these students. They should be proud of their achievements.

OZTAG

Oztag will be visiting our school this Friday for a 90 minute clinic from 9:00am - 10:30am. This will be a great opportunity for students to receive a hands-on experience with a fast growing sport.

IPADS

Please be patient with me! iPads will be released ASAP!

BEHAVIOUR

ClassDojo is a new teacher tool I will be using to help build your student's learning habits and boost classroom engagement. ClassDojo allows me to track student behaviour and learning skills throughout the day! One of the great features of ClassDojo is that it allows me to send you a "behaviour and skills report" every Friday by email. My hope is that this will bring you and I closer together and help you better understand the progress of your student on a week to week basis. This program will commence as of next week. I have emailed an invite to all of you and have also attached your parent code as well as your child's student code. These codes allow you to access behaviour data from class dojo.

Check it out at: <https://www.classdojo.com/resources/>

GUITAR LESSONS

Funky Beat are travelling to Oakenden State School on a Monday for any students wanting to learn guitar. There is a cost involved and you will need to complete a Funky Beat enrolment form. Enrolment forms can be collected from the school office. For more information please contact Claudio on 0498 742 268.

PARENT WALKING CLUB

Mrs Brady would like to start a parent walking club in the mornings. If anyone is interested please contact Mrs Brady or the school and we will endeavour to initiate this venture.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday, 21st of May.

Next Thursday (21st of May) Oakenden students will travel to Homebush SS to take part in the annual Oakenden/Homebush Athletics Carnival. Please menu enclosed in this weeks newsletter for food and drinks that will be available. More information to follow next week.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Aiden Kingston
For

A smooth transition back to Oakenden SS and a great start to term two. Well done Aiden!



Total Grit Award

is awarded to
Declan Christensen
For

Grit is the ability to accept challenges and persist mentally and physically to achieve goals & success.



Bookwork Award

is awarded to
Adam Matsen
For

Exceptional bookwork and dedication to Oakenden SS's Bookwork Policy.

OAKENDEN/HOMEBUSH SPORTS DAY TUCKSHOP MENU



FOOD

Hotdogs	\$2.50
Pies	\$3.00
Chicken & Gravy Rolls	\$3.00
Sausage Rolls.....	\$2.50
Wraps	\$2.50



DRINKS

Softdrinks.....	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Juice Popper.....	\$1.00
Milk Popper.....	\$1.50



SNACKS

Chips	0.50
Lollies	0.50 to \$1.00
Zooper Doopers.....	0.50
Home Baking from	0.50



"13th May 2015"

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

SARINA DISTRICT TRIALS

First of all I would like to congratulate all of the kids that were able to place in the Sarina District trials. Everyone did a fantastic job! The people were; Lachlan Matsen (10th), Abby Matsen (4th), Hannah Matsen (3rd), Zoe Merkel (6th) and I placed 5th. Also, Zoe hurt her eye from running into a tree. It was checked and she has made a full recovery. Zoe could have given up after she hurt herself but she did an outstanding job to finish the race injured. Good work Zoe! Keep in mind that there were about 20 people in each race. Oakenden did great for Sandy Creek.

Amity Bugeja

TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday 15th 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 5th June with Mrs Geisler for second break only, and will consist of the following:

Pizza	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk	\$1.00
Ice Creams	\$1.00



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MATHS IS FUN - Homebush State School

Math is fun went by its name at the Homebush S.S 'Math is fun' day. Mrs Matsen and Mr Evans transported to Homebush State School. We made 3D objects and solved mental teasers. Anything to do with math, we did. Oakenden, Chelona and Homebush mixed with a great day of maths.

We also played 21 and Poker with Mrs Brady and Miss Chelsea. 1 minute to win it games were also set up like bouncing balls into a bucket and stacking 36 cups into a perfect pyramid. Mr Evans also set up a letters and numbers challenge (which Oakenden had a massive advantage in). We were in groups of 13-16 which meant the 3 schools could get to know each other.

Our friends from other schools (or people we already knew) were enjoying spending the little time they get together by playing whatever they wanted at lunch breaks.

Together it was a fun day for Oakenden and the other schools.

Thankyou to Homebush State School for the use of their facilities and to Geoff from the 'Math is Fun' program.

Hannah Matsen

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Please find attached the Premier's Reading Challenge school reader record form. Students are encourage to participate.

Under 8's Morning

19 May, 2015

9:00 - 10:30

You are invited to participate in a fun morning of play as we celebrate being under 8 years of age.

Face painting, Merry-go-round, sand play, emergency service displays, local community group activities, threading, painting, heaps and heaps of other fun activities. Meet our chaplains, and take a look at the books on sale at the bookfair!

An adult is asked to accompany each child, so that they can move from activity to activity.

NO COST involved.

Suitable for kids from birth—Year 2. Open to all local small schools, Day Care, Playgroups and Kindergartens too!

Tea | Coffee | Scones available



Swayneville State School | 952 Sarina-Marlborough Road | 07 49564530

"Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future"

Annual Farleigh Palm Fete

Where: Farleigh State School

When: Sunday 17th May 2015 - 8.00am to 1pm



Come and enjoy the friendly market atmosphere in our lovely grounds.

Talk to other palm, cycad and garden enthusiasts.

Relax and enjoy yourself - have a picnic lunch on the lawn

at one of Mackay's largest annual garden markets.

Buy a hamburger and a cold drink or have a cuppa '.

The large variety of stalls offers nearly everything that the gardener needs.

All types of palms, cycads, foliage plants, native trees, home cooking, novelties, shrubs, heliconias, gingers, bromeliads, jewellery, arts, crafts, and garden ornaments.



A large raffle with a value of a \$1000.00, to be drawn on the day

There will be rides available for the children

Admission to the Fete is free.



The Old Station

★ Fly In & Heritage Show ★

2015 RAGLAN QLD

Saturday 23rd May & Sunday 24th May 'til 2pm

Air Displays

Featuring **MATT HALL**

Plus:

- Live Band & Bar Saturday Night
- Aircraft
- Joy Flights
- Heritage Machinery
- Truck Show
- Vintage Tractor Pull
- Fashion Parade
- Childrens' Entertainment
- Food/Drinks
- Stalls

Admission \$15 per person by donation (CHRS) Under 12yrs Free

Weekend Camping \$30 per site No Power or bookings Lots of space sites from Friday 22nd

Friday Night 22nd May Evening Dinner Must be booked early (Limited numbers)

Information/Enquiries

General Enq: Leonie Phone: (07) 4934 6262 Mobile 0435 340 523 Email: leonie@oldstationflyingclub.com.au

Aviation Enq: Ron Mobile: 2408 346 636

Tractor Enq: Andrew Mobile: 0428 346 611

Truck Show Enq: Tony Phone: (07) 4936 2261 (Office Hours)

www.oldstationflyingclub.com.au

Airfield Details
Runway 2020m x 18m wide Orientation: 06/24
Co-Ordinates: 150 48 23.8' E 23 49 25.0' S
Radio Frequency: 126.7 - UHF Channel 18
Ground Frequency: 121.6 AV Gas Available
Pilots: No landing or camping fees
Welcome Friday 22nd May (must book evening meal)

Proceeds aid the Capricorn Helicopter Rescue Service

STRICTLY NO DOGS

Ambrose State School P&C presents it's Biennial

Auction

Saturday 15th August, 2015

700 lots — bidding starts at 10am

Gates open at 7am

Listings include furniture & household, baby items, machinery, saddlery, building equipment and tools, antiques & collectables.

Lunch 12-30-1pm: Antiques sold at 1pm.

Auctioneers — Neville Messer, Savage Barker & Backhouse & Team

10% of sales will be directed to funding a new undercover multipurpose area at the school.

A detailed auction listing will be available from Monday 13th July on the Ambrose State School website and our Facebook page.

Bookings open 1st June
Anthea Adams Ph: 0458 751 391
antheaandgraham@bigpond.com

Facebook Ambrose SS P&C Auction

Guaranteed Family Fun Day

- Kid's Rides
- Mum's & Bub's Tent
- Cake Stall
- Stalls & Raffles
- Kid's Corner
- BBQ & Bar

Sold coin donation at the gate is appreciated

General Enquiries
Ambrose State School 49/5 1165
Helen Creed 0428 246 535

Masquerade Party

May 30th, 6.00pm

Mirani Golf Club
Leichardt Road Mirani

- Lucky Ticket
- Prizes
- Hot & Cold Platters Included
- Complimentary Champagne on Arrival
- Lolly Bar
- Bar Available (Please advise your preferred drink when purchasing ticket)
- DJ to keep everyone dancing

\$35-/ticket to purchase, contact Pink Night In The Valley on Facebook

All proceeds go to Pink Day In The Valley Inc.

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