



The Oakenden Buzz



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"10 June 2015"

Next Fortnight		Forward Dates	
12 Jun	Student Disco	13 Jul	Term 3 Commences
15 Jun	ICAS - Writing	14 Jul	School Camp
16 Jun	ICAS - Spelling	15 Jul	School Camp
22 Jun	Report Cards	16 Jul	School Camp
22 Jun	The 26 Storey Treehouse Perform	17 Jul	Whitsunday Voices
23 Jun	Mackay Show Public Holiday	17 Jul	Playgroup
		28 Jul	ICAS - English
		30 Jul	School Photos

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
96.63%

Target > 95%

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hi Team,

With only a few weeks remaining it is important that we continue to promote a strong work ethic in our students by encouraging and expecting maximum attendance at school.

One of our school improvement priorities is attendance so it is important at times like this that we remain focussed on ensuring maximum attendance – **Every Day Counts!**

If your child is away due to illness please phone the school or send a text to the school mobile. We are aiming to improve our attendance rate this semester. Congratulations to those students who had 100% attendance for Term 2.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Mrs Leggatt, who started back with us this week. We are excited to see her return and continue to positively impact on the students learning journey. During the first week of Mrs Leggatt's return, she will be shadowing our current teacher-aides, so that she can familiarise herself with our 2015 routines and expectations. I have 110% confidence that our current teacher-aides have the professional capacity to provide Mrs Leggatt with the support and knowledge she requires to make a successful transition back into our great school. Please, if you have not already, come in and say hello to Mrs Leggatt.

SPORTS DAY

Last Tuesday and Thursday, Oakenden State School students competed in the Sandy Creek Cluster sports day, held at Homebush State School. It was an extremely busy couple of days with all of our students enthusiastically competing in a variety of athletic events. On the final day the points were tallied and Oakenden came away with three of the four shields on offer. Congratulations to our students for their exceptional efforts and sportsmanship over the two days! Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended, for your continued support.



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REPORTING

Semester reports will be handed out Monday week 10 (22 June).

GRADING A CHILD

Determining a student's mark or grade is a combination between internal monitoring (weekly assessment/tasks), teacher judgement and diagnostic assessment. All three of these are essential, without one the validity of the other two are questioned. There is always discussion surrounding diagnostic testing (NAPLAN, PATS, ICAS) and how these tests are just 'one test' and they don't take into account the student's emotional state on the day. Therefore, to help support our students to achieve the best result possible we ensure we have other hard evidence to support them. We can effectively support a child who has had an 'off day' and perhaps failed their unit item by referring to additional evidence which we had collected earlier from an independently completed task.

What will our reports look like?

Outlined below is the general structure of our report cards for each KLA, which has been based on parent feedback via a brief survey of what you want:

- 1 sentence – Unit overview
- 2 sentences – highlight statements about student's unit of work
- 1 sentence – area to work on statement about student's unit of work
- 1 sentence – comment about the effort of the student in the KLA

If you have any concerns or issues please come and see me for a friendly chat, with an alternative structure.

WALKING CLUB

Walking club is up and running for adults. This is a great opportunity for parents and community members to get active! Mr Evans will be on the school grounds to take care of the students during this time. The arranged times are:

Tuesday	8.00 am
Wednesday	8.00 am
Thursday	8.00 am

TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday **19th June**. We welcome all families and friends with little children aged from 0 - 5 years 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 **7th August** with Mrs Bugeja for second break only, and will consist of the following:

Beef & Gravy Rolls	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk	\$1.00
Ice Creams	\$1.00



SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Checkmate!

That's what all students of Oakenden State School were saying at the Round 2 Mackay/Whitsunday's Chess Tournament. Despite the fact it was a first time for some of the students and there were many challenging students from other schools, all participants did exceptionally well.

These are the individual results;

- Seana 46th
- Adam 38th
- Sophie 35th
- Qwayla 33rd
- Lachlan 27th
- Zoe 11th
- Abby 10th
- Amity 3rd
- Hannah 1st

These are the team results:

Oakenden Team 1 (Hannah, Amity, Zoe, Abby) - 1st
Oakenden Team 2 (Lachlan, Sophie, Seana, Adam, Qwayla) - 6th

The 3rd and final round will be held on Monday 17 August.

Great job Oakenden!!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Lachlan Matsen
For

**Overall Achievement in
Maths & English**



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
Sophie Tyrell
For

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

"Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future"

SIGHT WORD ACHIEVER:

Kristopher



LEXIA ACHIEVERS



BUNNINGS VISIT:

Last Wednesday, we were fortunate to have a lady from Bunnings come visit us. We learnt how to look after our vegetable garden and loads of other interesting things.



COMMUNITY NEWS

PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.

If your child is aged 2 to 10 years, please follow the link below to complete a 20 minute survey about your perceptions of parenting programs, your child, and yourself:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews/> Or contact Genevieve on 0408 357 311 (email: genevieve.whybird@uqconnect.edu.au), or Louise on 0419 917 998 (email: 21125278@student.uwa.edu.au). We thank you for your support!

MACKAY Dance for Daniel 2015
Keeping kids safe!

Date: Saturday 29th of August 2015
Time: Doors open 6pm
Place: MECC, Alfred St, Mackay
Drinks: Red Tie Cola
Tickets: Table of 10 - \$1250 or \$125/each
Reservations: 0409633184

Tickets are limited! Book Now!

MECC
3 course meal with drinks included

Supporting the Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Special Thanks to: Denise & Bruce Maccombe, Pat Walker, Live Entertainment featuring Dinner music by Rachael Wale, Local band Morgan Junction, to complement a first class evening of fun and fundraising!

Tickets online www.mackayfx.com.au or phone 4961 9777

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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 Measer, 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
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Direct Family Day

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

Gold coin donation at the gate is appreciated

General Enquiries:
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P&C NEWS

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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2015 AT 2.43PM.

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

APOLOGIES: Michael Bugeja.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE: P&C Riding The Wave Email, QAST Emails, Kiddikutter Email, P&C's Qld Email, P&C's Qld Area Co-ordinators Nomination Email, Australian Fundraising Specialists Email, P&C Qld State Conference Email, Buy a Bale Email, P&C Finance Information Email, Official Schoolwear Email (School Shop Online), Term 2 Mackay Tuckshop Network Meeting Emails, Riding the Wave Email, Canteen Management Writing Grants Email, Mackay Networking Meeting Emails & ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards Brochures.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$12,740.84 as at May 2015. Ivy Christensen moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Teneile Merkel.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Principal's Report:

Agenda Item/Topic	Discussion/Outcomes	Action Officer	Due Date
IPads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have gone out to students.- They will be charged at school to avoid any parts going missing.- Slow and sustainable approach to the implementation of this devices into our classroom.- Homework for 3-6 students will now consist of 15 minutes IXL, 15 Minutes of LEXIA and spelling.	Daniel Evans	
School Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We will receive a visit from Phil Wilson via my request. The purpose of his visit is to observe our math program.- Following Phil Wilson, Brendan Smith (ARD) will visit our school next week for a general discussion around school improvement.	Daniel Evans and Executives	
Sports Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4th of June. Students will compete in running and ball game events.- Dan to talk with Merly Lloyd about programming	Daniel Evans and Meryl	
IPads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- IPads have arrived and will be implemented into our programming in term 2. Reason for this - the initial set up will take between 2- 4 weeks.	Daniel Evans	
DISCO	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 12th June - Students have planned the theme and canteen menu.- Mrs Merkel will help students create some decorations for the night.- Invitations have gone out to Chelona, Homebush, North Eton and Dundulla.	Project Club	

BUSINESS CARRIED OVER:

Dan Murphy – Linda to call Dan Murphy to see if Friday 3rd July is available.
Chess Fundraising – To be discussed at the August meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

School Hats – to go on the textbook list. All future hats for preps to be funded by the school.
Sarina Shirts – to be ordered from the school HPE Budget if possible. If not possible P&C to pay.
Alligator Creek Fair OSS Stall – to be looked into further by Dan.
Cadbury Chocolate Drive – Linda to order 30 boxes after school camp (arrival end of July).
Capricorn Sport - \$100 cheque to be given to Amity Bugeja.
Mower Maintenance – Ivy to order parts for Sean to fix.
School Camp – the possibility of a camp contribution being made from the school and from parents.

The next P&C meeting for Oakenden State School will be held on Tuesday 4th August 2015 at 2.45pm.
The meeting closed at 3.40pm.

President

Secretary