



The Oakenden Buzz



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Next Fortnight	Forward Dates
Wed: Student Banking	21 Aug Playgroup
07 Playgroup/Tuckshop	21 Aug Tennis Evening
11 Aug ICAS Maths Assessment	01 Sept P&C Meeting
14 Aug - 21 Aug Scholastic Bookfair	01 Sept Mobile Library
18 Aug Mobile Library	04 Sept Support Staff Day
19 Aug Science Day @ Chelona SS	04 Sept Playgroup/Tuckshop
	15 Sept Mobile Library

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hi Team,

Another fortnight draws to a close and we find ourselves almost halfway through the term already. In the classroom, students have been kicking goals as they settled into their new units of work. They are loving the opportunities these new units are giving them. Currently in science the P-2 students are planning a cooking demonstration, which I am sure will be extremely delicious. The 3-6 students are currently planning a 'stop go' animation in art, which links into their unit on traditional stories for English. As you can see we are all very busy and are looking forward to the end results.

Congratulations to all students who exhibited work in the Sarina Show. Thanks are due to Mrs Merkel who planned and organised this work, labelled and delivered the entries to the Show Society. She also designed our school exhibit and spent countless hours assembling it. Thanks so much Teneile, you are the driving force behind art at our school and we really appreciate it ☺



CHESS

Our Chess teams will compete again on Monday August 17th at Mercy College. Mrs Merkel has kindly offered to supervise. Students will need to be at Mercy College in time for a 9 am start. Good luck to all participants.

SCIENCE FAIR

An important mini buzz went home last week about our attendance at Chelona's Science fair on Thursday August 19th. Please see attached information.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Thanks to those parents who have been making note in Communication Books of the books their older children are reading or younger children are listening to. Students are working towards a school sleepover reward if everyone finishes the challenge by 6th September, so please encourage your kids to keep reading!

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

During week 5, I will be holding parent information sessions. These sessions are designed for four express purposes:

1. Provide you as the parent with all the appropriate strategies to effectively help your child at home.
2. Allow you as a parent group to ask any questions about your child's education.
3. Ensure that both school and home environments are on the same page e.g. we are both using the same language/strategies when teaching addition or reading.
4. Continue to develop this great partnership between home and school, where you as parents are aware of and have complete understanding on what is happening in your child's class.

I will contact each of you individually and also send a note home to ensure we give every parent the opportunity to attend.

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%

GARDEN CLUB

Harvest time at OSS! Student have worked hard over the past 18 weeks and now have reaped the rewards. Carrots, beans and pumpkins all were picked and were packaged to be sent home for families to enjoy. With winter coming to an end, students will be planting corn and radishes.

TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday **7th August**. 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



TENNIS EVENING

To welcome our new families to the school, we will be holding an evening of tennis and sausage sizzle on Friday 21st August from 5pm to 9pm. We would like to encourage all community members to attend in welcoming our new families.

STUDENT WORK

"A killer whale is trying to capsize our life raft!" My friend screamed.

But then suddenly she stopped screaming and sat there wide-eyed. "M..m..mermaid... is anybody seeing this?" She stuttered. A talking, sparkling dolphin rouse out of the water. I couldn't see the killer whale, the mermaid or the dolphin.

Suddenly an invisible force started pulling me to the water. I gave up fighting and I dived. When I divided into the water and could breathe, my legs were much more powerful than before. When I looked at my legs... I didn't see legs I saw a mermaid tail.

"Hello, my name is Pearl. What is your name?" asked a little, pretty mermaid swimming up to me.

"My name is Lora. I used to be woman. Do you know why I have a tail instead of a legs?" I asked quizzically.

"No but my granny might she's old and collects rare shells." Pearl softly answered.

"Ok, may you please take me to your granny?" I asked hurriedly.

"Yes, of course. Follow me."

By the time Pearl and I arrived to her granny's place it was nightfall.

Sophie Tyrell.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Seana Christensen
For

**Always Striving to Reach her
Potential**



Total Grit Award

is awarded to
Abby Matsen
For

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



Bookwork Award

is awarded to
Bejay McSweeney
For

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



**Lexia – Congratulations to these
students who have completed
another level.**

Who will be "King of the Hill" at the 2015 Bullet Bikes

KUNGURRI HILL CLIMB

Where man & his two wheeled machine fight gravity on the steep terrain of Kungurri Hill in the Pioneer Valley, 60Km's west of Mackay

Juniors full throttle on Sat Aug 15th

Nominations from 10:30 am

Seniors full throttle on Sun Aug 16th

Pre-nominate or nominate on the day from 7:00 am; Machinery 8:00 am **Share**

Nomination details: Glen – 0408 792 944

Sugar City Dirt Riders Inc.

Great Spectating Event

Admission: Saturday - Free

Sunday: Adults \$6

School Age \$3

No Pets or Glass thanks.

Funds distributed between local community groups.

****Full Catering on Grounds****

COMMUNITY NEWS

Walkerston Junior Cricket Club

Is seeking players for the 2015/2016 Cricket season. Pre cricket Program:

The Walkerston Milo In2 Cricket program (aimed at children from the ages of 5 to 8) will commence on the 20th of August at McLennan Park, please go to <http://walkerstoncc.qld.cricket.com.au> to sign on prior to the start date.

Age groups:

T20 Blast Under 8's (6 to 8 years of age)

Under 10's, under 11's, under 13's, under 15's and under 17's.

Sign on 31st of August at Harrup Park - 4pm.

Season commences 9th October 2015

U13's to U17's is played in the traditional format on Saturday mornings.

Under 8's, U10's and U11's are played on Friday nights under lights at Harrup Park.

If you are interested in signing up please contact:

The Junior Coordinator (Ph: 07 49 593 186, 0413 252 808 or arnoldgreg@iprimus.com.au)

Attend the Mackay Junior Cricket sign on day at Harrup Park, 4pm or visit <http://walkerstoncc.qld.cricket.com.au> to register on line