



# The Oakenden Buzz



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**"19 August 2015"**

| Next Fortnight                  | Forward Dates              |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Wed: Student Banking            | 04 Sept Support Staff Day  |
| 19 Aug Science Day @ Chelona SS | 04 Sept Playgroup/Tuckshop |
| 21 Aug Playgroup                | 15 Sept Mobile Library     |
| 21 Aug Tennis Evening           |                            |
| 01 Sept P&C Meeting             |                            |
| 01 Sept Mobile Library          |                            |

## 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

We have had such a great fortnight at Oakenden! Students started their assessment items this week and the work produced so far looks great! You will have an opportunity to see your child's work next week at the parent teacher night (forms are attached to this letter). Each parent teacher interview will run for 20 minutes for each child. During this time I will have the privilege of taking you through their progress this term by showcasing not only their assessment pieces, but also their everyday bookwork. In addition to this I would also like to take the opportunity to discuss your student's goals and create a 'game plan' which you can implement at home to help your child achieve these goals. The 'game plan' will be designed to equip each parent with some key strategies, which will help you at home. As a team I believe we can both benefit from this experience and continue to develop our school-home relationship.

### CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Boxes of Cadbury's fundraising chocolates are now in the school. Please support this fundraising effort and consider taking the chocolates to your workplace where we traditionally get great sales.

### BOOK FAIR

Thank you to those parents who have purchased from Book Fair. We will pack the fair up on Wednesday so you have until then to complete purchases. Book Fair also presents an opportunity for parents to choose the books they would like the P and C to award their child at our end of year concert. Please drop in to Book Fair and look through the selection if you have not already done so.

### CHESS

Congratulations to our Oakenden State School chess teams who placed 2nd and 3rd in the Mackay-Whitsunday chess competition. You should be all very proud of your efforts!

### TENNIS NIGHT

Oakenden State School will be holding a Tennis & BBQ evening this Friday from 5pm to 9pm to welcome our new families. P & C are supplying the meat for the BBQ, but it is asked that families please bring a plate - either a salad or dessert. We hope to see you all here Friday for a friendly game of tennis.



### KITCHEN CHEMISTRY

Students have been busy these last 4 weeks learning about different types of matter and how these change when heat or force is applied. Students enjoyed the hands-on experience in the kitchen, when they planned and created some delicious food for all to enjoy.



Congrats to Amity on Achieving an Academic Scholarship at Mackay State High School



**"Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future"**

"19 August 2015"

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

**Double Sticker Weekend!**

Woolworths are holding a big **Double Sticker Weekend** this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get **two** stickers for every \$10 they spend. The more we collect the more educational equipment we can redeem.

**TUCKSHOP / PLAYGROUP**

Our next Playgroup will be Friday **21st 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 **4th September** with Mrs Matsen for second break only, and will consist of the following:

- Chicken/Ham & Salad Wraps \$3.00
- Flavoured Milk \$1.00
- Ice Cream \$1.00



**STUDENT WORK**

VROOOM! My motorbike roared.

Suddenly I woke up to see a man in black revving my motorbike. I slowly crept up behind him and he revved it again VROOMMM! Luckily he dropped the clutch and stalled it. I got a little closer, VROOMM! VROOMMM! VROOM ! I jumped towards him but at the same time he took off. "Stop!" I shouted after him.

**Declan Christensen, year 5.**

CRAH! BANG! My bedroom door slammed shut. I quickly sat up, eyes wide almost jumping out of my skin. The room was pitch black, all I could see was my window flapping like the wings of an injured bat falling to the ground. Then I hear a howl outside of my window and there was a storm.

**Payton Douglas, Year 4**

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT**

Checkmate! Both Oakenden teams competed at the final round of chess in Mackay for 2015. With awesome individual results and magnificent team results, every student did Oakenden proud.

For the individuals, the scores were:

- Amity 4th
- Abby 5th
- Hannah 7th
- Zoe 8th
- Lachlan 9th
- Qwayla 17th
- Adam 28th
- Sophie 31st



Oakenden Team 1 - 2nd place (by half a point!!)

Oakenden Team 2 - 3rd place

**GREAT JOB OAKENDEN!!!!**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

BreastScreen Queensland  
BreastScreen Queensland  
Digital Mobile Unit  
Will be located at  
**SARINA SHOPPING CENTRE**  
Broad Street  
**15 – 30 September 2015**  
Women 40 years and over are eligible to join the BreastScreen Queensland Program.  
Phone 13 20 50 for your **FREE** BreastScreen appointment

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Last Fortnight's Achievers**



**Student Of The Week**

is awarded to Darby Geisler  
For

**For showing great focus and enthusiasm during maths rotations.**



**Total Grit Award**

is awarded to Amity Bugeja

For

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

**Bookwork Award**

is awarded to Payton Douglas

For

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

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**3KM DASH // 5KM FUN RUN // 10KM CHALLENGE**  
**18.10.2015** **REGISTER ONLINE NOW!**

Dear Parents, caregivers and students

I would like to invite your whole school community to take part in the 2nd Annual Mackay Sugar Run For MI Life Fun Run, which will be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, 2015 at Wests Leagues Club in Walkerston. The fun run will be followed by breakfast from 7AM until 10AM on the fields at Wests Leagues Club. This run really is a fantastic local event that is very popular and heaps of fun! This event is being held in honour of my brother Matthew Ivory, who we lost to suicide on 19<sup>th</sup> of October, 2012. We are hoping to raise awareness and funds for the depression and suicide problem in the local Mackay area. Money raised will be donated to Grapevine, which is a local group that are working towards the same goal - less suicides in our region. We are encouraging everyone to register and get involved as this topic affects everyone. Families, prams, scooters and walkers are all welcome! Please go to our website to register and find out more. Sponsors are still needed or you may like to make a donation. Also, if you register before the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, you and your children will receive a "Run for MI Life" runners shirt with your registration. Please, if you would like more information my mobile is 0408 079 471. Or you can "like" us on Face Book at Run For MI Life

Thank you,  
 Kind Regards, Jo Shanks

[WWW.RUNFORMILIFE.ORG.AU](http://WWW.RUNFORMILIFE.ORG.AU) f

**Twilight City**  
 BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION  
 Presented by MELCO ENGINEERING PTY LTD

Be enchanted as you explore the streets of Twilight City, full of whimsy and wonder for all ages.

**29 August 2015**  
 - Victoria & Wood Streets -  
 from 4pm to 10pm

- Live entertainment including Fleaky Film Xpress and Chronous Horus
- Variety of local artists and roaming performers
- Carl Street featuring local restaurants, cafes and food vendors
- Twilight trading hours for retailers
- Outdoor cinema showing: The Penguins of Madagascar
- Twilight Teen Zone
- Kid Zones including arts & crafts and sports activities
- FUN for the whole family!

A FREE family event to stretch your imagination and take you on a delightful journey through the fairy lit streets of Mackay's City Centre.

To find out more about this FREE event visit [www.melco-engineering.com.au](http://www.melco-engineering.com.au) or call 1300 MACKAY (622 521)



Looking for a holiday with a difference this coming September / October? Try this! Where are you? As the sun sets in the west and night fall comes into focus, you become amazed at the sky above and wonder why you haven't seen this before.

It's as if the night is coming to life, the stars shine brighter and the night air cools, you hear animal noises you've never heard before and as your eyes adjust, you realise that you no longer need a torch to see as the moon lights everything in front of you.

As you look in wonder at the Milky Way, the Southern Cross and the constellations, you feel the warmth of an orange glow campfire behind you and as you turn around, there you see your family with marshmallows on sticks, hot chocolates in hand, listening to great stories being shared amongst new lifetime friends.

Where are you? You're on a farm in outback Australia.



Farmers associated with Buy a Bale, the campaign helping drought affected communities in QLD and NSW are offering up their farms so you and your family can come and see what drought looks like and have a Farm Holiday.

Our rural towns and hundreds of farmers are doing it tough and your visit could make all the difference. You never know, you might just make some new friends.

Some farms are offering a 100% free stay, some offering a bit of manual labour in exchange for free accommodation, others run Farmstays and have great promotional nightly rates.

All you have to do to enjoy a great Aussie farm holiday is check out the properties available, their location across our great country, make your booking and pack your bags.

Throw a tent in the car with sleeping bags, grab some marshmallows and a tin of Milo and take your family out west and have a ball.

Check out the great properties available at

[www.underthestars.com.au](http://www.underthestars.com.au)

## Walk for William

William Tyrrell disappeared from Kendall NSW  
 On the 12th of September 2014.



#walk4william

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.30am there will be "Walks 4 William" held all over the World.

Details of your local Walk 4 William

**MACKAY**

Gathering at the Blue Water Quay from 10am.  
 10.30am commencing our walk along the  
 Blue Water Trail to Canelands Park.  
 (Blue Water Lagoon)