



The Oakenden Buzz



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| Next Fortnight | Forward Dates |
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| Wed: Student Banking | 18 Sept Last Day of Term 3 |
| 04 Sept Support Staff Day | 05 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday |
| 04 Sept Playgroup/Tuckshop | 06 Oct Term 4 Commences |
| 07 Sept Wildlife Visit | 19 Oct Pupil Free Day |
| 15 Sept Mobile Library | 27 Oct P&C Meeting |
| | 30 Oct World Teacher's Day |
| | 11 Nov Life Ed Visit |

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Only three weeks to go for this term. The term has absolutely flown past. Oakenden is a great school! I believe this is due to our ability to work with parents who are supportive and willing to work through challenges that make the difference. Thank you for your continued support. I say this because there are some different ways to successfully operate a school and you are helping me to ensure we develop one for our school. Having your support and being able to talk through situations is a great help and enables our staff to provide the best education for your child.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance rates this year have been amazing, however we want to see this positive trend continue for the remainder of the year and become engrained into our school culture. It is imperative that this message is provided at home also. With an attendance rate of 98.3% we are working hard to make sure we keep this at a high level. If your child is having a day off, it is important that you call the school to provide us with the reason. We are working hard to make sure all absences are accounted for and with your help we can minimise absences and maintain this high attendance rate. With students attending school each day, we are able to do our job and work hard to ensure all students are improving.

PLAYGROUND PROCEDURES

The staff have worked very hard to reflect a safe and consistent approach to playground behaviour. As you may already be aware one major concern has been coming down on a 'No running on concrete' approach. Students who are running on the concrete are sat out for 5 minutes during their play time and if they re-offend, are sat out for their whole play time and their name moved down one spot on the chart. With students understanding the playground expectations, we have found the lunch break transitions are much more manageable and safe for students. I thank the staff for their continued effort implementing these rules with consistency, as this enables our students to enjoy themselves at Oakenden State School in a safe and responsible manner. If you would like any further information, feel free to come in for a friendly chat.

BOOK FAIR

Last Week Oakenden State School celebrated our love for reading, with all students and play group kids coming dressed as their favourite character. Thank you to all the staff and parents who contributed to some really cool costumes! Also a special mention to Mrs Leggatt who put a lot of time and effort into setting up our library! Your dedication is truly appreciated.



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%

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SWIMMING

Swimming commences on Thursday, 8th of October and transport will be via private vehicles. We will be leaving the school at 12:45pm and I will give the students the chance to put their togs on under their uniforms at first lunch to make undressing at the pool easier. Students are allowed to wear thongs or sandals to swimming. We will be returning to school by 3pm. Please, find attached permission form, medical form and driver schedule. I would like to thank parents in advance for their continued assistance with transport, it is truly appreciated. If you are not able to transport on your given days, please notify me ASAP. Finally, our P & C has decided to cover the additional cost of swimming for this year. As the leader of this school I cannot express how lucky we are as a community to have your support and generosity.

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:

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



CHELONA SCIENCE FAIR

Oakenden students should be very proud of their contributions to, and their behaviour at the 17th Annual Chelona Science Fair. Our students had a great day exploring and presenting a variety of scientific experiments. A special mention to the year 6 students, who presented fascinating experiments. Congratulations to Kristopher, BeJay and Quinn for placing first with their home made projects.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

On Wednesday the 19th of August we were lucky enough to be invited to the Chelona State School annual science fair. The preps designed and made a paper plane, the grade 1's made a car, the 2's, 3's & 4's made a boat, the year 5's made a parachute which had to be able to support an egg and the grade 6's each had to make a science project that was safe. Zoe made a diet coke and mentos geyser, Amity had three experiments on how water works and Hannah created elephant toothpaste. Every experiment/project was successful and some students from Oakenden won prizes. Thankyou Chelona State School for inviting us to your science fair.

STUDENT WORK

Long, long ago in an Indonesia forest a komodo dragon was walking along alone. Suddenly the Komodo dragon hears a CRASH! BANG! The Komodo dragon had a lot of goose bumps and his knees were trembling with fear. The Komodo dragon decided to investigate.

The Komodo dragon came to a place with 3 deep dark holes. The Komodo dragon walked to the 1st hole and looked down and says "what are you?"

"Who do you think I am," came the reply from the depth of the hole. "I'm a tiger"

"Oh..." said the Komodo dragon.

"Can you help me?" begged the tiger.

"NO" replying the Komodo dragon and walked away.

The Komodo dragon came to the 2nd hole and inquired "Who are you,' who do you think I'm a snake." Came the reply from the big dark hole. "Can you help me?" begged the snake. "Sorry NO!" replied the Komodo dragon and walked away.

After that the Komodo dragon came to the last hole and inquired "Who is down there."

"Who do you think it is, I'm a wolf?' Came the reply.

"Oh..." puffed the Komodo dragon.

"Can you please help me?" Begged the wolf.

"NO!" yelled the Komodo dragon and walked away angrily and then he himself fell into a hole. The Komodo dragon screamed HELP! HELP! But the snake, tiger and the wolf didn't help.

"How did you all get out?" Asked the dragon peering up at the other animals.

"Sharp teeth and claws helped me," replied the tiger. "After the tiger got out she helped the me, and the wolf," the snake brutally said, "Now look 'who is stuck and we are not helping you." And that is why you should treat people how you would like to be treated.

By Payton Douglas

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Aiden Kingston
For

**His Efforts when Writing His
Traditional Story**



Total Grit Award

is awarded to
Hannah Matsen
For

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



Bookwork Award

is awarded to
Chad McSweeney
For

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

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SCIENCE DAY AT CHELONA SS



P&C NEWS

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 2.50PM.

PRESENT: Allison Bugeja, Ivy Christensen, Linda Matsen, Daniel Evans & Lyn Caracciolo.

APOLOGIES: Michael Bugeja.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE: P&C's Qld Newsletter, Election of Directors Paperwork, Unisite Brochure, Glowstix Australia Brochure, Candlelite Brochure, QCPA Notice of Annual General Meeting, Reports & Constitution Email, Grandstand Brochure, Under The Stars Outback Experience Email, Bravehearts White Balloon Day Email & Harlequin School Bags Catalogue.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$12,084.27. Ivy Christensen moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Allison Bugeja.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PRINCIPALS REPORT: As tabled. Daniel Evans moved that the Principals Report be accepted as true and correct. Seconded by Linda Matsen.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS CARRIED OVER:

Cadbury Chocolate Drive – Final 20 boxes have arrived and are available for families to sell.

Spotlight Sausage Sizzle – Management is away and will contact Ivy at a later date.

The Duke Raffle – The Duke have given Ivy every Saturday night to sell tickets.

Tennis & Welcome Night – was a success.

Farewell Gift Teneile Merkel – has been purchased by Allison & Linda.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Merkel Family Farewell – to be organised by the P&C.

Term 4 Swimming – P&C have kindly offered to pay for swimming again in 2015.

The next P&C meetings for Oakenden State School will be held on Tuesday 27th October & Tuesday 24th November 2015 at 2.45pm. The meeting closed at 4pm.

President

Secretary

Treasurer

COMMUNITY NEWS

Get your Family Active and Eating Well



Families in Mackay can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program

When: Term 4, Thursdays 4.30-6pm (weekly)

Where: Emmanuel Catholic Primary School

Cost: FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

Surf Safe Appeal 2015

Please support our Surf Lifesavers during the 2015 Surf Safe Appeal.

Volunteer to collect for the Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club and participate in the Annual Door Knock event.



Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) is the state's peak beach safety and rescue authority and one of the largest volunteer-based community service organisations in Australia. As a charity and a not-for-profit organisation, SLSQ relies heavily on community support and public donations to enable our members to work towards protecting our beaches and saving lives.

The Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club has been patrolling Mackay beaches since 1948. Its primary purpose is to provide access to safe bathing for the public of Mackay. With that purpose in mind Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club members provide volunteer beach patrols on weekends and public holidays for the months of September - April each year at Mackay Harbour Beach. Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club is also a recognised emergency service provider which is on standby during all natural disasters and threats in order to provide assistance to the community.

This year Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club needs your help. Our largest fundraising initiative is the annual Surf Safe Appeal and Door Knock, which will take part from Monday the 31st of August through until Sunday the 13th September, and we are in search of volunteers to collect on our behalf. Are you able to spare some time to help us raise vital funds, or are willing to collect in your street? The Mackay Surf Club will supply you with a collection kit that contains the necessary permits, identification and official receipts for you to collect on our behalf along with a certificate of thanks for your support. Collecting can be done any day during the appeal period, so why not get together with a group of friends and support your local surf club. Your assistance with the appeal will help us ensure our lifesavers have the necessary equipment training and resources to watch over and protect our local beaches.

For further information or to register for the collection please contact Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club on 4955 5630 or our Surf Safe Appeal Coordinator Kaiten on 0407708165.

All volunteers under the age of 25 must collect with an adult and have written permission from a parent or guardian.



