



The Oakenden Buzz



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Next Fortnight		Forward Dates	
	Wed: Student Banking	27 Oct	P&C Meeting
06 Oct	Term 4 Commences	30 Oct	World Teacher's Day
16 Oct	Loud Shirt Day	30 Oct	Chelona SS Disco
19 Oct	Pupil Free Day	11 Nov	Life Ed Visit
		24 Nov	P&C Mtg
		09 Dec	End of Year School Excursion
		10 Dec	End of Year School Concert

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,

I trust that you have all had a wonderful holiday surrounded by family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to the start of Term 4 and provide you with a brief overview of our school term. This term we have a number of school events on our calendar including: our end of year concert, school visits by numerous organisations, the starting of our prep transition program, our NAPLAN re-sits and end of year reporting. While this term is notorious for being busy, the importance of everyday teaching and learning remains our top priority.



SWIMMING

Swimming lessons will commence this Thursday, 8 October. Students will be transported to Paradise Aquatic Centre via private transport. We will be leaving the school at 12:45 pm. Students will be given the chance to put their togs on under their uniforms at first lunch to make undressing at the pool easier. A quick reminder that students are allowed to wear thongs or sandals to swimming. We will be returning to school by 3:00 pm. 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. Once again I would like to acknowledge our P & C for funding the additional cost of swimming for this year. Your continuous support is incredibly valued and I would like to thank you on behalf of our school community.

STUDENT CLUBS

Next week Oakenden students will have the opportunity to become a part of a school club. Mr Evans will run a robotics club; Miss Bec will run a scrapbooking club; and Mrs Leggatt will run a string art club. The clubs will be held on Fridays, during second break.

Why do we want clubs in our school?

Not only are school clubs fun, but they also help boost children's self-esteem and self-confidence. We want happy, self-confident children because they are motivated and can achieve more. By offering after-school activities our children get the chance to succeed in a different area, then they can take success and use it to overcome barriers in the subjects they find difficult.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

I propose our end of year concert be held on Thursday, 10 December. On the night students will be performing a play, a range of songs and a dance item. Please let me know if this date clashes with any prior commitments.

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LIFE ED VAN VISIT

Our school is hosting the Life Education van on 11 November. We have also invited North Eton SS to join us for the day. The program costs \$6 per student and covers their participation and a work booklet. There will be different sessions throughout the day with each lasting approximately 1 hour to an hour and a half.

Life Education motivates and empowers young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future. Each class grouping has a different module which they will be able to participate in.

Some of the sessions include:

Prep/Year 1 Clued Up – friendship, healthy food choices, safe and unsafe living and cooperation

Year 1/2 Harold's Mystery Tour – appropriate remedies when feeling sick, issues of safety and ways to cope when feeling pressured

Harold's Heroes – importance of clean air, safe use of medicine and safety in the environment

Year 3/4 All Systems Go – peer pressure, second-hand smoking, safety with medicines, factors that influence the function of body systems

Harold's Diary – bullying, feelings, developing coping strategies, safety with medicines and the importance of making healthy food choices

bCyberwise – establishing positive respectful relationships and reporting negative experiences to a responsible adult that they trust

Year 5/6 Mind your Medicine – gain information on legal drugs, their effects on physical development and their potential for harm. Risk-taking, responding to pressure and recognising harmful situations

On the Case – ways nicotine adversely influences physical and social development, identify high risk situations and develop strategies to deal with the influences and pressures to smoke

Think Twice – identifying social, personal situations and consequences that may place young people at risk from alcohol including physical development, social interaction, social pressures and influences. Discuss, compare and develop strategies to avoid the harmful consequences of alcohol misuse.

It's Your Call – clarify the definition of a drug; explore risks associated with the use of legal drugs and the short/long term consequences of misuse. Examine the decision-making process, and develop strategies for dealing with pressure situations including digital media.

LOUD SHIRT DAY

We will be hosting a Loud Shirt Day next Friday 16th October. Loud Shirt Day is a fundraiser for the Hear & Say Foundation which helps with the early intervention program for children who are deaf/hearing impaired and their families. The Centre uses cochlear implants/hearing aids combined with Auditory-Verbal Therapy to teach deaf children to listen and speak with clear natural language with the goal to fully integrate these children with the hearing community. How cool would that be for these children.

So on Friday 16th October, we want all students to get involved and wear their **LOUDEST, CRAZIEST, BRIGHTEST clothes** they have to school for the donation of a gold coin and join the annual fun event of raising funds to give the gift of sound and speech to deaf children.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Walk for Daniel
Friday 30 October

When: 6:30am
Walk will commence: 7:00am
Where: Caneland Park, River Street

Walk for Daniel is held annually to raise awareness about child safety, promote a safer community for children and to educate children regarding their personal safety. Wear RED and EDUCATE!

free yummy sausage sizzle

Wear RED and join in the fun!

This activity is organised by the Mackay DMF Committee, supporting the Daniel Marcombe Foundation. Proudly sponsored by:

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