



# The Oakenden Buzz



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**"21 October 2015"**

Next Fortnight	Forward Dates
Wed: Student Banking & Coffee Van Visits Thursdays - Swimming 12.45pm	11 Nov Life Ed Visit 24 Nov P&C Mtg
26 Oct Bookclub Due	09 Dec End of Year School Excursion
27 Oct P&C Meeting	10 Dec End of Year School Concert
27 Oct Ooralea Dau Care Visit to Oakenden	
30 Oct World Teacher's Day	
30 Oct Chelona SS Disco	

## 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

The last two weeks have disappeared all too quickly. If the first two weeks are any indicator this term will be very busy and will vanish before we know it. I am apologising in advance for the number of professional development days I will need to attend during the term. At present I will be out of school 5 days throughout the term; luckily most dates fall on either a student-free day or during Mrs Brady's days. These professional development days are related to the continual improvement of the school and our education system as a whole.

This term I am continuing the push with improving our reading comprehension, spelling and writing. To achieve improvements in this area students need to be avid readers, who enjoy a range of books both fiction and nonfiction. My challenge this term, in particular with students from years 2-7, is to read one book every two weeks (depending on the size), which they will orally discuss with me. Parents your task is to also talk to your child/ren about the book they are reading. As they tell you about the book ask them why events are happening and where they think the story is going.

### PREP-ORIENTATION DAYS

Our school grows to 21 on Tuesdays, as our 2016 Preps have their orientation days. With support from their new classmates, our new team of eager students are quickly settled into their activities. A big thank you to Mrs Bec for being a major partner in the success and overall running of this program. During these prep-orientation days we will have visits from a variety of guest speakers. All parents are welcome to attend. The speakers, dates and times are listed below:

27 <sup>th</sup> October	11:00 am:	Linda Vella	What does Prep look like?
17 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00 am:	Clair Grandcourt	The Importance of Reading
24 <sup>th</sup> November	11:00 am:	Meg McNamara	The Importance of Physical Activity

### ADOPT-A-COP

Yesterday, Chris from the Eton police station visited our great school. The visit gave all students the opportunity to meet their local policeman and also ask numerous questions about Chris's job. As you could imagine almost all the students asked questions about his 'weapons' and not many about the amount of paperwork he has to complete. Chris fielded all these questions, while sharing a great message with the students. Chris shared that his best weapon is his voice and the best way to beat crime is through prevention and presence.

Chris is looking forward to building a great relationship with Oakenden State School in the future.



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

“21 October 2015”

**SWIMMING**

Students are loving Thursday afternoon swimming! The Paradise swim team are doing a great job from helping students further develop their swimming techniques to helping younger students overcome their fear of water. Now we are struggling to get these students out of the water!

**STUDENT CLUBS**

Robotics, String art and Scrapbooking! All these clubs kicked off last week and all reports are positive. Both students and teachers are excited about their clubs and are looking forward to the next meeting.

**NRL – SPORTING SCHOOLS**

As voted by the students NRL is our sporting schools sport for this term. The program will be gin on Friday, 30 October from 2:30 pm–3:30 pm. I trust that the students will enjoy the experience and as always benefit from being active and learning new skills.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHIRTS**

School Uniform shirts have arrived. We have run out of size 6 shirts already but an order has been placed with LW Reid and should be here in the next 2 weeks. Shirts and jackets are \$20 each and hats are \$13 each. Please see Michelle on Monday & Wednesdays from 9am to 2pm if you are wanting to purchase stock.



Thank you to all students who participated in Loud Shirt Day on Friday. We raised \$34.00 at school and we had a supporter page set up as well. Between funds raised at school and on the supporter page we raised a total of \$271.50. Thanks for your help!

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

As you are very aware, Christmas is fast approaching. Country School Photos now have a range of Christmas Gift Products that our school families may be interested in by using your child's school portrait or any digital photo that you have. Please refer to the attached order form.

**CHOCOLATES**

Oakenden State School P&C are selling the Cadbury chocolates. There are 3 boxes of chocolates left for selling. Any families interested in taking a box please see Mrs Linda Matsen. Your help with this fundraising venture is very much appreciated.

**BOOKCLUB**

Bookclub is attached to todays newsletter. Please return orders by Monday 26 October 2015.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) Australia



Bring the world to you and host an overseas exchange student in 2016!



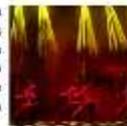
Rita N (17) from Italy is one of the fittest in her class! This sporty twin is passionate about athletics. She has grown up hearing stories of her parents' trip to Australia and now she's excited to make her own memories!



Ludovica V (17) from Italy she likes singing and plays guitar and piano. Ludovica enjoys cooking - a skill she learnt from her father and grandmother. She is looking forward to coming to Australia and meeting her host family!



Camilla V (16) from Italy is a hard working student who enjoys school! She participates in a theatre group and takes piano lessons. Camilla's dream is to travel and discover the world! She can't wait to discover Australia!



Sofia D (15) from Italy loves to Dance! She enjoys ballet, contemporary, hip hop and tango. When she's not dancing she enjoys playing beach volleyball and looking after her dog. She can't wait to meet her host family!



Mithan C (17) from Italy loves playing soccer. In fact, his dream is to become a soccer coach when he is older. He also enjoys painting and gardening with his dad. He is excited to come to Australia and to meet his host family!



WEP Australia is looking for wonderful volunteer host families willing to open their home and hearts to overseas exchange students arriving in January 2016. Hosting provides families with a way of welcoming a slice of the world into their lives without leaving the comfort of their own home! If you are as eager as those students are to share your culture, contact us now!

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Last Fortnight's Achievers



**Student Of The Week**

is awarded to  
Qwayla Hine  
For  
Working Hard and Improving in  
Reading & Spelling



**Total Grit Award**

is awarded to  
Aiden Kingston  
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.