

The Oakenden Buzz



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"05 November 2015"

Next Fortnight	Forward Dates
Wed: Student Banking & Coffee Van Visits	23 Nov Puppet Show @ Homebush SS
Thursdays - Swimming 12.45pm	24 Nov Mobile Library
06 Nov Playgroup / Tuckshop	24 Nov P&C Mtg
10 Nov Mobile Library	24 Nov Pre Prep Transition (Active & Healthy)
11 Nov Life Ed Visit	30 Nov Christmas Carols at Rest Haven
17 Nov Pre Prep Transition (Importance of Reading)	01 Dec Pre Prep Transition
20 Nov Playgroup	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,

Congratulations to all students for achieving a 97.7% attendance rate this year, which is well above the region, state and national average. Attendance is a by-product of engaged students, positive relationships and school, family and community partnerships. If the school leaders are hitting their straps, then they are setting the best example possible for the rest of the school! *High expectations yield higher performance and results..."

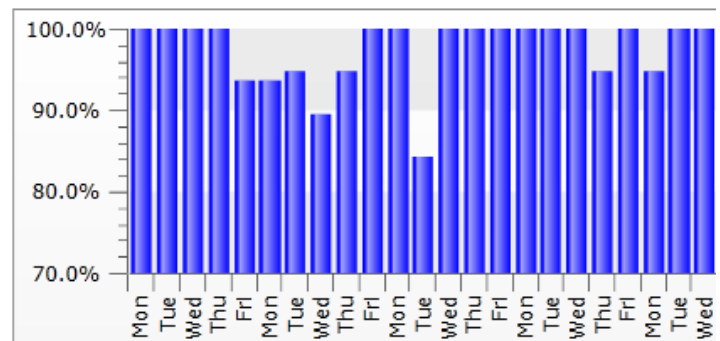
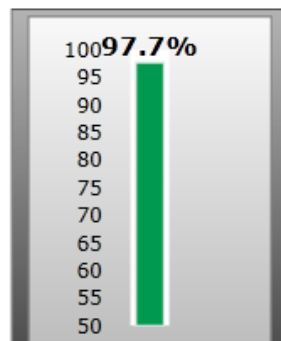
Daily Attendance

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Year 2015

Period Semester 2

Attendance Rate



KEY DATES

Our next tennis night will be held on Friday, 27 November - 5:00 pm–Late. Please take this opportunity to invite all community members as this is a 'community tennis night'.

End of Year Concert Monday 7 December – P & C to supply meat and bread rolls etc for the BBQ after the concert and if all families could bring a dessert or a salad to share it would be appreciated.

End of Year School Sleepover Thursday 10 December – Mr Evans is having a Pancake Breakfast with Parade following on Friday morning.

Breakup Day Friday 11 December – P & C to organise morning tea and lunch followed by swimming at Bugeja's after lunch.

Staff Christmas Lunch – Sunday 6 December, 12:00 pm at the Thirsty Sound Bar and Grill, Sarina Beach.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Students have been very busy this past fortnight, with our year 3-6 students wrapping up their stop-go animations this Friday. These stop-go presentations are a visual representation of a folktale which students wrote in third term. Students work so far is looking great, and I can't wait to see the end results.

While our 3-6 students are busy with stop-go-animations, our Prep–2 students have begun their final assessment piece for English. P-2 students have been exploring fairytales, folk tales and fractured fairytales. Their job now is to create a persuasive response comparing two chosen books arguing that one is better than the other. The P-2 have made some significant progress throughout this unit and will demonstrate this in their assessment.

SPECIAL NEWS

Congratulations to Amity Bugeja for being accepted into the 'Academic Excellence Program' at Mackay State High School next year. We are all very proud of your success to date.



Congratulations to Hannah Matsen for receiving 'High Honours' at the Japanese and Chinese Speaking Competition. A great result for a great student.



TUCKSHOP/PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday **6th November**. 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 **6th November** with Mrs Caracciolo and Miss Hausheer for second break only, and will consist of the following:

- Hotdogs / Beef & Gravy Rolls \$3.00
- Flavoured Milk \$1.00
- Zupper Doppers \$1.00



SPORTING SCHOOLS

Skills, Drills and Spills! Sporting schools is back and the kids are loving it! Every Friday afternoon from 2:30 - 3:30pm students will be able to participate in NRL development training. This is another great opportunity for students to take part in another sport, which they may not necessarily have the opportunity to play outside of School.



Also, evidence generally supports a positive connection between levels of activity, physical fitness, and cognitive ability among young persons. Sibley et al. (2003) conducted a test showing a positive correlation between physical activity and the seven categories of cognitive performance (perceptual skills, intelligence quotient, achievement, verbal tests, mathematics tests, developmental level/academic readiness, and other) among school-aged children.



P AND C

\$5 800.00! That is the amount of money our P & C has donated to our school this year. Pretty incredible don't you agree? That is \$5 800 that parents didn't have to budget for. Breaking it down further, \$300 per student. Our P & C has been a fantastic team member of our school, however they cannot do this alone. Below is a great way we as staff can help out - only if you wish to.

RAFFLE ROSTER

Oakenden State School P & C are selling tickets fortnightly at the Duke Hotel in Walkerston. Next year we will implement a roster. Please see Ivy if you have any Saturday nights free for the remainder of the year to sell tickets.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

In Week 3 Oakenden State School was treated to a fantastic Police visit by Officer Chris from the Eton Police Station. All the students enjoyed asking Chris questions about this daily job and the tools he uses. We were also able to see Mr. Evans driving the police car and he went over the speed limit! The students took a random breath test and thankfully everyone registered a Zero reading. It was a great experience for all the children and a massive thank you to Mr. Evans for organizing the whole thing! We really appreciate it.



By Amity Bugeja

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Declan Christensen
For
Persistence and
Leadership Skills



Total Grit Award

is awarded to
Kristopher Caracciolo
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.

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SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT cont...

Fancy fascinators, delightful dresses, sassy suits and handsome horses were just the beginning of Melbourne Cup Day yesterday at Oakenden State School.

Every gentleman and lady came in their finest outfits to suit the day. There were six winners for best dressed which were Johnathan, Mitannie, Lachlan, Seana, Mrs Chetcuti and Mr Evans. There weren't many winners but everyone had a great day!!!

By Hannah Matsen



COMMUNITY NEWS



SARINA STATE SCHOOL

PERMANENT POSITION

SCHOOL'S OFFICER GROUNDS/MAINTENANCE

38 HOURS PER WEEK

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
AT 3.00PM ON FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2015

POSITION PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE FROM
SARINA STATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
BROAD STREET, SARINA
PHONE - 07 49648888

CONTACT - COLLEEN THRUPP
BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER

All prospective employees must make application for, and, be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

The successful applicant may be subject to a probationary period

Department of Education and Training is an equal opportunity employer

COMMUNITY NEWS

**YOU'RE INVITED TO
BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA**

Jingle Bell! Can you hear?
It's that special time of year!
Join Rudolph, Dasher
and Dancer
and come enjoy breakfast and
a photo with Santa.
Close your eyes and make a
wish whilst enjoying your
delicious pancake dish.
Tour through Santa's
workshop whilst helping the
elves on the way
decorating cookies,
collecting reindeer treats
finishing on
Santa's special sleigh.
Girls can come dressed in their
Christmas dress and boys can
wear their reindeer vest.
All proceeds go to Roby
Rogers School of Dancing
Dance Excellence Team
to help fulfil their Dancing
Dream!

**Saturday 21st
November 2015**

Tommy Webster
Community Hall Wellington
Sitting 1 Time: 8.30am - 10.30am
Sitting 2 Time: 11.30am - 1.00pm
(Choose your preferred sitting time)
Cost: \$50 per person per purchase
or \$15 per person at the door
(includes entry & delicious pancake
breakfast)
Santa Photos, Festive Activities and
Special Christmas Treats will be
available for purchase on the day
(Cash Only)

**BUY YOUR TICKETS
TODAY!**
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Visit netsetgo.asn.au to find out more.

- Centre: Brothers Netball Club, Mackay
- Contact: Darren Samson - 0421289344
- E-Mail: brothersnetballclubmackay@gmail.com
- Location: Mackay Netball Courts, Casey Ave Mackay
- When: 9th Nov - 5th Dec (Mon 3.45-4 & Sat 9.00 - 9.45)
- Cost: \$80 (includes Pack and End of Program Sausage Sizzle)
- Ages: This session is only for 8 - 12 year olds. Sessions for younger ages will be held next year.