



# The Oakenden Buzz



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Next Fortnight	Forward Dates
Wed: Student Banking & Coffee Van Visits	01 Dec Pre Prep Transition
Thursdays - Swimming 12.45pm	07 Dec Report Cards sent home
20 Nov Playgroup	07 Dec End of Year School Concert
23 Nov Puppet Show @ Homebush SS	08 Dec Mobile Library Visit
23 Nov Bookclub Due	10 Dec End of Year School Sleepover
24 Nov Mobile Library	
24 Nov P&C Mtg	11 Dec Last Day for 2015
24 Nov Pre Prep Transition (Active & Healthy)	<b>BREAK UP DAY</b>
30 Nov Christmas Carols at Rest Haven	

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hi Team,

Thank you for another great fortnight at Oakenden. In particular thank you all for remaining positive, friendly and approachable towards the back-end of the year, and the term. The approachability of all school members this year has been commented on and this is a real bonus. Together we are continuing to build a strong school culture.

### NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK

There will be no swimming this week due to Paradise Swim School having a previous commitment. With such a busy end of term, I opted not to make up this lesson. If you have any concerns with my decision, please come and see me for a friendly chat.

### AGE APPROPRIATE PEDAGOGY PROJECT PRESENTATION

As you are aware Oakenden SS has been one of only 5 schools in the Central Queensland region to trial a 'balanced' way of teaching our younger students (Prep-Year 2). With this project coming to an end, it comes time for me to travel to Rockhampton and present our findings. In short, the project focused on increasing our student's teamwork and problem-solving skills. Through units of work such as the Mexican restaurant, Pizza shop and philosophy in class our students have increased significantly in both these areas.

I am looking forward to sharing our results and also continuing to implement a balanced approach next year.

### NAPLAN RESITS

This past week students in years 2 - 6 have completed all NAPLAN tests and have received some impressive results. However, results were not the focus of these resits. There were two main focuses/reasons for these resits:

See how far our students have come since last tested. NAPLAN is a great tool for schools when used effectively. There are very few tests that can tell you how far a student has grown in a certain period of time. 80 - 100 point improvement is the goal over a two year period and in some areas our students have achieved these in less than one year.

Inform our teaching practice. NAPLAN is also a great tool to help us as educators understand what each student needs more practice in. These results will inform our next units of work and help us write our strategic plan for next year.

However, now the testing has finished it is time to celebrate these results with our students and congratulate them on their hard work and efforts.

### PUPPET SHOW AT HOMEBUSH

Parents are asked to drop their students to Homebush State School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.30am in order to participate in our Religious Education Program.

The morning at Homebush will commence with their normal planned religious class followed by a special treat of a Puppet Show kindly organised by Mrs Trish Hardy. Student will return to Oakenden SS about 10.30am.

## 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%**

### TUCKSHOP/PLAYGROUP

Our next Playgroup will be Friday **20th 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 **4th December** with Miss Tyrell for second break only, and will consist of the following:

Burritos / Tacos	\$3.00
Flavoured Milk	\$1.00
Zooper Doopers	\$1.00



## SCHOOL CAPTAIN REPORT

### SPORTING SCHOOLS

Every Friday this term, an NRL representative from Sporting Schools has been coming to Oakenden State School to teach the students how to play Rugby League. Our teacher, Jim, has taught us many things like passing, scoring tries and most of the rules. I'm certain that at the end of this year, we will all be Rugby League superstars!

by Hannah Matsen



### OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL TENNIS NIGHT



When	Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> November
Where	Oakenden State School
Time	5:00 pm – Late
Food	Sausage sizzle
Drinks	BYO

**Please invite all community members to this great event.**

### THE PIZZA SHOP

On Tuesday the 10th of November the pre-preps, preps, grade ones, twos, threes and fours created a pizza shop. We made pizza to show statistics and probability and Miss Steph, Mr Aaron and Miss Michelle came to make pizza with us. We made four different mouth-watering pizzas which were Chicken, Hawaiian, Meatlovers and Cheese. Everybody thought that the pizzas were extremely delicious and some people even came back for seconds. After all the pizza making was done, we played a statistics and probability game to finish the lesson.

by Lachlan Matsen



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Last Fortnight's Achievers



#### Student Of The Week

is awarded to  
BeJay McSweeney  
For  
Persistence and  
Leadership Skills



#### Total Grit Award

is awarded to  
Sophie Tyrell  
For

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



#### Bookwork Award

is awarded to  
Lachlan Matsen  
For

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