



The Oakenden Buzz



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Next Fortnight	Forward Dates
Wed: Student Banking & Coffee Van Visits Thursdays - Swimming 12.45pm	23 Feb GRIP Leadership Day 23 Feb Mobile Library
05 Feb Tuckshop	02 Mar Safety Circus
07 Feb P&C Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings	18 Mar Bullying No Way Day
08 Feb Parent Info Evening	
12 Feb Meet & Greet - Parent s& Staff	
16 Feb Mobile Library	

Raising the Bar

Working together to ensure that everyday in every classroom every student is learning and achieving.



Every Day Counts at Oakenden

2015 Attendance 94.75%

Target > 95%

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome Back Team,

Our year has got off to a great start. Thank you Mums, Dads and grandparents for the wonderful way you presented your children in uniform with all their learning materials ready for the learning year ahead.

This week, students (including Prep) have completed writing samples, maths samples and diagnostic spelling test which will inform their learning goals for the next term. Despite running through several tests, the students have successfully adapted to new structures and routines. This demonstrates just how amazing Oakenden State School students really are.

PARENT INFO EVENING

Our annual parent information night will be held next Monday, 8th February 2:45pm - 3:30pm. The goal of the evening is to ensure every parent / carer is aware and shares the same vision for our great school in 2016. If you have any questions or need clarification after the night on any items discussed please come and see me for a friendly chat.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Please take note of the dates on this calendar. They not only inform you on the events but also invite you to be actively involved at Oakenden State School. I highly value parent participation and see it as an essential aspect in ensuring our students reach their potential.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Mobile library is back and better than ever! The mobile library truck will be returning to Oakenden State School every second Tuesday. If you would like your child to be able to borrow from this service, you will need to complete a membership form, which can be obtained from the mobile van.

DETE PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDANCE

It is important that your children attend school every day. Taking a day off because the fish are biting, or you want to go shopping on your birthday, is not an acceptable reason to miss a day of school.

If your child is sick you should contact the school as soon as possible with an estimation of how long your child will be away from school.

If your family has to travel away for family or cultural reasons, and expect to be away for more than 10 days you will have to apply for an exemption from Compulsory Schooling. Exemptions should be applied for and approved by the Principal of your child's school before you travel away.

You can find more information about exemptions: <http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/exemptions/index.html>.

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WELCOME TO 2016 AT OAKENDEN STATE SCHOOL
A Message from Mrs McFaul

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been teaching now for around 13 years, mostly in Mackay and Dysart. Since having my kids I have been around the Sandy Creek Cluster doing part time and relief work. My little Annie is now 4 and Billy is a little over 1. So while they enjoy the best Kindy and Daycare have to offer, I get to work with the star students of Oakenden.

Having worked a short teaching contract at Oakenden back in 2013 and relieving teachers once or twice I have been excited to return for 2016. It's been amazing to see the growth in the Oakenden students since my last visit! Not just how tall Declan and Abby are, but the growth around study habits that the years 3, 4, 5 and 6 display. Never have I seen such a hardworking class! I am looking forward to meeting all parents and care givers in our community and seeing what we can achieve in 2016.

CHESS

The Mackay Whitsunday Chess Competition begins on Monday 22nd February. Further information will be sent home with students.

TUCKSHOP/PLAYGROUP

We are yet to decide on a day to have Playgroup this year. This will be discussed with staff and will be advertised in the next newsletter

The next tuckshop will be this Friday **5th February** with Mrs Matsen for second break only, and will consist of the following:

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| Hotdogs w/cheese | \$2.50 |
| Flavoured Milk | \$1.00 |
| Ice Creams | \$1.00 |



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Last Fortnight's Achievers



Student Of The Week

is awarded to
Qwayla Hine
For
Being kind and compassionate
to the younger students



Total Grit Award

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

SCHOOL BBQ

To welcome our new staff, students and families for 2016 we will be holding a school BBQ - details are below.

When: Friday, 12th February
Where: Oakenden SS
Time: 5:30 pm – Late

Contributions: Our wonderful P&C have generously donated all the meat from the evening. We just ask that parents provide either a salad, savoury dish or a dessert. This would be greatly appreciated.

GRIP LEADERSHIP

As part of taking on a leadership role at Oakenden State School, year 6 students receive the opportunity to attend the Mackay 'GRIP' leadership conference. GRIP Leadership (formerly known as Impact Leadership) is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector.

Conference details:

Date: Tuesday, 23rd February 2016
Time: 8:55am – 2:30 pm Therefore I would ask that the year 6 students be at school by 8:00am and will return to school by 3:15pm.
Location: Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre
Transport: The students will travel to and from the conference via a staff member's vehicle.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Welcome to our new 2016 prep students - Savannah, Johnathan and Miller! All three students have had a successful start to their learning journey with all staff and students remarking on their ability to follow routines and their high level of participation in classroom activities. We at Oakenden State School are looking forward to guiding them through the first years of their learning journey.

P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Oakenden State School P&C will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Sunday, 7th February 2016. Anyone wanting to help or get involved with this great opportunity to fundraise some much needed funds, should contact Linda Matsen.



WANTED: ANYONE WANTING TO PLAY OR LEARN TO PLAY NETBALL
ANY AGE 5-ADULT : ANY LEVEL
COME AND PLAY IN A FUN FAMILY ATMOSPHERE
CONTACT BETTE 0438251153 OR MELISSA 040737696
BROTHERS NETBALL CLUB SIGN ON 30/1/2016
1.30PM AT THE CASEY AVE NETBALL COURTS.

Or follow the link to online registration
<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?cf=1&mode=0&sslredirect=1&entityid=43650&id=17712>
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PRICE LIST.
www.brothersnetballclubmackay.qld.netball.com.au

"Educating the Whole Child in Preparation for the Future"

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Our First Week at Oakenden SS

We welcome our new Prep Students



Miller



Savannah



Johnathon

Onto some Gardening



Yes, we do Learn too!



and so do our teachers!



And best of all Lunchtime Play



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