From the Principal’s desk

Take a deep breath …. the term is coming to an end. Once again we’ve done a lot with your support and our students have reaped the benefits. After such a fast pace it is time to restock, relax and reflect. Quality holiday time spent with family and friends is vitally important to connect with one another and prepare for the term ahead.

I would like to take this time to say how much I appreciate the staff I work with. They are hardworking, supportive and always coming up with creative ways to motivate and extend our students. I have also been overwhelmed by the parental support to help us get our items ready for the performance night. The newly formed P&C have powered into their first initiatives; the election day barbecue and Father’s Day stall; both were very successful. They are busily preparing for the mini-fete coming up soon. I know all of Oakdale will get behind them.

Enjoy the holidays!
Maria Green - Principal

Dates to remember

Coming up in September
* 17th/18th School Performance
* 20th Last Day of Term
* 20th Mufti Day
* Please return parent survey another copy in this newsletter or go to our website and click on parent survey http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C7CXMK5

Coming up in October
* 8th School resumes for students
* 13 Mini-fete
* 15th, 22nd,29th & 5th Nov Extra high school transition (only for those students requiring it)
* 17th/18th Stage 2 camp
* 22nd Kinder Orientation parent meeting

Reminders
We have our mini-fete on 13th October and it would be great to see all of our school community get behind this. You can help by making cakes for the cake stall, sending in new items for the chocolate wheel, used clothing, toys, books, games etc. for our White Elephant stall. You can also assist by coming to help on a stall for the day, selling tea and coffee or working on the BBQ. As they say “It takes a village to raise a child.” We value the sense of community that’s so important to a child’s development, and we’re all for encouraging students, teachers, parents and community members to take part in the important events that will benefit our students.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION is on 22nd October
Please contact the office if you are intending for your child to attend Kindergarten in 2014 and you have not yet placed their name on the list.
Congratulations to the following students who recently visited the Treasure Chest. You have all been trying very hard to do your best in class.

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Oakdale School of Rock

Our performance evenings will be on the 17th and 18th of September starting at 6.00pm. Tickets are $5 each and limited to 2 tickets per family. Tickets may be purchased at the office from 22/8/13. Students need to arrive at 5.30pm for the evening performances and go to their classrooms where their class teacher will be waiting. The Matinee will be on the 17th of September and this is an invitation to grandparents and relatives. There is no cost involved for this performance. The Matinee will start at 11.00am. Visitors will need to be seated by 11.00am so arrival 5-10 minutes before that time would be appreciated. All ticket sales will assist with the cost of costuming. Thanks for your ongoing support of school activities.

Program:

KB  Witchdoctor!
1C  YMCA
1/2H  Jackson 5 Medley
3B  Remember the Time – 80’s Flashback
4L  Motown Medley – 60’s
Staff         Uptight
5F           Never Say Never – Street Rap
6W           Girls Just Wanna Have Fun and Bad
Finale       Sitting on Top of the World
*Parents are requested to remain for the entire performance which should go for approximately an hour and a half.

**SWIM SCHEME**
To date we only have 25 participants for our end of year Swim Scheme, we need 50 students to make this possible. Please let us know if you would like your child to attend. Any student from Year 1 – Year 6 can attend to learn to swim, or to improve their stroke.
Wollondilly and Districts Garden Club
Wollondilly and Districts Garden Club donated $200 to help us with our gardening projects. We thank them for supporting their local school.

Delayed NAPLAN Results

"On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay."

Festival of Fisher’s Ghost Art Awards 2013

One student from each class of students that has attended “The Talented Artists” classes this year has been selected to submit one artwork to the Festival of Fisher’s ghost Art Awards. The artworks will be on display from 2nd - 16th November at Campbelltown Arts Centre on the corner of Camden and Appin Roads Campbelltown.
KB – Isabel Nash – Spring Flower
1C – Tyrone Brincat – Cat and Bird
2HI – Joel Graham – POG
3B – Amy Hooper – Fat Cat
4L – Emmitt Carlile – Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley
5F – Maddison Hartshorne – Cat Vase with Flowers
6W – Jessica Fordham - Fearless