From the Principal’s desk

I have been asked about what ethical or moral values we teach in public schools and my response was we teach students the core values of:

**INTEGRITY** Being consistently honest and trustworthy.

**EXCELLENCE** Striving for the highest personal achievement in all aspects of schooling and individual and community action, work and life-long learning.

**RESPECT** Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the right of others to hold different or opposing views.

**RESPONSIBILITY** Being accountable for your individual and community’s actions towards yourself, others and the environment.

**COOPERATION** Working together to achieve common goals, providing support to others and engaging in peaceful resolution of conflict.

**PARTICIPATION** Being a proactive and productive individual and group member, having pride in and contributing to the social and economic wealth of the community and the nation.

**CARE** Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

**FAIRNESS** Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

**DEMOCRACY** Accepting and promoting the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

Enjoy the school holidays; the break from routine and return safely.

Maria Green
Cricket NSW School Heroes Program

Cricket NSW will be delivering their ‘School Heroes’ program in Term 4 to all K-6 students. The program runs over 4 weeks (Weeks 2 to 5) with students participating in class groups throughout the day. The program will be delivered by qualified, accredited Cricket NSW staff. Students will develop the fundamental skills associated with cricket, while also covering gross motor and movement skills.

The total cost of the program is $12 ($3 per session). All equipment is provided by Cricket NSW. Each student will be exposed to cricket in a fun, inclusive, learning environment, and will also receive other information on how they can continue a healthy and active lifestyle. The program complements the Health and Physical Education syllabus.

What: Cricket NSW School Heroes Program  
Who: K-6 students  
When: Term 4 (Weeks 2 to 5)  
Time: Fridays (different times depending on class)  
Where: Oakdale Public School  
Total Cost: $12 ($3 per session)

Gymnastics Program Term 3 2014

Our gymnastics program will start in Term 3 on Wednesday, 16th July and go for ten weeks; ending on Wednesday, 17th September. The cost for the term is $42.50 per student; making each lesson $4.25. The full payment of $42.50 must be received by Monday, 14th July. If you need assistance please call Mrs Green to organise a payment plan. We run this program every second year. Next year we will offer dance run by Footsteps. This is part of the curriculum and we anticipate all students will participate.

Thanks for your ongoing support – Maria Green

School Swimming Scheme 2014

The School Swimming Scheme will be held in Term 4 in Weeks 9&10 (1/12/14 – 12/12/14) and is open to students from Year 1 to Year 6; it is also suitable for students who can swim. The cost will be $95 for the ten day program which includes the cost of pool entry and the bus. A non-refundable deposit of $25 needs to be paid by Friday 1st August with full payment on Friday, 5th September. I have allowed seven school weeks’ notice before the deposit is due in order to help families factor this expense into their budget. There will not be an extension of the full payment as we have to have a certain number of students attending to be part of the program. If we do not meet the set number it is only fair to give enough notice so that another school could fill our spot.

Beauty and the Beast

Wollondilly Anglican College have invited Year 5 and Year 6 students to attend a matinee performance of the musical Beauty and the Beast. The performance will be held on Monday, 28th July at 10.00am. The performance is free but we will need each child to pay $5.00 toward the cost of the bus. Morning tea will be provided by the college. Full school uniform must be worn. Students will be accompanied by Mrs Fuller and Ms Walsh.
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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**Working with Children Check Clearance**

As of 15 June 2013, all people involved in child-related work (which includes those volunteering in our school) must either apply for a Working with Children Check Clearance, or complete a Working with Children Check Declaration. The implications for both are as follows:

- A WWCC Clearance, if granted, allows child-related work or volunteering across all organisations, including schools, sporting clubs, scouts/guides, etc. Applications are made online at [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au). There is no cost for volunteer clearance.
- A WWCC Declaration can be made by any person wishing to volunteer in the school, and includes a 100 Proof of Identity check. It is only valid for the place where it is lodged.

Either one of these is necessary for all volunteers in our school. This includes canteen, classroom assistance, sports coaching and any activity where there is contact with students. Your swift attention to this is appreciated.

**Special School Report video for parents**

[Reading your child's report](http://youtu.be/YM2Lrm19_A0) video is on the Parentingideas TV Youtube channel. Send the link home to parents, or place it on your school’s website or Facebook page.

**Students Come Straight to School**

Some students are going to the shops in the morning on the way to school and buying an inordinate amount of lollies and eating them before and during school time. All parents I contacted had no idea their children were doing this. As a staff we will be vigilant and insistent on students coming straight to school and not making any detours.
**Kindergarten Enrolments 2015**  
We are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2015. Forms are available at the office. We will be sending forms home with siblings if we know they have a brother or sister starting in Kindergarten next year. Your swift return of paperwork is appreciated.

6W

**6W’s Science Day**

This term Year 6 has been learning all about Energy. We have learnt about renewable and non-renewable energy sources and the impact they have upon the environment. We spent our last day with Miss Sanders, our student teacher experimenting a range of renewable energy sources such as wind power, solar power, water power, bio-energy and wave power. This was a fun-filled science day consolidating all that we have learnt this term.

In literacy this term the students have been enjoying reading Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman. This novel is a multi-modal text meaning that students read part of the text and then watch a corresponding short film clip which coincides with the
OAKDALE SPORTING NEWS

OAKDALE SPORTING REPRESENTATION
Oakdale students have continued to impress at representative level in recent weeks. Emmitt Carlile was part of the Sydney South-West Rugby League Under 11s team which competed at the recent State Carnival at Cronulla. The team finished the round-robin games undefeated before going on to win their semi-final 24-4 over Sydney East. They played Sydney West in the final (played at Endeavour Sports High on a synthetic field). After leading 6-4, they were eventually defeated 18-6. Another fantastic achievement Emmitt!

Caitlan McSavaney continues to improve and impress in distance running, competing at the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Hurlstone Agricultural High School last week. At the time of writing I haven’t spoken to Caitlan about her efforts but my spies tell me she finished in the top 15, which is an amazing effort. Her commitment to improve her results over the past 3 years certainly endorses the school’s motto of ‘I Strive’. Great effort, Caitlan!

CROSS COUNTRY MEDALS
A quick reminder that winners of age events at this year’s cross country carnival will be receiving their first place medals at the Class Champion Assembly next Monday.

SOCCER, NETBALL AND AFL GALA DAYS
The next round of Gala Days takes place this Friday with the soccer, netball and AFL ‘B’ days being held. Notes have been sent home with all information. Students need to be at school by 8:45am to get team uniforms and rolls marked. Full sports uniform is required including school hats. Long socks and shin pads are required for soccer players. The school has a limited supply of shin pads available should they be needed. Please ensure football boots are not worn to school and that no jewellery is to be worn on the day. Students need to bring their lunch and plenty to drink for the day.

In Art we have taken part in a number of directed drawing art lessons including drawing sea turtles and drawing a number of Australian animals using charcoal.

In maths we learnt about three-dimensional shapes and investigated different perspectives. The students constructed three-dimensional shapes based on sketches from different viewpoints presented to them.
**NSW CRICKET GALA INTRA SCHOOL GALA DAY**
3-6 students will be participating in a Cricket Gala Day run by Cricket NSW on the last day of term. Children will be placed in a number of different teams and play a round-robin competition. The emphasis of the day is on fun and up-skilling of cricket skills. The day is run free of charge.

**AFL AUSKICK**
The after-school AFL Auskick program had an internal communication breakdown a few weeks back and missed a week of their weekly program. Fortunately, Mr Griggs and I were able to accommodate the children and still give them a skill session for the hour. The AFL was very apologetic for the mistake and to make up for the error have offered to give the school a bag of AFL footballs. The week missed will also be caught up.

**HOCKEY NSW**
Hockey NSW are running U12 Development Clinics in the July School Holidays. All sessions will be run by a current NSW State Coach and Regional Coaching Coordinator. The clinics are open to players of all levels born between 2002 and 2004. Hockey sticks are provided if you’re just starting out. The cost is $53 with participants receiving a Hockey NSW Player Pack which includes a drink bottle and bag. Register at www.hockeynsw.com.au. For more details contact Gina Rees on email gamedevelopment@hockeynsw.com.au or (02) 9764 1911.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NEXT TERM**
- **Week 1** - Thursday 17th July School Athletics Carnival (back up day Friday 18th July). Permission notes will be sent home this term.
- **Week 3** – Friday 1st August Razorback PSSA Touch Football Gala Day
- **Week 4** – Friday 8th August Milo Cup Cricket
- **Week 8** – Monday 1st and 2nd September Razorback PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
- **Week 8** – Friday 5th September PSSA Razorback Hockey Gala Day

Mr Barr