From the Principal’s desk
Welcome back from a hopefully restful holiday to another eventful term. We will focus on high expectations from our students to begin the term; an insistence on wearing school uniform, arriving promptly to school, complying with the teachers requests in the classroom and treating all members of the school and community with respect. Non-compliance in the classroom and playground will not be tolerated and firm consequences will be put in place. Continued defiance or disruption by a student that hinders other students learning will result in that child being suspended from school.

On a more positive note our school public speaking program starts this week. Each student is expected to participate to the best of their ability and support from home is acceptable. We will host the final where eight other schools will come and compete. It is a chance for us to show off our beautiful grounds, well behaved students and our talented speakers.

Currently our teachers are industriously preparing units of work from the new English Syllabus. Quality literature is the basis for programming to enable the key concepts in the text to be understood.

This term is also a busy one for our preparation to enter The Wollondilly Music Festival. We have two dance groups entering.

In Week 3 is Education Week. Our Open Day is 31st July. Please see the attached flyer for details. We’d love to see as many parents as possible.

Dates to remember

What’s Coming up in July
* 23rd/24th/25th Stage 3 camp
* 28th Snake Tails
* 28th 5/6 Beauty and the Beast
* 29th ICAS English
* 31st Open Day

What’s Coming up in August
* 8th Milo Cup Cricket
* 9th P&C Ladies night – Oakdale Workers Club
* 12th ICAS Maths
* 12th Vision screening Year 1
* 16th Kindergarten speeches due
* 22nd Stage 2/3 speeches due
* 25th Book parade
* 26th Author visit
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.

Treasure Chest
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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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.

Public Speaking Program
Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten
Speech is to be 1 minute long on palm cards. This year students can speak about any topic they like but some suggestions include:
* My Family
* Our Great Family Holiday
* My Pet
* My Hobby
* My favourite toy/game/sport/person
* Where I Live
Speeches are to be prepared by 6th August and will be listened to by Mrs Berger in class. Two students will be chosen to attend the finals on 16th September at Oakdale Public school and compete against other schools. Please read the note on the back before commencing your speech.
Stage 1: Years 1 & 2
Speeches need to be 2 minutes long on palm cards and prepared by 13th August.
*The best holiday ever…..
*In the future…..
*What I love to do…..
*Families…..
*Not too big not too small…..
*I admire…..
*My friends make me happy…..
*My place…..
*Did you know…..

Stage 2/3 suggested Topics:
Stage 2 students are to speak for 3 minutes and Stage 3 students for 4 minutes and they are due 22nd August.
*Have we learnt from our mistakes…..
*History never repeats…..
*Gun laws in America need to change…..
*Progress - is it killing us…..
*Too little too late…..
*Valuable lessons
*Enough is enough
*Are we putting too much pressure on our sporting greats……
*out with the old and in with the new…..
*Are children expected to grow up too quickly these days…..
*It’s about time we did something about it…..
Thanks for your support – Mrs Green, Mrs Fuller & Ms Walsh

Oakdale Sporting News

AFL B Gala Day
On Friday 20th June students from Years 3-6 had a great time at the Razorback AFL Gala Day. On an overcast and cool day the students began with a skills session and a rundown on the rules of the game. Once again the children played with enthusiasm and great sporting spirit. Both the junior and senior teams started a bit tentatively, since many of the students had never played AFL before, but they soon got the hang of it and improved with every match finishing with mixed results. It was fantastic to see the children playing for fun and the happy faces that come with it!

Seniors: Ethan Stack, Bilal Dirani, Jakob Medley, Josh, Kalani Wymer, Tori Davis, Ebonnie Brincat, Malcolm Dalton, Hassan Dirani, Shaylee Robinson, Tori Ryan

Juniors: Imogen Ramp, Reanna Thornton, Olivia Bunce, Kate Foster, Brandon Baker, Liam D’Arcy, Cooper Taylor, Calix Rowland, Mitchell Welsh, Eddie De La Mare, Owen Ryan

Mr Luckman

Netball B Gala Day
Last term, 19 students from Years 3-6 attended the Netball Gala Day B at Tahmoor Sportsground. Many students had never played netball before signing up to the Gala Day and they soon realised what a fun and competitive game netball can be! It was a fantastic day with great sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour shown by all
students. You should be very proud of yourselves! Both teams played six games and won three. A special thanks to Mrs Hickson, Mrs Whitbread, Mrs Harding and Mr Curtis for their help with organising the teams into positions and coaching from the sidelines, as well as all of the parents who attended to support their children. A fantastic effort by all students! I was very proud. **Our Netball stars:**

**Seniors:** Jaide, Taylor-Lee, Brandon, Jami, Erika, Brooke, Caitlan, Jesse and Brianna.

**Juniors:** Zac, Amy, Angus, Jett, Lachlan, Lauryn, Ava, Jessica, Cheyanne and Emily B.

Mrs Hooper

**Soccer B Gala Day**
The Soccer B Gala Day was held late last term at Tahmoor Sports Ground with 10 seniors and 9 juniors representing the school. The senior team had both experienced and inexperienced players, and had to do battle with only 10 players all day, with some weary legs catching the bus on the way home. As always there were a mix of results, but all games were extremely competitive. The juniors had plenty of experience in the ranks and played with excellent structure and discipline. Once again there was a mix of results with evenly matched games. Thank you to Mrs Nash and Mrs Palmer for helping to manage the juniors and it was pleasing to see many other parents providing support. Congratulations to the following players.

**Seniors:** Casey Ramp; Dylan Newham; Scott Dimech; Josh Prout; Amy Ciampa; Sarah Hooper; Aislinn D'Arcy; Hayden Bond; Emmitt Carlile; Anastacia Xegas

**Juniors:** Noah Meredith; Ben Prout; Joel; Dylan Palmer; Cameron Richards; Tyrus; William Milne; Mitchell Nash; Cooper Eather

Mr Barr

Unfortunately due to the unavailability of local buses, the Touch Football Gala Day due to be held on Friday 1st August has been postponed. The Milo Cup Cricket Gala Day will be held in week 4 on Friday 8th August. This will be for Years 5 and 6 only. Selection trials will be held next week. The cost for Gala Day will be $12. I recognise there have been a number of recent payments for various school activities. If you would like your child to attend any Gala Day but need assistance in making the payments please see Mrs Green.

**Athletics Carnival**
Final results are still being collated for the school athletics carnival held last Thursday in cold and blustery conditions for competitors, staff and spectators alike. Some field events also need to be concluded. These will be held at school over the next week. Full results and zone representatives will be notified in the next newsletter. The Zone Athletics Carnival is being held on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September.

**Intra-School Cricket Gala Day**
On the last day of Term 2 mixed teams in Years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 participated in a modified cricket Gala Day run by Cricket NSW. It was a great experience for many of the students who hadn't played cricket before, with everyone getting a bat and bowl. The children learnt a lot of new skills and the motto for the day was definitely fun! Below is some of the action.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

*Canteen reopens on Wednesday 23rd July*

Wednesday – lunch orders – new menu
Thursday – over the counter sales – new items on menu
Friday – lunch orders

On Thursday 31st July we will be having an Education Week Meal Deal – order forms out later this week.

Canteen Volunteers are desperately needed, let’s try to spread the workload. All help is greatly appreciated!

Shifts: **Wednesday** 11.30 to 12.30 or 9.30 to 12.30
        **Thursday** 11.30 to 12.30
        **Friday** 9.30 to 12.30

Volunteer forms are at the office.

Mother’s group is held on Fridays 9.30 to 12.30 weather permitting.

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**LADIES NIGHT**

Please come along to Ladies Night on Sat 9th August at Oakdale Workers Club. The cost is $40 for dinner and a glass of wine, DJ, photo booth and lots of other activities. It will be a fun night to raise money for Ovarian cancer and our school. Buy your ticket from:

Melissa Austin 0409917680, Sharryn McGrory 0418178388, Kalika Austin 0447596074 or Carmen Crompton 0419474106, or pick one up from the office. Hope to see you there!
Library Stocktake
Thank you to all of the parents who helped out by returning books or paying the $10 missing fee. Most of the books made it back to the Library!

Book Fair
With the commission from the Scholastic Book Fair I decided to take $158 in Scholastic Rewards and $853.81 in cash. I am using the money raised to purchase new books, DVDs, headsets, book ends, board games and a computer to replace the ancient one in the Library Office.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
3B, 4L, 5F and 6W- Keep reading! Don’t forget to record your books on the website because there is only 1 month to go!

Book Week: Connect to Reading

Book Parade
Date: Monday, August 25th
Time: 9:40am
Theme: Connect to Reading
Costume: Any costume that your child can associate with a book they have read or you have read to them (e.g. a spider costume just like Charlotte from Charlotte’s Web)
Parents are welcome to attend!

Picton Library Visit
After lunch on Monday, August 25th Picton Library librarians will be visiting our school to do some presentations on the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) short-listed books of 2014. This is a free service provided by Picton Library.
**Author Visit** On Tuesday, August 26th children’s author and illustrator Susan Berran is visiting our school. She will be running reading/writing workshops all day and donating a set of her books to our Library. The cost will be $2 per student. If you’d like to read about her ‘hilariously gross kids books’ visit her website: [www.susanberran.com](http://www.susanberran.com)

A more detailed permission note will go home in a few weeks. 

Miss Hannaford ☺

**YEAR 3 & 4 EXCURSION TO SYDNEY COVE**

Last term Years 3 and 4 made their way by bus to the Royal Botanic Gardens and The Rocks to explore our convict past. At the Royal Botanic Gardens the children explored Aboriginal life of the Cadigal people prior to the First Fleet arriving at Sydney Cove. They learnt about convict life and explored the site of the first farm in Sydney that supplied food to the fledgling colony. At The Rocks, the children dressed up as convicts, marines and even Captain Arthur Phillip. Each student was given a name and description of their character and went back in time to discover the early life of convicts in Sydney. It was certainly a memorable experience for all with lots of walking and talking. Apart from the excursion we also enjoyed a relaxing lunch in the beautiful gardens and the walk underneath the Sydney Harbour Bridge was also an exciting moment.

Mr Barr, Mr Luckman and Mrs Karliotis

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*Some of the convicts awaiting further instructions or perhaps the dreaded lash.*