From the Principal’s desk
I have been asked by many parents what MATHSMAD is and I thought I’d give a brief overview.

We started by testing all students K-6 using the SENA. We grouped students according to results. Understanding place value is vital to grasping other concepts so we designed activities to enhance every student’s knowledge of place value. We have 2 teachers or support staff in with groups so that they can be afforded more individual attention.

We start each lesson with a short, sharp and focused activity to consolidate our understanding of place value; these are usually fun games or activities using the Interactive White Board.

We then build on the previous activity asking the children to demonstrate their knowledge; this could be in the form of a worksheet, group activity and so on.

After that we complete a problem solving activity, an area many students find difficult. We gather as a class at the end of the lesson and reflect on our learning. So far, so good!

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 notes need to be returned
* 13th Stage 1 speeches due
* 16th Kindergarten speeches due
* 20th Wollondilly Music Festival
* 22nd Stage 2/3 speeches due
* 25th Book parade
* 26th Author visit
* 4th Sept Father’s Day Stall

BE HONEST - Rule for the term

Peer Support Program Final Update
Our 8 week student welfare program, Peer Support, concluded at the end of Term 2. Overall, the program was very successful this year. The Year 6 leaders and Year 5 Co-leaders capably led their groups through a series of 8 x 30 minute activities based on learning skills and strategies to develop resilience in challenging situations. The activities helped to reinforce that by acting confidently and having a “plan” (called “Pause, Plan, Proceed” in the program), children can cope with difficult social situations effectively. The senior students certainly showed wonderful leadership qualities throughout the program and had the opportunity to get to know their groups very well. All of the students told me how much they had learnt acting as leaders and how much fun they had leading their groups. I would like to congratulate them on all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to making the program so awesome for everybody involved; fantastic effort seniors! Ms Fuller
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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**Star Students:**

- 3B: Ava New
- 4L: Calix Rowland
- 5F: Brianna Fraser
- 6W: Maddison Hartshorne

The P & C would like to remind everyone that it is “Ladies Night” this Saturday, 9th August at Oakdale Workers Club. Cost $40 includes dinner and a glass of wine, there will be lots of raffles and prizes and a photo booth. Hope to see you there 6pm arrival for 7pm! Get your ticket from the office!
**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.

**Swim School**
Currently we only have 20 students who have made a commitment to attend Swim School in Term 4. We need 50 people to enrol to be able to take a place. We will hold this open for one more week; if we do not meet the required number we will not be going and all money that has been paid will be returned.

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.

**Wollondilly Music Festival**
Our K-5 and Year 6 dance groups will perform at Picton High School on Wednesday, 20th August. Tickets cost $12 each and 2 per family have been allocated by the organisers. The concert starts at 6.30pm sharp but students will need to be there before this. Mrs Berger and Mrs Pearsall will send out a detailed note with notes, costuming and a meeting point.

**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

Change of Arrangements for Staff Development Days
The staff of Oakdale Public School have made arrangements to come to school on Saturday, 21st June, 2014 and Saturday, 13th September to continue working on the implementation of the English Syllabus K-10. As we are committed to the delivery of well-planned and programmed lessons staff will be working on how to take the content from the new English Syllabus and turn it into engaging units of work for the classroom.
The last day of school for students would be Wednesday, 17th of December, 2014 with no staff here on the Thursday (18th) and Friday (19th). These are the same as the arrangements made in 2012 and 2013. If you have any queries about these arrangements please contact the school on 46596251 and speak with Mrs Green.

ICAS Results
Congratulations to the following students on their awesome results in the ICAS Computer Skills and Science tests!


My Cancer Story

My name is Simone and on the 28th April 2014 I was diagnosed with lung cancer which had spread to my liver and has now spread to my bones. For those of you who know me and for those of you who don’t I am sure that you can relate to my story. Like many of you I am a mum. I am a mother of 8 children with 2 step children also. My kids range in age from 24yrs to 6months old. Of those children, 8 of them live at home still and I have 5 children with Autism and other related disabilities. I am very tough and am not going to lie down and let this beat me. I need to be here for my children as I am sure you can understand as they are my life and always will be.

It is absolutely shattering to be given a cancer diagnosis and be told that you may have only a year to live. To even think about that you may not see your daughter’s first birthday or your other children grow up is absolutely gut wrenching and the most debilitating sadness in this whole world. Every time I think about my children and their futures and the possibility that I may not be a part of it I am brought to tears because I just cannot imagine life without them or their life without me. No-one ever does it the same way your mum does and like all mum’s out there I have my way of doing things which my kids live by. Whether it’s a kiss goodnight or tucking them into bed, picking them up when they fall or great encouragement for doing well or trying their best I am always there to give it and can’t imagine not being there and that’s why I am not giving up without a fight.

I am very busy and always on the go. I rarely get sick as I have a very positive attitude and really just do not have time! That may sound silly but it works for me. My life and my children keep me going. I manage all my children’s therapies and everything else they do. This is a full time job and that is why I plan to be here for a long time regardless of this cancer diagnosis. They need me and I most definitely need them!

I am asking for your help so that I can raise enough money to go overseas for medical treatment which has been extremely successful for others with cancer and has given them many more years of life. I also hope that I will get many more years of life with this treatment and so I hope that you can find it in your heart to make a donation. It doesn’t matter if it is big or small as everything counts.

I thankyou very much for taking the time to read my story and thankyou for your help!

Please share this link with everyone you know so that people can donate! http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/help-me-extend-my-life-i-need-to-live-for-my-children-206872

Kind Regards

Simone

The staff at Oakdale Public School will be organising a hamper to raffle to support Mrs Micallef through this difficult time. Your support is appreciated. Tickets will go out next week.
PACER REBATE

Recently, Years 5 & 6 attended an excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. As part of the excursion we visited Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Australian Electoral Commission, Questacon, the National Museum of Australia and the Institute of Sport. This enabled us to claim a $20 payment for each child from the Australian Government, which helped fund the excursion. We are thankful for their generous support.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

This year our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 4th September. Further details will be available closer to the time.
We have been learning about the difference between Facts and Opinions. A Fact is true eg: Oakdale Public School is located on Burrarorang Road. An Opinion is what we believe eg: Oakdale Public School has the best students. During this time we wrote letters to Mrs Green including facts and opinions about what we would like to either have at the school or improvements that are needed.

Dear Mrs Green,
I am wondering if we can flatten the basketball court, make the court flat, extend the soccer ball field and line mark. The hill has holes in it and you can trip in them. I think the basketball court can be half one side handball and the other side can be soccer field and the holes in the soccer field need to go. Also could we please mark the fields with lines. These things should be done to save people from skinning themselves.

Regards Cooper.

Dear Mrs Green,
I am writing to you to ask if we could get lines on the soccer field. I feel that with lines there will be no fights at lunch about if the ball went out or not. When there is training for a soccer Gala Day you won’t need to always say the ball went out because there will be lines.

Regards Caitlyn
4L also learnt about The First Fleet, completed art activities as well as attended the excursion to the Botanical Gardens and The Rocks.

Monday 16th June, 4L and 3B went on an excursion to The Botanical Gardens and The Rocks in Sydney. They got there by bus and went to learn about the First Fleet.

First we went to the Botanical Gardens. We learnt about the crops Europeans and Aborigines used native plants and artefacts. We found out that there is a golden orb spider, it was so cool. We had crunch and sip, lunch and had a toilet run at the Gardens. There was a wall made out of sandstone and it was called the 30 year wall because it took 30 years to build. The plants were awesome. Then we went to The Rocks by bus.

When we got to The Rocks we got to dress up as convicts or soldiers. Noah was Captain Arthur Phillip and Emma, Peter and Mitchell were soldiers. It was funny when Mitchell said “Don’t go past me.” I was Elizabeth Chapman and Mrs Karliotis was married to Emma. I was married to Liam which was funny. We got to know that the ferries were named after the ships of the First and Second Fleet. We saw the old cottages made of sandstone. We learnt about real people that were on the First Fleet. We got to even see the original hospital.

The worst part was all the talking. The best part was dressing up as a convict and my second thing was sitting next to my friends on the bus. The day was awesome.

By Hayley
Since 3B and 4L have been learning about the First Fleet we had an excursion. We had to leave at 7:25 because people were late. They were still in bed when the school rang them. We travelled to Sydney by bus.

At the Royal Botanical Gardens we had crunch and sip. The Aboriginal guide said that the Aborigines thought the boats were floating islands. We saw an old sailing boat. Ben, Cooper, Zac, Wes and I were the first people to spot it. We all liked it.

When we went to The Rocks we had to dress up as convicts. Noah was Captain Arthur Phillip. Everyone got a card giving them information about one of the people on the First Fleet. We went for a two hour walk and talk around The Rocks and the Quay. The cool bit was how we dressed up as convicts. The bad part was how the lady was talking so much it was boring just standing there. But I did have so much fun at The Rocks.

I think we all had fun on the way to Sydney. But on the way back I had a massive headache. I went to bed early because of my headache. I had a good time.

By Angus

We are now learning about Cause and Effects. A cause is why something happened. An effect is what happened. Eg: The rain made me wet and muddy. Rain is the effect and wet and muddy is the cause. We will be working on our speeches in class over the next few weeks. We will also be learning about Space throughout Term 3.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT
The school Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday in Week 1 this term with wintry conditions prevailing. The cold weather however didn’t discourage the children having some great competition and fun novelty games throughout the day. The behaviour and sportsmanship of the students was fantastic with everyone having a go at the various events. It was also pleasing to see a large crowd of parents and relatives cheering on all the children. As always, a huge thank you goes to the numerous parent helpers on the day. We had to coerce some parents from the sidelines during the day for timekeeping duties, for which the school is extremely appreciative. It is impossible to run a carnival of this magnitude without your assistance and support and shows a great Oakdale school and community spirit!

Following are the 2014 Athletics Champions:
Junior Boy Champion: Joel Graham and Lachlan Burley (joint winners)
Junior Girl Champion: Anastacia Xegas and Casey Beard (joint winners)
Senior Boy Champion: James Roberts
Senior Girl Champion: Caitlan McSavaney

We look forward to our students representing the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Monday 1st September (field events and 800m) and Tuesday 2nd September (track events) at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. Notes regarding the Zone Carnival will be sent home shortly. Below are the final results for the 2014 Oakdale Public School Athletics Carnival. Names with a ‘Q’ next to them are the children who have qualified for the Zone Carnival. All 1st and 2nd placegetters in track events proceed on to zone, whilst the 1st placegetter qualifies automatically in field events with the runner-up only proceeding if they reach the qualifying standard. Students do not have to compete at zone events, although they are encouraged to do so. If your child does not want to go to any zone event, please ensure they notify Mr Barr or Mr Luckman as soon as possible. This is so the zone convenor can be notified and transport arrangements can be finalised. Ribbons and certificates for all placegetters and trophies for Athletics Champions will be presented at the Class Champions assembly at the end of this term.

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### MILO CUP CRICKET

The Milo Cup Cricket competition is on this Friday at Tahmoor Sports Ground. Students need to arrive at school by 8:45 am. It is uncertain whether a canteen is being run, so children should ensure they bring recess, lunch and plenty to drink. Full school sports uniform should be worn along with their school hat. If children own their own cricket bat and gloves, these may be brought with them for use on the day. If you are unable to attend please see Mrs Fuller prior to the day.

Mr Barr