**The Oakdale Newsletter**

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**Term 3, Week 8, 2014**

**Date: Tuesday, 2nd September, 2014**

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**What's Coming up in September?**

*1st & 2nd Zone Athletics*
*3rd Father’s Day Stall*
*3rd P&C Meeting*
*4th & 5th Stage 2 Camp*
*4th Chris Olsen Stage 3*
*8th Picton Strings visit the school*
*9th Stage 2/3 speaking finals 1.05pm-2.00pm*
*9thYear 7 Advisors visit*
*10th Regional Athletics*
*11th Surf Lifesaving talk*
*15th Class Champions Assembly*
*15th Spelling Bee at Thomas Acres PS 4 students entered*
*15th Primary Social 5.00pm-6.00pm*
*16th 3-6 Wollondilly Public Speaking Finals*
*16th K-2 Social “Wacky Wardrobe” 5.00pm-6.30pm*
*17th K-2 Wollondilly Public Speaking Final*
*Stewart House Bags picked up*
*19th Bike Safety Day*

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I am concerned about the way some parents react when informed that their child has been involved in an incident at school. Before ringing parents we gather information, interview witnesses and make an informed decision about the consequence that will result because of the incident. Often parents are not willing to accept that their child did anything wrong and begin to blame others. How can we develop responsible citizens if they never have to take responsibility for their actions? Parents are doing their child a disservice by continually picking up the pieces. All of us have to be aware that if we make a bad choice we have to deal with it, try not to make the same mistake again and learn from our actions. I urge parents to support the school in its processes, speak to teachers and the principal about the incident and as a team we can solve issues. Bagging the school in front of your child does not encourage respect or compliance.

There will be no tolerance of verbal abuse toward staff and students, aggressive behaviour and refusal to follow instructions. All staff and students need to feel safe and supported at school.

**Resilience** is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand. Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience. The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their children. Resilient kids share four basic skill sets - independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

**Building Resilience** - From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them. You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by: Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he/she meets some of life’s curve balls. Look for teachable moments. Many children’s learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

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**BE HONEST – Rule for the term**

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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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Public Speaking Competition

Last Friday we had our Early Stage One and Stage One finals. Class winners were: Liisa Lehtonen, Matthew Prout, Alyvia Bond, Claire Sproule, Phoenix Chelin, Georgia Griffin, Niamh D’Arcy and Xander Reid. Going through to the next round at Oakdale Public School on Wednesday, 17th September is Liisa Lehtonen and Georgia Griffin. Congratulations to you all you did a marvellous job!

Stage Two and Three finals will be held on 9th September at 1.05pm in the hall at Oakdale Public School. Students presenting speeches are: Jasmine Griggs, Ava New, Hayley Underwood, Liam D’Arcy, Caitlan McSavaney, Emmitt Carlile, Jaide Curtis, Sarah Hooper, Jami Roberts and Aislinn D’Arcy.

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now enrolling for Kindergarten 2015. If you have a child coming to Oakdale next year please pick up enrolment forms at the office. Having this done early assists us structure classes for next year K-6.

Father’s Day Stall

Reminder that the stall will be held tomorrow 3rd Sept. Prices range from $2 - $6.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014
OAKDALE PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

All parents and citizens of Oakdale are invited to attend our next meeting to be held on the first Wednesday of the month, 3rd September 2014. Annual membership fees will be due before this meeting to ensure all members are current financial members for the upcoming AGM.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th September 2014 at 1.30pm, at which new office bearers will be elected for 2014-2015. All executive positions will be declared vacant at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations can be submitted on a nomination form available at the office. Positions to be filled are President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Canteen Co-ordinator.

The P&C Committee is a small active body made up of friendly mums and dads who want the best for all students at Oakdale Public School. There is great satisfaction in seeing the efforts we make within the school directly benefit all children. We are a small community with a small parent body and all help and support is always appreciated. The expression “Many hands make light work” is never more true than on the P&C Committee. Being involved in the P&C is a great way of finding out what is going on in and being involved in their school life.

The P&C aims to hold a meeting every month and is involved mainly in co-ordinating the canteen and a major fundraising event per term such as Father’s Day Stall, Mother’s Day Stall, and Easter Hate Parade.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE 2014 DUE

OAKDALE PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The annual fee of $1.00 is now due for all parents wishing to be members of the Oakdale P&C Association, membership is from June 2014 to May 2015, and entitles you to vote on any issues raised for voting at P&C meetings. P&C meetings are a great forum to find out what is going on in our school and have an input in current activities occurring throughout the school. Attendance at every P&C meeting is not compulsory.

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL P&C SUBSCRIPTION FEE 2014-2015 $1.00 PER PERSON

Name .........................

Please enclose your fee of $1.00 and return to the front office. A receipt from the P&C will be issued.
What’s On in 2H!

This Term in 2H we have been studying the book ‘Puffling’ by Margaret Wild. It is a beautiful picture book where a baby puffin learns to be patient and follow the instructions of his parents until he gains his independence. We have been involved in lots of discussions about growing up, rules and parenting! We are now experts at drawing puffins in Visual Arts. Have a look at some of our samples!

We have started a new way of doing our Reading Groups this Term and they are proving to be a huge success, with every student reading with either myself or Miss Hannaford every day. Other activities include reading comprehension cards, spelling cards, spelling games, handwriting and our news is now done in these groups.

In Maths we have been doing lots of number work, focussing on whole number and place value, addition and patterns and algebra. We did some great data and graphs work with our student teacher Mr Sawyer, and investigated concepts of 2D shapes like tessellation.
2H have been investigating different types of shelter with Mrs Itskos, and designing appropriate types of shelter for different weather conditions. It has been a very busy and rewarding time in our class this term and we can’t believe how fast the year is flying by! Before we know it, we will be in Year 3!

Mrs Hooper
Class Teacher

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**Primary Big Bluesys**

**Term 3 Week 7**

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- Bilal Dirani
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Canberra/Snowy Camp report by Ebonnie Brincat 5F

On camp I got up at 6.30am to go to camp. We said goodbye to our mums and dads and then we left. Then we went to the lookout, it was so nice. We did some photos. After we did that, we left. Then we went to Question. It was so fun. I went on a ride, freefall. It was so fun.

After I did it, my hands were shaking! Then I did this thing that you have to put a sheet of pink or blue in a tube and then it will fly out and over the air. Then I went to the earthquake house and it was fun.

After we did the activities, we left. Then we went in the AIS, it was fun. We played games. They. The tour people were Henry and Jo. They were fun to hang out with. After we did some games, we went for a tour. They showed us around the whole place.

After that, we checked into the cabins. We had dinner after. We had a free evening, we played two games. It was fun. After we played games, we went back to our cabins. Miss Walsh told us which rooms we were in. I was in a room with three girls, Tori, Lydia plus me.

After Miss Walsh told us where we were we started to put our bags in and our drink bottles in the fridge. Miss Fuller that we had the cleanest room. Then we had showers and went to bed.

The next morning we got up to go to breakfast. It was very yummy. After breakfast, we got changed. Then we got on the bus. We went to the national Museum of Australia. We had to be very quiet. We saw a slideshow, it was very nice.

After we took some photos, we left. Then we went to the Old Parliament House. We had lots of fun. My favourite part was when we voted. Tori was a guard. Lydia and Jami were the counters.

After that, we went to lunch. We had pizza. I loved the Hawaiian pizza. After we had our lunch, we went to the Australian War Memorial. It was very nice. I loved all of the things inside it was very nice and quiet.

After that, we went to the new Parliament House. We got there and it was big, big, big but I did not see Tony Abbott! But the good thing was that I got to go to the Parliament House.
After the Parliament House, we went and had our dinner. Then we went to the Dinosaur Museum. It was great fun! We saw different dinosaurs. You would think that most dinosaurs were big but not all of them were. I think Miss Fuller loved it more than us! And we saw dinosaur poo!

After that, we went to our cabins and had some sleep. The next day, we got up early to have breakfast. It was very good. After breakfast, we got on the bus and left to go to the snow. We got our snow gear first. After we got our snow gear, we went to the freezing cold snow. But finally it was such a long drive. But eventually we got there.

When we got to the snow, we had to have some chips to eat first. Then we went to the snow. We got these cards to put in our jackets. We had to walk into a scanning machine so they knew that we were on there.

I was on the ski lift with Tori. Tori and I had to wait there and then we jumped onto the seat and buckled up. When we got to the top, we had to jump off to the sides. We had a snowball fight, girls versus boys. The girls won!

After that, we had to go down to the bottom. We had some lunch then went to the pools. We got changed then we went into the pools. It was nice and warm. I went on the big slide. It was so fun.

After the pools, we dropped off our snow gear. Then we left. It was a long drive but we made it to McDonald’s. It was very nice.

After the long drive, we made it home and said goodbye to the bus driver.

Then I saw my mum and I left.
OAKDALE SPORTING NEWS

Hockey Gala Day
The Hockey Gala Day set down for this week has been cancelled.

Razorback Zone Athletics Carnival
The Razorback Zone Athletics carnival has been conducted over the past two days. A total of 29 students from Oakdale attended the carnival. A full report will be issued in the next newsletter.

School Athletics Carnival Ribbons, Certificates and Trophies
A reminder that all placegetters in this term’s Athletics Carnival will receive their ribbons and certificates at the Class Champions Assembly on Monday 15th September (last Monday of term). Junior and Senior Champions will also be awarded their trophies.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
The Premier’s Sporting Challenge is complete for another year. Results are currently being collated to determine certificate level for all participants. The sporting challenge is not only a worthwhile activity to keep students active and fit but also provides valuable funds for the school.

Sporting Finals
There are many students participating in weekend sporting finals presently. Please let me know of any star performances, either individually or as a team for inclusion in the next newsletter on email Dale.Barr@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mr Barr

YEAR 3/4 CAMP
The Year 3/4 Camp is on this Thursday and Friday. A final note was sent home last week. If you have not received this note it is located on the school’s website (www.oakdale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) under the ‘Permission Notes’ tab. Students need to be at school from 8:20am to start loading the coach. The coach will be leaving at 8:45am sharp on Thursday 4th September and estimated to return to school by 3:30pm on Friday 5th September. Please ensure your child arrives on time.

Mr Barr, Mr Luckman and Mrs Karliotis.

HEAD LICE
A few parents have noticed eggs in their children’s hair. It would be great if each child could have their hair checked and be treated if necessary. Thanks for your vigilance in this area.
Stage 3 Wollondilly Council Excursion

On the 4th August 2014, we went to the Wollondilly Shire Council and the Council Library. At the library, a staff member showed and told us about all the things we can do in the library. We went to the Council Chambers table and did a mock council meeting. I GOT TO BE THE MAYOR! We met a dog called Dodge. He could sit, speak, lie down and jump on things. After Dodge came Mikaela to talk about the residential area. Leanne then talked to us about road safety. We went back to school about 2:00pm. It was a fun day. We learnt a lot about local council.  

By Brandon Takiari 6W

On Monday 4th August, the stage 3 student at Oakdale public school went to Wollondilly Shire Council on an excursion for government week. We were split into 2 groups. We sat around the council chambers as councillors and we had a mock council meeting. Brandon was the Mayor and I was the first speaker. That means I also means I got to speak last. Then group 2 had a go, Josh got to be the Mayor. After we finished, a number of people came to talk to us about pets recycling and road safety. We had 2 special visitors dodge the dog and Mr Banasik the Mayor. After that we collected our gift bags and hopped back on the bus. Year 5 and 6 ended up learning how and why council meetings happen and work. Overall it was a fun day and I think everyone else enjoyed it as well. By Jaide Curtis 6W

On Monday the 4th of August 5&6 went to Wollondilly Shire Council. We got there by bus. When we arrived, we went to the library. A lady named Julie talked to us about books. She told us that there are many ways to borrow a book. After she finished talking to uss, we went over to the Council Chambers. Where we met Benn Banasik. We had a debate we all sat around the table and debated if there should be traffic lights near schools. The second debate was about there should be facilities at Willis Park. Everyone
said yes to both I said no to both. After the debate, a lady and a man came in with a dog. The dog's name was Dodge. They told us about safety around wildlife and stray animals. After that we got to pat him. They another lady came in and told us about recycling. At the end of the day we got a bag that had pamphlets and a ruler in it. We got on the bus and went home.  By Shaylee Robinson 6W