From the Principal’s desk:
I had a wonderful conversation with the Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts from Camden High School last week. Finally we have organised for drama to be taught to our primary students next year. Aaron Wormald will come each Wednesday for two terms with four students from Camden High School and he will give students instruction in drama and professionally develop teachers by showing them how to link drama to our literacy and history units. Aaron will also enter us into regional workshops and competitions. Aaron will be giving up his own release time to support our students which I believe is highly commendable on his part.

Dates to remember

What’s Coming up in November
*26th Captain speeches’/ Primary Assembly
*27th Year 6 Games Day (k-6 and parents welcome)
*30th Class Champion’s Assembly 9.40 start
*30th Parent Helper Morning tea(straight after Class Champion’s Assembly)

What’s Coming up in December?
*1st K-2 Christmas Social
*2nd Principal’s Morning Tea
*3rd Year 7 Orientation
*7th Presentation Day Assembly- School Director for Wollondilly attending (Margaret Turner)
*9th Year 6 Farewell
*11th Movie/Picnic day out K-6
*14th Year 6 Day Out
*14th Reports sent home
*15th Talent Quest
*16th last day of school

Reminders:
*Donations of food items, new Christmas decorations, toys, books and chocolate etc for our Xmas Hampers
*Year 6 raffle tickets returned
*Please let us know by calling the office if you are coming to the Parent Helper Morning Tea (46596251)

JOY TO THE WORLD
**Christmas Hampers**

Our fundraiser for the school this term will be our raffle for our Christmas Hampers. We are asking for donation of food items, toys and decorations. A booklet of 20 tickets will be sent home to each family in Week 4 of this term at a cost of 50 cents per ticket. Extra tickets will be available from the office.

**Chess Tournament at The Oaks Public School**

On Friday our chess team of Peter Lynch, Liam D'Arcy, Mitchell Welsh and Lachlan Brincat took on the best players at The Oaks Public School. The standout player of the tournament was Peter Lynch who won three games out of four. Unfortunately we could not keep our winning title from last year and we were defeated. All players displayed excellent sportsmanship all day and were a credit to our school.

**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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**Parent Helper Morning Tea**

Our Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held on Monday, 30th November, 2015 directly after the Class Champion’s Assembly. The assembly will go a little longer than usual as we have many certificates and awards to hand out. The morning tea will be held in the library sometime between 11.00am-11.30. Please indicate your attendance by calling the office on 46596251.
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**Student of the Week:**
- Olivia Wilkinson

**Term 4 Week 7**
- Izzy Johns, Levi Hickson
- Dallas Micallef
- Olivia Wilkinson
- Amelia Harding
- Brinley Seisun X2

**Student of the Week:**
- Benson Hoare

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**Student of the Week:**
- Joseph Denton-Boerger

**Student of the Week:**
- Claire Sproule

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**OAKDALE WORKERS CLUB**

Family Karaoke Night – Free
Saturday 5\textsuperscript{th} December, starts at 7pm

Kids Christmas Party – Sunday 13\textsuperscript{th} December
Childs name must be registered by 4\textsuperscript{th} December
CHANGES TO STUDENT TRANSPORT 2016
With the introduction of the Opal card, there will no longer be bus pass applications held at schools.
If you have a child starting Kindergarten, or who is moving from Infants to Primary i.e. Year 2 to Year 3, you need to log on to: transportnsw.info/school-students, and fill out the application form on line. Then you need to print it out and bring it to the school, we will stamp it, sign it and send it off for you. For students who already have a bus pass, you will automatically receive an Opal card next year. Children moving from Yr 2 to Yr 3 need to reapply!

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will only be open on Meal Deal Day for the rest of the year. Discounted stock will be sold over the counter at lunchtime on Friday 27th November.

A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who have helped me in the canteen this year, I couldn’t have done it without you all. I hope everyone has a great Christmas and safe New Year.

The canteen will open on Friday the 2nd week back at school in the New Year. If anyone would like to help in the canteen please come and see me, or let the office know!
Thank you
Emillie

STOP PRESS!
Santa will be visiting Oakdale/Nattai on Christmas Eve from 4-5pm. He will be travelling in the RFS Fire Truck! If you want more details check out Oakdale RFS Facebook page.
SRC Movie Day
Please return note and $10 payment to the office by **this Friday, 27th November**, as the cinemas require final numbers two weeks prior to attending. There is a note in this newsletter if you need one. If students have not returned their notes by this Friday, they will not be able to attend and as all staff are required for supervision on the excursion, there will be no teaching staff at school on the movie day.

Talent Quest
Auditions for our Talent Quest this year will be held on **Tuesday 8th December**. If your child has an act being prepared, their act needs to be ready by this date. Auditions will be held as a ‘closed audition’ in the Tiered Learning Room, with several teachers deciding who goes through to the Talent Quest. Music (if required) may be in the form of CD or ipod/phone. Costumes are not required on this day.
All children who wish to go in the Talent Quest, need to see Mrs Hooper during lunch eating time (on any day) to receive a form. This form needs to be filled out and submitted by **Friday 4th December** to register their act.
In summary:
- Friday 4th December – registration forms need to be submitted if you want to enter
- Tuesday 8th December – Audition Day with your music at school (if required)
- Tuesday 15th December – school Talent Quest in front of the whole school

Happy planning!
Any further enquiries, please see Mrs Hooper

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**K-2 Social**

**Tuesday 1st December**
School hall
5.00pm to 6.30pm

**Cost:** $2 entry to cover refreshments/prizes.
**Theme:** CHRISTMAS
End of Year Celebration - Movie Day!

As a change from the ‘Big Day In’ of previous years, the staff will be congratulating and rewarding a whole year of hard work and great behaviour by taking students on an excursion to the park and movies!

**When:** Friday 11th December  
**Where:** Elyard Reserve Playground for a picnic, then to United Cinemas at Narellan Town Centre  
**Travel:** By bus  
**Cost:** $10  
**Dress:** Full summer school uniform  
**Please bring:** School hat, water or drink bottle, **own lunch and snacks** in a small backpack or usual school bag.

Students need to be at school by normal morning bell time (9.30) and will return before the afternoon bell.

At the movies, we will be seeing a pre-release of Disney Pixar’s new movie The Good Dinosaur (which opens on Boxing Day, rated PG) and students will receive a choc-top ice cream in the movie.

Please complete the permission slip below, enclose your $10 payment and return to the school office by **Friday 27th November, 2015**, as the cinemas must have final numbers by this date (two weeks prior).

This excursion is a reward for good behaviour, so (as in previous years with the Big Day In) if your child does not display appropriate school behaviour leading up to the event, they may lose the privilege of attending.

Looking forward to a great day!  
Mrs Hooper and SRC

I give permission for my child ______________________ in class _____ to travel by bus to the End of Year Movie Day at Elyard Reserve and the United Cinemas on Friday 11th December, 2015.

- **Please circle:** My child can receive a choc top ice cream (vanilla flavour) in the movie (yes / no) If **no**, a snack my child can eat is ____________________.
- I have enclosed $10 as payment

Signed __________________ (Parent/Caregiver)
Games Day

A Games Day has been organised to be held on Friday 27th November from 12:30 - 3:00. Money raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell and present to the school. Students can wear mufti on this day for a gold coin donation. Please note that there are to be NO SINGLET TOPS, OPEN TOED SHOES OR BASEBALL CAPS WORN. All students in 6KM have been writing letters to companies requesting donations that can be used for prizes. The prizes that will be given out on the day consist of posters, pens, stickers, pencils, wristbands, etc. The students in 6KM will be in charge of creating fun activities and games that the whole school will be able to participate in. Students can purchase "Oakies" from now until the 27th November. $5 for 25 'Oakies'. Games will be from 1 to 3 'Oakies' depending on the activity, eg: face painting = 3 'Oakies', Knock'em Down = 1 'Oakie'. The types of activities which will be available are face painting, make-up, haunted house, soccer shots, basketball shots, computer games, sponge throwing, mini disco, etc. Please send your money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class to the office. 'Oakies' will not be distributed until the 27th November so that none are lost. Raffle prizes will be drawn each day in Week 9.

GAMES DAY "OAKIES" ORDER FORM

Name: __________________________
Class: ____________
Number of 'Oakies' sheets ____ @ $5 each sheet = __________
Year 5 love suspense and thriller as we share so many chilling stories with each other. It was interesting to read all of the suspenseful stories that 5I had written, so we thought what a great way to end the term by reading one. Skeleton Creek is written by Patrick C and tells the tale about a boy named Ryan and his friend Sarah. The book contains journal entries by Ryan as well as interactive online messages from Sarah. Ryan and Sarah are investigating some mysterious happenings in their home town ‘Skeleton Creek’ when a dreadful fate hits Ryan and he ends up in hospital. Their parents instruct that they are no longer to have any contact with one another, but they can’t help themselves. Sarah continues to investigate and keeps Ryan updated through emails and video messages. This book has year 5 hooked and jumping out of their seats at times.

SINGING

Our presentation day assembly is fast approaching and year 5 are getting ready. We have been so busy learning the words to the presentation day assembly song.
along with years 3, 4 and 6. It’s coming along well and we know that our friends and family are going to really love it. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**SPORT!!**

Exercise and team sport is something that really excites us in year 5. We enjoy getting out there and having fun on the field. This past week we have really taken a liking to an outdoor tabloid rotation where we participated in Frisbee, 3 legged races, tug o war, sack races, egg and spoon races, captain ball and tunnel ball. 5I are very supportive of one another and cheered each other on through the races and Frisbee throwing. We look forward to the last few weeks of sport ahead.

**ART and MATHS...**
Year 5 absolutely loves Visual Arts! This week we have started on our Christmas art. We have made a variety of art so far such as Grinch, Reindeer and Christmas trees. We are so excited to begin decorating our classroom for Christmas. There are so many talented artists in the classroom and it’s always great to see the end product of what has been created.

Maths is another one of our favourite subjects where year 5 have been focusing on Money, Fractions and Whole Number. It’s great to see everyone trying really hard and supporting one another as we work together to problem solve.

SPEECHES!!
Captain speeches are fast approaching and year 5 candidates have been rehearsing a lot. They are all fantastic and are going to make it tough for the school body to decide who will be elected. Year 5 are feeling nervous but are prepared to do their best and tell the school community why they will make a great leader in 2016. We hope to see you all there on Thursday afternoon!
Library News

Wow, another year is almost over! This newsletter entry is a lot like 2015 was- very busy! 😊 Week 8 is the last week for borrowing, so please start returning all books as soon as possible. Overdue notices will be sent home at the end of Week 9. A big thank you to my Library Monitors (Amy Hooper, Brandon Baker, Olivia Bunce, Anastasia Lalic and Lachlan Brincat) for all of your help this year- you’ve done a great job!

New Library Chairs

The money raised from this year’s Book Fair has gone towards these lovely new chairs for the Library. I did order ‘Grape’ coloured chairs... so apparently Grape is the new Magenta! There has been much discussion amongst students, as to whether the chairs are purple or pink and I’ve decided that they are as confusing as that blue and black/white and gold dress viral phenomenon from earlier this year. There’s a photo over → but you’re more than welcome to visit the library and decide for yourself 😊

Fundraising 2016 - Laptops for the Library

I’ve decided that it is time for the Library to raise the funds required to buy 15 laptops and a laptop trolley. We currently only have 15 desktop computers which means that I am unable to have entire classes working on the computers at the same time, and occasionally I have to send some students to complete their work on the computers in the classrooms. It would make for much more productive Library lessons if there were enough computers for an entire class to be using them at the same time.

The first fundraising event for 2016 will take place over Term 1 and will be a 5c Fundraiser. Start collecting your 5c coins but please don’t send them in until next year (and when you do, send them in plastic zip lock bags with your child’s name on them). There will be a prize (TBA) for the student who raises the most money AND a prize (TBA) for the class who raises the most money.
**Book Club**

I recently read an article about increasing student engagement with texts, which gave me the idea of starting a **lunch time book club on Fridays**. We are currently reading *Ratburger* by David Walliams and the students who are attending are really enjoying listening to, and discussing the story.

**Junior Tech Club**

The nine students from Years 1-3 who were chosen for Junior Tech Club have been using [www.tynker.com](http://www.tynker.com) to learn about **computer programming** in a fun and easy way. This article from The Age talks about how important computer programming may be in the future: [http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/coding-education-in-schools-crucial-as-english-and-maths-or-is-it-20150529-ghct42.html](http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/coding-education-in-schools-crucial-as-english-and-maths-or-is-it-20150529-ghct42.html).

As beginning coders need a lot of teacher assistance, it is more effective for me to teach small groups of students at a time. Because of this, I highly recommend Tynker (or the similar website [www.scratch.mit.edu](http://www.scratch.mit.edu)) for all students to use at home as there are: interactive exercises, guided tutorials, fun creativity tools and puzzles for your children to play and learn with. I think that coding is a great skill for children to have, and I love that students who have a natural talent for it are able to quickly complete the tutorials before they have a go at creating their own programs; and I love that it helps beginning coders learn how to break down complicated problems into smaller steps, which is a very valuable skill to have.

**School Website**

You can check out some of the great work KH and 2C have done this year if you go to the school website: [http://www.oakdale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakdale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au), click on the ‘Our School’ tab at the top, and then hover over ‘Library’ on the left-hand side.

**KH**- Together, the class came up with some simple (but very important) internet safety rules.

**2C**- Students have taken a photo of their favourite place in the school and provided a reason for why they love it so much.

**Oliver Library Software**

We are finally getting **new web-based Library software** at our school. I am a little bit excited because we are currently using the same DOS based program that was being used when I went to primary school! Mrs Costello and I will be trained in how to use ‘Oliver’ before it ‘goes live’ in March next year. Oliver will be much more user-friendly, for the teachers and the students!

*I hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe Christmas break!*

Miss Hannaford 😊