From the Principal’s desk

Once again it has been a productive and exciting term for our students. We have had many students receiving extra support in Literacy and Numeracy and they are all showing measureable improvement. We have also had a group of students receiving extension experiences using ICT and they love this addition to the timetable. All students have received instruction on colour theory from Mrs Gonzales through our Talented Artist Program and we have seen some amazing artworks produced. Our school leaders were inducted and the captains attended a leadership conference in Sydney. Our Year 6 students have started thinking about high school and have been to Camden High School for a day. The Year 2 sleepover was a hit but the teachers are glad it only happens once a year! The NRL and the mobile zoo came for a visit. Harmony Day was sensational. The Hawaiian dancers, kite and bubble making plus our picnic lunch made for an engaging and memorable day. The SRC organised for us to wear our hair a little crazy in order to raise funds for cancer research. We have had five students make sporting teams at a higher level plus another five win art awards. We have been to gala days, run our swimming and cross country carnivals and each class had a trial golf lesson. We nominated 4 students from each class to be Class Champions for their attentiveness. Parents have had the opportunity to come to a meet the teacher afternoon, parent and teacher interview evening and a reading strategies training session plus attend an open night at Camden High School. The canteen prepared meal deals and jelly and worked very hard to

What’s Coming up in March
* 31st Scripture
* 31st Lockdown Drill

What’s Coming up in April
* 1st State Swimming
* 2nd State Swimming
* 2nd Easter Parade
* 3rd Good Friday
* Footsteps dance starts Week 1
  23/4/15 cost per child $27.30
* 24th School Photographs (1st week after the holiday break)

Reminders:
* Donations for Easter Raffle
* School photos will now be 24/4
* Footsteps note and money
* School contribution $40 per family or $25 per child
* All library books to be returned Wednesday this week
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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The P&C organised an election day barbecue and held several meetings during the term to discuss pertinent school issues and plan fundraising events. Thank you to all volunteers who supported class programs, assisted with sporting events, fun days and in any other areas. Your positive contributions to our school are appreciated. Teachers have been involved in a wide variety of professional learning activities during staff meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays to ensure we keep ourselves informed about the implementation of new syllabus documents and The Australian Standards for Teachers. Thank you for your work at school and in your own time to give our students a well-rounded education. We concluded the term with a hat parade and high spirits as we all look forward to a break to renew our energy levels in order to come back and gladly do our best to support our students and community again. Enjoy the break.

Maria Green 😊
**Easter Raffle**
The school will be organising an Easter Raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade at the end of the term. We are asking parents for donations of eggs and chocolates to make up gift baskets. Please send your contributions to the office.

**Chess**
Chess starts next term. If you would like to join the club so that we can enter a team in this year’s competitions please see Mrs Green and let her know.

**Footsteps Education through Dance**
Footsteps will be organising our dance program in Term 2 2015. It is expected that all students will attend as it is part of the curriculum. Students will experience many forms of dance including hip-hop, street, traditional and many modern styles that the students will relate to. We had a session last year to experience what it would be like and the students were very engaged and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

**When:** Our first session will be Thursday 23/4/15 and after that every Monday
**Where:** School Hall
**Cost:** $27.30 per student for 10 sessions (any families experiencing difficulty can make a payment arrangement)
**Time:** K-2 1.20-2.00  3-6  2.30-3.10
**Payment due by:** Tuesday, 23rd April (it would be great if we could get some payments before the end of Term 1)

*Please Note:* K-2 assembly will be on a Tuesday afternoon in Term 2

**Canteen News**
Fiona Williams our canteen manager has worked very hard in her role putting in many hours a week to ensure our canteen offers a wide selection of items for our students. We appreciate everything she has done as manager but sadly she has resigned from this position. We are seeking a parent who would like to take on this responsibility commencing Term 2.

**Baby News**
Mrs Smith is having a baby! She works Wednesdays and Thursdays in a support role. Mrs Smith will take leave in Term 4. Congratulations.

**Miss Clay on Leave**
Miss Clay had organised to take leave prior to her employment at Oakdale PS. She will be on leave from 21/4/15-14/5/15 and Miss Maria will relie in the position.

**Crossing**
Please be careful at both crossings near the school. Drive slowly and be alert in case a child dashes out. Parents are to monitor their child’s behaviour in these zones. Teachers constantly go over safety rules and these need to be reinforced at home as well.
**Easter Hat Parade**

A reminder that the school's Easter Hat Parade is on this Thursday, starting at 10am with all parents welcome to attend. Children are currently in the process of making their Easter hat creations with buddy classes. Children may dress in mufti on the day. K-2 parents please note that the day will also act as the K-2 theme day for Term 1, with Easter activities and social also occurring. As part of the celebration, the school’s Easter raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the parade.

**Crazy Hair Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported Crazy Hair Day last Wednesday. It was great to see most students arrive at school with crazy hair ready to have it sprayed. We raised $100 from hair spraying which has been sent to the Leukaemia Foundation and we raised $142 for the SRC which will go towards the Big Day In in Term 4.

A big thankyou to Mrs Webber for the last minute donation of spray cans as we were running out!

Mrs Hooper, Mrs Smith and the SRC.

**School Contribution 2015**

Dear Parents,

We are requesting a voluntary annual contribution of $40 per family or $25 per student to assist us support existing programs and open up avenues to provide new programs. This year’s contribution will go towards our support programs in reading and mathematics; providing students having difficulty in these areas with small group and individual support. We would like all contributions paid by Friday, 8th May so that we can ascertain how much has been given and work out our budget for Term 2.

Your generosity is appreciated and you can be assured the money will be put to good use by assisting students achieve with the support they need.

I ____________________________ (parent name) wish to support school programs by voluntarily contributing $40 per family or $25 per student. We would be grateful for payments to be made by 8th May 2015. I understand this year’s contribution will fund reading and mathematics support programs.

Date____________________________ Maria Green Principal
Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

What are the speaking requirements?

At each stage of the competition contestants present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. For their prepared speech, contestants must choose a topic from the list of multicultural topics at bottom of the next page. The prepared speech must have multicultural content. The impromptu speech is chosen by the adjudicator on the day, and will be on a general, non-multicultural theme. Contestants will have 5 minutes to write their impromptu speeches. The speaking times for each speech and division are outlined below. Note that speakers are expected to finish at or just beyond the official speaking time, and it will be considered poor timing to reach the continuous bell.

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What are the prepared speech topics for 2015?

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Mr Barr will be organising this event. It may be valuable to get your ideas together in the holidays if you intend entering this competition. Speeches will need to be completed mid-term 2. Mr Barr will meet with any student interested when we return from holidays to give them some assistance.
| KH | Term 1 Week 9 | Fletcher Woods X2  
|    |              | Christian Goebel X2  
|    |              | Max Sproule  
|    |              | Ruby Palmer  
|    |              | Josef Stack  
| **Artist Award:** | | Samuel Walker 1B |

| IB | Term 1 Week 9 | Alex Tait-Palummo X3  
|    |              | Ryan Young X2, Lachlan Russell  
|    |              | Samuel Walker, Jed Palmer  
|    |              | Angus Richardson X2  
|    |              | Matthew Prout X2  
|    |              | Charlie Hooper X2  
|    |              | Hayley Austin X2  
|    |              | Alyvia Bond X2  
|    |              | Brody Hartshorne X2  
| **Student of the Week:** | | Charlie Hooper |

| 2C | Term 1 Week 9 | Lily Hooper  
| **Student of the Week:** | | Chase Brackenrig |
On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, our school displayed 111 entries in the Schools Art Competition at Camden Show. The quality of the artworks was outstanding. Well done to all of the students who spent so much time and effort in creating such beautiful work. Congratulations to the following students who were recognised by the judges by receiving the following awards:

- **Hannah Stoddart 6KM** – First Place
- **Samuel Walker 1B** - Highly Commended
- **Cheyanne Baker 4F** - Highly Commended
- **Anastasia Lalic 5I** - Highly Commended
- **Lachlan Burley 5I** - Highly Commended

Students displaying the winning artworks
Oakdale Public School Cross Country 2015

On Friday 27th of March the School Cross Country was held at Willis Park. The day started off with some wild gusts of wind but by mid-morning we had a beautiful day of sunshine with mild to moderate wind.

On the day of the event the children were excited to be outside and keen to run, (this was evident by the constant, enthusiastic asking of, ‘When is it my turn?’ or ‘Can I race again?’). All the children’s efforts and determination to finish should be commended as the distances required to run can be a long way for little legs!

There also needs to be a big thank you to all the parents that helped make the day run smoothly. Thank you for those who helped with the BBQ and/or sat out in the sun and cold wind at the various points around the course. I would like to thank especially Mrs Foster, Mrs Bond, Mr Milne and Mrs Palmer for remaining after the event and helping pack equipment into cars then unloading back at school.

Congratulations to all the place getters on the day. Certificates will be presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at their next assembly in Term 2. Also, all students who came 1st in their age group will receive a medal at their next assembly in Term 2.

These are the results for the day. Children Years 8 and older are able to represent our school at Zone; notes will be sent home in Term 2.

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Thanks to everyone for their participation 😊Narda Itskos

Could you please log onto the school website to complete the parent survey/evaluation on the carnival.

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KINDERGARTEN TERM 1

In Kindergarten, we have had a fantastic start to big school! We have all settled in happily and are learning lots of new things every day. We have also made many new friends! Here we are on Harmony Day:

Most importantly, we know how to sit quietly and listen when we are sitting on the floor, we know to put our hand up when we want to say something or ask a question (because we can’t just speak when we want to!) and we understand how important it is to listen to what the teacher is saying.

We are learning two single sounds every week and Mrs Hooper shows us how these sounds join together to make words that we can read and write! We do a craft activity with each new sound, which reinforces a word that begins with that sound. Have you seen our pretty pink pigs, or our crunchy carrots, or our really colourful rainbows?

We are learning many new words called Sight Words, which use these letters, and we can learn these words ‘off by heart’ so we can read them quickly when they come up in a book. We have learnt words like ‘I’, ‘it’, ‘see’ and ‘can’.

These are some of our Sight Words:
We are putting these words into sentences in our Writing books. Here is Olivia doing some beautiful writing with a picture!

Our Sight Words also come in handy when we are reading Big Books and we are also learning how to stretch the sounds in words.

We are also learning how to recognise, write and count numbers up to 10, and can count backwards from 10 in our Buzz Off Hairy Legs game! We have had a fantastic first term and everybody can’t wait until we start reading independently next term! How exciting!

Mrs Hooper
State Swimming Carnival
Emmitt Carlile once again produced some outstanding performances at last week’s PSSA State Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. Emmitt competed in five events with his best result being 13th in the 12 Years Boys 50m Backstroke in a time of 36.06 seconds. The state carnival includes ALL NSW schools (public and non-public). His other results are listed below.

50m Freestyle: 25th (32.19); 100m Freestyle: 23rd (1:10.13); 50m Butterfly: 24th (36.54); 200m Individual Medley: 26th (3:01.99). This is the 5th consecutive year Emmitt has attended the state carnival - an amazing achievement. His behaviour and sportsmanship at any zone, regional or state carnival has always been of the highest standard. Congratulations on all your swimming achievements at Oakdale Public School, Emmitt!

PSSA Representation
It’s hard to know where to start with representative sport over the past few weeks. In chronological order, Tori Davis has made the Razorback Zone Girls Hockey Team after impressing at the recent trials and lunchtime training with Miss Clay. As previously mentioned Jesse Beard and Caitlan McSavaney represented Razorback at the Regional Carnival last Tuesday. Both girls performed extremely well with Caitlan making the Sydney South West team to play at the State Carnival next term. A brilliant effort, Caitlan! In other trials last week Noah Meredith participated in the try-outs for the zone softball team while Miki Ashman and Amy Hooper contested the Netball try-outs. Thank you to Mrs Crompton and Mrs Woods for their dedication and expertise in training and coaching Noah and Lachlan Burley in softball over the past few weeks. Finally, Emmitt Carlile, Tyler Henry, Noah Meredith and Brandon Baker competed at the zone boys touch football try-outs. A busy time for all! Emmitt continued his sporting prowess by making the train-on squad.

GOLF CLINIC
Starting in Term 2 golfing professionals from Antill Golf Club in Picton will conduct weekly and bi-weekly golf clinics for K-6. The school has purchased K-2 and 3-6 golf kits which will be utilised by the club in their clinics together with weekly school sport independent of the club. The golf clinics will be held on Fridays and run for the majority of the term.

NRL HOLIDAY CLINIC KIRKHAM PARK
Date: Thursday 9th April 2015
Time: 10:00am -1:00pm
Age: 5-12 Years Old
Cost: $40
Giveaways: Rugby League Ball; NRL Backpack; Kicking Tee; Water Bottle; Truckers Cap
TO REGISTER VISIT PLAYNRL.COM

Mr Barr
Hi Everyone,

First off, I would just like to say a Big Thank You to all the Students, Teachers & Families who have supported me (The Canteen) over the past 2 Years.

As of the end of Term – 2nd April 2015, I will no longer be the Canteen Coordinator.

I have resigned from this position due to work commitments.

I have enjoyed my time in the Canteen and P & C and I would like to thank the Board Members for their friendship, support and help over the past 2 years.

A huge big Thank you goes to Trish Fordham, Anita Young, Kerry New & Emilie Tate for helping me 100% in the canteen. To all of the volunteers (too many to write, sorry) who have helped in the canteen, I thank you very much for your time and effort over the past 2 years. It has been a pleasure to work with all. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

**Position Vacant:**

*Canteen Coordinator*

If you are interested in this position, please see me or one of the lovely P & C Board Members.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Up & Coming Events for this Term:

* **Election Day:** 28th March – Cake Stall & BBQ – Volunteers & Baked Goods Donations will be greatly appreciated.

* **Term 1 Meal Deal:** 1st April – Chicken Nuggets – Order Forms to be handed in by 31/3/15.

* **Easter Hat Parade:** 2nd April - The Canteen will still be open for Lunch Orders & Over the Counter Sales.

* **Volunteers:** If you would like to volunteer in the canteen for Term 2, please fill in the form attached and hand it into the office as so as possible. I will still hand out the rooster in week 10 for next term for the new coordinator.

* **Term 2 Menu:** The menu will remain the same. Please find attached a copy of the menu.

Once again, Thank You everyone for your support. Fiona
What has Year 2 been up to?

Year 2 has been very busy and starting to feel quite settled in our routines! Recently, we have welcomed two new students, Rhys and Georgie into our classroom and we look forward to learning alongside them throughout the year!

In literacy we have been exploring the text *Puffling*. We analysed that different text features used by the author and illustrator help to create meaning as we read and interpret text. We compared how we can relate to the story of *Puffling* with our own family lives and in what ways we are similar and different. We also wrote about our favourite illustration in the book. See an example below!

“In the book *Puffling*, my favourite illustration is the part when he looks outside the burrow and can see the beautiful colours of the ocean and the beautiful brightness of the moonlight. He can also see all the creatures that live in this habitat. The sky is dark blue and the ocean is green and purple. “

- A fantastic writing piece by Reagan

In art, we have had a wonderful time with Mrs Gonzalez constructing artworks with oil pastels and paint and learning some exciting new techniques. We also learned about the colour wheel and the famous works
‘Circles in Squares’ by the artist Kandinsky. Some of our Puffling artworks were entered into the Camden show!

Check out this awesome artwork by Claire!

We have been working hard learning about a variety of grammar rules each week! Our favourite one so far was verbs, because we incorporated Angry Birds and wrote out our ‘angry verbs.’ See to the right!

Friday the 20th of March we celebrated Harmony Day. After watching some exciting performances in the hall, we enjoyed a picnic with our parents with our lunches inspired by a specific country. Later that day we made kites and large bubble blowers in class with thanks to the year 5 and 6 helpers! We then had a fun filled afternoon flying our kites and blowing huge bubbles in the play-ground.

Above/Left: Riley showing a big cheesy grin during kite flying! Right: Georgie about to blow a massive bubble!
In maths, we have been having fun with lots of hands on activities! In the picture below we were constructing a tower one metre in height using different objects within the classroom. We practiced measuring its height in centimetres as it progressively grew taller.

2C are Champions!

♥ Miss Clay

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**Election Day BBQ & Cake stall**

Thank you to all the ladies who donated items to the cake stall. They were yummy.
Thank you to all the people who bought cakes and bacon or sausage sandwiches on the day.

Well done to Fiona Williams, Sharryn McGrory, Kalika Austin, Paul & Karen Foster and Rachel D’Arcy for working hard to make the day a success.

We raised over $1000 for our little school.
Special thanks to Lydia & Kate Foster and Breeanna & Hayley Austin for helping wherever they were needed. They raised $200 for the year 6 Farwell by selling raffle tickets for the box of food from The Oaks Fruit shop.

Thank you for supporting our school!