From the Principal’s desk

Welcome back from a hopefully restful holiday and precious time spent with your children. Most students arrived back ready to do their best and involve themselves in school activities. Parents need to set the expectation with their children that they need to participate in what is offered by the school and be positive about their learning. Once again this term we will reiterate that the school will not tolerate behaviour that negatively impacts on the learning of others.

Non-compliance in the classroom and playground will not be tolerated and firm consequences will be put in place. Continued defiance, disruption or physical harm to another student may result in a suspension from school. Parents will be notified early in the term if their child is experiencing behavioural difficulties.

Students are expected to wear the winter uniform as it gets colder. Bike shorts and leggings are not a part of the uniform nor is jewellery and coloured jumpers. These sorts of items can be worn on the weekend.

Our rule for the term is “BE POLITE” and we will be encouraging good manners and respectful behaviour. We need to be supported at home by parents reinforcing our expectations so that we are all working together to bring about the best outcomes for our students.
School Rule for the Term “BE POLITE”
Staff will be looking for students who can BE POLITE throughout the term to acknowledge at our Class Champions Assembly. These students will demonstrate some of these qualities:
BE POLITE- by saying please, thank you, pardon me and excuse me. Speak in a respectful, pleasant tone, show kindness toward others, be tactful in dealing with others, show sensitivity and understanding of how others are feeling, no name calling or rude language, be courteous, friendly and helpful; they will ask what they can do for others. Students who are polite are often very diplomatic in their dealings with others.

Little Bad Wolf Bullying Performance
The Little Bad Wolf Bullying performance will be held on Thursday, 21st May, at 2.30pm. This is a follow-up performance to the one we participated in last year. The program aims to provide students with the skills to stop bullying. It also assists students understand the different types of bullying and learn to identify the roles different people can play in bullying. Students will be able to identify the victim, bystander and bully. The cost per student is $5 and I encourage all students to attend. The permission note is on the school website and will also be sent to email addresses.

Pie and Lamington Fundraiser
We are organising another pie and lamington drive this year. Funds raised will be used to assist pay for the extra personnel we employ to support students during our MATHSMAD lessons. Please complete the order form and send both in an envelope to the office by Wednesday, 17th June and orders will be delivered by 22nd June. The order form will be on the school website and sent to email addresses.

Diana Ferrari Fundraiser
We are holding another fundraiser at Diana Ferrari at Macarthur Square in Campbelltown. The event will be held at a date to be finalised in June, starting at 6.00pm. We receive 10% cash from the items purchased on the night but if you can’t attend on the night you can make a purchase during the day and it will be added to our tally. As winter draws near it would be a great opportunity for staff and community members to purchase new boots, shoes, warm jumpers and coats for our very chilly winter days in Oakdale.
Last year we raised $500 in an hour; we’d like to double that this year. All funds raised will go toward the continuation of our individual reading programs for students experiencing difficulty in this area. This note will be sent to your email address and be placed on the school website.

Footsteps Dance
As quite a few students have not returned their permission notes and money for this activity this is a reminder of our dance program this term. If you cannot not pay upfront and want your child to attend send in the permission note and arrangements can be made to pay for the program throughout the term.
Fun, laughter and learning in 4F

We love to read in our class. In reading groups, we have read lots of wonderful books to each other then talked about how the author and illustrator created the text and visual narrative.

A highlight of our reading this year was the whole class reading of E. B. White’s “Charlotte’s Web”. This is a fantastic long narrative. We also watched the movie based on the book and discussed how the story was interpreted visually. Ms Fuller taught us some fascinating information about spiders too!

Of course, we have learnt heaps in maths too! As well as doing exciting new concepts and fun maths challenges, we have MathsMad every week. Mrs Fuller and Mrs Hill teach us about problem-solving, place value and many other maths notions.
One of our favourite activities is visual arts. We have created some awesome artworks; we even entered our cartoons in Camden Show and Cheyanne won a prize! Mrs Gonzales taught us about colour and we made the most incredible watercolours based on Uluru.

We did a fun activity before Easter on repeated images and produced bunny mandalas. Our Easter hats were colourful and gorgeous at the Easter hat parade too!

In history and geography we learnt about the ANZACs and the story of John Simpson Kirkpatrick and his donkey, Duffy. Also the area in Turkey where the conflicts occurred. We created a display to honour the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli by the Australian soldiers.
A Personal Look at Oakdale’s History

Last term, on the 1st April, Mrs Eileen O’Brien was invited by Mr Barr to visit our school. Mrs O’Brien has lived in and around Oakdale for eighty five years. She came to school to give an oral history about Oakdale to 3C and 4F, as part of our COGs unit on “Local Communities”. Mrs O’Brien spoke eloquently about the changes she has experienced in Oakdale over time. The students were fascinated by her stories about her past. For example, how hard they all had to work without modern machines (washing clothes in a “copper”), attending school on horseback, going to dances in the local hall and getting mail delivered a couple of times per week. We would like to thank Mrs O’Brien for giving our students such a wonderful insight into the past. Ms Fuller, Mrs Coppola and Mr Barr

Upcoming Cobbitty Market Dates

- Sat 2 May 2015
- Sat 6 June 2015
- Sat 4 July 2015
- Sat 1 August 2015
- Sat 5 September 2015
- Sat 3 October 2015

Location

Cobbitty Markets are held in the grounds of Cobbitty Public School, on Cobbitty Road, within Cobbitty village. The Cobbitty Markets Committee supports Oakdale Public School by sponsoring one of our major Year 6 awards at the end of the year. Please support them if the opportunity arises.

Bookclub.

Brochures for Issue 3 which were distributed last week and orders close this Friday 1st May. Orders can be made online at the scholastic website using the LOOP payment method (see brochures for instructions) or through the school placing your order inside an envelope with the CORRECT cash or a cheque made payable to SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA. Please ensure child’s name is on the order form. If you do not wish the items to be sent home with your child please write the word HOLD on the ORDER FORM.

Thank you.

Mrs Berger
Oakdale Public School Sporting News

Gala Days
PSSA Gala Days for Soccer, Netball and AFL are being tentatively planned for weeks 5 (‘A’ Gala Day) and 8 (‘B’ Gala Day) this term for juniors and seniors. The school is awaiting confirmation that all three sports will be held. Students who miss out on selection for the ‘A’ Gala Days will be given first preference for the ‘B’ Gala Days. Please ensure notes and money are handed in on time. It takes a lot of time and effort to organise teams and to follow up students who have not returned notes. Notes not returned on time will result in children missing out on school representation at Gala Days and other PSSA events. Additionally if children decide not to compete, they must let their coach know as soon as possible.

Razorback Sporting Representation
Razorback sporting carnivals get into full swing this term. Starting off this week Tori Davis and Lachlan Burley will represent Razorback at the Regional Hockey and 11’s Rugby League Carnivals respectively. The following week Emmitt Carlile will represent Razorback once again at the Opens Rugby League Carnival. Emmitt has also made the Razorback team for Touch Football with the Regional Carnival in Week 4. Good luck all!

Sporting Schools Program
The school has applied for and received funding from the Australian Government Sporting Schools program. These funds have been directed to the purchase of golf equipment suitable for all K-6 students and professional coaching lessons from Antill Golf Club over the term.

School Athletics Carnival
The school athletics carnival will be held on the last two days of Term 2 (25th and 26th June). K-6 students will compete at Willis Park in running events on one day whilst students in Years 2-6 (8 years+) will compete in the field events at school on the other. A final decision on what day each event will be held will be made shortly.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge (PSC)
Starting shortly, the Premier’s Sporting Challenge is being held again this year with students encouraged to be active during and after school hours. The PSC provides valuable funding for the school in promoting physical activity.

Mr Barr
Primary Social Term 1

At the end of last term, we had our first Primary Social for the year. The theme was “come dressed in blue” and all of our students looked fantastic in all hues of blue. They danced, laughed and played some fun games! Thank you to all of the students for your awesome behaviour and for making the social heaps of fun!
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What is available to order | Tick your choices | Amount | Cost
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Apple Pie | | | |
Cherry Pie | | | |
Beef Pie | | | |
Curry Pie | | | |
Lamingtons (box of 6) | | | |

Total=
Before the Book Fair!

**K-2 Colouring-In Competition:** Win a $10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

There will be 1 winner per class and entries are due in by Friday, 22\(^{nd}\) May. It must be in pencil and entirely the student’s work.

**3-4 Colouring-In Competition:** Win a $10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

There will be 1 winner per class and entries are due in by Friday, 22\(^{nd}\) May. It must be in pencil and entirely the student’s work.

**5-6 Create-A-Shield Competition:** Win a $10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

There will be 1 winner per class and entries are due in by Friday, 22\(^{nd}\) May. It must be in pencil and entirely the student’s work.

**Guessing Competition:** Guess how many chess pieces are in the jar and win a $10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

Library Monitors will be recording guesses at lunch times the week prior to the Book Fair. Every student gets one guess (it’s free)!
Mufti Day: Come dressed in your most royal outfit. Maybe you’ll be a queen, a king, a knight, or a jester— you choose!

Grandparent’s Royal Banquet: Grandparents are invited to browse the Book Fair before attending a Royal Banquet where they will be treated like Kings and Queens by their grandchildren. From 1:30-2:00, grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren’s classrooms. Invitations will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Royal Photo Booth: For a gold coin donation, get your photo taken and we will print it for you and send it home for you. You could even get one taken with your grandparents!

Extra Prizes: Everyone who gets their photo taken in the Royal Photo Booth has a chance to win a prize!

Prizes will be handed out at the Monday morning assembly.