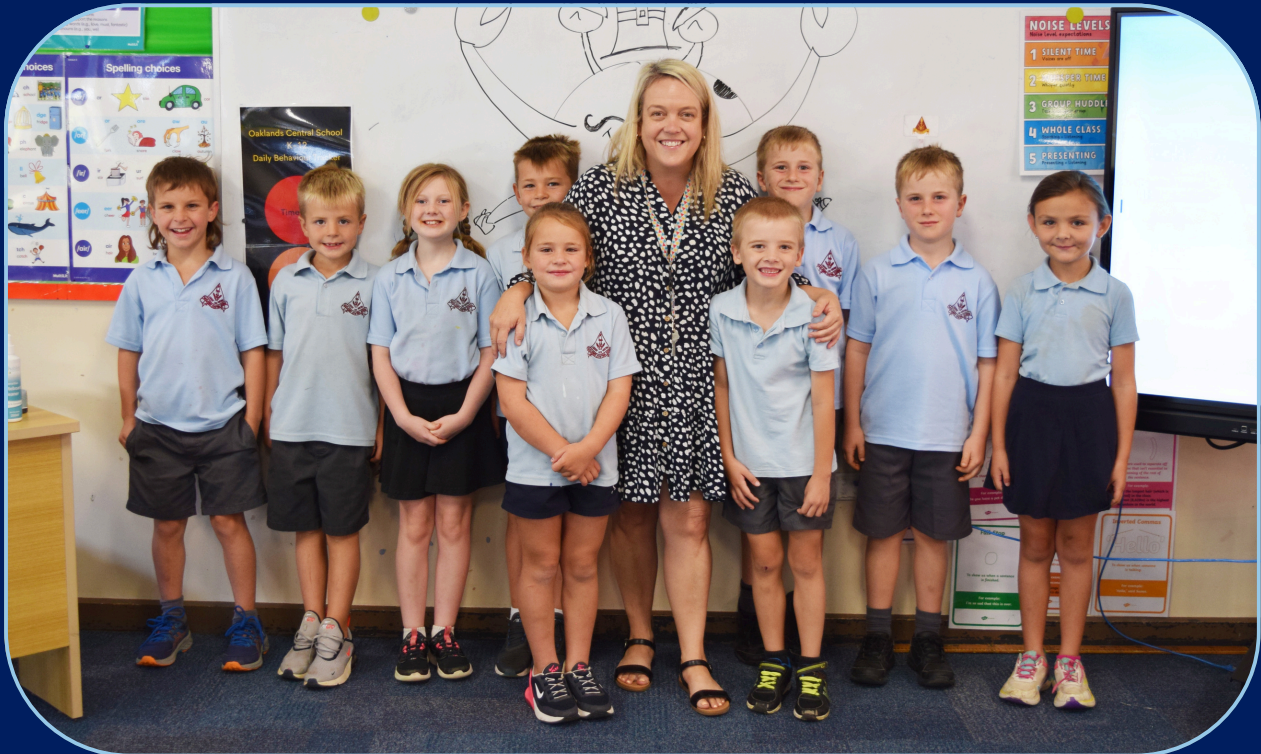




OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL



Kindergarten
Information
Handbook
2025

Principals Welcome

On behalf of the students, staff and parents of the school, may I welcome you and your family to our wonderful school.

Oaklands Central School has been providing co-educational, comprehensive public education since 1885. *Luceat Lux Vestra* (Let Your Light Shine) is our school motto and reflects the school's core beliefs, that every student has the strength to thrive and shine.

Oaklands Central School is part of the Riverina Access Partnership which includes 5 other schools across the Riverina and provides access to a broad curriculum for our Stage 6 students. This quality partnership provides an educational opportunity for stage 6 students by using a combination of virtual and face to face lessons, through utilising expertise of staff from all the schools to drive HSC results and achievement. Our Primary section has strong connections with our local Primary schools. Staff work together providing a number of educational excursions, broadening the knowledge and understanding of our students K to 6.

The school has excellent facilities which include well maintained grounds, a comprehensive library and access to high quality technology devices to support student learning. Every student from K to 12 has access to a school laptop to support their learning.

In addition to the academic pursuits, the school provides a broad range of activities including the performing arts, leadership and sporting experiences and has a strong focus on quality education.

At Oaklands Central School, we pride ourselves on the close relationships that we hold with the families who support our school. The school works in partnership with a variety of stakeholders including Student Representative Council, Parents and Citizens Association (P&C), Federation Council and local businesses.

As a result of the school's situational analysis, it has been determined that a whole school approach, including all members of the school community, is required to achieve improvement in student performance.

Over the next four years (2021-2024) this approach will include:

- Providing professional learning with a focus on enhancing teaching practices
- Using evidence and assessment to understand our students
- Authentic partnerships with the community
- Student wellbeing and engagement

Our Strategic Improvement Plan and the initiatives outlined in it will be regularly evaluated and adjustments to meet the needs of the school will be made accordingly.

Our school vision statement is 'Our school empowers all staff and students to embrace academic learning, achieve their personal best and build their emotional, social and physical wellbeing.'

Welcome to Oaklands Central School.

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General Information

School Begins

Thursday 6th February, 2025.

Enrolment

Please ensure you have completed an online enrolment form and submitted this to school. A Birth Certificate and Immunisation History Statement must also be provided when submitting the enrolment. To access the online enrolment form, visit our website: www.oaklands-c.schools.nsw.gov.au (paper copy enrolment forms are still available upon request).

Routine

8.30am - 8.55am	Before school playground supervision
8.55am - 9.00am	Roll Call
9.00am - 10.00am	Period 1
10.00am - 11.00am	Period 2
11.00am - 11.30am	Recess
11.30am - 12.30pm	Period 3
12.30pm - 1.15pm	Period 4
1.15pm - 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Period 5
3.00pm	Home
3.05pm	Buses Depart



Kindergarten will be guided through this routine with care and understanding. They do not need to be familiar with it before starting school.

Fruit Break

Students are encouraged to bring fruit of any kind to eat during a short fruit break each morning. Please pre-cut any fruit if your child prefers this.

Home Reading

Home reading will begin as soon as is feasible. Books sent home are designed to be an easy reading task so the children can practise the skills they are learning, and develop confidence. Always praise your child's reading attempts. More details will be outlined after the commencement of the school year. If you have any questions or concerns about the home reading program, please contact your child's teacher.

Library

Each week our class will borrow books from the library to take home in their library bag. These will be returned and changed weekly.

General Information continued

Messages to Parents

No Kindergarten child will be expected to carry a message by word of mouth. All messages will be delivered via the Sentral Parent Portal, email or text message. Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook for more information.

Permission Notes

Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook.

Money

From time to time students will require money for school contributions, excursions, special events etc. Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook for more information.

School Uniform

P&C will be providing Kindergarten students with a navy wide brimmed hat with our school emblem and their name embroidered - free of charge, during the school orientation program. Hats and other property are the responsibility of each child, please ensure they understand this. All school uniform items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. A complete list of uniform items can be found in the Parent Information Handbook.

Sick Bay

Sick children are rested in sick bay under the supervision of the office staff. If it is considered to be more than rest that is needed, we will contact you or the emergency contact person nominated by you. If your child is sick at home, please keep them there until they are well, 24hrs after their last symptom.

Accidents

Accidents are dealt with in a similar manner in sick bay. Parents will be notified if the accident is not minor.

Asthma, Allergies and Medications

Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook.

General

Students will be guided along their first year of school in a happy and caring setting, each learning at their own rate in a stimulating, but non-competitive environment. Along the lines of our class aim of a happy, safe classroom where we can all learn, the children will be encouraged to love learning, strive to achieve, to be considerate and independent students of the future.

Sun Safety

In line with Sun Safe good practice, hats must be worn in the playground or during outside activities. If a child does not wear a hat, they will be required to play in the shade. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named as hats often get lost.

General Information continued

Travelling home from school

Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook..

During school bus times 8.20am - 9.10am and 2.50pm - 3:10pm, the school car park is closed except for staff and DET officials/workers. School families are to park outside of school grounds.

At other times, visitors are permitted to park inside the school car park conditional to the following requirements:

- Speed is restricted to 5km/hr
- Parents/visitors must accompany students/children at all times to and from vehicles
- Students/children are not to be left unattended in vehicles
- Parking on school grounds is at your own risk

These restrictions apply for the safety of everyone.

Extra Curricular Events for K-12

- Swimming School - multiple days
- Swimming Carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Cross Country
- Theme days
- Easter Celebrations
- Live theatre attendance
- Small school shared days
- Education days
- School Social
- School Performance



P&C

Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook.

Swimming School

At Oaklands all children from K to 10 participate in an intensive swimming program at the beginning of the year and will be confirmed by permission note via the Sentral Parent Portal.

- Swimming school will usually start in the first week of school and will continue in the lead up to our swimming carnival
- Children will need to be able to dress themselves
- Name ALL clothing, towels, swim wear and shoes - every item

Sports House

Innes - **Gold** Zanoni - **Maroon**

You will be advised of your child's sports house soon after enrolment. If your child already has a sibling at our school, then they will be in the same sports house.

School Readiness

Before your child starts school, you can help them by:

- Talking to your child about school, where they will meet friends, play games, be creative and learn
- Teaching your child to do up their shoes
- Clearly naming EVERYTHING your child wears or brings to school
- Teaching your child their name and address
- Teaching your child the safest way to and from school
- Teaching your child to use a tissue
- Teaching your child how to use and flush the toilet without assistance
- Teaching your child to wash their hands before meals and after using the toilet
- Teaching your child to put away playthings and materials after using them
- Teaching your child to dress and undress without help (Swimming School)
- Allowing your child to stay with relatives or friends for short periods
- Encouraging your child by admiring their work when it is brought home
- Selecting suitable stories, picture books, audio and TV programs for your child
- Regularly reading to your child
- Attending orientation sessions to make OCS a familiar environment

