



THE CENTRAL CHRONICLE



EVENTS

Thursday 16th November -

Infants/Primary Disco

5:30 - 7:30pm (School Hall)

Friday 17th November -

Primary Assembly 2.30pm (Yr 2-3 hosting)

Kinder 2018 Orientation 9 - 11:15am

Year 12 RAP Graduation in Leeton

Thursday 23rd November -

RAP Study Day in Barellan

Friday 24th November -

Kinder 2018 Orientation 9 - 3:00pm

Finley PSSA Spring Round Robin Yrs 3-6

Corowa Christmas Street Festival

Thursday 30th November -

Year 6 Graduation Dinner in Mulwala

Friday 1st December -

Primary Assembly 2.30pm

Kinder 2018 Orientation 9 - 3:00pm



SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During the last week our school community have been involved in many wonderful activities which have included parents, grandparents, friends, students and staff. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Alpha Show, Grandparents Day, the Years 9 and 10 Food Technology catering or helped with NAIDOC Day. Not only are these events great fun, but they also allow our students to develop their understanding, learn about being part of our community and expand their horizons.



We were especially privileged to have Mrs Ann Sloane and Dr Treahna Hamn as presenters and guides for our **NIADOC Day**.

It has also been great to see our students shine their light throughout the week. Each student shone in their own way as they recited their poetry, created artworks, participated in the **King Arthur Show**, cooked lovely food or simply were polite and respectful members of an audience. Well done to everyone involved in these activities.

Despite how busy we were last week, the school remains completely committed to our core focus on teaching and learning. At Oaklands Central School we are constantly striving to ensure that our students have the best learning opportunities in the classroom.

In the next few weeks students will be involved in **secondary examinations and primary assessments**. These are opportunities for every student to demonstrate what they know, understand and can do. It is important that students take time to revise their learning and refresh their memories to prepare properly for these tasks. It is also important that students attend school every day during this assessment period, unless they are sick or some urgent

matter occurs. I am looking forward to seeing how well our students do through the examination and assessment period.

Displaying a range of emotions, friends, family and teachers of our HSC students of 2017 gathered last weekend for their farewell dinner. It was a lovely evening as we enjoyed great food and an extraordinary smash cake to recognise the achievements of **Jasmine, Eliza and Courtney**. After the formal speeches where the girls were congratulated on finishing the HSC and given some advice for their future life's journeys, the girls presented the school with three artworks. Each of our talented students completed a canvas representing an aspect of our school as well as the school's initials OCS. These can be seen hanging in our school hall. I look forward to hearing about the future successes of the girls.



Devising ways for students to sit the HSC while remaining at home to study, led to the development of the **Riverina Access Partnership**. Oaklands Central School is

fortunate to be part of this world class system for delivering the HSC. Not only does studying through RAP give access to the full range of courses for the HSC, it also develops important 21st Century learning skills. On average, our students do as well as any in the state. However, the RAP students that continue onto university are better prepared for their studies than many who study through more traditional methods. RAP uses Video Conferencing technologies and Moodle to teach students. These are exactly the same tools that all Australian universities use when teaching their courses.

Our students leave school highly skilled in using modern learning platforms and develop the ability to work both as a team and independently, needed for university success. The integrated use of technology and face to face teaching in RAP is a strong preparation for our students as they move into further studies.

Delivering the best education for our students is core to Oaklands Central School's philosophy. Recently we have been investigating **Big Picture Education** and we were privileged to have the CEO of Big Picture visit the school last Monday. Big Picture aims to build strong learning communities and work with students to develop the skills they will need to succeed in modern life. During the next few weeks we will be providing more information to the community and will discuss Big Picture at our P&C Meeting on Monday 20th November. I encourage every

parent to come along and be part of the conversation as we work to allow all our students to shine their light!

Peter Craft
Principal

PRIMARY NEWS

What an exciting and busy couple of weeks we have had at OCS! Students have had so many amazing opportunities to be involved in a wide range of learning experiences.

K-3 kicked off the busy fortnight with their visit to **Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre**. Students had a wonderful day and were all well and truly worn out by the time we returned to Oaklands. They participated in a low ropes course, an obstacle course and learnt some circus skills. It was a great day for all students and I was very proud of how the students represented our school.

Kindergarten orientation is still continuing and all of our new kinder students seem to be settling in to school life well. I need to extend a huge thank you to Miss Hines for her help in running the sessions on the days when I have been out of school. Furthermore, thank you to my beautiful K/1 class for their help in showing our new students the "ins" and "outs" of 'Big School'.



Another big event was the **Alpha Show, Grandparents and Poetry Day**. Students enjoyed the high quality performance of King Arthur. They then returned to school for a final run through of their poems, ready to recite them for their Grandparents and family members in the afternoon. All students presented their poems extremely well and should be proud of all the time and effort they put into learning poems so they were ready and confident to present them to such a large audience. Thank you to all of the students who set to work in the kitchen to prepare the lovely afternoon tea we shared afterwards.

To wrap up our busy fortnight, we spent the day at Savernake to celebrate **NAIDOC Day**. Students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the cultural significance of Boat Rock with a guided tour from Ann Sloane and created some amazing artworks under the guidance of internationally renowned Indigenous artist, Dr Treadna Hamn. We were extremely lucky to have such knowledgeable people to learn from.

This week kicks off our **assessment week**, students have been involved in a number of formal assessments to assist teachers in writing reports. It is important that students try their best during assessments and get plenty of sleep to ensure they are feeling sharp and ready to perform.

Finally, Thursday is our **Primary Disco**. Thank you in advance to families for supporting this event

by sending a plate of food to share on the night. There will also be some pizza, party pies and sausage rolls available for dinner.

Sally McRorie
Assistant Principal

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

We have farewelled our Year 12 students with a lovely family and friends dinner at Mulwala last Saturday night. It was a lovely celebration for our students with over thirty guests attending as the high school phase of their lives has almost reached its conclusion. It is now time to attend the **Riverina Access Partnership Graduation** this Friday night and then in early December the results arrive and planning for their post school future is their new reality.

Years 7-10 start **examination week** this Thursday through to Wednesday 22nd November. I would encourage students to discuss concerns with staff and to attempt all exams with a positive mindset and present quality work to their personal best standard. I'm pleased with the majority of secondary students' progress in 2017 and it has been a pleasure to see students engaged in quality teaching experiences as well as all the other learning opportunities we have provided students throughout the year.

Monday this week saw a very respectful **Remembrance Day** ceremony led by our SRC students. It was a sombre, reflective celebration

as we learnt about the symbolism of the Flanders Poppy, Rosemary and many of the other symbols used to pay respect and homage to those armed force members who represented our country and fought for our safety and security in war.

NAIDOC Day was celebrated at Savernake as a whole school learning experience as we were told the story of the Murray River's creation. This was done as an art experience and then oral story telling. Students then had the opportunity to visit and be guided around the Boat Rock area. This was a very enlightening experience as we heard of the importance of the site and its design to cater for ceremony and meeting clans from around the country. I'd like to thank the members of the local community and special guests who made the experience come to life for our students.

Students also enjoyed the **Alpha show** experience. This fantastic, energy driven theatre experience is a cultural highlight yearly, with the quality of acting, costume, production elements and staging being the equal of a large city theatrical experience. Students joined in the singing and engaged in the dance and action sequences with gay abandon! It was lovely to see such a natural expression of joy and pleasure seeing live theatre.

Secondary students performed well for **Grandparents Day** reciting and reading poetry to our appreciative audience. This event saw

the students gain the opportunity to practice skills they'd been developing in oral presentations as part of their SMART Goal for the term. I'd like to thank our audience for the day as they were very supportive of all students.

Gymnastics skills are a focus of our sports program this term and students have been getting expert tuition during Friday sport. It was good to see students taking advantage of the opportunity to develop their skill base with our visiting trainers from Flyaway Gymnastics last Friday and I look forward to seeing new skills displayed this Friday. This program runs until 1st December with tuition given weekly.

Transition Day two has been completed with students having three different STEM experiences with our staff. The Year 6 students were able to work with our current Year 7's who will be their classmates in our stage 4 classes in 2018. I'd like to thank the staff for developing this program that will help students develop skills in innovation and future learning. We see students return in week 8 for their final day of learning experiences.

Our secondary students and staff **catered at the Oaklands RSL Bowling Club** again last Sunday evening with a selection of casseroles and other meals. Students are to be congratulated on this fine work ready experience in raising money that students aim to use towards the installation of a water cooler here at school.

A reminder for parents and carers that our Year 10 students will be attending the **RAP Study Day** with Year 12 students in week 7 on Thursday, 23rd of November. Students will meet members of their senior study cohort from the other six schools who participate in the RAP system and meet their Stage 6 teachers for the first time.

Our LOTE students in Year 7 will travel to Corowa on the 23rd to practice their Italian skills as they go for lunch ordering their meal in Italian.

I am off to Sydney next week to work on the production crew for Schools Spectacular. I look forward to representing our school at this prestigious event that I hope you will all enjoy when it is aired on television in the near future. There are many remarkably talented students in this state and it is a privilege to work on an event such as this that highlights the best of public school education.

John Clayton
HTSS

AG EXCURSION

On the 2nd of November we visited Lawson Grains "Grassmere". We looked at some of the crops and the soil pits in which they have infiltration problems and the crops planted in the areas have problems growing because the roots can't penetrate, we also look at the machinery.

Liam Curran - Year 10



Last week we went to Lawson Grains at Grassmere. Firstly we had a look at the machinery. We drove down the road to look at a trench in the paddock to look at the soil levels and infiltration.

Connor Fenton - Year 8

When we arrived at Lawson Grains, Ben (the Manager of Lawson's Grains) gave us a tour around his farm. He showed us his machinery to begin with, then we drove down to one of his canola crops and walked to one of his trenches in the paddock to look at the layers of the crop. Ben taught us about the root systems and that the deeper the root goes, the harder it was for the root to penetrate the dirt. The dirt that was in the crop was very compact making it hard for the root to break through after 30 cm.

Bryce Kenny - Year 8

We learned about their plans to deep rip in certain spots to see if they are able to get a better crop and they showed us their machinery.

Kallum Little - Year 10

We looked at the soil profiles and initiatives to improve soil fertility. This related to the studies we are doing in class.

Maxwell Bradbury - Year 10

Thank you to Ben Armstrong and Lyn Fox for a very informative day.

Peter Longmire
Agriculture Teacher

SPORT REPORT

On Friday 3rd November, our SRC coordinated the **Great Cycle for Cancer Challenge** to raise money for children's cancer charities. Our students cycled, walked or ran around our school oval 1115 times to cover 557.5km as a collective whole. We also raised \$142 in donations. Well done!

Mr Longmire also set himself the challenge to cycle from Oaklands to Corowa. He set off to a rousing applause from our students and completed the 65km journey in 4 hours and 12 minutes with a strong headwind slowing him down.

Congratulations Mr Longmire!

Last Friday, students from Kindergarten to Year 10 commenced gymnastics lessons with instructors from **Flyaway Gymnastics**. These lessons will continue for the next 3 weeks and have been funded by the Sporting Schools Australia program. Students will learn a range of skills related to gymnastics and teambuilding.



On Friday 24th November 2017, students in Years 3-6 will travel to Finley to participate in the **Spring Round Robin**. Students will play 4-Wicket Cricket, Newcombe Ball, Golden Child and 10, 50, 100 against schools from within our zone. This allows students to participate in sporting activities without the competitive nature that is often associated with inter-school sports.

We will require parents to help transport students to the event. **If you are transporting a child that is not directly under your care**, it is NSW Department of Education policy that you have a Working With Children's Check clearance. A copy of this along with current driver's licence, car registration and comprehensive car insurance must be given to the office prior to departure. An Appendix 11 form must also be completed and can be obtained from the school office.

Glen Bobbin
Sports Coordinator

STAGE 5 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Stage 5 Food Technology cooked again at the Oaklands RSL Bowling Club on Sunday night as part of the Food service and catering unit of work. We served casseroles and pasta. We would like to thank the Club for giving us this fantastic opportunity to have some real life catering experience. The students certainly rose to the challenge and willingly gave up two Sunday afternoons and evenings to cater for the local community. It was great to see their teamwork and practical skills in action. Thanks also to Miss Elith and Miss Buchanan for coming to help out. The class will put their profits towards buying a water cooler for students.

I had a few requests for my sticky date pudding recipe, so I have included it below!

Sticky date pudding with caramel sauce

Ingredients

- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups (150g) seeded, dried dates
- 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups (310 ml) boiling water
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup (165g) firmly packed brown sugar
- 60g butter, chopped
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup (150g) self-raising flour

Caramel sauce

- 1 cup (220g) firmly packed brown sugar
- 100 g butter, chopped
- 300ml cream

Method

Preheat oven to 180 degrees. Grease 22 cm round pan or 12 hole muffin pan (I find the smaller puddings are better!).

Combine dates, water and bicarbonate of soda in the bowl of a food processor. Place lid on food processor and let mixture stand for 5 minutes.

Add sugar, butter, flour and eggs to date mixture and pulse for a few seconds.

Scrape down sides with a spatula and briefly pulse again until dates roughly chopped and the mixture combined.

Pour mixture into prepared pans. Bake large pudding for about 45-50 minutes or small ones for approximately 15-20 minutes. Stand in pans for 5 minutes before serving with warm caramel sauce.

Caramel sauce

Combine butter and sugar in medium saucepan over high heat, using wooden spoon stir in cream. Once butter melts, bring to the boil stirring constantly.

This pudding freezes well and can be re-heated in the microwave. The sauce is not suitable to freeze, but will keep in fridge, in a clean jar for 2 months.

Students are to wear a **school hat**



each day

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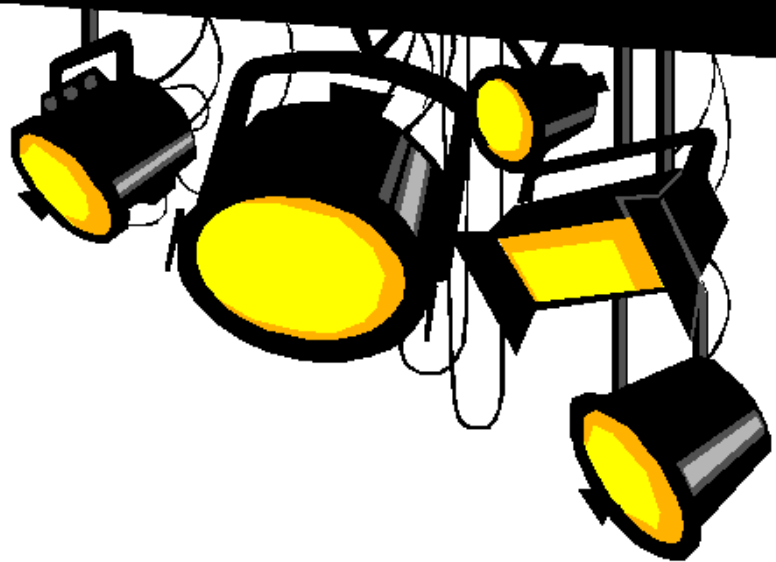
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Would also be useful



Please ensure all items are named

MOVIE PREMIER DISCO



**THURSDAY 16TH
November 2017**

Theme: Come dressed ready for the red carpet or as your favourite movie character

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Cost: \$2 per student

Location: Oaklands Central School Hall

Who: Students in K-6

Families are asked to bring a plate of food to share please



5 & 10 Cent Coin Collection

A fundraising initiative by the Oaklands Central School P&C.
For the remainder of Term 4, P&C are running a 5 & 10 cent coin collection to raise funds for our playground upgrade.

INNES



ZANONI

Please send coins to the school office in a zip lock bag with student's name and house clearly marked.

A "House Groups" tally is on display in the school office.

The winning house at the end of Term 4 gets to celebrate by wetting the Principal and volunteer teachers with water pistols on the last day of school!!!

OAKLANDS RSL & BOWLING CLUB



- Thursday 16th November -

Roast Pork	\$20.00
Flathead Fillets with Tartare sauce	\$20.00
Lasagne	\$20.00
Chicken Kiev	\$20.00
Beef Schnitzel	\$20.00

- Above meals served with Salad or Vegetables Chips or Potatoes -

Lamb Cutlets with Greek Salad and Tzatziki	\$20.00
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Kids Meals

Fish and Chips	\$7.00
Nuggets and Chips	\$7.00
Lasagne and chips	\$7.00
Desserts	\$6.00

- Sunday 19th November -

A variety of Chinese dishes from Mulwala Ski Club
Served by the friendly Directors of the Oaklands RSL & Bowling Club

music lessons

There will be **5** places available in 2018 for either guitar or piano/keyboard lessons at OCS, on a private basis, tutored by Mrs Ann Sloane.

Lessons are taken on a rotating schedule on Tuesdays.

Please email expressions of interest
aasloane@bigpond.com

Corowa District Landcare invite you to see the Oaklands Orchid (*Diuris callitrophila*) in flower.

Discover one of our local floral treasures and hear about the efforts of the CWA to increase awareness of this special orchid.

Tuesday, 21st of November
2017 11.30am – 12.30pm
Cnr Milthorpe & Coreen St,
Oaklands

With the opportunity to join the CWA for lunch from 12.30pm.
Bring a plate to share.

RSVP to Joanne Diver,
02 6033 1137 or 0412 985 501

Photo: Matt Cameron, Office
of Environment & Heritage



Country Women's Association
of New South Wales

CWA Oaklands "NEWS"

October is the beginning of a new year for CWA branches. The Annual meeting was well attended, all positions filled, two new members joined. Welcome!



Oaklands Branch was a finalist in the Volunteer of the Year Awards 2017.

Reminder to all cooks! The CWA "Land" Cookery competition is open to all, male & female in NSW. Junior entries always welcome. Now is the time for checking the schedule & preparing for Murray Group Cookery Day in March.

Oaklands were pleased to be part of the donors of \$9,970 sent by Murray Group to State Office for various causes 2017. This included the Flying Doctor Service & NRMA Careflight, both of which fly out of Albury. You may have noticed the article in the Border Mail P14, Thurs Oct 26, which showed the special folding chair/bed donated to the Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre by CWA Murray Group of which Oaklands is part.

Reminder: November is the time of the flowering of our local Diuris Orchid. Special care needs to be taken when looking for these, they are small & fragile.

Next meeting: Tues 21st Nov, 1.30pm, at the rooms. All Welcome.
Contact – Heather Kerr 02 6033 1300 0447 335 201



Are you interested in volunteering in your community?

Do you want to motivate people to be active and healthy?

We are seeking volunteers to deliver aqua exercise sessions in local pools this summer.

The sessions will be aimed at those aged over 50 years.

What we expect from you

Attend a free two day training course
Deliver 10 classes over the summer months
Deliver classes for a minimum two years or summer seasons.
Be willing to obtain a first aid certificate
Report on attendance of classes

Training

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Healthy Lifestyle Health Promotion Services

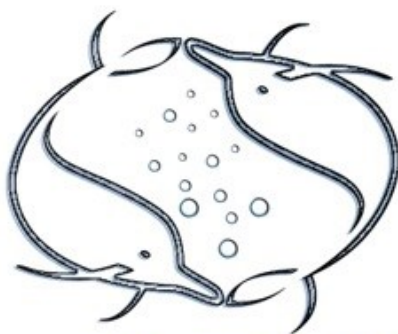
How we can support you

Provide a two day training course
Support to promote classes
Support to secure a local pool venue for classes
Support to obtain first aid qualifications
Provide ongoing training
Local health promotion support

Enquiries and registration

Carly Barnes 02 6080 8912
Carly.barnes@health.nsw.gov.au

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**OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
ABSENCE NOTE**

Name: _____

Class: _____ Teacher: _____

This student was absent from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Due to the following:

- ☐ Illness
- ☐ Injury
- ☐ Medical/Dental Appointment
- ☐ Family Commitments (please specify below)
- ☐ Other _____

Additional comments _____

Signed: _____

**OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
P & C AGENDA ITEM**

Name: _____

Item: _____

Agenda submissions MUST be received 7 days prior to the P&C Meeting to be included as an agenda item. Late submissions will held until the following P&C Meeting.

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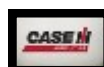
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