



THE CENTRAL CHRONICLE



Remembrance Day Ceremony



Primary Social



EVENTS

Thursday 30th November -
Year 6 Graduation Dinner in Mulwala

Friday 1st December -
Primary Assembly 2.30pm
Kinder 2018 Orientation 9 - 3:00pm

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th December
Secondary Excursion to
The Great Ocean Road

Tuesday 12th December
Presentation Night 6pm

Friday 15th December
Last Day of Term

Tuesday 30th January 2018
First day for students K-12



SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Even with the end of the school year approaching, Oaklands Central School continues to be a very active place. In the last few weeks all of our students have been demonstrating what they know, understand and can do through our formal assessment and examination period. Students will achieve a variety of results from the tasks they completed. However, each assessment or examination is a learning opportunity for every student in our school. Firstly, they can compare their results with earlier in the year. Have they shown growth and improvement? If not, what do they have to do to make improvements next year? If they have grown, what did they do to engage in good learning? How can they maintain the growth? Next, they can see which areas they struggled in. Every student struggles with some area of learning. The question is, what can they easily change to improve in that subject? Is there something simple that they have missed and can catch up? Ask your teacher for guidance and aim to improve next year. Students can also

reflect on how well they prepared for the assessment tasks. Did they practice and revise? Do they understand how to practice and revise for their assessment tasks? How can they improve their preparation? By asking these simple questions students are building skills that will see them continue to shine their lights in the future.

This week our Stage 5 students are learning about the world of work through Work Experience. This is a valuable learning opportunity for our students. Students experience what it is to be an independent adult, being responsible for their daily transport, appropriate work wear and even having to arrange lunch. They also see first-hand how people work together, problem solve, follow policies, look after WHS and the myriad of other things that happen in the workplace. Developing such work readiness is invaluable for our students and we look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Schools across New South Wales are currently working on their School Plan 2018-2020. This is an important document, as it maps the priorities of each school over the next three years. These priorities are reflected in the three Strategic

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Directions, the Vision Statement and the Improvement Measures that are part of every plan. At Oaklands Central School, we have been engaging staff, parents, P&C and our school community to draft the plan. Our draft plan prioritises Learning, Teaching and Growth across the school. As part of our "Shine our Light" approach, we are working to excel in student learning, classroom teaching and growing each individual through deeper connections across our learning community. Before the end of term, the draft school plan will be placed on our website for comment from community members. We welcome input from all of our community, as we develop our goals for the next three years. The plan must be finalised by the end of Term 1, so all comments on the draft plan must be received by Week 5 of Term 1. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at our School Presentation Night, being held on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to celebrate a great year at Oaklands Central School. Details of the evening will be provided shortly. Parents and Caregivers should note the last day of school for students in 2017 is Friday 15th December. There will be no supervision for students at school after this date. Again, if you have any questions, please simply contact the school.

Peter Craft
Principal

This year continues to fly by and I cannot believe that there is only two and a half weeks to go! It has been a very busy Term 4 for both staff and students and I thank everyone for their continued efforts!

The past two weeks have been a bit quieter giving us an opportunity to really focus on our learning in class to make sure our skills and knowledge is solid before the summer holidays. Students are reminded that learning is our focus right up until the end of the year so they need to be arriving at school each day focused and ready to learn. Furthermore, with the weather warming up I remind parents and students that we must have our broad brim hats and drink bottles at school with us each day to stay sun safe and help us stay hydrated. Our Kindergarten students for 2018 have their final orientation visit this Friday and have settled into life at OCS well over the past five weeks. It is lovely to see students wanting to stay at school when it is time for them to go home. Thank you to all students across the school for being so kind, helpful and welcoming to our new students.

On Friday we will be celebrating with our Year 6 students at their final Primary Assembly which will commence at 2:30pm. We hope to see you there to celebrate the end of their Primary schooling.

Finally, it is time again for our guinea pig to go on holidays to somewhere new and exciting. If

there are any families that would be willing to care for our guinea pig over the summer break can you please contact the school.

Many thanks,

Sally McRorie
Assistant Principal

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Victor Chang Science Award

On Friday 10th November, Taylah Macartney attended the Victor Chang Awards in June. The awards recognise excelling science students from across the state. We are very proud of Taylah, who attended with both of her parents on the day.



Students have finished their yearly examinations and are now back in class focused on learning experiences. We have to remember there is competition from around the state at the HSC level and the old days of a school wind down is a thing of the past. This is particularly true for senior students who should be here and on task until the end of term.

Our Stage 5 students are out on work experience this

week and I'd like to thank all businesses and parents who have provided this opportunity for our students. Students will gain valuable life lessons to get work ready and experience the expectations and responsibilities in a work place. This aids students in developing maturity and an insight into the world around them. Students will return with a stronger focus on what they need to gain from their studies and have a clearer idea of their chosen career path.

Tuesday saw our third and final transition to secondary day for Year Six students. Students in Years 5-7 worked as teams to program a small robot as part of our STEM learning. I'd like to thank staff for all the planning and preparation that went into the three days for our 2018 Year Seven cohort. The students were engaged and active learners and we look forward to them being students here at Oaklands Central. For those parents sending students away I'm sure you've heard some excellent stories from our transition program and I'd just like to let you know your child is welcome back here at any time. We provide a quality secondary learning experience for all students here at Oaklands Central with our academic, wellbeing and individual student programs equal to if not superior to any school in the state.

Next week the secondary students will have their annual cultural and life experience trip. This year we travel down the Great Ocean Road where students will face many personal challenges and gain valuable life experiences with Miss Elith and myself. We leave early Tuesday morning so please ensure you have read the notes and know what is expected for students to have a safe and happy trip. Please double check what gear your student will need to bring and let us know if there are any concerns.

I have just returned from working on the production crew for the Schools Spectacular which will be aired

Saturday week on Channel 7. I'd encourage the family to make a night of this fine production which involved 5200 students at Qudos Arena in Sydney. The show highlights some of Public Education's most talented performers and it was a show of a very professional standard. I look forward to seeing our Oaklands students there over the next few years representing our town and school. By watching the show students will see the expectations and level of performance they'll need to aspire to. Many of our students are capable of representation at this level in both singing and dancing so I'd encourage them to audition again next year.

John Clayton

HTSS

SRC NEWS

Movember Teachers vs Students Soccer Match

On Friday 24th November the SRC organised the annual Teachers vs Students Soccer Match, but added a twist. To raise money for men's/boys' health, students were asked to bring along a gold coin donation and obtain a moustache to wear for the game.

It was an exciting game with teachers having to utilise secondary students to fill their side. All students took turns at rotating onto the field and putting their best kicks and blocks forward. In the end the teachers were up five to nil.

A big thank you to all who participated and contributed to the \$37 that was raised, which will go to the Movember Foundation.



MOVEMBER



REMEMBER

Students are to wear a
school hat each day

Sunscreen
&

Insect repellent
Would also be useful

Please ensure all items are named

FUN FACT

Do you know how many parents/carers can transport our children to events?

Currently 6 6 parents/carers out of 41 families, but we need more to share the load.

Please help by submitting completed forms to the School Office. Some of our families are almost there, it may be that there are only 1 or 2 more items left to submit. Call the school office to check, we have a full list ready and can provide you with details and support to complete the process.

All we need is ...

- Working With Children Check VOLUNTEER (no cost applicable) - online, see below for instructions
- Copy of Drivers Licence
- Copy of motor vehicle registration
- Copy of motor vehicle insurance
- 100 points of identification, (ie, Birth Certificate or Passport, Drivers Licence and Medicare card)
- DoE Working with Children Declaration - Appendix 11 (available at school or on OCS website).

Without more eligible volunteers, we may need to hire buses to transport students, which unfortunately will be more costly.

(WWCC instructions: visit www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au to complete the online application form for your WWCC. Once completed, you will be emailed an Application number (APP). Take this Application number and ID to a Road and Maritime Service centre to complete the process. Once your application has been processed, you will receive your Working With Children Check number by email.)

2018 Calendar Available from Front
Office \$8

Would make a great stocking filler
Created by Years 4-7



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 V 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!!!

When gathering the information for the RAP Report 2017 I decided to weave in some of my personal highlights with RAP highlights.

1. The position of Head Teacher Access for the Riverina Access Partnership

The year's biggest highlight for me came last year, in August 2016, when I received a most welcome phone call on a Friday afternoon to offer me the position as Head Teacher for the Riverina Access Partnership based at Ardlethan Central School. I had attended a wedding at Aria Park on the previous Saturday and had the RAP head Teacher interview at Aria Park Central School on the Monday.

I first taught in the Access program in 1990 and 1991 before teaching around NSW and was very excited to be heading home to work in the Access Program and to live closer to family and lifelong friends after 25 years out of the district.

2. The cooperation across RAP.

RAP is a true collaboration of schools, staff and students that has stood the test of time. It introduces students to real 21st Century learning which forms a great preparation for the future. Thank you to the staff involved at all schools, who have welcomed me into the RAP fold, guiding me throughout the year and assisting me with my many requests.

3. The 2016 HSC results

The twenty-seven students who sat HSC exams in 2016 achieved six band 6 results and fifteen band 5 results in subjects studied across RAP. This highlights the high quality of the 21st Century education offered to senior students in all six RAP schools. These results give great confidence to the surrounding communities that RAP is able to deliver for local senior students in their local school.

4. The year 10 into 11 offerings for Preliminary 2018

The thirty students at the six RAP schools had a choice of over 40 subjects to choose from in the first round, with 25 choices in round two. This more than matches the offerings at significantly larger schools, again highlighting the high quality of the 21st Century education offered to senior students in the Riverina Access Partnership.

5. The Preliminary Induction Camp

My first meeting with RAP staff (100% attendance) and the Preliminary students (95% attendance) was at the Murrumbidgee Rural Studies Centre in Yanco. The Preliminary Induction Camp provides students and staff the chance to meet face to face with their classmates and other teachers from across the six schools.

Students attended several subject related sessions and a range of social activities including a visit to the Yanco Agricultural High School swimming pool during the high temperatures experienced at the camp. The camp also provides great networking and professional learning opportunities for colleagues across the schools to meet each other and share resources and ideas



6. The RAP Study Days

This year Study Days were centralised to Ardlethan or Barellan, where staff and students attended to participate in structured RAP subject sessions. Study days allow students to partake in face-to-face lessons, often undertaking many of the practical aspects of their chosen subjects or completing assessment tasks. It provides a great opportunity for staff and students to socialise with people from other schools.

I would like to thank all schools for making the effort to attend and thank the hosting schools, especially the staff and students. An extra thank you to the Ardlethan and Barellan P & Cs for providing an amazing array of delicious food.

7. RAP Sport

RAP Sport continues to be a major strength of our partnership, providing students with opportunities to compete in a wide range of school sports as a RAP team. This year many students donned RAP colours to compete in sports such as AFL, Tennis, Cricket, Soccer, Touch Football, Netball, Basketball and Lawn Bowls. RAP Sport has been in action for over 10 years and this initiative has been a great way of building positive student relationships between the schools, which in turn has assisted in a more streamlined transition for students into the RAP senior years. Thanks must go to all our sport's team coaches, in particular Kate Denham, the RAP Sports Coordinator for all her work associated with the program.

This year's RAP Lawn Bowls team made the Riverina Regional final in the NSW CHS knockout.



8. The RAP Graduation

We said goodbye to another cohort of RAP students at our RAP Graduation held at the Leeton Solider's Club. This night is always a great time to reflect on the achievements and opportunities the Riverina Access Partnership provides to our staff, students and communities, whilst acknowledging some high achievers and staff who have contributed to RAP.

Meeting and speaking with parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, staff and graduating students is always a year's highlight in any school.

Thank you, James Gordon Head Teacher Access – Riverina Access Partnership

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.

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED: ____/____/____



OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
AND
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

School Contributions for 2017:

Primary Student: **\$30.00**

Secondary Student: **\$30.00**

Maximum per Family:
\$50.00

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(This covers parents when working for the P & C— e.g. working bees, catering etc.).

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Whole Year: \$49.50 (inc GST)

Single Ad: Half Column \$3.30 (inc GST)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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

FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**Colin Buchanan
is coming to Town!**

Saturday 9th December 2017

**6PM LOCAL SCHOOLS
PERFORMING CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**7PM COLIN BUCHANAN
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Finley Railway Park, Endeavour Street, Finley

(Wet weather: Finley High School Hall)

This event will be a great night for the whole family!
Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the entertainment as we celebrate Christmas 2017!

Food and drinks available on the evening
This is a **FREE** event organised by the Finley Community Church.
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

at United Church, Oaklands

7.00 pm

24th December 2017



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Flathead Fillets with Tartare sauce	\$20.00
Lasagne	\$20.00
Chicken Kiev	\$20.00
Crumbed Lamb Cutlets	\$20.00

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

Asian King Prawn Noodle Salad	\$20.00
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Kids Meals

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

<u>Desserts</u>	\$6.00
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CWA Oaklands

"NEWS"



#Congratulations Chelcee Doyle. Her powerpoint presentation on Nepal has been sent for CWA of NSW State Judging in the International Competition. Well done!

Members partnered with Corowa Landcare to tour the site of the Oaklands Orchid. This was a rare opportunity to view an endangered plant in the wild. Great care needs to be taken when at the site. We were able to view the orchid in flower plus learn from the research & practise of the Landcare Team. Lunch at the rooms was enjoyed after the tour.

#Congratulations also to Mrs Lorraine Marcus. Lorraine has received the CWA of NSW Phyllis Kindon Humanitarian Award for her care of her husband Len, since he suffered a stroke some years ago. Lorraine will be awarded \$3,000 in recognition of her efforts. Members are delighted with this news - well deserved Lorraine.

#Oaklands branch has also been successful in an application under Essential Energy's Community Support Program. The branch received \$200. Thank you Essential Energy.

##Next meeting will be Christmas Lunch at the Oaklands Hotel. Wed 13th Dec at 12.00 noon. If you wish to join us please ring Pixie King 0434 963 436. All Welcome.

Heather Kerr Secretary 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

Deniliquin Swim Centre
Sat 18 and Sun 19 Nov 2017
Theory and practical learning
No prior experience needed

Training conducted by

Colleen Wilson-Lord OAM
Healthy Lifestyle Health Promotion Services

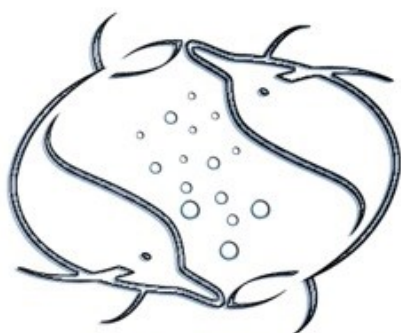
How we can support you

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

We acknowledge the funding contributions of ARI
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Classes or squad types and exact times will depend on demand.

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(7:00pm to 9:00pm)

\$6,800

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