



THE CENTRAL CHRONICLE

Secondary Excursion



Year 6 Graduation



EVENTS

Friday 15th December
Last Day of Term

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

**Thursday 1st February 2018 to Wednesday
14th February 2018**

Swim School

Thursday 15th February 2018
Whole School Swimming Carnival



SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the last newsletter for 2017. It has been a year full of challenges, celebrations, highs and lows. However, it has also been an excellent year for our school. Our students have shown strong growth in literacy and numeracy, they have excelled in various sporting endeavours, our dancers represented Oaklands with pride and there have been so many individual accomplishments this year. Our students shone their lights in so many ways. But we should also pause and remember the sadness we experienced together at the passing of our long time GA, Mr Colin Little at the start of the year. He is sadly missed.

Last night we celebrated the success of our students in 2017. It was great to have so many parents and friends attend our Presentation evening to recognise the academic, cultural and sporting successes of students. I would like to congratulate all the students who received awards last night. Congratulations also to our new SRC representatives and our school captains and vice captains. It is great to see

such capable young people take on leadership roles in our school.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who have made such a contribution to the life of our school over the last 12 months. Today we held a "Thank You" morning tea, to show our appreciation of all the support we receive. The myriad of support includes transporting students, helping at school events, cooking, hosting students on excursions, scripture teaching, Breakfast Club, School Banking and a variety of other things. I would also like to especially thank our hardworking P&C for all their work and support throughout the year. It is impossible to mention all the events that our P&C have worked on during the year. They have helped fund our library, subsidized school excursions and bought gifts for students. When students return next year they will find a new playground in place, largely paid for through the hard work of the P&C. We really thank them for this support.

This week is the last week at our school for four staff members. Mr John Clayton is taking up a Head Teacher English position on the South Coast. Mr Glen Bobbin will be taking a teaching position in a small rural school. Ms Fiona Marshall and Ms Karen Williams are both

pursuing options outside of teaching. I want to thank each of these teachers who have worked tirelessly for our students and school, always acting with great professionalism and skill. We all wish them well in their new endeavours.

Finally a quick reminder; the last day of school for all students is Friday 15th December. We will finish school this Friday with sport at the pool. All the staff at Oaklands Central School would like to wish all our families and community a safe and happy Christmas period. We look forward to seeing you all next year, safe, happy and eager to shine your lights.

Peter Craft
Principal

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

As the school year draws to an end I'd like to thank all staff, students and parents for their support over the year. Students have had many wonderful learning experiences including educational, social, sporting and cultural as well as those experiences focussed on student wellbeing.

The Oaklands Central School Secondary staff has worked well beyond expectation to bring opportunity and enlightenment to our students and I sincerely thank them for that. I would also like to thank them for their

professionalism and friendship in my time here as Head Teacher.

Students as you reflect on the learning experiences you've had in 2017 and focus on the development of your personal skill base, I'm sure you'll feel you have progressed as a learner and as a person.

I'd sincerely like to congratulate Melinda Elith whom has recently been awarded the Head Teacher Secondary Studies position at OCS. Melinda has been a proactive member of our staff and has worked tirelessly over the past four years to ensure the students are given opportunities to take on personal extension activities both in and outside the classroom. Melinda's innovation in teaching and commitment to this school and our learning community is exceptional and I wish her well in the new position and thank her for the collegial way we have worked together here at Oaklands. I'm excited for the future of the secondary school under her guidance.

The students had a wonderful trip away last week with some fabulous life experiences as we travelled along the Great Ocean Road. Many of the students gained valuable life lessons along the way as they faced physical challenges with surfing lessons, forest walks, tree top walks and zip line flying across 120 metres of forest.. Students were challenged socially, as we were confined to the bus and camping and cooking meals together for four days and we had to be respectful of other people who were also enjoying a holiday.

Students get their reports this week and I would encourage parents and students to take positive messages for improvement from the insightful comments staff have written.

I'd like to congratulate award winners from our Presentation evening and congratulate those students who have been offered a place on the school Rewards Day activities. You have been selected to attend this experience due to positive behaviour and building resilience to handle issues that arise in your learning in a positive proactive manner.

Have a safe and happy Christmas break and goodbye!

John Clayton

HTSS

PRIMARY NEWS

And that is a wrap for 2017! What an amazing year we have had. Thank you to all students for all their efforts throughout the year, our parents and volunteers for all their support and help in getting students to events and to our staff for all their hard work in making the year one to remember.

I have had a fantastic first year at Oaklands Central School and I thank everyone for their support as I found my feet in this role. All staff, students, parents and community members have made me feel so welcomed and I can't wait to come back for an even bigger and better 2018!

As the year winds up students will be bringing home all sorts of learning and items from throughout the year. Please take the opportunity to see their growth over the year and discuss some of the things they have learnt.

Thank you to all the parents and community member who came along and supported our students at last night's Presentation Night. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate success and recognise students' efforts. Although not all students were able to get an award, we do recognise all their efforts and individual growth throughout the year and you are all to be congratulated on that.

Tomorrow school reports will be sent home with students. Please discuss these reports with your child and reflect on some goals for next year to make the 2018 learning year even more successful.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the summer break. Spend time with your family and friends, rest up, have fun and come back ready to learn in 2018.

Merry Christmas

Sally McRorie
Assistant Principal.

THE READING TUTOR PROGRAM

Oaklands Central students from Years 3-6 graduated from The Reading Tutor Program last week. A celebratory morning tea was held with the students from K-6 that receive further assistance with Reading and Spelling also

celebrating their achievement. This program allowed students to improve their Literacy ability and Reading Levels.

A craft activity was organised and morning tea was made by staff and students. Some of the staff got very colourful wearing clown outfits. Fun was had by all and the students should be commended for their efforts and the support from their families.

We would like to thank the teachers/SLSO who have helped our students this year; they include Jenny, Mrs Craig, Mrs Williams and Miss Pfahlert who have all been responsible for instructing the students with their learning.



L-R: Caitlin Nixon, Kingston Bennett, Shanae Habermann, Miss Pfahlert, Amelia Moloney, Bianca Habermann and Jarvis Moloney



Mrs Craig and Miss Pfahlert dressed as clowns for the occasion.



Plaster Fun House moulds painted by the students and teachers above.

We would also like to thank the teachers, Mr Craft, parents and The Learning Support Team for the support they have given the students involved in The Reading Tutor Program students.

Secondary Excursion

Secondary take on the Great Ocean Road in style!

On Tuesday 5th December, nine secondary students (Jackson, Connor TJ, Noah Little, Connor F, Bryce, Liam S, Acacia, Sienna and Taylah), Miss Elith and Mr Clayton took off to head down south and explore the Great Ocean Road.

It was a long drive but we were lucky to have a group of good travellers. We arrived at the camp ground at approximately 1:30pm and it was all hands on deck to set up the tents and get into our swimmers ready to head back to Lorne for a surfing lesson.

On arrival we all put on wetsuits and grabbed the boards to head down to the beach to learn more about beach safety. Students tested their skills and challenged themselves with many catching waves and standing up.

Then it was back to camp for warm showers and cooking burgers to dinner. After dinner we walked through the town of Wye River to explore. We chose a road and followed it...lucky it brought us out near where we started, as it would have been quite a trek back up and down the hills we had already been over.

Day two started with a rainforest walk at Maits Rest carpark. It was a lovely walk where students explored the variety of plant species and found their first carnivorous snail. We then travelled onto Gibbons steps (83 of them) to explore the beach and rock platforms. Finally we arrived at the 12 Apostles for lunch and a "site seeing walk". We were tempted by the helicopter flights, but we forgot to pack the school credit card. After time bonding with other tourists we continued along the road to have a look at Thunder Cave and Loch Ard Gorge. Mr Clayton shared the famous poem while we all reflected on the events that happened many years ago.



During the afternoon we experienced the Great Ocean Road Wildlife park where we were



supplied with small feed bags to get up close and personal with the emus, kangaroos and alpacas. It was lovely sitting back on the swinging chairs and watching life go by. We took turns entering the dingoes den and having our own personal encounter with such an amazing animal. Oh the shock to find out when a dingo gives you a kiss that their breath doesn't smell.

To top off such a wonderful day we headed out on a small track to find glow worms. We waited until dark and positioned ourselves in a dark section of bush just off the road and watched the magic shine around us. To experience being so close to stars on the ground created by small worms just can't be explained. Simply magic!

On day three students were reminded to make sure their tents were secured as it looked like rain for the afternoon. But this was not to stop us. We drove to Cape Otway Lighthouse where

we were greeted by our guide who talked us through the history of the area, the lighthouse and those that had worked there. He was like our own personal information book. There wasn't a question he didn't have an answer for (which was a good thing with our group). This followed with scones and cuppas in the café. Our tastebuds were tickled with the delicious raspberry and rhubarb jam.....Miss Elith even bought a bottle to take home.

After our bellies were full we walked to meet our Aboriginal Cultural guide. Once again we were blessed with a knowledgeable and thought provoking speaker. He shared history of the area and made us think about decisions we were



to make in the future if we were going to look after our country. We even got to experience some of the local bush tucker to quench our thirst!

Next stop was the Otway Fly. We were guided around the treetop walk learning about the different plants as we went. Many students faced their fears and reached the heights to see such beauty in the treetops.

Back in the main building we then were briefed and geared up for our zipline experience. While the tiredness was setting in we sat through the safety information embracing what was to come. The rain started but we were not to be put off. We crossed about 7 ziplines and 2 swinging bridges to reach our destination. Along the way we had a go at starfishing, flapping like a bird and even floating upside down. While some of us were set to work on our landings, others were to work on making it the whole way across without having to be rescued. At the end it was a mad dash back to the main building and then onto the bus.

We were treated to fish and chips in Apollo Bay, before arriving back a camp to settle in for the night.

Day four started with packing up our tents and gear and piling on the bus for the road trip home. About an hour into the trip and not far from Bells Beach, we stopped at the Great Ocean Road Chocolatier. It was going to be a quick coffee stop, but little did we know what would be waiting inside for us. As we walked through the door our eyes drew large to try and fit in what was in front of us. There were so many types of chocolates and meeting us at the door was taste testing...yummo! We treated ourselves with special hot chocolates (with a shot of melted chocolate on the side).

Back on the road it was then full steam ahead back towards home and our own beds!

Melinda Elith

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!!!

**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

**Now payable to the
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Remember these contributions
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YOUR community.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:

Paper copy **\$13.00** (incl. GST)
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P & C SUBSCRIPTION:
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(This covers parents when working for the
P & C— e.g. working bees, catering etc.).

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING FEES:

Whole Year: \$49.50 (inc GST)

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

Full Column \$6.60 (inc GST)

Sporting Bodies and Committees:
\$33.00 (inc GST)

OAKLANDS RSL BOWLING CLUB



- Thursday 14th December 2018

Roast Chicken	\$20.00
Flathead Fillets with Tartare sauce	\$20.00
Italian Meat Balls on Penne Pasta	\$20.00
Beef Curry with Rice	\$20.00
Crumbed Lamb Cutlets	\$20.00

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

Salt and Pepper Squid with Aioli and Salad	\$20.00
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Kids Meals

Fish and Chips	\$7.00
Nuggets and Chips	\$7.00

<u>Desserts</u>	\$6.00
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

at United Church, Oaklands

7.00 pm

24th December 2017



And just listen to
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NEW YEAR'S EVE MENU

\$30 COURSE MEAL
SMORGASBOARD STYLE

COLD MEAT

Silverside, Double Smoked Ham,
Roast Pork and Sliced Chicken served
with a variety of condiments such as
sweet pickle, tomato chutney, mustard
and cranberry sauce.

SALADS

Mediterranean Greek Salad, Moroc-
can Couscous Orange Salad, Pasta
Salad and Coleslaw.

DESSERT

Petit Fours a selection of bite size sweets.

Bookings to Leeanne Dalitz

0428 960 368

Oaklands RSL
Bowling Club
Christmas Mega Raffle
Drawn 21 Dec 17

\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5

Drawn at the Club during
Thursday Super draw
proceedings

Some of the prizes include:

1 Dressed Yarragan Lamb
Gardening Kit
Summer sun pack
Camp Light
Beauty Products
Box of pork
Wine
Deluxe camp chair
Yabby Pots
Hats
Truck Wash Kit
Bath Towels
Bunnings Vouchers
Club Dining Vouchers
Washing Powder
Chocolate
And more.....



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

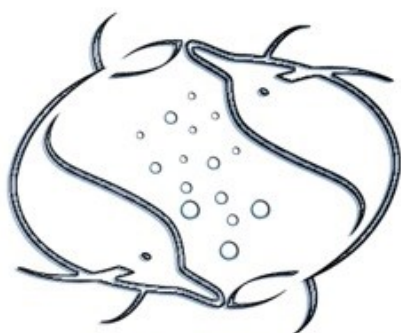
How we can support you

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
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for the Information of Members and Guests

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