



THE CENTRAL CHRONICLE

Events Calendar

2017

1st Feb - 14th Feb - Primary Swim School

15th Feb - RAP Sports Trials

16th Feb - OCS Twilight Swimming Carnival commencing at 3pm

21st Feb - Breakfast Club will commence at 8.30am. Breakfast Club will run every Tuesday.

24th Feb - Finley Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival - Cobram

Welcome 2017

Oaklands Central Central



Kindergarten



Introducing L-R

Rhylan, Georgia, Blade, Ella, Harry, Skye, Maddison, Brandon and Ryan



SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to all our school families as we start another exciting year at Oaklands Central School. It has been very exciting to welcome our 9 enthusiastic Kindergarten students as they start their time at our wonderful school. It is good to see our students settle straight into their learning and apply themselves to shining their light each and every day.

This year we welcome Sally McRorie as our new Assistant Principal, filling the position left by Robyn Bishop. Sally is an incredibly enthusiastic and highly professional teacher who will strengthen the focus on literacy and numeracy that we have been building across our school. We also welcome Prudence Pfahlert as part of our Learning Support Team. Prue has a wealth of experience and a long history of supporting students in their learning. It is great to have Miss McRorie and Ms Pfahlert join our dedicated and highly professional team



of educators.

The school and community were both shocked and saddened at the passing of our colleague and friend, Mr Colin Little, at the start of the school year. Colin has been part of Oaklands School Community for many years and he is greatly missed. As people work through their grief they may feel the need to talk to someone about how they are feeling. There are a number of good places to find support and the numbers are provided at the end of this newsletter. The school is working on a permanent memorial for Colin. We will release details in the near future.



The school is already busy, with the swim school in full swing for all our students from K - 10. Swimming is an invaluable skill and it is vital to teach our students how to stay safe and enjoy

the water. We are extremely fortunate that we have Melinda Elith on staff to run this important program and I would like to thank her along with all our staff who work so hard on this program. On Thursday 16th February we will be running our annual Twilight Swimming Carnival.

This is one of our highlight events of the year. It is always great to see all our students participating and the good hearted but serious competition in the Community vs Staff race. I would encourage the whole community to come and join us for the evening. A reminder that for students who participate at the carnival, Friday is an "optional" attendance day at school. Students who do attend on the Friday will be participating in normal school work for the day.

The RAP Induction Camp is also running soon. This important camp allows HSC students involved in the RAP program to spend some time getting to know their teachers and fellow students. RAP is a 21st Century program that is a world leading approach to education. It allows our HSC students access to the broadest possible range of HSC courses opening many opportunities for our students after their schooling.

This year we continue our commitment to excellence in literacy and numeracy across the school. SMART goals will again be a feature of teaching in our classrooms, as will intensive reading programs that will encourage every student to develop their reading skills. There

will also be an increased focus on writing this year, so that every student has the opportunity to improve their writing skills. These are vital skills that all our students need to succeed in the 21st century. It would also be great if parents and caregivers could encourage students to read each night at home. If you would like to know more about how we are growing literacy and numeracy across the school, please feel free to talk to me.

Finally, our school motto is "Shine Your Light". Every student will shine their light in different ways each day. It is important to remember that shining your light doesn't have to be a spectacular event. Lots of little achievements over a year can add up to a very big success. Some examples: If you learn 3 new words every day, you will expand your vocabulary by 1000 words a year. Improving test results by 5 marks each term will improve your results by 20 marks by the end of the year. There is an old saying which says "a journey of 1000 kilometre starts with one step". Each step takes you closer to that goal. So take the opportunity today to think of your goal for this year, start taking the little steps towards that goal. Shine your light every day and at the end of the year you will be surprised at what you can achieve.

Safety Message

Many of our students use bicycles, skateboards and scooters to ride to and from school. While

they are convenient, it is important that students ride safely. Bicycles, scooters and skateboards are not to be ridden in school grounds at any time. It is also important that students do not ride their bicycles, scooters or skateboards past the bus zones. They should wait until they are at the corner of the school before starting to ride. This prevents collisions with other students waiting to board buses and reduces the chance of an accident between riders and buses. It is also important to wear an approved bicycle helmet before getting on a bicycle, scooter or skateboard. The Transport NSW site states "When riding a bicycle you are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet. Research shows that helmets reduce head injuries by up to 74 per cent in crashes with motor vehicles. A bicycle helmet that is not correctly fitted and fastened does not provide enough protection in a crash." Please ensure that if your child is riding to school that they do have an approved bicycle helmet and that it is being worn correctly. Please see the following websites for more information

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/staying-safe/pedestrians/skateboardsfootscootersandrollerblades/>

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/staying-safe/bicyclists/index.html>

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/staying-safe/bicyclists/helmetandgear.html>

Support Lines:

If you feel you or a family member need someone to talk to or need support, the following services are available at no cost:

Lifeline: **131114**

Kids Helpline **1800 085 405**

Access Line **1800 800 944**

Peter Craft
Principal

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

Welcome back to 2017. We are looking forward to a productive year of learning ahead of us. Reminding you all of our three strategic directions. Firstly there is 'Leadership and Development of Staff and Students'. We are working towards teachers being leaders in their area of teaching and up to date with effective teaching methods. Students are encouraged to take on leadership roles and build their confidence through various opportunities as they progress through school

Secondly we have 'Quality Learning Environment'. This is to ensure that students have access to engaging and challenging learning experiences. We also work towards individualised programs so students are working towards their own learning goals.

Finally we have 'Community Partnerships and School Wellbeing'. As a school we hold our connections with the local community high on our priority list. It is important that we all work

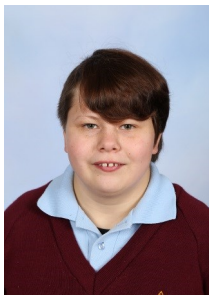
together enabling individual students to become successful and happy future citizens.

Over the last couple of weeks our Year 11 and Year 7 students have had sharp learning curves as they enter new chapters of their education. Here are the thoughts from the Year 11 students about starting their Preliminary Higher School Certificate.

Taylah Macartney- The workload is definitely different and something new doing everything online and over VC.



Aventis Beagley- I like how the study 2.0 is spacious. I like the fact that we can decorate our own space for learning. We have our own set desks.



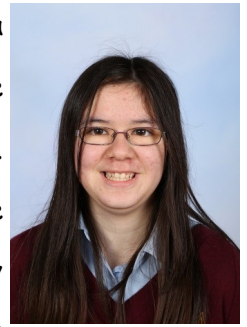
Jacob Glanvill- It is easy to tell that it may get very stressful. I like the idea of the Woodwork major. Having access to our own learning room is great.



Jake Richens- It is good that the timetable is set out so it is easy to read. It is spacious in our study space.



Violet Hayward- I like the idea of the study periods when we can manage our own learning. We have to manage our time and learning in VC's and study periods. It is great to have our own study.



Over the next couple of weeks secondary students will be participating in swim school as they prepare for the swimming carnival and learn a number of life-saving skills.

May this year be productive for all involved.

Melinda Elith
Relieving HTSS

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome to all new and longstanding parents and caregivers on what is set to be another wonderful year at Oaklands Central School. As most of you are aware, Miss Bishop farewelled us at the end of 2016, which has provided me with the fabulous opportunity to join the amazing team here at OCS. I am extremely excited to be here and thank you to all staff, students, parents and community members for making me feel so welcome.

We are already off to a busy start for 2017. Swim school commenced on Wednesday 1st February and will conclude on Tuesday 14th

February. All students are putting in an amazing effort with their lessons and all staff are looking forward to seeing them put their swimming skills on show at our annual twilight swimming carnival on Thursday 16th February.

Just a reminder to parents to ensure that all items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and remind students to ensure they have all their items at the end of the day.

Our new kindergarten students have settled in to school seamlessly and were very enthusiastic about being sent home with their first home readers this week. If any parents have any questions about home reading please do not hesitate to contact the school to organise a time to come and see me.

Finally, we have had a bit of a reshuffle of our classes, so this year I will be taking the K/1 class, Mr Knight will be teaching 2/3 and Mr Bobbin will be in with our 4/5/6 students. Be sure to call in and say hello and let's make 2017 a year to remember.

Sally McRorie

Assistant Principal

PRIMARY SPORT REPORT

Throughout 2017 we will have a lot of

opportunities for our students to participate in a wide range of sporting activities. These will include our 3 major school carnivals, team representative trials, round robins, gala days and in school coaching with trained coaches. I will provide information about upcoming events and highlight student successes in these reports each fortnight.

School Swimming Scheme

Our students have already begun participating in our annual School Swimming Scheme. This program allows students to develop confidence in water safety and correct stroke technique. At the completion of the program, students will participate in our Twilight Swimming Carnival on Thursday 16th February 2017.

Zone Swimming Carnival

The 2017 Finley Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Cobram Swimming Pool on Friday 24th February. Students from ages 8-13 that come first or second in each event at our school carnival will qualify for this carnival.

Representative Trials

Throughout the term there will be trials held for the following team sports:

- Tennis
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Boys AFL
- Girls Netball

The convenor for each sport will determine the criteria that must be met for students to be eligible to attend the trials. Selection trials will be held at school to nominate which students attend these trials.

Glen Bobbin
Primary Sports Coordinator

Swimming School 2017



Get your skates on and start grooming and training your beloved pets for the ...

Oaklands Truck Show

2017 Pet Show Competition

Judging starts 11.30am on
Sunday 19 March, 2015



(At the Recreation Reserve, near the goal posts.
Look for the bales of straw)

Get involved in the School Banking Program.

Oaklands Central School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. School Banking day is Tuesday.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office, call the school banking co-ordinator Tarin Moar on 0427 847 208 or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

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
- ☐ Other _____

Additional comments _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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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Remember these contributions
benefit *YOUR* children and
YOUR community.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:

Paper copy **\$13.00** (incl. GST)
(email free)

P & C SUBSCRIPTION: **\$5.00**

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P & C— e.g. working bees, catering etc.).

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COMMUNITY NEWS



P & C NOTICE

The next P & C Meeting is

**Monday 20th February
@ 7.00pm**

**Please note the change of time*

P and C meet on the 3rd
Monday of each month in the
Staff Room

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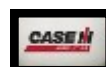
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for the Information of Members and Guests

THURSDAY NIGHT DRAW

(7:00pm to 9:00pm)

\$30200

SUNDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW

\$500



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