Oaklands Central School & Oaklands Community Newsletter

THE CENTRAL CHRONICLE

Events Calendar - 2017

23rd March -
Primary Riverina Soccer Trials - Tumut

24th March -
Primary Assembly - 2.30pm

6th April -
Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm

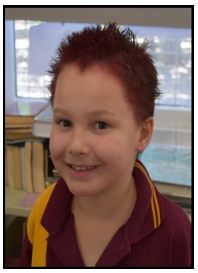
7th April -
Last day of Term 1

26th April -
Students Return

Primary Riverina Swimming - Albury

Seniors Luncheon

Funky Hair Day



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SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Everyone in our school community will know what a professional and caring teaching team we have at Oaklands Central School. Every day our staff work along-side our students, guiding their learning so they can shine their lights. And every student has the chance to shine through their classroom learning, through sporting opportunities and in a variety of community settings. A recent review of student work shows that our students are making real and measurable progress across the board in **literacy and numeracy**. These are core skills that our students will need as they continue in their schooling and move into employment. So it is pleasing to see their progress. Our students are also shining their light by being involved in the **ANZAC Project Fundraiser**.

Recently we have had Sienna Bennett developing her performance skills through her participation in the **Riverina Dance Camp** and we have seen many of our students performing at the Federation Shire Seniors Luncheon, entertaining the crowds with their highly developed skills. Let me congratulate all our students on their efforts in all areas of school life.

Yesterday we celebrated **Harmony Day** at the school. Each year Australians participate in a wide range of Harmony Day activities as we celebrate the fusion of cultures that makes Australia a unique place to live. We live in a vibrant, multi-cultural society that includes the "continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals". This cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths as a nation and has shaped our culture. Many people do not realise that:

- around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- we identify with about 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi. *More than 60 Indigenous languages are spoke in Australia.*

To celebrate the day, our students enjoyed learning about the cultural significance of kites from around the world before making and flying their own kites. It was a wonderful event and it is so good to see our students celebrating together.

One of the features of modern society is our ability to connect via social media. Sadly, social media can also be badly misused. Recently a number of our secondary students have been contacted by people in an inappropriate manner. At Oaklands Central School we are extremely proactive in our work to protect and support our students. Currently we are working closely with the Department of Education Child Wellbeing Unit and with New South Wales Police to stop this problem. Please discuss cyber safety with your children and make sure they are aware of how to be safe online. We have included a guide to online safety to help with this important task.

Recently the New South Wales government announced new standards in literacy for students who sit for the HSC. Students must reach a basic level of literacy before they can be awarded the HSC. Students who do not reach this level of literacy will be issued with a Statement of Attainment rather than the HSC. Starting in 2017, students who sit NAPLAN in Year 9 and achieve a Band 8 or above in reading, writing and numeracy tests can pre-qualify for the HSC. To help parents understand these changes there is an information sheet later in the newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

I am very much looking forward to seeing our students shine their lights in the upcoming NAPLAN tests and through their learning in the classroom.

Peter Craft
Principal

HEAD TEACHER NEWS

In Secondary we are grateful to have such a tight knit group of students who strive to

improve upon their educational outcomes. It is vital in life to be able to self-manage and be resilient in situations that throw challenges our way.

Education is important to anyone's future and a love of learning can assist students in their path towards a career. Our teachers work hard to provide students with scaffolds and guidance in order to achieve their dreams. But with anything there is always room for improvement. Teachers have been working towards improving assessments across the school in order to better track and guide students in their learning. Teachers have also been learning how to coach each other to be better able to reflect on their teaching and work towards improvements.

Now it's time to share how awesome the students are!

Chocoholic Interviews

Students in Stage 5 Careers have been working on formulating a business that will be known as 'Chocoholics'. Students had to devise a product that they would be able to make and sell in bulk. Students then have had to write resumes and cover letters in order to apply for a position within the business. Interviews were conducted on Thursday with students having to dress appropriately and answer set questions under interview conditions. Thank you to Amy Doyle who assisted in the initiative. Students will now be issued with roles and work together to make the business successful. Look out for their products that will be available for purchase in the near future.

Parent Meet and Greet

On Wednesday 8th March we held a parent 'Meet and Greet' session at the school to provide a platform for parents and teachers to meet in an informal setting. Teachers offered some quick learning classes covering aspects such as HOW2Learn, Coding, Reading Strategies and Office 365. After the sessions we opened our new art walls leading from the primary classrooms through to the COLA. These art works were completed as part of the 'Jobs Alive' day last year. Following this there was a free BBQ. A big thankyou to all of the parents who came along to the event, and we hope to see more in the future.

RAP Basketball Trials

On Friday 10th March, Bryce Kenny, Connor Thurston-Jackson and Jacob Glanvill represented the Riverina Access Partnership at the Basketball Trials in Narrandera. While the boys were not successful in making in onto the next level, reports showed a high level of sportsmanship and team work. Well done boys!

RAP Study Day

On Friday 17th March students in Stage 6 attended the RAP Study Day at Ardlethan. Students attended classes with their coordinating teachers and mingled with their peers. Some of the highlights of the day included flying a drone, playing handball at lunchtime and finishing some assessment tasks.

Secondary Dance Camp

From Monday 13th through til Wednesday 15th March, Sienna Bennett attended the Riverina Dance Camp that was held in Albury. It was a fantastic opportunity where Sienna had access to highly qualified dance teachers. Sienna worked with other students as they progressed through different session. She even made the WIN News!

Seniors Luncheon Performance

On Sunday 12th March, 24 of our students from Oaklands Central School shone their lights at the Seniors Luncheon at the Oaklands RSL Bowling Club. We had a singing group who performed 'Castle on the Hill' by Ed Sheeran. Two dance groups choreographed by Sienna Bennett and Chelcee Doyle. Also Connor Thurston-Jackson who displayed his skill juggling, with the yoho diablo and tumbles on the mat. Our students represented the school with enthusiasm and true Oaklands spirit!

PRIMARY NEWS

What a busy and productive couple of weeks we have had. Our new class pets are settling in well and all students are enjoying caring for them. It is great to see so many students taking an interest playing with our guinea pigs - Thunder, Elizabeth, Rosetta and Jess. It is even better to see the responsibility our students have displayed in caring for them, checking their water and ensuring they are being fed the right foods.

Harmony Day

Yesterday was another exciting day with students learning about how kites are using in different cultures and getting to make their own kites as a part of our Harmony Day celebrations. Well done to all students on building their own kites and managing to fly them.

Library

All primary classes have one library lesson a week. This provides students with the opportunity to return and borrow books of interest for them to enjoy at home and also teachers them valuable knowledge about different ways we can source information. Please try and ensure your child brings their books that they are returning each week. Also place the books in a bag so that the books are protected within your child's backpack. This ensures all our books stay in good condition for others to use.

Library days for our classes are -

K/1 – Wednesday

2/3 – Tuesday

4/5/6 – Friday

Assembly

We will be holding our second primary assembly on Friday 24th March and we hope to see you there.

Sally McRorie
Assistant Principal

PRIMARY SPORT REPORT

We have begun participating in whole school sport sessions each week which give the students a greater range of sports to choose from and mix with a larger range of students.

We have had students participate in the following events over the last fortnight:

JeriBerriO Cricket

On Friday 10th March, Jennifer and Stephanie competed with the JeriBerriO Cricket team in the State Knockout against Tocumwal. The JeriBerriO's won the match 104 to 51. They will play either Corowa or Lavington in the next round.

Riverina Swimming

On Monday 13th March, 8 of our students travelled to Albury for the Riverina Swimming Carnival. It was a successful day for our students with most students and teams improving on their times from the zone carnival. Results are below:

- Chelsea Kerr – 16th in 9 year girls 50m Freestyle
- Halle Robb – 21st 10 year girls 50m Freestyle
- Harper Wolter – 24th Senior girls Backstroke
- Junior Girls Relay – 10th
- Peter Dobson Small Schools Relay – 8th

Netball

Amber, Chelcee, Jennifer, Stephanie, Harper and Ashley participated in the JeriBerriO's netball trials in Berrigan. All were successful in making the team to compete in the State Knockout. They are scheduled to play Barooga before the end of term.

Trials for the Finley Zone PSSA Netball team will be held in Barooga on Wednesday 22nd March. Good luck to those who are attending trials.

AFL

Bailey and Seth participated in the Finley Zone PSSA AFL trials in Barooga on Wednesday 8th March. Seth was successful in making the team and competed with the team at the Western Riverina Trials in Leeton on Thursday 16th March. He was able to kick a goal on the day.

Glen Bobbin
Primary Sport Coordinator

Textiles

Our textiles student would like to ask parents and community to kindly donate any wool, yarn and ribbons you may have spare.

Any colour or length would be most appreciated.

Thank you.

E-Safety for Students

Our students are part of the connected, digital world. This opens many great opportunities to communicate, learn and widen their horizons. Unfortunately it can open our children to cyber-bullying, grooming and contact by unsavoury people. From time to time our students are exposed to these unwanted and illegal behaviours.

It is important that we teach young people how to live in the modern digital environment. Recently we have had our Police Liaison Officer visit the school to talk to students about these and other issues. Cyber safety is also taught at various times in the school. It is very important that every parent and every student understands what to do if they are sent offensive or illegal material or approached in an inappropriate way online.

Some common sense advice includes:

- Make sure your child's online contacts/friends are people they know and trust.
- Acknowledge that your child may talk to people they don't know online and that if so, they should keep the topic general and avoid sharing personal information.
- Nothing in life is free – warn your child about accepting gifts from people they don't know.
- Discuss with your child who they can speak to about sensitive issues or things they may be too embarrassed to tell their parents about. This might be an aunty or uncle, older cousin or their teacher.
- Talk about the difficult issues – you need to speak with your child in relation to grooming, sexting and other difficult topics.
- Help your child to develop strategies for **saying no** to requests for photographs, personal information or any inappropriate contacts from people they know.
- If someone does contact them and make offensive suggestions or requests get them to:
  - Stop chatting with the contact.
  - Block the contact.
  - Give a copy of the offensive material to someone they trust, their parents or teachers, so the matter can be reported or dealt with.
  - Not chat with the person again if they try to make contact through another platform.
  - Contact the Office of the Children's E-safety Commissioner at https://esafety.gov.au/ to make a report OR
  - Contact local police as it is a crime to groom, sext, cyber bully using electronic devices.

One of the best ways to protect young people is for parents and caregivers to be aware of what their children are viewing online and who they are chatting with.

If you have any questions about keeping your children safe, please go to https://esafety.gov.au/ or contact the school for further resources.

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).

PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS

The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website	Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room	Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route
Take notes from a lecture or training session	Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet	Write a job application letter
Measure quantities to follow a recipe	Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual	Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:

- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.

Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

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Name: _____

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This student was absent from ___/___/___ to ___/___/___

Due to the following:

- ☐ Illness
- ☐ Injury
- ☐ Medical/Dental Appointment
- ☐ Family Commitments
- ☐ Other _____

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Additional comments _____

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Signed: _____

OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL

P & C AGENDA ITEM

Name:_____

Item:_____

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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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DATE RECEIVED:___/___/___

OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
AND
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

School Contributions for 2017:

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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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	Full Column	$6.60	(inc GST)
Sporting Bodies and Committees:		$33.00	(inc GST)

COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NOTICE

The next P & C Meeting is

TBA

@ 8.00pm

**Please note the change of time*

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

Everyone Welcome!

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Saving the Oaklands Diuris - Wild Orchid Project

Have you ever come across a purple orchid in the Oaklands or Urana area? Did this orchid have long hanging leaves and 'donkey ear' petals? If the answer is yes then you've probably seen the Oaklands Diuris (Diuris callitrophila), which only grows in white cypress pine woodland in the Oaklands/Urana area. Unfortunately, there are only small numbers of this orchid left in the wild.

A group of seven different organisations are working in partnership, under the banner of the Wild Orchids Project, to conserve the Oaklands Diuris and two other species of endangered orchids in southern NSW. The project is helping to protect these orchids by managing a number of threats, including weeds, over-grazing and bushfires. One the biggest threats to the orchids are their small population size.

Last year, the dedicated staff at the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria Orchid Conservation Program started growing orchid seedlings to plant at new and existing sites to increase population numbers. This is a process known as propagation and re-introduction and will be happening over the next few years. It is expected that more than 6,000 orchids from the three endangered species will be propagated.

If you would like to know more about the Wild Orchids Project, visit www.lls.nsw.gov.au/murray or contact Rhiannon Caynes (Murray Local Land Services) on 02 6051 2232 or rhiannon.caynes@lls.nsw.gov.au.

The Wild Orchids Project is a NSW Environmental Trust Saving our Species Partnership Grants Project between Murray Local Land Services, the Office of Environment and Heritage, Forestry Corporation of NSW, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Primary Industries, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Australian Network for Plant Conservation and private landholders.

Photo caption 1: Oaklands Diuris (Diuris callitrophila). Photo by Matt Cameron

Photo caption 2: (from left to right) Helen Waudby (OEH), Geoff Roberston (OEH) and Dr Noushka Reiter (Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria) checking out the newest additions to the nursery.

COROWAS GREAT EASTER

Egg Hunt

+

Easter Sunday

SERVICE

9:30 AM SERVICE + 10:50AM PUPPET SHOW FOLLOWED BY EGG HUNT

BBQ BY ROTARY + JUMPING CASTLE + COFFEE CART

16TH APRIL @ RSL PARK.

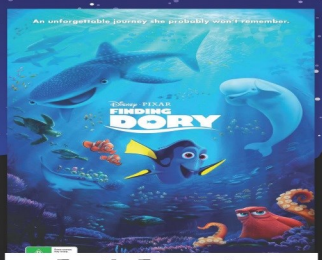
WEATHER PERMITTING

easter.corowabaptist.com.au

Corowa Flicks in the Sticks

Saturday 1 April 2017

Ball Park Oval, Edward Street, Corowa



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for the Information of Members and Guests

THURSDAY NIGHT DRAW
(7:00pm to 9:00pm)

$37,100

SUNDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW

$1,100

Oaklands RSL Bowling Club Ltd

2017 AFL Footy Tipping Comp

John Danaher will be running our 2017 Footy Tipping Comp which will kick off for the first AFL game Sat 1st April.

$4 per week to enter per person – can be paid weekly, monthly or in a lump sum payment to John or the bar staff.
End of Year Function on AFL Grand Final Day at the Club.

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