THE PRINCIPAL, STAFF AND STUDENTS OF OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
Dear parents and friends of the school,

The last two weeks of the year have arrived quickly and it has been pleasing to walk around the school and see how much learning is taking place.

The Secondary students had a fantastic time in the Snowy Mountains, visiting caves, climbing the tallest mountain in the nation and even viewing a moon rock at the Deep Space Communications Centre.

Primary and infants socials went very well, even when battling a blackout. It was great to see everyone having such a good time.

Speech Night was a great success and a reminder of how hard our students and staff work together. Thank you for such good attendance, valuing your child’s education is important for their long term success.

I’ve enjoyed proof reading all the student reports which go out on Friday, it has been a good reminder of the personal growth and learning that students benefit from at our fantastic school.

On a sadder note, some valued staff won’t be returning in 2013. Mr Miller is off to Belmont where he will be teaching, Mr Robey is off to Canberra where he is retiring and Mrs Bonat is taking leave prior to retirement. Each staff member will be terribly missed by their colleagues and the students.

New staff for next year will see Mr Longmire working three days a week in the Secondary faculty. Joining us from the North Coast of NSW with a great deal of experience, is our new Principal, Mr Matthew Jacobson. He hopes to spend some time in the school next week before moving to town in January and is a very friendly and open person who will no doubt lead our school on to even greater success.

Andrew Glazebrook - Relieving Principal

As the year draws to a close we look back and marvel at how much we have achieved in 2012. Primary have had a wonderful year. We began the year welcoming the new Kindergarten students who have now completed a year of school and are old pros. Swimming School cooled us off and everyone improved their swimming skills out of sight. Healthy Harold visited us and the Mobile Library Celebrated their time with us. We began National Partnership and have been able to use this to improve the Literacy and Numeracy skills of all students K-6 with small group classes and individual tuition. National Partnership funding will continue in 2013 and Primary will again be using it to target small group English and Maths classes, making 3 classes across the mornings for as many weeks as possible. This year we introduced Jolly Phonics and have been impressed with the motivational way it dealt with learning ‘sounds’.

Primary competed in Tennis, Cricket, Football and Netball Trials as well as Swimming, Athletics and Cross-country Carnivals. Gabrielle got into the Riverina Cricket team and played at state level. Year 6 went to Melbourne to the National Young Leaders Day and learnt to value how people can strive to reach their potential. EsSENDON came to Finley and in 2013 it will be Geelong. Years 5 and 6 enjoyed the CAP program with Rising Generations, a wonderful group of people who challenge the young to ‘have a go’ and ‘live the dream’.

In term 2 we had some Speech Therapy to help students who have difficulty forming some particular letters and Mrs Stein came to do Public Speaking with all the students from K to 8. Several students performed in the Albury Speech Eisteddfod and all Years 3-6 performed
as a choral group in the Wagga Eisteddfod and had a win.

We had two live performances come to Oaklands; ‘It’s a Mad World’ and ‘Aladdin’ by the Alpha Show Group. The Alpha Show will be returning next year with ‘The Little Mermaid’. We also visited Walla to see ‘The Wizard of Oz’.

Active After School continued for the year and all the students wish to thank the wonderful parents who turned up week after week to make this program the success that it is. We hope to see many more parents involved next year. One of the off shoots of this program is the quality equipment that we get for the school to use all year round. We are so lucky. A big thank you must go to Mrs Swann for all her hard work, for getting this program going and keeping it running this year with Jordan in tow. We really appreciate her efforts. Thank you Caz from all the students.

We enjoyed seeing everyone at the school for Open Day. All the students love showing their school to parents and community.

Woolworths helped our school this year, coming out to us and having a special Fun Day and we won lots of points from Woolworths stickers and have purchased some resources with these. We should have them by early next year.

We went to Finley to play in the 12 a-side mixed football and had lots of fun. We are so lucky to have Andrew Richardson looking out for us and making sure we have as many AFL opportunities as possible.

Some of our students participated in Aspire Me events; Art Camp; Drama Camp and School’s Spectacular in Sydney. These events are District events led by Ms Kempton to give the students access to the cultural aspects of the curriculum. We are lucky to be involved and the students who participated had extremely worthwhile experiences.

We were the guests of the Local Council and had fun participating in their colouring competition.

We sent two teams to Super 8s Cricket at Rand and both teams played very well.

Years 4/5/6 travelled to Sydney to enjoy a week at The Sydney Sports Academy. What a wonderful time they had. It will be a lifetime memory I think. Years 1/2/3 headed off to the Melbourne Zoo and had an equally great time.

Computers fill our world today and our students are lucky enough to have good access to software and skills that will take them into the 21st Century. All students have computer lessons; Jan Cook from CAP added a few web2 skills to their repertoire; sets of ipads have been added to our resources and students are able to use cameras and ipods and present using technology. All can use the smart boards and use web sites and programs to enhance their learning.

The year has wound down with 2 great socials and as we welcomed the new 2013 students at Orientation Days we realised the year was coming to a close. We looked back and saw just how far we had all come and how much each student had learnt and grown throughout the year. Thank you to all the Primary Staff for all the work they have done both in class and outside work hours to make Oaklands Primary the quality that it is. We have a wonderful staff who back each other and never hesitate to do extras and help each other. Our staff place students’ needs first and put that together with a great set of students and we make an amazing team.

Well done team Oaklands for a wonderful Primary Year.

Before I close I need to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Eileen Bonat. Eileen has been the backbone of the office for as long as I have been here. She has sorted out all the finances for the staff and students and dealt with us all with infinite patience and professionalism. Eileen is a quiet and capable lady who has been like the oil that kept the wheels of the school running smoothly. She always worked way beyond the set hours and made sure that everything that was spent on the school and the students was justified and matched the plans and priorities of the school. Thank you Eileen, for your wonderful service to the school, and for looking after the students, the staff and myself so well. We wish you well with your Long Service Leave and your future retirement.

Margot Gorman

Infants Social 2012

On Friday, 30 November, the Year 3 students ran the Infants Social combined with the infants from Savermake Public School. The theme for this year was Famous People and/or Famous Things. All of the children dressed up and they looked “famous”. We had a few Pinks’; Aussie Santa and Santa Helpers; Psy and sporting people to name a few. The atmosphere was set with disco lights and music blaring from the stereo system. Students had learnt dances, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed with two dances being danced then followed by a Year 3 game. Some of the games played House/Trees/Chair, Spin the Bottle and Lucky Spot with prizes won for the last man standing. After some wonderful moving and grooving on the dance floor, students were spoiled with a small feast for supper. At the conclusion of the evening each student received a present and a bag of lollies. Although time slipped away from us and we could not fit all the games in, everyone had a fabulous evening full of excitement. Congratulations to the Year 3 organisers. They were great leaders and provided a thrilling night for all.

Kindergarten Orientation

On Wednesday 21 and 28 November and 5 December, we had six very excited preschoolers in our school for
the Kindergarten Orientation. They had a wonderful, busy time with Mrs Bruce learning how to be Kinders. The outgoing Kindergarten class took great pride in showing the preschoolers around the school and helping them, ensuring they were happy and safe at all times. Each of the three days was filled with a variety of different activities from writing, listening to stories, exploring the classroom, to cooking and Active After School Sport. All of the staff and students are looking forward to seeing their happy and enthusiastic faces at school next year.

Mrs Angelique Bruce - K/1 Classroom Teacher

**Primary Social 2012**

It was with great excitement that a whole host of Nerds turned up to the primary social on Thursday 29th November. It was the hottest night of the year and the Nerds from Years 4/5/6 and Savernake Public School and Mrs Orr, Mrs Swann and Ms Outram arrived ready to dance the night away in the air conditioned school hall. There was dancing, cat walking, spin the bottle (the new version, not the old one!), races to eat chocolate, limbo dancing and more. We thought the night was going to take a bad turn when there was a major blackout – but no - the Nerds rocked on late into the evening. There was singing and dancing and games and a fantastic supper supplied by the parents and grandparents. Despite the lack of music and air-conditioning, a great night was had by all the Nerds.

Ms Janette Outram - 4/5/6 Classroom Teacher

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**Secondary Sports Report**

On behalf of the Oaklands Central School Secondary students, we would like to thank the Corowa RSL Club for the use of their squash/racket ball facilities over the last month. It was very enjoyable to experience a new sport.

Mr Peter Longmire - Sport co-ordinator.

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**FOR SALE**

Seven white 13 week old pullets. Commercial layers. $13.00 each. Please contact the school office for enquiries.

Mr Paul Robey - Ag Teacher

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**SECONDARY CLASSROOM NEWS**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**OAKLANDS & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB**

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at the Park
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Wheelbarrow Raffle

(Presents up to value of $15.00 (Babies to 12 years)
to be left at 41 Butler Street - Elizabeth Kerr

(Please ensure FULL NAME and AGE are clearly marked on presents)
7-10 Excursion to the Snowy Mountains

Day 1: Driving to Jindabyne, visiting the Yarrangabilly Caves.

Day 2: Climbing Mt Kosciuszko through snow and freezing winds, bobsled and indoor pool.

Day 3: Mountain Biking, Flying Foxes, Canoeing and lastly a trivia comp.

Day 4: Returning via the Cooma HydroDiscovery Centre and the CSIRO/NASA Deep Space Communications Centre.
OAKLANDS COMMUNITY HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE

GYM MEMBERSHIP FEES 2013

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(2 adults, 2 students 14-18 years)

*Early Bird fee applies to annual payment made before 28th February 2013

1. No joining fee. $20 Card Access Deposit on all new memberships
2. Membership entitles member to equipment and safety induction at gym and an initial free personal exercise program.
3. Gym Membership fee includes membership to OCHFC Inc Association.
4. Fees can be paid quarterly, half yearly or annually, commencing in March, and will be calculated pro-rata when joining.
5. Short term membership is available for uni students, visitors etc;
   $20 access card deposit required. Short term membership per week:
   Adult: $10.00  Student / Pensioner: $5.00

EXERCISE CLASS FEES

1st January to 30th June 2013

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No increase in class fees for first half of 2013, due to subsidy by Rural Preventative Health Initiative.

Membership and class fees are subsidised by the Australian Government Department of Health & Ageing under the Rural Primary Health Service program

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Tamara Nixon 0417 559152
Tarin Moar 0427 847208

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NOSTALGIA IN BLUE

The Berrigan Library is very fortunate to have beautiful Traditional Chinese textiles displayed in the meeting room as part of a travelling exhibition from the Chinese Embassy.

The exhibition shows examples of Batik, Bandhanu and Blue printed calicos. They are dyed with natural pigments to create decorative patterns with sensational effects.

Currently in China all three crafts have been listed on the Intangible Cultural Heritage List and have received national recognition. The crafts reflect the beautiful souls of the Chinese workingwoman.

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May the splendor of this season remind you of Him who is worthy of all our praise

The Members of the Berrigan Uniting Church Council and Pastoral Care, wish you a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

An invitation is extended to all to attend the Christmas carols Service, in Wesley Church on Sunday Evening 23rd December commencing at 8pm.

A light supper will follow the conclusion of service.

We look forward to a time of good singing and fellowship, please encourage your friends to also join with us.

Please note there will not be a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Service.
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Christmas Party
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Time: 6pm

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Visit from Santa
games

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For the information of members and guests

Thursday Night Draw
(7:00pm to 9:00pm)
13th December 2012
$13,800.00

Sunday Night Draw
16th December 2012
$750.00

New Years Eve Karaoke Night
Hosted by Lisa Wilson
Fancy Dress Acrostic Theme
(Come dressed as a character
using the following letters as the first in your character -
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