Dear parents and friends of the school,

Community Support
I apologise for dishing out mushy stuff this early in our school newsletter. However, I cannot get over the warmth and care that is so readily given throughout the Oaklands community. It seems that by the time each newsletter comes around, I need to take out paper and pencil to try and recall all of the acts of service and displays of kindness that need to be recognised.

Just shy of two weeks ago, we were treated to a visit by AFL great, Mr Tom Hafey. As hosts to other local schools, we were tasked with providing a venue and catering. As usual, our P&C jumped to it and had things hopping in no time. Tables and chairs were delivered, calls for donations of food were organised and rosters of duty were made. (This is not to mention the surprise I got when numerous faces presented themselves on Sunday afternoon, unannounced, to see if any more help was needed).

The only hiccup with the whole process was that at certain points, there was too much help. In regards to donations of food, the response from parents at home was overwhelming. This same pattern held just at the end of the week when we had our open day. Parents were happy to help serve food, community members poured through our doors and everyone gave praise to our students and teachers as they showed their stuff.

It seems that the damp weather and the excitement of the book fair meant that the principal’s address did not take place. All would agree that this too is an added bonus! I’m sure I speak on behalf of many when I say, I love living and working in Oaklands. Thank you everyone!

Warm Regards,

Matthew Jacobson
Principal

Open Day
A huge thank you, to all the parents and community who came to Open Day on Friday. The students so look forward to sharing their schooling with you and they love to see how interested you are in their efforts and learning. We are a very lucky school to have such a caring community and this is one of the strengths that our students can lean on in every venture that they undertake. They know you will always be backing them.

It was lovely to see so many people venturing into K/1 then 2/3 then 4/5/6 then secondary. This showed the students that they were ALL valued.

Open Day was a great success even if it was freezing in that wind. The K/1s were delightful with their smart-board games and spelling; 2/3s DVD, which was bigger than Ben Hur, was amazing; 4/5/6 art lesson produced a sculpture effect that was excellent and secondary showed the latest technology that is hitting our systems and science to boot.

A big thank you needs to go to Amy, Judy and Kylie for cooking us such a lovely lunch. Everyone enjoyed it and it added a very nice touch for the day.
**Book Fair**
The Book Fair had some wonderful books and many parents took the opportunity to top up home reading or Christmas. Thank you Mr Glazebrook and Mrs Bruce for organising this event. It takes a lot of setting up but it is a great addition to our Open Day.

**Art Camp**
Mrs Bruce and I picked Amy Mottram and Crystal Bateman up Friday afternoon in Finley, from the Moulamein Art Camp. They blew us away with their enthusiasm as they filled us in on the great experiences they had encountered over the 2 day Camp. We are so lucky to have our students involved in these extra activities. Ms Vicki Kempton never stops looking for extras for her region. The girls will report back to you when they come down to earth. Thank you to Mr Jacobson for getting the girls to the bus Thursday and to Ms Kempton for driving them all that way.

**Athletics**
The District Athletics Oaklands team had a wonderful day out on the 26th July. We had a full team of keen competitors. Everyone ran, jumped, putted to the very best of their ability often against much larger competitors (especially in junior event 8 to 10). I was so proud of them all. They gave it their best shot and finished grinning every time. It was a pleasure to be their leader! Some came out individual winners and are to be highly congratulated. We will list them at the end.

Thank you so much to the parents who again efficiently ran the timekeeping roster. We play our part well at these carnivals. We had 3 staff and a parent lane helping on the day from a little community 3 teacher school. We have a group now that will join the Balldale and District Team at the Riverina Carnival on the 30th August. We wish them luck and know that they will train hard and strive to do their best which is the team Oaklands way.

**English and Maths Competition**
Last week 14 students sat for the English and Maths Competitions. This competition is sat by students throughout Australia and some parts of Asia. It strives to have 1 winner so the questions are graded to the year level and then way beyond. It is a great experience for our students to be exposed to especially if they excel at these subjects as it takes them outside their school learning into the areas of logic, inference and evaluation. It is set for students at the top 10% but gives valuable practice for those striving for excellence. Well done those students for having a go.

**Staff Development Day**
The staff had a very informative Staff Development Day and will be following it up with sessions shared with the other schools as well as in-school sessions and training in order to be spot on with the Australian Curriculum next year which is mandatory in both Maths and English. Literacy is being encouraged in all subjects to keep us competitive in a fiercely competitive world. We want our students out there second to none.

**Staff Training**
This week Mr Jacobson, Mr Glazebrook and I are off to Wagga to learn the next steps in recording and analysing student data. All schools are training in this and this will keep our school right up to date.
Shane Crawford Football
Ms Outram will be taking our Shane Crawford 12 aside senior team to Finley on Wednesday. Tennis and Active After School will continue as usual.

Speech Eisteddfod
The brave Eisteddfod team will be going to Albury on Thursday. We wish them well. Unless something interferes I will be slipping across to watch them. I am sure they will be grand and even more sure that the experience will be a growth point for them all.

State Football
George heads for Darwin next week and we all wish him the absolute best of luck. We would like to be there to cheer him on but he will just have to let us know by phone etc how he is going. GOOD LUCK GEORGE!

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews have been put off to week 7 when all staff will be back on board again. We look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Brain
This will be Brittany Brain’s last week at Oaklands. Brittany has been working out of the Charles Darwin University as a distant education student. Her prac has been 12 weeks of which 8 were a fulltime teaching load. She has managed her load so well and taken on the class as her own.

She has learnt so much and has thrown herself into the life of the school; taking an active after school group; scoring and timing at the District Football. Timekeeping all day at the District Athletics; timing and moving groups all day at the school athletics carnival. Check pointing at the District X-country; doing merit certificates for the term Merit assembly. Helping with reports and assessments; and making from scratch and completely unaided, a DVD with the 2/3 students where they made puppets, wrote a script, planned and sang songs; created scenes and used the ipads, smartboard and technology to create their own movie on the novel that they are reading this term, ‘Charlotte’s Web’.

Brittany has moved all the students forward in their maths and English and I praise her for this as I set high goals and Brittany has never stopped trying to match them. Brittany has immense teaching talent and we all wish her the best in her teaching career. We have benefitted from her enthusiasm and skills and now we know many lucky students are about to benefit from the same. We hate to let you go but it must be, so good luck Miss Brain from all the staff and students at Oaklands Central School, especially years 2/3 and Mrs Gorman.

Margot Gorman

Balldale Carnival
On Friday 26th of July a group of people went to Corowa to the District Carnival from years 2 to 6 to compete against others schools in the district.

All of the kids went in all the events they had to and tried their hardest and all did very well. Ms Outram had to sit in a tent and add up all of the scores and then write on all of the first, second and third certificates all day.

The first event was the 800m and then the age groups split up and did the other events. At the end of the day the teachers gave out most of the certificates and all of the medals which took a long time.

The day was awesome and everybody went home very, very happy and tired.

Aaron Sandral

Open Day
Our school had an Open Day on Friday 2nd of August at our school. The day started at 11.15am. The parent went to the K/1 room first, then they all walked to the art room and saw the 4/5/6 class do their art. While they drew a leaf in many ways.

Because it was lunch time, everyone went outside the hall for a BBQ. So everyone lined up outside the cooking room to get some lovely food. There was some...
beautiful food, like some delicious cake, chocolate, banana and orange cake with some cream on top. There was tea and coffee for the adults and a fruit drink for the kids. Everyone was very full after all the delicious lunch.

After lunch everyone went down the back to the playground for a play. Then we went to the book fair, the book fair was amazing. A big credit to Mrs Bruce who set it up. The books were awesome, there was a huge range of books. After the book fair, the parents were free to go look at the children’s class rooms.

In the end it was a fantastic day for everyone.

Archie Boydell

**Tennis Coaching**

Oaklands Central School is lucky enough to be participating in tennis coaching every Wednesday for eight weeks. The tennis coach is Mick Young but better known as “Agent Hairy Legs”.

Every Wednesday students from Kinder to Year 12 participate in tennis coaching. We split up into small groups. Mick teaches us how to hold our racquet and play difficult shots. Mick is working through Hot Shots Tennis, but is a member of Personal Best Tennis.

We got this grant on behalf of the Oaklands Community Health and Fitness Centre which was applied for by Mrs Swann. Mrs Swann applied for the NSW Sport and Rec Participation grant. Another great attachment is that at the end of the eight weeks some community members will be taught how to coach so they can run the program long after Mick has left.

I think we should all thank Mrs Swann for her time and effort and Oaklands Community Health and Fitness for getting us this wonderful grant.

George Sandral

**Art Camp**

On Thursday the 1st of August Crystal Bateman, Amy Mottram and children selected from other schools woke up around 5.30am in the morning to catch a bus to Moulamein school for a 2 day art camp. Once everybody arrived we bought all of our luggage off the bus and placed it in a hall.

Once we were sorted into our groups we did a small activity: there were four groups for clay, glass, sketching and painting. My group activity was autumn themed and so we played with leaves, paint and decorated a large piece of paper. Crystal was in clay where they made earrings out of clay, then painted them and then placed them in a kiln. Other groups did ink, spray paint, and black n white themed art. After the activity we went to our stations where we worked. To start off in my group we did warm ups. Firstly we read a poem about land and earth, next we were given a sketch pad and different materials such as charcoal, 0.4 pens pencils and crayons to show thickness, thin and texture.

On the 2nd day we stared our collage. Our theme was trees and everybody had to do something different so my choice was old gum trees. Also our challenge was not to use lots of colours and we couldn’t use them straight up because we had to mix n match.

After we were all finished Mrs Jacobs gave us some tips: like good brands of art materials, shops, what sort of brushes to use for different things and also to have breaks between your art time.

I really enjoyed my 2 days of Art Camp. I loved the food, art techniques, strategies and especially meeting old and new friends during the days.

Amy Mottram

**Balldale Athletics Carnival Results**

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Brooklyn Moloney
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Liam Summons
100m 4th

Jesse Moloney
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Junior Boy Relay 2nd

Stephanie Munro
100m 5th
Shot put 4th
Discus 5th

Zak Sartore
100m 3rd

Sam Jacobson
100m 4th

Charlie Sandral
100m 4th

Harper Wolter
100m 5th
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Junior Girl Relay 3rd

Jennifer Sandral
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Sophie Willis
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Holly Arnold
100m 4th
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Junior Girl Relay 3rd
High Jump 4th

Olive Russell
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Isabelle Richens
100m/Discus 4th
COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:
10th August - Billabong Crows v M. Mapgies (away)
11th August - 2nd Round Club Championships at Oaklands Golf Club
17th August - Billabong Crows “BYE”

P & C NOTICE

The next P & C Meeting is

Monday 19th August

P and C meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm in the Staff Room.
Everyone welcome

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Congratulations to the children who received the sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation at St. Fiacre’s Church, Urana on Sunday, 4th August 2013. Well done to the children who have been working towards these sacraments for several months, organised and overseen by Mrs Veronica Sandral. Also, thank you to Fr. Howie for working with the children as well. A tremendous amount of effort has been put into these children from Veronica, which was all voluntary. Thanks Veronica, the families are truly grateful for all of your effort.

Back row L-R: Veronica Sandral, Logan Kerr, George Sandral, Xavier Buntin, Riley Kerr, Courtney Summons.
Front row L-R: Chelcee Doyle, Ashley Hanrahan, Jennifer Sandral, Amber Summons, Liam Summons.

Coming Events!

To Members and guests,
For your entertainment
The following events are as follows:

August 16th from 8.00pm
Peter Dench
Live Music, Comedy, Blue Grass Entertainment

August 24th from 7.30pm
Lisa Wilson
Singing & Karaoke

Bistro will be open from 6.00pm on all events!

October 25th 8.00pm
Dave Allen & Ronnie Soul
Rock Around the World
Playing 50s, 60s, 70s
Rock & Roll

Table Bookings can be made at the bar or by phone on 02 6035 4314
While we all live in an advanced technological age, we have not quite reached the stage where books are a thing of the past. Particularly one little best seller.

The Emergency Medical Information Book - contains all of your information and medical records which is needed if or when an ambulance is called and you need to be transported to a hospital. When paramedics are called, a typical scenario is that distraught family members may be unable to give correct details of the patient’s condition, or the medication they may be on. The paramedics physically have to collect all the patients medication in the house, try and obtain a medical history and take it to the hospital with the patient. This small book contains patient contacts, service or carer provider information, medications and any medical condition, so a paramedic is able to treat and ready a patient for transport to a hospital.

About 1 million copies have been produced and distributed since 1999. If you have one you will know that it contains all of your information and medical records needed in an emergency. If you don’t have one and, especially if you live alone or have medical history and take medications, you should get one.

The above book has been organised by the Oaklands & District Lions Club and is available by contacting John Danaher on 0427 354134 or from the Urana Pharmacy at 6-8 Osborne Street, Urana. We are hoping to put them in more locations at a later date.

The cost of each booklet is a $2.00 coin donation to help cover the costs of production.
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 - give reason _______________________

Additional comments _____________________________

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Signed: __________________________________________________________________________
Date: __________

OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
AND
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

School Contributions for 2013 are as follows:

Primary Student: $30.00
Secondary Student: $30.00
Maximum per Family $50.00
and are now payable to the School Office

Remember these contributions benefit YOUR children and YOUR community.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:
$13.00 (inc GST)

P & C SUBSCRIPTION:
$5.00
(This covers parents when working for the P & C, ie working bees, catering).

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Agenda submissions MUST be received 14 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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(7:00pm to 9:00pm)
8th August, 2013
$32,200.00

SUNDAY NIGHT DRAW
11th August, 2013
$1,150.00

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