Dear parents and friends of the school,

Everyone would be pleased to see the canola quickly running lemon yellow from road to horizon. Thank goodness for the rain but, more so, thank goodness for the coming of spring. It won’t be long and school jumpers will go to the back of the closet and our wide brimmed hats will be an everyday item again. I know many of us at school are looking forward to the coming warmth!

On behalf of everyone here at Oaklands Central School, I would like to wish our School Captains a safe and rewarding trip to the school leaders assembly at Government House in Sydney this week. Accompanied by the wonderful Mrs Gorman, Mikaela and Bonnie will make a flying visit to the capital city to meet and greet both school leaders and the Governor!

In 2011, I was fortunate enough to travel to the Republic of South Africa where I carried out educational research into Post-Apartheid educational leadership. I visited schools of every shape and size throughout many unique regions of the country. One of the things that stood out most was the pride that their students shared in belonging to a school. Their uniforms were absolutely immaculate! It showed me just how much South Africans value education and how important it is to go to school. One education officer chimed to me that going to school could mean the difference between a life of labour and the opportunity to follow your dreams.

Obviously our lives in Oaklands stand in stark contrast to the shanty towns of South Africa. However, it is arguable that our childrens’ education here can ultimately set them up to follow their dreams.

I am absolutely grateful to those students who make the effort to come to school each day in uniform. Furthermore, this memo is not meant to shame or humiliate any students that have been less than enthusiastic about wearing their colours. Rather, this is a call to arms for everyone in Oaklands to get behind our school and continue to support ventures, such as school uniform, which stand out and show our pride.

Teachers and staff have been asked to remind all students about school uniform and question those who attend without proper attire. Children are welcome to occasionally borrow items from the clothing pool in the office and, out of respect for their community, not arrive at school without appropriate attire.

Thank you for your support.

Warm Regards,
Matthew Jacobson
Principal

Week six is here already. Hasn’t it flown!

**Shane Crawford 12-aside Football**
The Shane Crawford 12-aside football team had a great day, winning all but one game. The team had lots of fun and we again thank Andrew Richardson for including our students in his fun filled events.

**Active After School Communities**
Active After School is progressing nicely. We are getting very short of parental helpers as so many are working these days but we have been lucky enough to have
staff that are willing to keep it going when parents cannot. Thank you to Miss Keenan, Mr Jacobson and of course Mrs Swann for your wonderful efforts. Thanks to Mandy, Sandy and Dean also for helping out and everyone else who has had a turn. Active After School is run from 2:25pm to 3:25pm on Wednesdays and this allows the isolated students to be involved and catch the bus home. A parent inquired as to how we can do this. We actually finish school at 2:55pm in Primary so by working till 3 and sometimes a little after we accumulate the hours needed to do this. That is why I am grateful to the staff because it is work done in their own time in a voluntary fashion – not school time.

**Tennis Lessons**

Tennis is such fun. The little guys are getting the hang of it so quickly. All the students are rallying and controlling the ball. Thank you again Gym people for looking after our school and offering our students such exceptional experiences.

**George Sandral - NSW AFL Representative**

George has had an amazing experience in Darwin and will bless us with a report when he has time to draw breath. Congratulations to George on winning the prestigious ‘Local Sporting Champion NSW 2013’ Award. George won one of 20 awards given to Sporting Champions between ages of 12 and 20 each year. So you can imagine how competitive it is. So well, well done George. And well deserved too I might add.

**Albury Eisteddfod**

The Albury Eisteddfod crew were wonderful. They watched different sections and saw how others presented themselves and then rose to the occasion and each lifted their game. I haven’t seen them as good. Stephanie Munro got a 1st; Charlie Sandral a 2nd; Aaron Sandral a 3rd; Amy Mottram a 2nd; Renee Ansell a 3rd; Xavier Buntin a Highly Commended. Well done all of you. You made me so proud and your parents and school too. These students worked hard to achieve their goals. They practised at home, and I gave them 40 minutes a day while I had Miss Brain on my class so they were well prepared and it paid off.

**Local Government Week**

The Local Council meeting was a highlight for our Year 6 students. Unfortunately we had a bit of sickness so we were a little underrepresented but those that went got a lot out of it. It was great to see leaders at work. Our students got a good understanding of how our Council works thanks to interesting questions and great answers. The Council very kindly runs a colouring competition each year and had prizes of $10 for 4 students from each school. Our winners were Harper Wolter, Stephanie Munro, Brooklyn Moloney and Emma Gardiner. Well done girls! Then there was a prize for the overall winner from Juniors and Seniors and congratulations to Harper Wolter for winning the overall Junior prize. Harper won $50 for our school and she will help pick out a book or resource for the school.

**Book Week**

This week is Book Week. Mrs Bruce will be highlighting Book Week in her Library lessons and she will be having a morning tea party on Friday to bring it to its conclusion.

**Leadership Excursion**

On Wednesday I will be taking Mikaela and Bonnie, our School Captains, to Sydney to a meet the Governor Day. This day is for all school captains from NSW and the Thursday has been designated for Riverina and North Coast. We will be staying in Sydney Wednesday night and dining out, then going to a parliament session and walking to Government House for lunch. It should be a wonderful experience for the girls. I am proud to be mentoring them on this awesome occasion. We have purchased senior school blazers for the secondary leaders to wear when they are representing our school. Bonnie and Mikaela will be the first to wear them. We will put a photo in the next newsletter.

Margot Gorman

**Riverina Athletics**

Congratulations to all of the students participating in the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on Friday 30th August: George Sandral, Jesse Moloney, Aaron Sandral, Gabrielle Sutcliffe, Crystal Bateman, Xavier Buntin, Jacob Habermann, Jake Sartore and Logan Kerr.

Best of luck to you all!

Janette Outram

A big thankyou to all the staff and students at Oaklands Central School who supported me. Also a huge thanks to Mrs Gorman who applied and received a grant to help with the cost of attending the National carnival.

It was a great experience with the NSW team finishing 6th in front of ACT and Northern Territory invitational. I have really enjoyed meeting new friends and visiting the “Top End”, it’s people, reptiles and unique attraction. NSW also came home with the Richard Newman shield which is awarded for good behaviour on and off the field.

George Sandral
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 ____________________________

_______________________________________________

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).

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)

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COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR:
24th August - Billabong Crows -v- Jindera “last game” (home)
24th August - “Lisa Wilson” singing & karaoke at Oaklands RSL & Bowling Club, 7.30pm
25th August - Golfers -v- Footballers at Oaklands Golf Club

P & C NOTICE

The next P & C Meeting is

Monday 16th September
P and C meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm in the Staff Room.
Everyone welcome

YOU ARE INVITED TO
“FEE FI FO FUM!”

See Berrigan Public School students perform the great play of, “FEE FI FO FUM!” Directed by the wonderful Helen Dickie.

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,
We would be very pleased if you could come and see Berrigan Public Schools’ play.
On: Wednesday 18th or Thursday 19th September.
Starts: 10:00am
At: Berrigan Memorial Hall
RSVP: 19th of August. Please include how many people will be attending and what day you would prefer to attend.
We truly hope you can come!!
Sincerely Berrigan Public School Captains: Mason, Kate, Milly and Annabelle.

Coming Events!

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

August 16th from 8.00pm
Peter Denchey
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
When asked about the specifics of their dad’s job, they have a unified answer — “Dad fixes the boats to help them stay at sea”.

Ricky is not just a role model to his children at home but to the sailors he instructs as well.

As second in charge of engineering in patrol boat crew Attack Three, he supervises the education of junior Marine Technicians along with the maintenance and repair of all mechanical and electrical systems onboard.

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Article courtesy of the Corowa Free Press, Wednesday, 14th August 2013.

From Oaklands to the big, blue sea

Ricky Garner loves working on Armidale Class Patrol Boats but it’s nothing compared to the love of his family which the Royal Australian Navy help him build.

The 39-year-old former Oaklands resident has enjoyed 20 years in the Navy as a marine technician with experiences in submarines and various platforms including HMAS Ships Torrens, Westralia and Albany.

Looking back to his youth attending Oaklands Central School in southern New South Wales, Ricky said he always knew he was going to be a mechanic.

“I just didn’t think it would be in the Navy or in Patrol Boats, but I love it,” he said.

“When maintained correctly the patrol boats perform well—they are a very capable platform,” he said.

Leading Seaman Garner has served in Armidale Class Patrol Boats for seven years giving his family of five a solid home base during his posting in Darwin.

“At the end of the day though I look forward most to having some peace and quiet at home with my beautiful family. I love my family and they are everything to me,” he added.

As a member of Attack Three, Ricky is now one of approximately 500 Defence Force personnel deployed on Operation RESOLUTE, the Australian Defence Force’s contribution to Australia’s Whole of Government maritime border security effort.

His family include wife Alicia and children Hayley (18), Conner (14), Kyra (12), Mackenzie (7) and Payton (5).

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OAKLANDS CRICKET CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, 30th August 2013
Oaklands Hotel, 7.30pm

AGENDA

• Election of Office Bearers
• Teams (Juniors, B Grade & A Grade)
• General Business

ALL PLAYERS WELCOME

Leading Seaman Marine Technician Ricky Garner, formerly from Oaklands, performs routine maintenance on the starboard sea boat of HMAS Albany during Operation Resolute
Dear Community members,

As you all know our small community is slowly declining in numbers placing pressure on existing community groups and organisations to take up the work load and continue to run and utilize these wonderful groups, clubs and committees.

The CWA Oaklands is no exception to this hardship feeling the pinch of the decline. We are holding our Annual General Meeting in October and are urging any local ladies that may have an interest in joining and becoming an active member to attend. We are looking for active, enthusiastic members who may be willing to take on leadership and key roles in our branch to continue running our organization.

The CWA rooms are currently home to our FARMS daycare service, Urana shire preschool, RTA visits and many other community group meetings and events.

If our branch ceases to continue the CWA rooms at Oaklands will be in the hands of CWA Australia and have a high chance of being sold off, as has happened in most of the closed branches across Australia.

We as a community do not want to see this happen!

Please come along and support us in our endeavor to keep our town strong!

Sarah Moloney
President.

Oaklands CWA AGM
Thursday 17th October 2:00pm
Amaranth Foundation &
Gerard Santamaria from Fuzion Underground
presents

~ A Night For Men ~

On Friday 30th August – from 6.30 to 9.30
Corowa RSL Club – Lone Pine Room
Gold coin donation only

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"If your mind is not projected into your hands, even ten thousand techniques will be useless."
Yamaoka Tesshu

For more information contact:
Julianne Whyte on 0400 368533 or
Gerard Santamaria on 0407 053559

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Funding Mental Toughness

Women supporting men as wives, partners, sisters and friends are most welcome.
OAKLANDS RSL BOWLING CLUB LTD
For the Information of Members and Guests

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