## Events Calendar

### School Events

**Friday 27th November**
- Primary Assembly 2pm

**Monday 30th November–Friday 4th December**
- Years 9&10 Work Experience

**Friday 4th December**
- Creative Catchment Kids Launch

**Monday 7th–11th December**
- Secondary Snowy Mountains Excursion

**Thursday—10th December**
- Whole School Assembly (2.30pm-3.30pm)
- Primary School Social

**Friday 11th December**
- Primary Assembly (2pm)

**Monday - 14th December**
- Year 6 Graduation Dinner (Corowa)

**Tuesday 15th December**
- Presentation Night (6pm, Town Hall)

**Monday 15th February**
- P&C Meeting 8.00pm

### Community Events

**Save the Date**
- Oaklands Truck Show
- Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 March, 2016

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**Year 3&4 Beechworth Excursion (below)**

**Year 5&6 Dubbo Excursion (above)**
I’d like to thank Grace Whittaker and Melinda Elith for their continued hard work this term. They have done a tremendous job in keeping Oaklands Central School on track as relieving Assistant Principal and Principal.

We currently have Ms Bishop away on Long Service Leave until the end of Week 9. Miss Willis has been taking K/1 for this time. Miss Whittaker is currently relieving Assistant Principal.

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students have had a great time away on their excursions to Beechworth and Dubbo respectively. A big thank you to Miss Brain and Miss Whittaker for organising such high quality excursions for our students. Thank you to Mr Creamer and Mr Knight for assisting with excursion supervision.

As many of you are aware, the end of term is fast approaching. This in mind, we are working behind the scenes to make some preparations for the year ahead. Classroom organisation can be frustrating to all of us as it is dependent on student numbers as of week two, term one. Permanent decisions regarding the primary part of our school cannot be finalised prior to this date. Unfortunately, this means that we cannot guarantee continued employment to all of our temporary teaching staff before the cut-off date.

Grace Whittaker and Brittany Brain have both been tremendous assets to our school and warmly admired by students, staff and parents. On behalf of everyone here at Oaklands Central School, I would like to offer them our gratitude as we bid them farewell on the next chapter of their teaching careers. Ms Brain has been successful in securing employment closer to family in Queensland and Ms Whittaker will continue to seek permanent employment with the Department of Education. Best of luck you two!

Week 8 has come around very quickly. Last week saw the Year 7-10 students sit their yearly examinations. For students that were away for any examinations they will catch up this week. Thank you for your support at home while students prepared and studied for each of their examinations.

On Wednesday 11th November I had the privilege of accompanying Gracie Richens to the Victor Chang awards in Junee. The award recognises students in NSW schools who achieve in the area of Science. It was an amazing feeling sitting in the room with a number of talented students who hold part of my future in their hands.

Friday 20th November was the final Year 6 into 7 transition day to be held at OCS this year. We look forward to these students joining us in Secondary on a permanent basis next year. On Thursday 19th November Year 10 students travelled to Finley High School to participate in the ‘Love Bites’ program. The program focuses on Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment. It was a great opportunity as an educational program for our students to be involved in.
Over the last couple of weeks we have had two events to officially farewell our 2015 Year 12 students (Tiah Ciccia, Andrew Carpenter and Bromeo Purtell). On Saturday 14th November the Riverina Access Partnership dinner was held in Leeton. This saw Tiah Ciccia receiving the SAMG award for a highly motivated student across the partnership, a great achievement that reflects her hard work over the year.

Furthermore we held our school Year 12 Farewell here on Friday 20th November. It was great to see so many parents, relatives and friends come along to celebrate with the three students. A big thankyou to Mrs Marshall, Mrs Davis, Ms Buchanan, Mr Longmire and Thomas Macartney for helping on the night. Also thank you to Amy Doyle for preparing the wonderful cake for the night.

Next week during Week 9 we will have Stage 5 students out on Work Experience as part of their Careers education. This will provide students with an opportunity to explore different avenues for their futures. A big thank you to Mrs Marshall and parents/carers who have assisted students in preparing for this week.

A Big Thank You
Mrs Marshall and the Food Technology class would like to thank the entire school community for their support with their Morning Tea Stall Assignment last Friday, it was a huge success. After careful observation, surveying and deliberation the food tech students chose items to make and sell at their stall with profits firmly in their minds. Jasmine and Violet had great success with their sell out cupcakes and rumballs while Thomas and Jacob cleaned up with their pre-ordered bacon and egg sandwiches.

This assessment was the culmination of a unit on Food Product Development. Well done to the Food Tech Class!

Mrs Marshall

PRIMARY NEWS

Metal Tins
We have had some donations of tins coming in which is fantastic to see. Could you please continue to collect tins, wash them and remove all labels and bring them in. They can be given to any primary teacher.

Drink bottles and Hats
Some students are still coming to school without a drink bottle and hat. It is very important that students have sufficient amounts of water in order to stay hydrated. Could all carers please ensure that every child comes to school with a drink bottle and a hat each day.
Pen Licences
On the 13th of November, Jennifer Sandral, Amber Summons, Harper Wolter and Chelcee Doyle were given their pen licences. They have been working hard to achieve these by writing in their very best handwriting throughout their workbooks. With this special licence came some rules and the four girls had to take an oath in order to sign them. Congratulations girls!

Home Readers
For those who have still not returned home readers, could you please search the house and return them. We will begin to send out letters for those who have not returned them with the amount that is owing for the missing books if they have not been returned by Friday 27th November, 2015.

Miss Whittaker

Last week for Science, Mrs A brought in a large bag of clothes and a big cuddly teddy bear. The Kinder class took great delight in dressing up Mr Ted to demonstrate their understanding of the four seasons and various weather conditions. Well done Kindies.

Mrs Allsworth

Over the next couple of weeks the SRC will be driving a number of initiatives within the school. This Thursday (26th November) the SRC have organised an ‘Anti-poverty Day’. This day will involve students and staff throughout the day experiencing learning without power, technology and specialise equipment.

On Wednesday 2nd December the SRC have organised a ‘Bake off’ for students and staff. Students can enter their prized cupcakes or cookies for judging by two representatives from the SRC. Other students can also bring along a gold coin donation to share in the tasting experience.

Furthermore towards the end of term there will be the election of the 2016 School Captains and the SRC representatives. Please encourage your children to have a go at building their leadership skills. A big thank you to all students who have been part of the effective team this year!
Chaplaincy Support Team
Recently a meeting was held at the school to form a Chaplaincy Support Team. Thank you to all who supported this meeting and we are grateful to Darren Sutcliffe who has agreed to take on the position of the Chairperson of this team. The team are seeking donations from local businesses and families to support the chaplaincy program and to ensure that it continues at the school. All donations are tax deductible and can be made directly to Generate who employ our chaplain. Donations can be made with the slip below by cheque, credit card or direct debit or on-line at http://mychaplain.org.au making sure you select Oaklands Central School. You can either make a once-off donation or arrange for a monthly donation. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to raise $7000 over the next year which could be 7 local businesses or families donating $1000 each, 14 donations of $500 each or 28 donations of $250 each. Your support of this valuable program at our school would be greatly appreciated. Enquiries can be directed to Darren Sutcliffe or Janice Mitchell, Chaplaincy Development Officer, Generate on 0408 686 165.

Breakfast Club
The children love coming into breakfast club each Wednesday morning and donations of supplies to assist with running costs are greatly appreciated.
We are looking for donations of:
- Strawberry Jam
- Honey
- Vegemite
- Breakfast Juice (only)
- Low sugar cereal
- Raisin Loaf
- White toast bread
Monetary donations are also appreciated.
Thank you for your kind donations in the past, we look forward to continuing this program into 2016.
Any donations can be left at the School Office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
As you are all probably aware, there has been an increase in the mosquito population recently. It has come to our attention that some parents may not be aware of the new regulations regarding medication and what can and can't be issued by the office staff in the sick bay: If your child requires anything more than an icepack, water or a band aid, it MUST come to the office with a PHARMACISTS label, stating the CHILD'S NAME and dosage otherwise the child WILL NOT be able to receive this treatment. This includes stingoess and aeroguard. If your child has been coming home with bites, please ensure your child has been covered with repellent before they come to school and if they require relief from itching bites, please send this in to school with the correct pharmaceutical labelling. For more information, please call the office staff on 026035 4290.
3&4 Excursion - Beechworth

On Thursday the 19th of November, 11 bright and bubbly Year 3 and 4 students headed off to Beechworth. We had many activities that were planned for the two days that we were constantly on the go. Here are some of the highlights from our time in Beechworth.

- Yeodona Aboriginal art site is located in the Mt Pilot Region. This walk was very rocky. We saw ochre paintings on a huge rock. One was a Tasmanian tiger and the other was a man with a spear. The ochre is getting old so you have to look very closely. We all got to go in under where aboriginals once would have been for shelter and see where they held Indigenous ceremonies. On the way out we got to sign the visitors book. Our legs were aching after all the rock climbing and we were ready for a rest!

- At the Kelly Vault we tried on a replica Ned Kelly helmet. It’s amazing to think he was able to ride a horse while wearing something so heavy. We also looked at many artefacts that have been collected including a door that has Ned’s initials inscribed in it.

- The Burke Museum is called that because Robert O’Hara Burke was a famous explorer. Here we got to walk down a display that was set up like the old streets of Beechworth. It was interesting to see how things have changed from then to now.

- The Beechworth Lolly Shop was a dream come true. After pestering Miss Whittaker about it for weeks she decided she would take us there. It’s safe to say the decisions were hard as we had a limit of $10 to spend (I think she knew we would spend all our money there)

- When on the Ned Kelly Guided Walking Tour we had fun learning about the Kelly gang. The Kelly Gang consisted of four people, Dan and Ned Kelly, Joe Byrnes and Steve Hart.

- The Beechworth Honey Experience was nice. We got to try all different types of honey which was our favourite bit. We watched 4 videos which told us how it all started and why it’s important to look after honey bees in Australia (lucky we had already learnt most of this) We also got to see a bee hive in action.

- The cemetery was interesting! We found out that Aaron Sherritt is buried there but it doesn’t have a head stone because his family were scared that locals would dig him up like locals did to Joe Byrnes. Our guide also mentioned that the Chinese peoples grave stones are at their feet instead of their head like in Australia.

We had a fantastic time on camp. We would like to thank Mr Knight for coming along with us and Miss Whittaker for organising the excursion.

By Amber Summons and Ashley Hanrahan
5/6 Dubbo Excursion

In week 6, year 5/6 went to Dubbo for our excursion. We left at 6:15am for Dubbo. Miss Brain and Mr Creamer drove the bus to Dubbo. On the way we stopped to look at the Peak Hill mine. We walked around and learned some amazing things. Did you know that for every tonne of earth moved, they only gained 1g of gold!

We travelled for a few more hours to reach Dubbo. Miss Brain signed us into the zoo and while she went to do that Mr Creamer took us to the park at Dubbo Zoo. We played on the flying fox and the awesome equipment for an hour. We then went to Billabong Camp where we stayed the night.

We met Tom and other staff. They provided dinner and breakfast. They also took us around the zoo at night for an hour and a half and we went to the reptile house and saw lizards, snakes, crocodiles and frogs. We walked to the koala, possum and wallaby enclosures. We fed them and at one stage an emu decided to come and try to steal our food!

At nine o’clock we each had a chocolate or strawberry milk and biscuits for supper. We then went for showers and went to sleep in our tents to the sound of the zoo animals. Some awoke at 2am as the Lions began to roar! It was a pretty cool experience.

The next morning we packed our tents up and had a morning tour. We walked around and saw tigers, siamese apes and gibbons. Then we walked back to camp and said goodbye to Tom and the staff. We headed off to walk around the zoo. We encountered animals that no one has ever been up close to before. We saw some animals being fed, like meerkats, elephants, tigers and hippopotamus. As we got to the elephants we stood still and kept quiet for a minute for Remembrance Day. As we walked we got distracted by the elephants, and as everyone started walking towards the Bongo we saw that Sophie was still distracted by the elephants and Mr Creamer had to go get her.

As we walked everyone’s legs were getting tired, so we walked to the café and had lunch. We had sandwiches and pop tarts with a bit of fruit. After everyone had lunch we went to the gift shop and had 20 minutes in there. Most of us bought something that we were interested in or something to remind us of the journey we’ve had. We then got into the cars and drove to the Big 4 Caravan Park and were assigned our dorms. Half an hour later we went to the Big 4 pillow and had races and photos to remember this day.

One hour later we hopped into the cars and went to the Dubbo Gaol. We lined up and received a prisoner tag. As we waited a man came up to us and started the tour in character, he was a warden. He showed us around the gaol and we found out a lot of different things. As we walked around the guard showed us mens and womens cells. Later the guard left us alone and a girl showed up and tried to escape. With our help and a ladder we tried to escape! Then the guard came back and spotted us helping her and yelled at us! He took the girl away to discuss her consequences with the captain. For a while we walked around with the guard and then the girl came back again. She gave Sophie and Holly a basket that had rope in it. As the guard came back we went over to the wall and he said ‘wait here’ and we grabbed the rope and tried to escape again. Jackson was the closest and then the guard came back and yelled at the girl and once he did that it was time to go back to Big 4 for dinner. We had pizza then we went for a shower and went to bed.

The next morning we packed all our stuff up and started to drive to Forbes. On the way we stopped at Parkes and visited ‘The Dish’. We learnt extraordinary things and even got to go into a 3D theatre. We got to have a treasure hunt too! We drove to Forbes and stopped at McDonalds, had lunch there and then drove back to Oaklands. We all had a fantastic time exploring Dubbo and surrounds.

Thank you to Mr Creamer for coming on our excursion and to Miss Brain for organising it.

By Holly Arnold and Tom Mottram
SRC Cookie and Cupcake Bake Off

The OCS SRC are having a bake off on Wednesday the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December. Please fill out the form below to enter and return to school by Monday the 30\textsuperscript{th} of November.

Entry Fee: $2.00
Tastings: $1.00

Great Prizes to be won!

Baked entries are to be dropped at the school office no later than the morning of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} of December.

Judging begins 12.52pm sharp.

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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 _____________________________

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Thank you
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COMMUNITY NEWS

P & C NOTICE

The next P & C Meeting is

Monday 15th February @ 8.00pm

*Please note the change of time for daylight savings

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

OAKLANDS FIRE BRIGADE

Fire Brigade Membership for 2015 is $2.00 and can be paid to Jimmy Beale or Peter Dalitz. This then covers the cost of the half day training course.

No other fees apply.

OAKLANDS RSL BOWLING CLUB

WE ARE MISSING LARGE PLATES THAT LOOK LIKE THE PHOTO BELOW. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CUPBOARDS AND IF YOU HAVE ANY LIVING WITH YOU PLEASE DROP TO THE CLUB AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. WE WILL LEAVE A BOX AT THE FRONT DOOR OR JUST DROP IN WHEN WE ARE OPEN

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If interested don’t hesitate to contact me, Amanda Schneider, on 0428446670

Give it a go and start the healthier you!

CONTACT Tann Moor 0429 847 208
Parent Line NSW offers free professional support for NSW parents. Professional counsellors take calls 7 days a week from parents of High School-age children. For the cost of a local call from a landline, parents can ask questions about aspects of behaviour, relationships, substance use and educational concerns until 9pm every night.

Parent Line NSW is a state funded program managed by CatholicCare Sydney. In the last financial year the program provided counselling, support, referrals and information to more than 7,000 people who were involved in raising a child.

Parent Line Counsellors are professional, degree-educated specialists in complex family matters and we help parents with a wide range of issues including school refusal, bullying, mental health concerns, alcohol and other drugs, technology and a breakdown in relationship between parent and child. We also provide information, useful internet resources and referrals to local services.

Our service opening hours are 9am to 9pm weekdays and 4pm to 9pm on weekends. Callers can leave a message outside of these hours and they will receive a call back during the next operating period. We also provide Online Counselling three times a week.

Parenting Counsellors can be accessed on 1300 1300 52

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**Oaklands & District Men’s Shed Inc**

**Shedders Update – November 2015**

Shed is now in full swing with a few Projects coming in. The Corowa RSL Club recently Commissioned a Santa Chair for their Christmas festivities. If you have any projects that you would like made, come up and see us. We welcome any ideas.

We would greatly appreciate any grain donations this season (you might keep us in mind). These can be made at Grainflow, Graincorp and Riverina Storage. Just let them know at the weighbridge – our NGR card details are available at each site.

Any queries, contact Pat Preedy (02 6035 4217)

Thankyou to all of our community for your ongoing support.

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**FOR SALE**

Extendable wooden table with six covered chairs $350.

This is a 3 seater divan that folds out to a double bed $120

Contact Diane on 0427448804
Swim and Survive classes coming soon
Summer is just around the corner and Sport AND Recreation will again be delivering Swim and Survive lessons throughout regional NSW. Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program caters for children from 18 months through til 12 years of age. Our lessons provide intensive water familiarisation and learn to swim classes, generally held over eight or none consecutive weekdays.
Our friendly, qualified instructors will teach basic skills on how to enjoy the water safely and the techniques needed to become a strong, confident swimmer.
Children need lots of practice, so our lessons are an excellent opportunity to reinforce the skills they learn through a school-based program.
All enrolments for Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program should be directed to www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or our client service centre on 13 13 02.
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FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 6 PM AT OAKLANDS RSL CLUB

$20 PER PERSON INCLUDES GLASS OF WINE ON ARRIVAL AND FINGER FOOD

FASHION PARADE COMMENCES 7PM WITH LOCAL MODELS FROM OAKLANDS

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