THE CENTRAL CHRONICLE

Events Calender

School Events
Friday 6 March
Secondary Riverina Swimming - Leeton

Monday 9 March
Primary Riverina Swimming - Albury

Friday 13 March
Urana Pink Stumps

Thursday 19 March
PSSA AFL Footy Trials - Finley

Community Events
Thursday 5 March
Oaklands Little Athletics
5.30pm, followed by a BBQ & meeting.

Thursday 5 March
Billabong Crows Senior Netball Training
6.30pm start @ Urana

Monday 8 March
Oaklands Recreation Ground Annual Public Meeting @ 11am

Friday 13 March
Billabong Crows U14 Footy Training
5.30pm @ Oaklands

Monday 16 March
P & C Meeting @ 8.00pm

Tuesday 17 March
Oaklands Memorial Hall AGM @ 8.00pm

Sunday 12 April
Oaklands & District Men's Shed Grand Opening @ 12 noon

THE GREAT OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Logan Kerr and Liam Summons prepare their bedding for their overnight stay on the Yr 7/8 Transition Camp.

Renee Ansell and Amy Mottram fine tune their paddling skills on the Yr 7/8 Transition Camp.
Dear Oaklands Families and Friends,

Thank you to parents and community members that were able to respond to our recent survey on the playing of the Advance Australia Fair during school assemblies.

We have looked at the feedback and the majority of respondents have indicated that they would like to see both the traditional and contemporary versions played alternately.

Our decision is to act accordingly.

Homework can be one of those issues that brings out some serious discussion for parents. Opinions are varied and the research is still unclear in regard to the benefits that homework can have on student learning.

Nevertheless, it is a requirement that all NSW Public Schools develop a Homework Policy that is relevant to the needs of the students and their community. This in mind, we are obliged to consult our parents prior to making any formal decisions.

At the next P&C meeting to be held on Monday 16 March we will be consulting the P&C regarding our draft homework policy. I would like to invite parents to come along and share their views on the night, however, if you are unable to make it and would prefer please feel to email us at

Oaklands-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Our school newsletter can be accessed online via the school website. I've attached a link regarding official policy below.


Matthew Jacobson
Oaklands Central School - Principal

With learning as our goal and engagement as our key, we have progressed well through Weeks 4 and 5.

School Strategic Planning Information Session
Firstly thank you to all parents who attended our School Plan information session and Meet and Greet BBQ to finish. It was a great opportunity to work together towards improving student outcomes at Oaklands Central School. Staff have been working towards finalising our strategic directions and this will be discussed at future P&C meetings.

Transition Camp
On Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 February Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Transition Camp. Students were lucky enough to experience canoeing, camp cooking and team strategy games throughout the two days. Thank you to all staff who assisted in supervision over the two days. A special thanks to Mrs Marshall for her time and effort that was put into ensuring the smooth running of the excursion.
Also a warm thankyou to Mr King, Mrs Davis, Mrs Clifton and Mrs Mitchell.

**RYDA Workshop**

On Thursday 26 February, Clay Watson and David Powell attended the RYDA workshop held at Yanco Rural Studies Centre. The workshop looks at young driver awareness, safety and overall education. Thank you to Janice Watson who assisted with transport on the day.

Miss Melinda Elith
Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies

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**Wildlife Warriors**

Congratulations to all of our primary children who worked together as foster parents to hand raise a baby bird which was found on the grass after some big winds. We enjoyed watching ‘Shimmer’ grow from a little fluff ball of down into a finely feathered little bird. Well done, everyone for the great effort you put in.

**Life Education Van**

Another great time was had when Healthy Harold came for a visit. Congratulations to all learners who worked hard learning about being safe and healthy.

**Class Timetables**

If you haven’t already received your child’s timetable it will arrive home this week.

Ms Robyn Bishop
Assistant Principal

**Swimming Carnival**

On Friday 27 February, 21 students travelled to Cobram to compete in the Finley PSSA Swimming Carnival. They competed against students from around the district and came up against some tough competition. All students swam well and should be incredibly proud of their efforts. A special thanks must go to the parents for taking the time to bring students over. An extra thank you Dean Fenton, Tyson Moloney, Brie Kerr, Rikki Robb, Leigh Beckwith, Amy Doyle and Bruce Owen for their help with timekeeping and Miss Elith for the organisation leading up to the event. Congratulations to Darcy Owen, Zak Sartore and Halle Robb who will be representing Oaklands Central School at Riverina in Albury on Monday 9 March.

We wish you all the very best of luck!

Miss Grace Whittaker
Year 3/4 teacher

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**PRIMARY NEWS**

![Middle Lane - Holly Arnold](image1)

Middle Lane - Holly Arnold

![First Lane - Jennifer Sandral](image2)

First Lane - Jennifer Sandral

![First Lane - Jesse Moloney](image3)

First Lane - Jesse Moloney

![Darcy Owen](image4)

Darcy Owen
Pre-Selection Cricket Trials - Albury
On Wednesday 18 February Jesse Moloney, Aaron Sandral, Jake Sartore, Ben Rixon and Zak Sartore attended the Pre-selection Cricket Trials in Albury. All boys had a great day, coming back quite sore for their efforts. Thank you to parents that provided transport. Congratulations to Jesse Moloney who is lucky enough to attend the next level.

Pre-Selection Tennis Trials - Albury
On Friday 20 February Jesse Moloney, Aaron Sandral, Charlie Sandral, Matthew Sutcliffe, Harper Wolter and Jennifer Sandral attended the Pre-selection Tennis Trials in Albury. Well done to all students who tried their best throughout the games they played. Thank you to parents that provided transport.

AFL Selection Trials
Coming up we have the AFL selection trials for the Finley Zone to be held in Finley on Thursday 5 March. Good luck to all boys who will be trying out in the afternoon.

Ms Melinda Elith
Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies

SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary Zone Swimming - The Rock
On Friday 20 February, six Oaklands Central School students attended the Zone Swimming trials at The Rock. These students were very enthusiastic and swam competitively against other students from The Rock and Lockhart Central Schools. Whilst we weren't able to outscore other schools within the competition tally, each student was able to participate in as many races as they could and further develop their swimming technique which will aid them in future swimming events.

I would like to congratulate Jed Ansell, Renee Ansell, Logan Kerr, Thomas Macartney, Liam Summons and Luci DeLaurentis on their behaviour and participation and thank Miss Elith for coordinating this year’s swimming program.

Mr Nathan King
Secondary Studies

Industrial Arts Update
As the first Industrial Arts article for our newsletter, I would like to say how enjoyable it has been to come to Oaklands from Deniliquin to teach. The school is a very pleasant place to be with well natured students and staff.

To date, my priorities have been to restore the workshop to an operational level and to introduce students to the appropriate skills associated with working in timber and metal. The workshop is well equipped with both hand tools and machinery and so I look forward to helping students obtain significant outcomes such as bedside tables and chairs once their skill level has been developed.

We do, however, need a metal cutting cold saw so that metal sections can be cut on site.

All courses in the secondary school have elements of literacy (technical language) and numeracy (material calculations), technical drawing and manual tasks.

Industrial Arts courses help in developing students self confidence, problem solving skills as well as skill development which may lead directly to employment.

I look forward to teaching in Oaklands and to meeting parents. Please feel free to contact me.
or visit our workshop to ask after any aspect of your child’s Industrial Arts schooling.

Mr Mark Richards
Industrial Arts Teacher

L- R
Back Taylah Macartney, Bronte McSweeney, Jake Richens
Front Noah Mercieca Jypsie Beagley, Mr Mark Richards

SRC Report
Students have been having weekly meetings and have raised a number of initiatives already. Secondary students raised areas for recess and lunch. Secondary students now go out the back for recess and first half of lunch.

A number of students have put their hands up to volunteer to help out at the Oaklands Truck Show this month.

Students have also been looking into the possibility of running a school canteen once a week. This is currently in the planning stages.

Thankyou to students who have been helping out with Breakfast Club.

Gracie Richens

A little reminder to return your Library Fundraiser
Bulb orders by Tuesday
31st March, 2015

Garden Express Fundraising
Growing Funds

Grow your profits & your garden!
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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Signed: ________________________________________
Date: __________________________________________

OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
P & C AGENDA ITEM

Name:____________________________________________
Item:____________________________________________

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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.

Thanks
Oaklands P&C

OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL
SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
AND
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

School Contributions
for 2015 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)
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**P & C NOTICE**

The next P & C Meeting is

**Monday 16 March @ 8pm**

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

2015 Meetings
Monday 20 April
Monday 18 May
Monday 15 June

Everyone Welcome!

**P & C NOTICE**

Oaklands P and C Email List

If you would like to receive the Oaklands P & C minutes and Agenda via email can you please complete below and send back to the school office.

Name

Email Address

Thank You

**Quinea Fowl Eggs for Hatching**

OCS has 6 Quinea Fowl eggs for anyone interested, who has a clucky chicken or an incubator.

Please contact the school admin for further details 02 6035 4290.

**Ladies Bible Study**

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9.15am
Oaklands Central School Hall

Term One 2015:
12th and 26th March

Term Two starts:
23rd April

Bring along your Bible, note pad and pen.

Everyone Most Welcome.

Enquiries to:
Janice Mitchell School Chaplain
0408 686 165

**For Sale**

Fresh Free Range Eggs
$4 dozen

Please contact the OCS office
**Literary Lunch Celebrate International Women’s Day**

with honoured quest

**Margaret Carroll, OAM**

Margaret was recognised this year with an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) for her life’s work which includes being a rural women’s advocate, a youth mentor, establishing a housing complex for low income older people and writing three books.

Margaret helped work to better the lives of rural Australians including establishing the NSW Rural Women’s Network and a rural financial counselling service.

**Junior Tennis**

Wednesday Afternoons 4.00pm

@ The Oaklands Recreation Ground

The Oaklands Tennis Club welcomes all young tennis enthusiasts to come along and have a hit.

A great opportunity to learn the basics of tennis or fine tune those skills you may already have.

If you don’t already have a racquet you can borrow one of ours! No fees required.

For more information please call Oaklands Tennis Club - Carly McKay 0408050667  Sarah Moloney 0429350251

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**Oaklands Recreation Ground Annual Public Meeting**

**Sunday 8 March**

@ the Recreation Ground

**11 am**

We would like to sincerely thank Oaklands P & C for a generous donation of $1,000 to go towards the cost of our new rooms.

We would also like to sincerely thank farmers who who donated grain to our harvest appeal. $6,900 approx has been credited to our account for grain.

**Oaklands Truck Show 2015 Pet Show Competition**

Has your pet got what it takes to beat the reigning champion Dachshund ‘Charlie’?

Nate says ‘No’!

Time to get into training...

Judging starts 11.30am on Sunday 22 March, 2015

(At the Recreation Reserve, near the goal posts. Look for the bales of straw)
Chef/Cook Position Vacant

We invite applications from suitable candidates for this permanent/part time position.

Key Responsibilities

- Prepare and cool meals in our RSL kitchen 2 - 3 nights per week
- Coordinate functions in conjunction with the Manager of the RSL Club
- Order and manage stocks for the kitchen and meals
- Ensure kitchen is clean at all times

Skills and Experience

- Interest in food. Chef qualifications would be an advantage but not mandatory
- Effective communication and organisational skills
- A preparedness to work flexible hours (including some weekends and public holidays)
- Intermediate computer skills
- Reliable, presentable and able to work in a team environment
- A current drivers licence

For further information, please contact James Goldsack on 02 6035 4314 or Leeanne Dalitz 0428 960 368

United Protestant Church News

A meeting was held by the Committee of Management, Oaklands United Protestant Church, on Monday 2 March, 2015, with the Uniting Church and Anglican Church members.

The Oaklands Anglican congregation wish to move from St. Mary Magdalene Church, Oaklands, to the Oaklands United Protestant Church.

This request has been agreed to by the Committee of Management.

The first Anglican Church Service to be held at the United Protestant Church is set down for 9am, on Monday 4 May, 2015.

Uniting Church Services are held at 9am on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Mr Jim Beale has been elected to the position of Trustee of the Oaklands United Protestant Church. He joins Mrs Elizabeth Kerr and Mr John Batten, the current Trustees.

President Mr John Batten
Secretary Mrs Elizabeth Kerr
Up to Speed with Computers

Students in Years 9 and 10 are offering an opportunity for the community to learn more about computers. Our first lesson will focus on the internet and then we can open it up for personal interest.

Please contact the school if you are interested on 02 6035 4290. Minimum of 5 for class to run.

A date will be confirmed if enough interest is shown.

Thank you
OAKLANDS RSL BOWLING CLUB LTD

For The Information of Members and Guests

THURSDAY NIGHT DRAW
(7:00pm to 9:00pm)
0.00

SUNDAY NIGHT MEMBERS DRAW
0.00

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PRIVATE SPEECH LESSONS
AVAILABLE AT OAKLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL

If there is sufficient interest I would conduct private speech lessons at Oaklands Central School. Provided such arrangements fit in with the school programme, lessons would be conducted during school hours on alternate Mondays. The concentration would be on preparing for and competing in the Albury Eisteddfod, and possibly also the Wagga Eisteddfod. There would probably be one lesson after the Eisteddfods are over and then lessons would cease for the year.

As lessons would only be once a fortnight, half an hour would be allocated to each student and the charge would be $30 per lesson. It would be necessary for at least six students to enrol and to have a commitment to continue with the lessons until after the eisteddfod or eisteddfods are over, or pay for the lessons not attended.

If you wish your child or children to enrol, please fill out the application form and return it to the school ASAP. For further information please ring 0427 889 599 after 8.00pm.

Grace Stein

Name of Student .................................................................Date of Birth...............................

Name, Address and Phone number of Parent or Guardian

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I wish to enrol the above named student for Speech Lessons with Mrs. Grace Stein at Oaklands Central School during the 2015 Speech Lesson Programme.

Signature............................................................................................................................Date.........................