**Events Calendar**

**School Events**

**Wednesday 30 April - Thursday 1 May**  
Mirror Mirror Project

**Friday 1 May**  
Yr 11 & 12 exams begin

**Monday 4 May**  
Community Technology Classes @ 10am

**Tuesday 5 May**  
Pyjama Day

**Friday 8 May**  
Secondary Zone Cross Country - Urana

**Tuesday 12 May**  
NAPLAN Language and Conventions

**Wednesday 13 May**  
NAPLAN Reading

**Thursday 14 May**  
NAPLAN Numeracy

**Friday 15 May**  
NAPLAN Catch Up Day

**Wednesday 20 May**  
Whole School Assembly - 9.00am

**Community Events**

**Monday 18 May**  
P&C Meeting @ 7.30pm

**Thursday 21 May**  
Biggest Morning Tea  
Oaklands CWA Rooms @ 10am

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**Whole School**

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**

Staff and students stand in reverie at the ANZAC Day Ceremony.

L-R Dane, Bella, Nate, Jarvis, Deklan and Claire stand proudly to represent all the students hard work in making poppies in remembrance.
Dear Oaklands Families and Friends,

Hello and welcome back to Term 2! Week 1 saw the celebration of ANZAC Day ceremony. Many thanks to Mrs Baker, staff and students who allocated their time and passion towards making our ANZAC Day ceremony so special.

Oaklands Central School and Urana Public School shared a fun and exciting afternoon at the Youth Fete, Friday of Week 1. Students enjoyed activities such as talent quests, pet shows, fashion parades, the haunted house, clowns and balloon animals and so much more!! A huge thank you to Ms Elith, for her time and effort. Thank you also to staff and students who helped and joined in the fun.

Important Staffing Update
Recently there was a call for expressions of interest in regard to part-time Teacher’s Aide (SAO) employment. We are pleased to announce that Oaklands Central School will be joined by Mandy Howell and Jenny Barratt for the next three weeks. If you or any one you know might be interested in putting your name forward for future employment, please contact the school principal for further information in regard to the application process.

It is unfortunate to say goodbye to one of our teachers. One of our most recently employed teacher, Ms Venita Bacchetto, has been successful in gaining a teaching opportunity that is too good to miss. It is disappointing to be saying farewell to her so soon, however, the nature of teaching and securing ongoing employment can be unpredictable. Ms Bacchetto leaves us with our greatest of compliments and while we wish her the best in her new position, we hope we have the opportunity to work with her again in the future.

Ms Bacchetto has been gracious enough to delay her next contract in order to support her students through the NAPLAN testing in Week 4. Her last day will be Friday 15 May.

We are currently completing the process for the appointment of Ms Bacchetto’s replacement. Our Assistant Principal – Robyn Bishop, Parent Representative – Amy Doyle and myself have convened to discuss suitable candidates. We will be sharing this information shortly.

Strategic Plan
Our Annual School Report and The Strategic Plan will be available on the school website from Friday 1 May. Please contact the school if you would like to organise a hard copy as well.

I look forward to another successful and rewarding term.

Matthew Jacobson
Principal
We are now in Week 2 of Term 2. In this newsletter I would like to reflect on some events run at the end of Term 1 and excite you with what initiatives have already been in action this term.

**Secondary Pizza Night**
In the last week of term we held the Secondary Pizza Night. A big thank you to all families that made the effort to come along and enjoy the night. A big thank you to Karen Davis for organising the event. Thank you also to all teachers who prepared and cooked the pizzas on the night. It was a great opportunity to discuss students progress in a comfortable setting. We look forward to the next event!

**Oaklands Central School Cross Country**
Furthermore on Thursday 2 April we held our school Cross Country. Well done to all competitors who tried their hardest on. What a great result for Innes and Zanoni with teams drawing equal points for the day. Good luck to those students from Primary and Secondary who will be competing at the Zone level!

**Community Technology Classes**
In the last two weeks of Term 1 the Yrs 9 & 10 students held community technology classes, giving people the opportunity to learn more about iPads and computers. Students are able to individualise learning for those who have attended the classes. Classes will recommence on Monday 4 May at 10am.
**Easter Activities**
Following on from the Cross Country we held whole school Easter Activities. Students rotated around a range of activities including basket making, cardboard egg hunt, chocolate making, Easter biscuits/cupcake decorating, Easter sports and Easter finger puppets. During lunch Year 6 organised an Easter egg hunt for the whole school. It was a great event to finish off the school term for staff and students.

**Mirror Mirror Project**
During the holidays Olive Russell, David Powell, Thomas Macartney and Taylah Macartney were involved in the Mirror Mirror Project. Students spent time brainstorming about great things that youth are doing in the Urana Shire. Following this a number of students will be involved in the filming days which will be held later this week. The Photo and Digital Media students will be involved in the ‘ins and outs’ of the filming process, which is a great opportunity to be involved in. Furthermore some of our students will be interviewed and helping out as extras. We look forward to seeing the final product.
Youth Fete
The initiative started towards the end of last year when students attended a youth week workshop in Wagga Wagga. They brainstormed a number of ideas and decided to drive ahead with the ‘Youth Fete’. There were a number of exciting things on the day for students; jumping castles, haunted house, face painting, clown, show bags, photo booth, sports arena, arts and craft, small challenges, wii games, nerf championship, pet show, fashion parade and talent quest. Well done to all students who were involved in the day, and organisation before the event. Thank you also to the Urana Shire for the Youth Week grant that enabled us to put on the event for students for free.

Thank you to Blue Light for providing the music. Thank you to Pat Bourke for supplying the centre stage free of charge. Thank you to Janice Mitchell for her efforts in sourcing items for the show bags and organising the photo booth/fashion show. Thank you to the Oaklands P&C for cooking the BBQ lunch for students. What a day!

Secondary Staffing Update
Mr Nathan King will be leaving us at the end of Week 2, in a move to Victoria. A big thank you to Mr King for the contributions he had made to our school during his time.

Mr King has given students many opportunities during PE and sport. He has also been instrumental in starting the Secondary ‘Positive Behaviour’ Learning Program. He will be surely missed.

Year 11 & 12 Half Yearly Exams
Commencing at the end of Week 2 and continuing throughout Week 3, Year 11 and 12
students will be completing their half yearly examinations. Students should spend the time revising over work covered so far and practice past examination papers. During the examination period students only need to be at school for their set exams. Good luck to all students!

SRC Report
Towards the end of Term 1 the SRC organised ‘Purple Day’ to raise money for Epilepsy research. They also organised a BBQ on the same day. All money made from the BBQ has been given to Ms Hughes in the library to purchase new books and games. Thank you to all students who supported this day.

On Tuesday 28 April Secondary students were involved in a VC with other SRC students across the Riverina. This was an opportunity to share ideas and issues across schools.

Melinda Elith
Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Books to be covered/ Parent helpers
Thank you for being so patient. We finally have all our new home readers and guided reading books in, they have been stamped and are now ready for covering.

Expect to see books coming home soon for covering if you said you could help.

Please contact the school or Robyn Bishop if you can spare some time at night in front of the TV covering some books.

Home Readers
Now that K - 6 home readers are finally here each child has been allocated a red home reader folder. Inside you find a home reader register which we would like to see parents fill in to show how much time children are spending reading each night. This is a temporary register until we design our own which will follow shortly.

Folders are due in each Friday, along with the Home Reader Register and the books children have borrowed. Books will be changed once per week on the Friday.

Paper Planes
Children don’t forget we have the paper planes competition coming up. Design and fly your paper plane further than anyone else to enter into a state completion. Test flights will be in about 3 weeks.

We are looking forward to another exciting term of fantastic teaching and learning activities.

Robyn Bishop
Assistant Principal

NAPLAN
NAPLAN will be held in Week 4, Tuesday 12 May – Friday 15 May for students in years 3, 5, 7, and 9. A note was sent home to students last week.
Tuesday 12 May- Language and Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Writing.

Wednesday 13 May- Reading

Thursday 14 May- Numeracy

Friday 15 May- Catch up day for students who have missed a test or been absent.

Years 7 and 9 students have 2 numeracy tests - one where a calculator is required and one where calculators are not used. Please ensure your students has a scientific calculator to use. Please contact Karen Davis at school if this is an issue. These are available for sale $19 at the school office.

Any queries please contact Mrs Tammy Baker or Mrs Karen Davis at the school.

Mrs Karen Davis
Secondary Studies Teacher

Library News
On Tuesday 28 April at 8.50am precisely, I received an urgent call to go up to the office and I was quite surprised to see that our NEW LIBRARY CARPET had arrived (Woo Hoo). The students have been very excited and looking forward to seeing it.

Connor "It is really soft to sit on."
Zoe "It is very colourful."
Kaitlyn “It’s very lovely”
Caitlin “It’s very cute.”
Halle "It looks beautiful."

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who supported our 1st term Bulb Express fundraiser. We were able to raise $470.00.

We did have a little money left over and we will be using this to purchase games.

Mrs Hughes
Teacher Librarian

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Pyjama Day

Oaklands Central School is helping Asthma research by supporting Pyjama Day! So hang up your uniform and wear your pyjamas to school.
All gold coin donations will be sent to the Asthma Foundation.

Did you know…?
- One in 10 people have asthma in Australia.
- More than 400 people in Australia die each year as a result of Asthma.
- Asthma is the leading cause of hospital admissions in children.
- Asthma is the leading cause of absenteeism from work and school.

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Asthma Foundation NSW

Tuesday 5 May
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 _______________________________

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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)

OFFICE USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED:____/____/____

SIGN:_________________________
A friendly reminder ...

**Food at School**

The school does not operate a canteen. Students will need to bring their own recess, lunch and drinks to school each day.

We currently have enrolled a student with Anaphylaxis, this is a life threatening allergic reactions to peanuts, tree nuts, eggs and seafood. In order to keep this student safe, we have become a "Peanut Free" environment and we request that parents and community members refrain from sending eggs in their natural or cooked form ie, hard boiled or egg sandwiches or any type of seafood and nuts to school.

It is also requested that parents consider the dietary needs of students and supply them with healthy snack and lunch options.

**Oaklands Central School**

- **Breakfast Club** -

Janice Mitchell, our wonderful Chaplain, donates her time every Wednesday morning before school, to organise Breakfast Club for all of our Oaklands Central School students.

Breakfast Club is very important to students and definitely appreciated each week.

The Breakfast Club is looking for kind donations of supplies, to assist in the running costs.

We are looking for donations of:
- Strawberry Jams
- Raisin Loaf
- Milo
- Margarine
- 2.4lt Berri Breakfast Juice

Monetary donations would also be accepted and appreciated.

Janice would like to thank the P&C and families that have already made contributions. If you would like to donate to the Breakfast Club supplies can be dropped off at the office.

Thank you to all those who have generously donated.

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**P & C Notice**

The next P & C Meeting is

**Monday 18 May @ 7.30pm**

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

2015 Meetings
Monday 15 June
Monday 20 July

Everyone Welcome!

**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
The March/April Meetings of the Oaklands Country Women’s Association were full of positive happenings. Members entered 13 items the Murray Group Handi-craft Competition, 3 of which were chosen to proceed to State judging in May. “Best Item of the Day” trophy was awarded (for the 2nd time) to Mrs Lorraine Marcus. A beautiful piece of handanger work with a score of 98 out of 100. Ms Niloufer King did well in the voting as the Greens candidate for the State Government elections. Ms Mandy Howell has been busy tutoring felt-making at the school. Pre-school & Early Childhood sessions continue in our rooms.

Members would like to thank the community for their continued support. New members are always welcome. Come along & see what we are about. Junior membership is $1.00 to 18 yrs. Student concession (full time) $31.50. Adult membership $39.80, available now at ½ year rate of 23.15. Meetings are held 3rd Thursday of the month at 2.00pm.

Heather Kerr - Secretary Ph: 02 6033 1300

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Thursday 7 May, 2015
2.00pm - 6.00pm

Oaklands Rec Ground

ALL patients Bulk Billed

Please Bring MEDICARE CARD and Concession card

Free flu shot for people who are over 65 or have a Chronic health condition. If not eligible for a free flu shot cost is $18.45 payable to Urana Pharmacy.

BOOK NOW

Ring Urana Medical Clinic today

02 6920 8333

BAR STAFF POSITIONS

Oaklands RSL are seeking interested persons to apply for casual bar staff positions.

Current NSW RSA & RCG are mandatory.

Please contact James Goldsack on 02 60354314 or Leeanne Dalitz on 0428960368 for further enquiries
**The Update**

**April 2015**

**SAVE THE DATE:**
- Mondays at Amaranth for lunch, noon to 2.00pm, on the first Monday of each month; our next lunch is on Monday, 4th May, 2015.
- Palliative Care Week starts April 19th, 2015

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**“HOW PEOPLE Live MATTERS”**

**Amaranth Cake Stall**

Easter Saturday, 4th April, 2015

at the Billy Cart Races, Corowa

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**When**: Saturday, 16 May

**Cost**: $35 adults, $20 children (under 12)

Including entry fees and a picnic lunch if fine weather or purchase a Bakery lunch if inclement

**Time**:
- Leave St Philip’s Anglican Church – 7.45 am
- Leave Oaklands – 8.30 am
- Return to Urana at approx 5.30 pm

**Enquiries and Bookings**:
- Wendy Mallon ph 69208242
- Fiona Brooks ph 69208193
- by 1 May

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**Proceeds to St Philip’s Anglican Church, Urana**
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Thursday 21 May, 2015

Oaklands CWA Rooms

10 am

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WHAT IS THE FLU?
Influenza, commonly known as the flu, spreads easily from person to person through infected droplets in the air and by hands. Vaccination is the single most effective way of preventing and stopping its spread.

The flu virus infects your nose, throat and sometimes your lungs. It is different from a cold as symptoms such as fever, sore throat and muscle aches develop suddenly and last about a week. In some cases, severe illness and complications such as pneumonia and bronchitis can develop, resulting in hospitalisation and/or death. The flu can also make some existing medical conditions worse.

WHY SHOULD I GET THE FLU SHOT?
Because the flu virus is constantly changing, you need to get vaccinated every year.

Every year, the flu vaccine changes too, so it protects against the three strains of flu virus which are most likely to be around during that winter. You should be vaccinated in autumn to allow time for the vaccine to work before the flu season starts. Even if you received a flu shot towards the end of the last flu season, you should still be vaccinated again before this flu season.

The flu vaccine does not contain any live virus therefore you cannot get flu from receiving the vaccine.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE FLU SHOT?
The flu vaccine is recommended for everyone from six months of age but is available free under the National Immunisation Program for people at high risk of complications. They are:

Pregnant Women
The flu vaccine is recommended for pregnant women and can be safely given during any stage of pregnancy. Pregnant women are at higher risk of severe complications associated with the flu. Vaccinating against flu during pregnancy also provides protection for babies during their first vulnerable months of life.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Persons
Influenza is a major cause of preventable sickness and death amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons from six months to less than five years of age, and 15 years of age and over are eligible for free flu shots.

People 65 Years and Over
People aged 65 years and over have the highest risk of complications associated with seasonal flu.

People Medically at Risk
People with some existing medical conditions are more likely to experience complications from flu. These include anyone who is six months of age and over who has:

- Heart disease.
- Severe asthma.
- Chronic lung condition.
- Chronic illness requiring medical follow-up or hospitalisation in the past year.
- Diseases of the nervous system.
- Impaired immunity.
- Diabetes.
- Children aged six months to 10 years on long-term aspirin therapy.

FLU VACCINE SAFETY AND ALLERGIES
Vaccines, like other medicines, can have side effects, however the majority of side effects are minor.

Common side effects following flu vaccination include soreness, redness, pain and swelling at the injection site, drowsiness, tiredness, muscle aches and low grade temperature (fever). These side effects are usually mild and go away within a few days, usually without any treatment. You should contact your doctor if you are concerned or your child has a persistent high temperature.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE FLU SHOT

- Flu vaccinations are the single most effective way of helping fight the spread of flu in the community.
- Vaccines are available from 20 April 2015 from GP surgeries and other immunisation providers. Check with your local council, community and/or Aboriginal Health Services.
- Approximately 3,000 Australians die every year, either directly from the seasonal flu, complications due to the flu, or pneumonia.
- If you are a person at high risk, talk with your doctor or immunisation provider about getting the free flu vaccine.