Oaklands Central School were very proud and excited to receive news from the 2015 Sydney Royal Easter Show, that we had taken 1st prize in the Hy-Line School Egg Laying Competition and awarded Show Champion. A huge congratulations to Kylie Arnold, Peter Longmire and the Agriculture students.
Dear Oaklands Families and Friends,

Our best wishes are extended to those students recently completing their Yr 11 & 12 half yearly exams. It was a big week for secondary students indeed! Those same sentiments are extended to students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9 as, this week, we carried out our NAPLAN testing. Remember NAPLAN is not a test that you can study for, it is a snap shot of student knowledge on key content that would have been covered to date.

Our school plan and Annual School Report are available on the school website. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the school so we can organise something for you.

In keeping the lines of communication open with parents and carers, I would like to make you aware that I will be out of the school from Monday 18 May to Wednesday 20 May on personal leave. I have extended my apologies to the P&C as the clash with our next meeting is unavoidable. A staff representative will be available in my place.

Matthew Jacobson
Principal

Week 4 rolls in quickly and learning has been thick and fast for students and staff. We would like to thank parents and community members for their continued support of students and the school. It is vital to the functioning of a school that we all work together for the benefit of students.

**Technology Classes**
Year 9 & 10 have restarted their Community Technology Classes. Thank you to the community members who have been attending. We will run the classes for another 3 weeks (Week 4-6), on Monday at 10am.

**Secondary Riverina SRC Video Conference (VC)**
Secondary SRC representatives attended a Riverina SRC VC on Tuesday 28 April. It was a great opportunity for students to share with other schools what the SRC has been doing and also get future ideas. The Riverina SRC Coordinator, Vicki Hutton, is hoping to organise a 2 day camp early Term 3.

**Year 8/9/10 Agriculture Excursion**
On Wednesday 29 April, Mr Longmire and Mrs Davis took the Agriculture students on an excursion to experience a piggery. While students came back entrenched in the unique smell, it was a rewarding learning experience! Thank you teachers for your continued dedication for extending our students learning opportunities.

**Chicken Champions**
Bouncing with excitement, it is with great pleasure I share with you that our Agriculture
students received Champion Hy-Line Egg Laying Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and Show Champion. Please take the time to look at our trophy on display in the front office. Well done Champion students! Furthermore thank you to Kylie Arnold for her support of the students and constant efforts!

**Assembly Week 5**
Next week on Wednesday 20 May at 9.15am, we will be holding our whole school assembly. We would like to encourage you to attend and share the achievements of all our students!

**Winter Uniform**
The weather has turned a lot cooler and jumpers are now becoming part of everyday wear. Please ensure your child is wearing a maroon jumper as part of their uniform. If they are unable to wear the correct uniform please send in an explanatory note.

Melinda Elith
Relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies

**Half Yearly Exams**
Year 11 and 12 students have now completed their half yearly exams. Tammy Baker participated in a RAP English Marking Day in Griffith on Monday 11 May, where a number of teachers worked together to mark all the students English exams. Please note Half Yearly exams for Year 7-10 will be coming up in Week 8 this term.

**Hospitality Work Placement**
Last week Grace Duncan in Year 12 started her work placement for VET Hospitality. She will be completing her five days at the Blu Door Café in Berrigan. Best of luck Grace, we hope you enjoy your experience!

**Farewell Mr Nathan King**
The end of Week 3 saw a sad farewell to Mr Nathan King who has been with us this year teaching PE, Sport, Years 9 & 10 History, Stage 11 & 12 IT/Bus Studies and helping with the TAFE run. Mr King is off to Victoria to continue his teaching career. To replace his load we will have Ms Ann Buchanan coming in five days over the fortnight. We will also have Mr Mark Richards picking up an extra day within the fortnight to support music and IT Wood/Metal.

Students will recall Miss Bishop mentioning a paper plane flying competition that we will be holding. I hope that all students have been practicing making paper planes. Our first rounds of the paper plane competition will be held next week (week 5). Have your planes ready.

Also a quick reminder that if your child doesn’t have an art smock at school, could you please send them in with one as soon as possible? This can just be an old shirt that is no longer worn by an older sibling or parent. It is important that the students learn to wear these during art time, as often having fun in art can become messy.

Grace Whittaker
Primary 2/3/4 Teacher

**Creative Catchment Kids**
Our school is thrilled to be involved in this year’s Creative Catchment Kids (CCK) program. This year Stephanie Munro, Olive Russell, Darcy Owen, Aaron Sandral and Matthew Sutcliffe, will represent our school. At a recent workshop the students were involved in a tutorial on how to develop a school reader based on a Local
Land Hero who is managing a pest species in our region. As well as completing a book this year, the CCK team will be involved in a field trip. The Creative Catchment Kids program is an initiative of Wirriminna Environmental Education Centre, at Burrumbuttock and is supported by the Murray Local Land Services.

Over 60 schools from the Murray and Riverina regions are involved in this engaging initiative.

On Monday 4 May Aaron Sandral, Olive Russell and Darcy Owen attended the first Creative Catchment Kids workshop in Corowa. Students explored a number of pest species in our local area. This year students are to write a book focusing on a local identity who has worked on lowering the number of a pest species, giving our future a better outlook. Over the term these students will combining with Stephanie Munro and Matthew Sutcliffe to write and illustrate the book. I look forward to their progress!

Melinda Elith

**Fundamental Movements**

K/1 have had lots of fun with the ‘Be Active’ and ‘Game Skills’ units in Fundamental Movements. On Monday 11 May, the students formed small groups and created their own stations incorporating kicking, leaping, throwing, catching, striking and dodging skills. They presented the activities to their peers, demonstrated the required skills, then took turns in having a go at the other group’s stations. I was blown away with the way the children presented their activities. Their confidence and enthusiasm was infectious.

*Mrs Swann*

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**Updating Student Details**

If your contact details have changed due to moving or your street name changing, please contact the school to update these details. It is important that we have up to date contact details, including change of mobile or house numbers, should we need to contact you urgently or send correspondence via mail.

Thank you  School Administration
Agriculture
Special thanks to the following businesses for their time and generosity in allowing our Agricultural students develop further in practical knowledge and skills.

Howlong Wholesale Nursery for their contribution of vegetable punnets. Also, Mr Norman McKenzie and Robert and Kath McKenzie of Coreen for their time in respect to a very successful Piggery excursion last Wednesday 29 April.

Peter Longmire
Agricultural Teacher

Industrial Arts Update
As a teacher of Industrial Arts for 30 years, I feel passionate about giving students the opportunity to learn skills that can be used well into their future. Woodwork is not just working with wood. It develops a skill set far beyond what meets the initial eye.

Courses run at 100 or 200 hrs, after this period of time students will exhibit a degree of competency in the skill set which are both relevant to a career and life in general. They develop skills in problem solving, physical coordination, self esteem and confidence, creativity and a feeling of accomplishment.

In Years 7/8 students have been making a simple DVD/CD rack. Students have been busy building up their skill base.

Some of the skills and knowledge types of building a DVD rack include:
- Read a rule in millimetres and do simple calculations.
- Understand aural instructions and execute them without assistance,
- Choose the correct tool and use it professionally and safely as previously demonstrated.
- Appreciate the basic principles of structure and function.
- Understand the thinking behind any successful design and analyse what factors are positive and how a design may be improved upon.
- Become familiar with a range of materials ,to be able to identify them, know of there properties and how to use them.
- To be aware of the ethics involved in sustainable design and to appreciate the environment around them.
- To approach any situation and apply the basic skills of rational and analytical reason to determine the best outcome for a situation.
What skilled students we will have by the end of the year!

On a side note, Oaklands Central School does not currently have an effective way to cut steel sections to a specific length. If anyone knows where we might be able to borrow (or donate) a metal cold saw, could you please contact me at the school.

Mark Richards
Secondary Teacher

PRIMARY & SECONDARY NEWS

Zone Cross Country Primary and Secondary
On Wednesday 29 April our primary students represented our school at the Finley Zone Cross Country that was held in Urana. All students did their best and we have been lucky enough for Jesse Moloney and Amber Summons to have made it to the Regional level which will be held in Gundagai in Week 8. A big thank you to the Oaklands P&C who catered for the event!

On Friday 8 May a number of our secondary students participated in the South West Zone Cross Country that was also held in Urana. Liam Summons, Logan Kerr, Thomas Macartney and Renee Ansell all have the opportunity to attended the next level in Gundagai in Week 8.

Melinda Elith

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Enjoy Reading, It Should Be Fun

Reading has always been an important skill. In our modern world it is more important than ever. Listening to and encouraging your child to read at home is vital for them to practice the skills they are learning in reading at school, building their confidence and creating a positive attitude towards reading.

Some of the following ideas may help to make the home reading experience a more positive and productive one.

- Before Reading, talk to your child about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.
- During Reading, discuss the story so far and try to guess what happens next.
- After Reading, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or page.

The 3 P's when listening to reading
Praise children frequently. Be specific, “That was a good way you worked out that word”.

Pause to allow children time to work out unknown words.

Prompt if the children are still unable to continue, or ask a question that directs their attention to what the word could be.

Reading Log Comments
To maintain effective communication about your child’s reading it is important to fill out the comments section of the Reading Log every time you hear your child read.

Some ideas for comments:
- An enthusiastic effort
- Was happy to read
- We read this book together
- An interesting book
- Very easy
- Found this book too hard
- Was re-reading to correct
- A funny book
- Didn’t ask for any help
- Required some assistance
- Really enjoyed this book
- Lacking confidence
- Needs to concentrate more
- Not interested in this story
- Self corrected mistakes
- Read independently
- Matched pictures with story meaning
- Was able to tell me about the story
- Read with expression
How to Foster Reading – What to Read and Do

It is important to show your child that reading is about more than just home readers - there is a whole world of reading out there to be explored and used in everyday life. Make reading real and relevant for them! Tell and re-tell stories of all kinds including favourite stories, fairy tales, movie plots, local news items and family history.

- Play games such as “I spy something beginning with d”
- Ask your child to read out simple recipes while you cook together
- Read comics, magazines, short stories, poems and rhymes, including nursery rhymes
- Read newspapers together
- Do crosswords and other word puzzles together
- Read the TV guide before watching a program
- Read directions and signs when driving and shopping
- Read and write notes, letters, posts and emails to family and friends
- Get children to send and read aloud text messages to family members
- Get children to help you read maps or make up a trip they would like to go on

Mistakes

Children will make many mistakes when reading (even good readers), so they must not be frightened about making one.

Mistakes can be helpful in showing where they are going wrong.

- If a child is interrupted too much during reading they can easily lose the meaning. If they make a mistake but keep reading let them finish the page or paragraph before stopping them to correct error.
- Praise your child when they make a mistake but then put it right themselves
- If you feel your child has lost the meaning help them to read the rest of the sentence/paragraph
- If children miss out on full stops the meaning may change. Ask them to go back and re-read or you read it and get them to copy you.
- If a child makes a mistake that still makes sense, eg home/house, let them continue reading and come back and ask them “what is that word?”
- If the mistake does not make sense it is important to allow the child time to realise and make self-corrections
- If they do not notice that a mistake has been made get them to go back and re-read the sentence
- If after rereading your child is still unsure of the meaning, direct their attention to the initial sound of the word (beginning sound) and any other familiar sounds or letter patterns, such as art or ing that may help them to decode the unknown word.

Helpful Questions

Here are some questions you can ask your child when they finish reading:
- Did you enjoy reading this book? Why?
- Why did you choose this book?
- Who were the characters in the story?
- Who was your favourite character?
- How would you describe this character?
- Was there anything you didn’t like about the book?
- What was your favourite part? Why?
- Can you tell me what happened in the story?
- Are there any words you didn’t know or understand the meaning of?
- Could the story have ended in a different way?
- Where was the story set?

Reading together is a great way to connect with your child and share a valuable life skill. Enjoy this special time with your child as you share the exciting world that reading opens up.

Mrs Swann
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 _____________________________
_____________________________________________

Signed: ________________________________________
Date: _________________________________________

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:
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.

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**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
- 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!

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**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
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**‘Bare Root’ Tree Drive**

Berrigan Children’s Centre are conducting a **‘Bare Root’ Tree Drive** to fundraise money for the Centre. All trees are being supplied by Fleming’s Nurseries Pty Ltd.

To obtain an order form please contact the Berrigan Children’s Centre by telephone on (03) 5885 2324, via email at bcca@bigpond.com or call in to the Centre at 17-19 Stewart Street, Berrigan to collect an order form and peruse the Fleming’s Nurseries Top 10 Trees Guide.

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**Your Mobile Library Service is Changing**

Commencing on Monday 29 June 2015

- Some service points will be discontinued
- Some service points will have changes to days and/or times
- Some service points will not change at all

**Mobile Library Timetable**

July and August 2015

[Detailed library timetable information]

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**For full details visit rri.nsw.gov.au or pick up a leaflet from any Branch or Mobile Library**
Lockhart Preschool
Fun Run/Walk and Talk

Join us at our Fun Run/Walk & Talk on the 28th of June, 2015.

This will be a great morning to come together in a sporty way and contribute to our wonderful preschool as we raise funds to fit out the preschool office and play areas to finish it off after our recent renovations.

We hope to make this an annual event to provide funds and resources for our small preschool.

Please come along and get involved in a fun activity. Could be a great training run for Football and Netball groups!!

If you can volunteer a few hours on the day please let me know. That would be greatly appreciated.

There will be a bbq available for purchase of yummy steaks and sausage sandwiches and drinks!!

Inspire Yourself!!

website: www.lockhartpreschool.wix.com/lockhartfunrun
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10 am

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Thursday 21 May, 2015

**Oaklands CWA Rooms**

**10 am**
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