Mr Wolski is back and he’s GOING FOR GOLD!

Wow, what an amazing adventure our family had trekking across our sunburnt country. Cristy, James, Ella and I were very fortunate to travel across Australia exploring some of our most spectacular natural wonders. From the majestic caves in Western Australia to weaving the winding road of the Great Ocean Road, we had the trip of a lifetime!

It has been great to settle back into the rhythm of school life this week. I have enjoyed catching up with staff, parents and students. Thank you to all the school community members who have given me such a warm welcome back to our fantastic small school.

Over the next month or two, I’ll be off class driving key initiatives across our school. I feel Oakwood State School has turned a major corner and I’m keen to capitalise on this by leading and focusing on our core strategic priorities for 2016. This will ensure they have the greatest positive improvement on student learning outcomes.

A very special thank you to Mrs Shield, who has done such wonderful work in my absence. I wish Mrs Shield all the best in her new role as Deputy Principal at Walkervale State School.

I hope all school community members join me as we GO FOR GOLD this year for our students.
Oakwood State School Cross Country – Thursday 21st April

Watkin vs Richardson

Get ready...get set...GO! Next Thursday 21st April, Watkin and Richardson will competing for the Oakwood State School Cross Country Shield. All school community members are welcome to attend. Mr Ross Zelow, Assistant Regional Director for the North Coast Region, will be our special guest for the morning’s events. He has already expressed he is looking forward to catching up with parents, staff and students. Below is a program of events:

House Colours

Watkin  Richardson
Green       Red

House Captains

Watkin  Richardson
Clayton Verall  Patrick Curtis
Zac Clarke  Ayla Marshall-Tindel

Cross Country Events Commence at 9am.

Events:

Event 1  Boys and Girls  5 yrs  200m
Event 2  Boys and Girls  6 yrs  400m
Event 3  Boys and Girls  7 yrs  400m
Event 4  Boys and Girls  8 yrs  800m
Event 5  Boys and Girls  9 yrs  800m
Event 6  Boys and Girls  10 yrs  2km
Event 7  Boys and Girls  11/12 yrs  3 km

Parents are also encouraged to get into the spirit by wearing their team’s colours.

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Literacy Pro is coming to Oakwood State School this term.
Below is parent information about Literacy Pro:

Scholastic Literacy Pro is an updated version of the Lexile online database which has been used by the school since 2009. It is used by teachers to monitor students’ ability to comprehend what they read. It also helps teachers to monitor student commitment to their independent home reading.

Children initially complete an online test that gives them a reading score from BR (beginning reading) to 1500. This score indicates a level of reading which when matched to a book of the same or similar score, the child should competently be able to read and understand what they have read. After each book is read, students complete a quiz (a set of 10 questions about the book they have just read.) Students need to score at least 7/10 questions correct in order to pass the book and earn designated points for that book.

As students work through the step-by-step process, they have the opportunity to develop vital skills, which can be of great benefit to students as they approach their middle school years. These include: increased reading comprehension ability, spelling and vocabulary building, problem solving; time management, goal setting, vocabulary development and self-evaluation skills. Students are progressively taught how to work through the process in library and in classroom lessons. They are also taught how to problem solve specific issues that may arise. Students are expected to develop independence over time.

Steps in the process:
1. Complete a lexile test to obtain an initial lexile score.
2. Calculate a lexile reading range from the test score by taking 200 from test score and adding 50. E.g. if test score is 500, reading range is from 300 - 550.

Within this range, students should be able to confidently read books and they should be able to successfully pass quizzes (at least 7/10)
3. Choose a book within the calculated lexile range.
4. Read the book from start to finish. Read for detail.
5. Complete a quiz about the book.
6. Complete diary and rating.
7. Return book to library and choose another book within your range.
8. Repeat Steps 3 – 8 as students read books and pass quizzes.

If students do not pass book quizzes by completing at least 7 questions correctly, they are encouraged to re-read the book and then repeat the quiz in 2 days.

P&C News

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come to the AGM on Tuesday evening. It was lovely to see so many parents there, supporting our school and wanting to be a part of the school community. It is with much excitement that we announce our new P&C committee members:

President: Alison Else
Vice-President: Alana Sinnamon
Treasurer: Stacey Twemlow
Secretary: Kylie Wakefield

We are a group of parents who are enthusiastic, positive and committed to making great things happen in our little school. We are also fairly new to the operations of the P&C, so bear with us as we learn the ropes.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the previous P&C committee, particularly to Dean, Belinda and Wendy who have done an amazing job. Our new committee has very big shoes to fill!

I am very excited to be the President of this committee and to represent all parents of our school. I attended our school Easter Hat Parade recently and was really touched by the number of parents who were there and the real sense of school spirit. Our P&C has lots of activities and events planned for Oakwood throughout the year and we really encourage everyone to support these things and continue building the spirit of our school.

Alison Else (President) on behalf of the new Oakwood P&C.

Chappy Chat

Hello and welcome to term two! I hope that you have had a wonderful Easter holiday and were able to spend some time enjoying family and friends.

Parent Café

Parent café is up and running. Come and join all the wonderful parents for a cup of coffee or tea at the library. Together we work to support our children and it’s through the amazing support of our school community that we can be the support that they require.

Come and join us every second Wednesday starting next week! 2.30pm-3pm
27th April, 11th May, 25th May - No café today
1st June, 15th June

Playgroup

Paint and Play is our theme for Term 2 where we will have lots of fun with different painting techniques. A big thank you to Jess Travers who will be helping out on Friday mornings as I am assisting in the office this term.

Cheers
Kym

Mothers Day Raffle

Tickets will be sent home next week for a P&C fundraiser. Prizes include a lovely Handbag Hamper. All sold or unsold tickets will be due back on Wednesday 4th May.
Congratulations to our Super Savers

- Maeve Taggart — Wildlife Writers Set
- Jemima Taggart — Wildlife Writers Set
- Bronte Taggart — Wildlife Writers Set
- Hugh Taggart — Wildlife Writers Set

Keep up the great savings

**Student Of The Week** and **Go For Gold**

Stay tuned next time for our wonderful award winners!!!

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**GIN GIN KINDY CENT SALE**

Gin Gin Kindy is holding a Cent Sale this Saturday 16th April 2016 at the South Kolan Hotel.

The Cent Sale will begin at 1.30pm so please come shortly before to buy your tickets.

- Afternoon tea will be provided
- Plenty of prizes to be won including fresh produce & homemade goodies
- Adult & Children’s lucky door prizes
- 2 x raffles throughout the afternoon

Look forward to seeing you all there!

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- Student Banking - Wednesday to the school office
- School Uniform Orders - Monday mornings at the Tuckshop
- Moorelands Road, Oakwood Primary, Invicta,
- Yandaran and Avondale.
- Derek Alcorn - 0467 561 042

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