The Power of Reading

I would like to start today’s newsletter with a very powerful, but simple quote from Emilie Buchwald:

‘Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.’

Over the next few years, our main strategic focus will be to implement, enhance and refine reading programs that make a real difference to a child’s life. Our intention as a school community is not only to produce greater reading outcomes for our students, but to strive for a common core school community belief about the importance of reading and the positive impact it can have on a child over the course of their life.

As a school community we believe every child has the right to learn how to read and that it is the cornerstone to all learning. Over the next few months and years, I will be challenging staff, students, parents and our great school community to join with me in promoting and supporting our programs to make the most significant impact on every child that attends Oakwood State School.

‘It takes a community to raise a child.’

Term 2 Strategic Priorities: 1. Reading Framework  2. Daily Rapid Reading  3. Literacy Pro

GO FOR GOLD READING!
**Attendance**

*Every day counts at Oakwood SS!!*

Help every child to be ‘Simply their Best’ by ensuring they attend school every day.

On parade this week, I announced a new initiative regarding attendance at Oakwood State School.

Year levels will be competing in an attendance competition throughout the term. The winning year level will be invited to a ‘Pizza Party with the Principal’. Also, students will receive attendance certificates based on their overall attendance for the term. Below are the levels required to receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze Certificate for the term.

‘Go for Gold Attendance’

- Gold 98%+
- Silver 96-97%
- Bronze 94-95%

Our whole school target for the year is 96%.

**Term 2 Attendance Results Week 3**

1st Year 3 99.5%
2nd Year 5 96.6%
3rd Year 1 96%
4th Year 4 95.9%
5th Year 2 93.9%
6th Prep 93.7%
7th Year 6 93.4%

Whole School Term 2 = 97.1%

**Get Your Read On!!!**

*School Community Book Swap Table*

Our school is looking to encourage children to pick up a book, and journey into the wonderful world of words and pictures. ‘Get Your Read On’ is all about encouraging students to donate old books they have read, and don’t need anymore to the School Library. Please place any books donated to the school on the ‘Get Your Read On’ table in the Library. We would like school community members and students to freely use the table to swap or take books to read. Reading should be a free and pleasurable experience for students. Please support this very important initiative by donating as many books as possible.

**Remember: It takes a community to raise a child.**

We had some fantastic shades of blue today for Go Blue for Autism Day. Well done everyone!!
P&C News

It was lovely to see so many parents supporting their children at the school cross country recently. What an amazing bunch of students we have at Oakwood. Some of those races were VERY long, but not one child complained and they all did their best. Thank you to all the parents who took part in our novelty race. I think the kids got a real thrill out of watching their Mum or Dad be a part of their day. I am a Richardson Mum and although we didn't win on this occasion, we are ready for another competition at the athletics carnival in June. :)

The P&C has some exciting ideas about events and activities to build the school spirit and do some fundraising during 2016. We would love to see you all at the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 6pm to get some input and ideas from parents about making these events fabulous.

See you there.

Chappy Chat

Hello everyone. I hope you are embracing the joys of Term 2, there are so many things we can be thankful for! “Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have you’ll never, ever have enough” - Oprah Winfrey. Just a reminder of Parent Café happening every fortnight with the next one on the 11th May. Come and join us in supporting our students, 2:30-3:00pm. Chappy Week is coming up - 16th-20th May. To celebrate Chappy week we are taping Chappy to the wall This is a fundraiser for the chaplaincy service here at Oakwood. This even will be held at lunch time on the 20th May. You and the school community are invited to come and join us in taping me to the wall. It will be $1 for a small piece of tape and $2 for a large piece. Additionally, we are in competition with the schools in Bundaberg. So going off the ratio of students to amount raised, if we raise the most then we get to tape Mr Wolski to the wall too!!! It’s going to be great!!!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Chappy

Tuckshop

Enclosed is the new winter menu with lots of great new meals for the cooler months. Don’t forget to write your order on separate bags for each lunch break.

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Hi all, We are off to an awesome start at After School Care. I have Mother’s Day craft activities for our hardworking mums. The rest of the term will involve some craft and outside activities. Hope to see you all here.

Cheers, Rebecca.
**Student Of The Week**  
Prep: Joel Cronin, Riley Payne  
Year 1: Tammy Anger, Jessie Smith  
Year 2: Diesel Vaughan-Carlisle, Bridie Easton  
Year 3/4: Zane Marshall-Tindel  
Year 5/6: Lara Sinnamon, Bronte Taggart, Zaria Napier, Chloe Duncan

**Go For Gold**  
Prep: Liam Hiscock, Riley Forrest  
Year 1: Renee Curtis, Stephanie Haak  
Year 2: Dominic Otto  
Year 3/4: Lukiela Street  
Year 5/6: Tyler Gollschewsky, Tayla Gustafson, Tahlia Mikkelsen, Zac Clarke

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**After School Care Contact** - Rebecca Duff 0458 933 576  
**School Bus Contacts**

**Student Banking** - Wednesday to the school office  
Derek Alcorn - 0467 561 042  
**School Uniform Orders** - Monday mornings at the Tuckshop

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