

TERM 3
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MOSAIC NEWS

OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL

COMING EVENTS

August 25 - 29 Southern Stars

August 25 Yr 8-9 Info session

August 26 Girls Rugby League Clinic

Sept 03 Needles —HP3 all girls 7-10

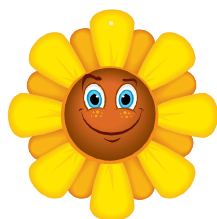
HEPB2 Yr 7 girls and boys

Sept 04-06 "Battle of the Bands"

6.30pm in school hall.

All tickets for sale from the front Office.

Sept 03 Girls Rugby League Tournament held at Croome Road Complex.



P & C MEETINGS

Our P & C Meetings are held on the **1st Tuesday of each month** at 7.30 pm in the Common Room. Administration Building. We look forward to seeing you.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The half way point in the term and the school is a busy place. Our Year 12 students are in the middle of their trial HSC exams and for many this is their final formal assessment task.

Industrial Technology students have had their practical projects marked by a team of external markers. The Visual Art students are putting the finishing

touches to their major works.

The school hosted a Yr 11 Chemistry Study Day for over 90 students from surrounding high schools. It was a great opportunity for our students to work with students from other schools and staff from Wollongong University.

Over forty Year 10 students participated in a TAFE taster afternoon held at the Shellharbour and West Wollongong campuses. The students gained valuable information about the training available at TAFE. Shortly our Year 8 students will be selecting electives for their Stage 5 studies. Students will receive an information booklet and information session for students will be held on Monday 25 August in the hall commencing at 1.40 pm.

Congratulations to Colin Studman of Year 12 who has won a Community Spirit & Leadership Award donated by Jennie George the member for Throsby. Colin received a certificate and \$50 prize in recognition of his efforts in the school.

On Thursday the school hosted a visit by the Regional Director for Education Mr Graham Kennedy and Mr Phil Hirst the School Education Director for Shellharbour. During their visit they had the opportunity to speak to a number of teachers in their first years of service with the Department and visited a number of class rooms. They were impressed with the students they met and the fine young teachers working at the school.

Col Harris
Principal

Year 8 Adviser

Mr Straughan has replaced Mrs Panecasio as Year 8 advisor.

Mrs Panecasio has done a great job with the group and Mr Straughan is looking forward to working with the students in Year 8.

DEPUTYS' DIALOGUE

Already we are half way through Term 3 and the year is rapidly disappearing. Year 12 students are currently finishing their Trial HSC exams, and finalizing revisions and projects in their classes. The last weeks of school are important for these students to consolidate knowledge and skills as they move towards their HSC exams in October and November.

The Snow Trip last week was very successful and all reports indicate that our students enjoyed themselves tremendously and conducted themselves in a manner that brought great credit to themselves and our school. Well done to Mr. Trist and Mr. Wishart for their outstanding organization and leadership of this key event in the school calendar.

Year 8 students will commence their selection of two elective subjects for Years 9 and 10 on Monday 25 August with an information session in the school hall at 1.40 pm. At this session, students will be given a booklet containing descriptions of subjects on offer for study in Years 9 and 10, plus a subject selection sheet, which must be returned to Mr Straughan by Friday 29 August. Parents are most welcome to attend this session.

Parents should be aware that a revised process for monitoring uniform compliance is now in place. Students who are persistent uniform offenders will receive automatic detentions and may progress through the schools discipline system to the point of suspension if they do not comply with the school uniform policy.

A Coleman, J Jacobs

Deputy Principals

TAS NEWS

Students in TAS classes have been displaying their skills and are producing some quality products.

Year 9 Woodwork are working on a CD storage cupboard with Nicholas Bell, Shane George, Lucas Walsh and Aaron McCarthy leading the way.

In Year 8, Olivia Keevers, Kerry Ha, Cassandra Ferri, Kimberley Fitzgerald, Justin Frank, Dale MacLeod and Luke Dewes-Windleborn are displaying some artistic ability in the design and construction of their sconces.

The regional director, Graham Kennedy, visited the school and Year 11 Hospitality catered for his visit with some fine culinary delights. Mr Alan Whitehouse and Mr Bill Carberry have joined the TAS Department as teaching interns for the rest of the year. They have been observing classes and team teaching and have been impressed with the enthusiasm and ability shown by the vast majority of students. They will take up 80% of a teaching load in Term 4.

Ms Brightman's 8ROT3 are embracing the design process and have developed some fine textile projects. Tayla Thiele, Joy Reid and Stacey Meyer have excelled with their initiative.

Please remember that fees can be paid to the office any time, and they are used to buy materials and equipment for your children.

T McCarroll
Head Teacher TAS



GIFTED & TALENTED

On Tuesday 2nd September, students from the Gifted and Talented group at Oak Flats High will show case the Special Interest Projects that they have been working on this term.

This Gifted and Talented group comprises students from Years 7 to 10 and they have been working together for one hour a week from the beginning of Term 2.

The theme for this special Interest Project is **Time**. Using creative and innovative thinking, students have put their own interpretation on the theme, some taking a literal approach, others a more abstract view. All the students have been guided by personal interests and a desire to expand their knowledge of **Time**.

This Gifted and Talented group has been assisted by teachers, Mrs. Brightman and Mrs. Maling, who have mentored their progress and invited guest speakers to address them and guide them on their projects.

The students are looking forward to the opportunity to present the results of their project to the rest of the school and the public.

WHERE: OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

WHEN: TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER START 5:00 PM FINISH 7:00 PM

WHAT: PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST PROJECTS BY THE STUDENTS OF GIFTED AND TALENTED GROUP.

KOORI STUDENTS

Homework Centre - is up and running.

The homework centre runs on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.45pm to 4.15pm in the library. All students at Oak Flats High School, indigenous and non indigenous students are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea is provided. Help is available to assist with homework and assignments.

Rochelle



MATHEMATICS NEWS

A big congratulations to the following Year 7 students who were involved in a "Mathematics On Line" competition:

Rebecca Edwards, Melanie Hodson, Jerrica Espiracillo, Dylan Arvella, Amy Faras, Tom Mortlock, Renee Steele, Brade Wheeler, Daniel Stojcevski, Harrison Temple, Madison Cuncliffe, Emma Jordan, Rhys Edgerton, Corey Veigel, Donna Burrows, Jessica Rosskelly and Amy Middleton.

These students had to compete with other students around the country, but working in groups, to solve maths based problems on line over several weeks.

D McClymont and E Maling
Teachers

The Year 12 (Advanced) Maths class has finished the HSC course and are now doing past papers in preparation for their HSC. Good luck.

The following students from 9M2 have been performing well in class and tests this semester:

Dylan Alder, Sarah Charman, Leanna Curtis, Ashleigh Louth, Kristen Lowe, Chris Payne, Matt Rogan and Stephanie Meeuwissen.

The following students from 7J have been working well in class and doing well in tests since the half yearly exam:

Mark Bryant, Samantha Bulakovska, Jessica Cutajar, Jarrod Lye, Gabby Verway, Liam Kendrick and Chris Calleja.

D Herbert
Teacher

The following Year 10 students have consistently completed class work in the topic Co-ordinate Geometry:

Kyle Zimmermann, Jamie Williams, Michael Johnson, Rosie Lambden, Jay Watson, Jordan Timmins, Dwayne Lee, Blayne Hamilton and Taleigha Gilbert.

Kylie Bray
Teacher

A big congratulations to all 8M4 who recently sat their probability topic test and achieved a 100% pass rate.

Dylan Whales achieved 100%.

Andrew Clay received 100% in a Summary Statistics topic test. Well Done!

Recently, we held the Maths Competition. This year, for the first time ever, we had so many students entering it that we had to sit it in the hall. In all, there were over 100 kids sitting one of the divisions offered. Congratulations to all who attempted this and we eagerly await the results.

A Duffy
Head Teacher Maths

SCIENCE NEWS

It's been a great few weeks in the Science Faculty, in particular, our Year 11 Biology, Physics and Chemistry students are getting involved in our cross school study days at UOW for Biology, Dapto High for Physics and sunny OFHS for the Chemistry students! I am particularly proud to host Chemistry students from Dapto, Kanahooka, Warilla, Albion Park and Lake Illawarra High Schools, an event that ties in well with National Science week!

Year 12 Students should now be recovering from the trauma of the trials, and we as staff, share your anticipation as we carefully mark your papers. Please take all our comments in the good spirit they are intended, it is well and truly 'the pointy end' of your school careers, we should be doing some fine tuning to extract your peak performance.

Year 10 students are nearing the end of their term three rotation, so I would expect some study on unit tests to be going on now, the same being true for the mid term end of topic tests for Year 9. Year 8 should start to now be thinking about their elective choices for next year and, in that decision making process, it is very wise to consider that the choice is for a whole two years so it should be given some serious thought.

It's pleasing to hear how well the Year 7 classes are going at present but I do need to remind you of your responsibilities to arrive to class on time, with all of your equipment and prepared to learn. In all classes, not just Year 7, we need to keep to our core values in class, Care about your learning and the learning of others, respect the rights of everyone in the class, and remember its your responsibility to yourself and the class to have the right tools, both physical and social, to get the most benefit from your classes.

In Agriculture, we have been busy caring for our calves as part of the 'cows create careers' program and I have been very impressed with the caring and respectful way students have taken on these responsibilities. I'm led to believe that a certain Jamberoo farmer (who starred in Farmer wants a wife), commanded a significant amount of attention in this project launch, but given the amount of media exposure that our favourite Ag assistant seemed to get in the TV report, maybe she might be looking to audition in a few roles in the near future!

Thankfully for all, I personally have shied away from the media spotlight, being blessed with what could be best described as 'good head for radio'.

That's all from me for now folks!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOST EMPLOYERS WANTED

Oak Flats High School Year 2008 students need to complete a week of work placement with a host employer from 3/11/08. This is a compulsory part of their HSC Information Technology course and students are required to complete a range of work related tasks including word processing, using spreadsheets and/or using business IT systems. We can provide a more complete "task list" that will assist you to identify how you can best use the student during the week. Please contact K Linnett on 42 561888 if you can assist or if you need additional information. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL MUSICAL

4, 5 & 6 SEPTEMBER, 2008

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM FRONT OFFICE

\$ 7.00 Students

\$10.00 Adults

Venue: Hall

LAKE ILLAWARRA LITTLE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION INC

REGISTRATION DAYS 2008/2009 SEASON

Sunday 10, 17, 24 & 31st August 2008 1pm—3 pm at King Memorial Oval, Barrack Heights.
"Early Bird" rates month of August \$60.00 Normal rates \$70.00 please bring birth certificate or passport

Children aged 3—17 yrs

First night of competition Friday 5.09.08 at 5.15pm.

Any enquiries phone Howard McGarry on 42 967319

CENTRAL ILLAWARRA YOUTH SERVICES INC

TERM 3 2008 PROGRAM—ALBION PARK RAIL

Albion Park Rail Community Centre

Monday and Tuesday 3.00 to 5.00pm

Phone: 42578080

Activities include excursions, cooking classes, movie days and cricket games phone above number or come and join

ALBION PARK FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sunday 31 August, 2008

10am—4pm

Albion Park Showground

Amusement Rides, Show bags, farm animals, local dance studios, Oak Flats Gymnastics Club and Academy of Cheerleading.

Proceeds to Ronald McDonald House, Katie Richardson's (Miss World Australia) Charity & Academy of Cheerleading

ALBION PARK LITTLE ATHLETICS REGISTRATION

John O'Dwyer Oval Croome Road (Athletics Field)

Saturday 30 August 2008 & Sunday 7 September 2008

2.00 - 4.00 pm

First Night Friday 12 September at 5.30 pm

Registrations 4.00pm—6.00 pm Friday Night

Proof of age required, Tiny Tots (under 5 yrs) Age Groups from 6 to 17 yrs

Can register on line www.littleathletics.com.au or phone 0425 806 798

Dee Chapman — Club Secretary