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Annabelle and Blake proudly holding the Percentage Shield

WHAT'S ON!

Friday 29th August - Lunch Order Day

Monday 1st September - School Photos

Friday 5th September - Primary Riverina Athletics @ Albury & Stage 5 Bonegilla Excursion

Tuesday 9th September - Stage 5 Excursion to Wagga Wagga

Friday 12th September - Lunch Order Day

For more events, please visit our calendar on the Sentral Parent Portal

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Principal Report

Dear School Community,

We are halfway through the term and flying into Week 6 with our students engaged in learning, in and out of the classroom. How fortunate we are to have such dedicated staff who go above and beyond to provide all of these opportunities for our students.

National Science Week

In Week 4 we celebrated National Science Week. Secondary students spent time out in the field on Friday, 15th August building their practical science skills. They spent time kick netting, searching for scats and tracks and looking at the overall health of the Urana Aquatic Centre.

Book Week

In Week 5, we celebrated Book Week. Secondary students participated in an author talk on Monday and Primary completed sessions on the 2025 Shortlisted Children's books. We had the Book Parade on Thursday afternoon organised by Mrs Southam, where students dressed up as their favourite characters. Finally, we had the annual toy sleepover on the Thursday night. The toys had lots of adventures at the school and around Oaklands during the afternoon.

MADDD Performance at Finley High School

Finley High School recently hosted an outstanding performance by the MADDD (Music, Art, Drama, Dance Department) group. Students showcased their talents through a vibrant mix of music, drama, and dance pieces, highlighting their creativity and hard work. The event was well attended by students, staff, and community members, reflecting the school's commitment to fostering a strong arts culture.

Try a Trade Day in Wagga

Students from the region had the opportunity to explore various trades at the Try a Trade Day held in Wagga. This event provided hands-on experiences and insights into careers in trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and automotive industries. The day aimed to inspire students to consider vocational pathways and develop practical skills for their future careers.

Stewart House

Stewart House continues to support students and families, offering a range of programs designed to enhance wellbeing and provide educational opportunities. Oaklands Central School remains engaged with Stewart House initiatives, contributing to fundraising efforts and encouraging student participation in their programs. We have been lucky to have Tayan and Sassha visit Stewart House for 2 weeks this term.

Primary Zone Athletics Carnival in Finley

The Primary Zone Athletics Carnival was successfully held in Finley, bringing together young athletes from surrounding schools to compete in a variety of track and field events. The carnival was a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their sporting skills, promote healthy competition, and foster school spirit. Congratulations to Annabelle who won the Senior Girls Champion and to Blake, Hayley, Spencer and Sophie who will join Annabelle in representing OCS at the next level. Well done to all students who participated on the day and contributing to Oaklands being awarded the aggregate shield for 2025.

SRC

I'd also like to acknowledge the wonderful initiatives led by our Student Representative Council. The lunch clubs, including netball skills and Minecraft, have been fantastic ways for students to connect, have fun, and develop new skills.

Before I finish, I want to remind everyone about the importance of regular attendance and healthy eating. Coming to school every day means you don't miss out on learning and the chance to build friendships. It's vital to be here, ready to engage and grow. And remember, eating healthy foods gives your body and brain the energy they need to focus, play, and learn to your best ability.

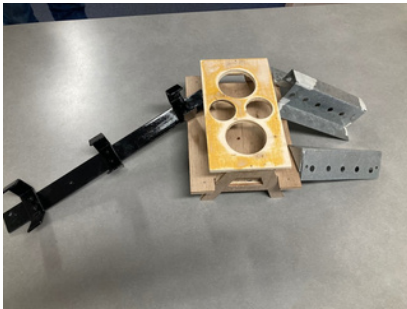
Yours sincerely,

Melinda Elith
Reflective Relieving Principal
Oaklands Central School

Teacher contribution: Mr O'Donnell

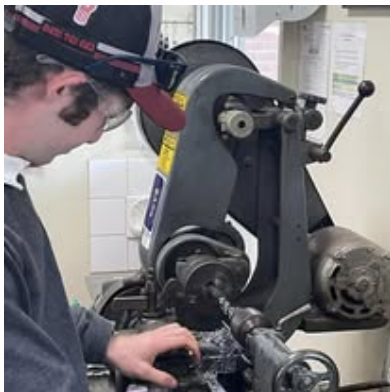
Stage 4 Technology Mandatory

Stage 4 students have been busy making a wooden condiment stand that could be used for entertainment purposes at home. They have also learned skills with copper embossing where they made signs from copper sheets. At the moment they are making a wooden wind twirl. They have been putting their measurement skills to the test. Earlier in the term students made a coat rack and screw driver holder out of metal. Students learned how to bend metal and use blind rivets.



Stage 5 Design and Technology

Stage 5 Design and Technology students are in the process of designing a wooden saw horse. Some of the side projects have been designing a better layout for the Industrial Arts room. They are also planning to enter the Berrigan Show with an upcycled wheelbarrow.



Stage 5 Industrial Technology- Metal

Industrial Technology Metal students have been working on creating a metal vice. In the process they have been learning various welding skills and building patience and flexibility when things go wrong or equipment breaks. Sometimes the best learning happens through making mistakes.

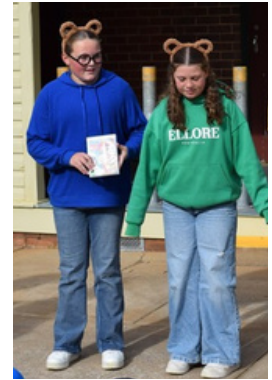
Stage 5 Agriculture

Agricultural students having been preparing gardens in the ag plot with potatoes and other vegetables. They have also been learning about soil and how soil can impact the growth of plants.

Futhermore, students have been utilising the OCS Vegie stand and have put out lemons, limes and artichokes for people to collect for free.



2025 Book Week



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Primary Athletics



Congratulations to Annabelle who won the Senior Girls Champion at the Finley Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday. A fantastic combined effort from all our participating students resulted in Oaklands bringing home the percentage shield.

PSA Schools Recognition Week 2025

SASS Recognition Week: Celebrating Our Amazing Support Staff

This SASS Recognition Week, we proudly acknowledge and celebrate the dedication and hard work of our incredible School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) who play an essential role in making our school a welcoming, safe and efficient place for students and staff alike.

Garron (SLSO) provides vital support to our secondary students, ensuring they receive the assistance they need to thrive in their learning environment. His commitment to student wellbeing and engagement is truly appreciated.

Jenny (SLSO) supports students across both primary and secondary levels with compassion and dedication, helping to create a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all learners.

Kylie (Farm Assistant) works tirelessly to maintain our school grounds, keeping them beautiful and inviting. Her efforts not only enhance the environment but also contribute to our students' connection with nature and the outdoors.

Kelly (General Assistant) is our go-to person for fixing things around the school. Her quick response and practical skills ensure our facilities remain safe and functional every day.

Amy (School Administrative Officer) plays a key role in coordinating our media posts and assisting in the library, helping keep the school community informed and supporting student learning resources.

Janelle (School Administrative Officer) expertly manages general office duties and coordinates Workplace Health and Safety, ensuring a smooth and safe operation within our school.

Frances (School Administrative Manager) expertly oversees the office, finances, and the day-to-day running of the school. Her leadership and organisational skills are fundamental to our school's success.

To all our SASS staff – thank you for your unwavering commitment, professionalism, and the positive impact you have on everyone at our school. Your work often goes behind the scenes, but it does not go unnoticed. We are truly grateful for everything you do!

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Billabong Crows News

Finals Fever!

Good Luck!

to our netball teams
competing in finals

Saturday 30th August @ Walbundrie
A Grade & Under 11's

Saturday 6th September @ Walbundrie
Under 13's



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Oaklands Annual Riverina Harvest Ball

OAKLANDS ANNUAL RIVERINA HARVEST BALL

2025
*Harvest
Ball*

Friday 10th October

TICKET BOOKINGS

Sarah-Jane Sheridan 0428 502 575

SPONSORSHIP

Chantelle Gorman 0408 677 484

TICKET SALES

9AM FRIDAY 29TH

AUGUST

COST: \$190 PP ALL INCL.



DRESS: STRICTLY BLACK TIE



DOORS OPEN: 6PM

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WE ARE OPEN 7 DAYS

SAT TO THURSDAY 5.30PM

FRIDAY 4.30PM (happy hr 6.30-7.30pm)

THURSDAY SUPERDRAW

28/08/2025 - \$6600

Thursday Night

\$4,400 - UNCLAIMED

\$25 Winners: Chloe, Ben & GaGa

Chocolate Winners: Leigh & Ben

Sunday Night 24/08/2025

\$2,000 - Unclaimed #319 Trish Brown

\$25 Winners: Leigh, Rosemary, Jesse & Brad

Chocolates: Leigh & Feleese

Cash Board: Jesse

Lions Wood Raffle: Kathy Dalitz

Sunday Night \$2,100

Meals available

Thursday & Sunday Nights

BAR STAFF REQUIRED

WITH NSW RSA & RCG

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

LEEANNE - 0428 960 368



FOOTY TIPPING LADDER 2025

Name	Round							
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	TOTAL
BJMRA	8	3	6	7	7	5	6	119
Feleese Beale	9	2	6	8	8	7	7	139
Jim Beale	9	6	6	5	7	8	5	134
Ron Bonat	9	5	7	8	8	8	7	148
Phil Blake	6	3	5	8	7	7	7	123
Nick & Carolyn	8	5	6	7	8	7	8	133
Sheree Casey	9	5	6	6	8	7	6	142
Kathy Dalitz	9	7	6	7	7	6	6	132
Mick Dalitz	9	3	4	8	7	8	6	136
John Danaher	8	6	6	7	7	7	5	143
Pam Danaher	4	4	5	5	3	3	0	104
John Doyle	9	4	6	7	7	7	6	141
Bryan Gee	8	4	7	8	8	7	7	140
Jim Grice	7	5	6	7	6	7	6	130
Bianca H	8	5	8	7	8	7	6	129
Sandi H	9	5	6	7	8	7	6	139
Shanae H	8	5	7	7	8	7	7	128
Diane & Helen	8	4	5	8	7	6	6	130
Brett Hodder	9	5	6	7	8	7	7	147
Chris Keenan	9	5	6	7	7	7	7	144
Jarrold Kerr	6	7	5	6	8	6	3	113
Chris Langridge	8	5	6	7	4	8	6	131
Jane Leslie	8	4	6	8	8	4	6	137
Russell McFarlane	8	6	6	8	7	6	7	139
Peter Mills	9	6	6	6	7	9	6	136
Shane Moar	8	4	6	8	8	6	5	134
Ken Mollison	8	6	6	7	7	6	5	136
Jarrold & Stacey	3	4	6	6	4	6	4	99
Cam Sandral	9	4	7	7	7	7	5	134
Mark Sheridan	8	3	5	7	6	6	5	130
Louise Smith	8	5	6	7	9	8	6	139
Bridget Thomas	8	5	8	6	9	6	7	136

1st

2nd

3rd

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Oaklands Pre-School

With growing families in the region, Oaklands may soon see the return of pre-school.

For the past few years, Oaklands community has not had a local pre-school service due to low enrolment numbers but now Federation Council has called for expressions of interest from the northern communities to see if the demand is there.

General Manager, Adrian Butler said it was a proactive effort to ensure all children in the area have access to high-quality early childhood education, and a vital first step in assessing the viability of a service.

"With growing families in the region, Council is now actively investigating whether demand has increased," Mr Butler said.

"The outcome of this Expression of Interest will be crucial in determining our next steps.

"We encourage all families in the northern communities with young children to complete the EOI to help us understand the level of interest and plan accordingly.

"This is a chance for the community to have a direct say in the future of early childhood education in Oaklands."

While a physical preschool has not been operational in Oaklands for some time, council has maintained a mobile preschool service four days a week, which provides transport for children from Rand, Boree Creek, Urana, Daysdale, and Oaklands.

"It ensures every child in the Oaklands community has access to 15 hours of preschool education," Mr Butler said.

"The numbers have been consistent and growing." For further information or to complete the EOI, visit Council's website:

www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au or

contact Federation Council on (02) 6033 8999.

Narelle Donovan 0407 739 164 or

narelle.donovan@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

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Oki Eats Bistro - Weekly Menu

STARTERS

CHEEZY GARLIC BREAD - 8

CHEEZY BACON BREAD - 8

THE TOMMY FETA - 8

CHIPS - SMALL - 5 or LARGE - 10
(Gravy is Free)

ADDED EXTRA LOADED CHIPS - 3

Bacon, Cheese

With Choose 1

Siracha Mayo, Blue Cheese,

Ranch Dressing or Gravy

SALADS

GARDEN - 15

CAESAR - 15

ADDED EXTRA

ADD Grilled Chicken - 8

BURGERS

BOWL ME OVER SANGA/BURGER - 25

BEEF ME UP BURGER - 35

DOUBLE ME UP BURGER - 25

SINGLE ME UP BURGER - 15

VEGGIE BURGER - 22

GRAVY -

Plain, Mushroom, Diane & Pepper

PASTA

PENNE PASTA - 15

CHICKEN & MUSHROOM

CREAMY PENNE - 18

SEAFOOD

CRISPY SKIN SALMON - 30

200gm Salmon with Mango Salsa, Tartare with
choice of Chips & Salad or Mash & Steamed Veg

FISHERMANS BASKET - 15

MEAT

STEAK 250GM (MIN) - 30

Chips & Salad or Mash & Steamed Veg

LAMB CRUMBED CUTLETS (2) - 25 (3) - 30

Chips & Salad or Mash & Steamed Veg

GRAVY CHOICES

Plain, Mushroom, Diane & Pepper

CHICKEN

TO CRUMB OR NOT TO CRUMB - 22

Grilled (GF) or Chicken schnitzel served with
Chips & Salad or Steamed Veg & Mash

ADDED EXTRA

Parmi Topping - \$3

WINGS

6 CHICKEN WINGS - 12

Served with chips and 1 Sauce (GF)

12 CHICKEN WINGS - 20

Served with Chips and 2 Sauces (GF)

GRAVY - Plain, Mushroom, Diane & Pepper

KIDS MENU

KIDS MINI PASTA - 8

CHICKEN NUGGETS - 8

PIZZA BREAD - 8

TINY TOT SNAGS - 8

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CWA Oaklands - August Update

- Members are very happy with the launch of our Opportunity Shop. A very successful day of trade. We will continue to open on our meeting day – third Tuesday of the month. Also customers may shop by arrangement with a CWA member. Still time before the Oaklands Memorial Hall's Riverina Harvest Ball event.
- September is the time of CWA of NSW Awareness Week Sunday 7th - Saturday 13th September. This year we are promoting the benefits of seasonal eating. Both for access to fresh food and also the routine of following the seasons with our food choices.
- The topic of stray and unwanted or abandoned cats is being addressed at State level by our Social Issues Committee. Locally Federation Council have concerns about how to address this issue. If this concerns you – let Council know.
- Members were excited to be advised that CWA Oaklands branch had again been nominated in the NSW Volunteer Awards. Heather Kerr travelled to Wagga Wagga for the event. Over 220 nominations in this area, covering several shires were invited to celebrate the importance of volunteering. Highlighting the fact that so many tasks carried out by volunteers would not happen otherwise. **BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE VOLUNTEERS IN OUR OWN COMMUNITY.**
- New members may join CWA now for \$50 and receive 2 months free membership.
- Next meeting Tuesday 16th September 1.30pm start at the CWA rooms.

Enquiries Heather 0447 335 201
ALL WELCOME



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2025 CWA OAKLANDS OPPORTUNITY SHOP

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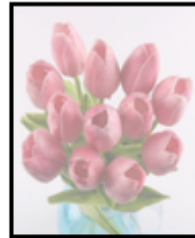
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