Welcome to 2016!

Greetings, I hope you had a safe and enjoyable break. I’d like to welcome all of the students, families and staff to Oakbank Area School. We hope that your time is both productive and enjoyable.

We have had over 30 new students start on Monday and 7 new staff members:
- Kirsty-Lee Rogers: 10 to 12 Senior Pathways Improvement Senior Leader
- Craig Paget: Primary Japanese and Year 3/4 Team Teacher
- Christian Squillace: Physics, Maths, Science
- David Egglestone: Maths, Science Support
- Peter Cottle: ICT, Information Processing & Publishing, Media Studies
- Peter Tiede: Humanities and Social Sciences, History

We welcome back Mark Nichols to middle and senior maths & science and wish Brenton Hoskin (Middle School & ICT Coordinator) and Trudy Holland (Primary School Coordinator) well in their new roles.

Please make anyone new to the school feel welcome. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask them as they arise.

CLASS NUMBERS

With the influx of enrolments several of our classes are close to their industrial limits. For example our Reception to year 2 class and also the Year 10 class.

Adding one extra teacher to our staff will cost the school over $100K and thus is a choice that cannot be taken lightly. The majority of funding is based on how many students attend up to and including “Day 6” (February 8) after which we will make any relevant staffing decisions.

If you know of any families who are still making up their mind please advocate for Oakbank Area School - the school of choice in the Onkaparinga Valley.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Tuesday 16 February 5pm to 6pm.

Primary Classes will be open from 6.00pm to 630pm and Senior School Information night will commence at 6.30pm.

Come along for a free BBQ tea and the chance to meet with staff and see your child/ren’s classrooms.

All families are welcome. For catering purposes please indicate attendance and catering orders on the tear off slip at the end of this newsletter or through the MSGU system on 0428 937 348. Please respond by Friday 12 February.

PERMA+

Positive Emotion, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning and Accomplishment (PERMA) plus physical activity, nutrition, sleep and optimism.

One focus this year is the holistic wellbeing of our students, staff and community. This will be through the lens of PERMA+.

Each of the areas will be focussed on during the Civics program, assemblies, guest speakers and in our interactions with students and each other.

There will be information sessions for parents and staff will continue to develop their knowledge of Positive Education through our regional networks and the intensive offsite training programs available.

PARENTS – GET INVOLVED

Students are more likely to be successful when their parents and families are engaged in their education. Let us know how we can support you in the education of your child; speak to your child’s teacher regularly and communicate regularly through diaries, emails, phone calls or face to face.

Parents and carers can support their child’s education by familiarising themselves with the Australian Curriculum to understand what their child is learning at each stage of their schooling.

A brief guided tour of the Australian Curriculum can be found at: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

ATTENDANCE

It’s somewhat obvious - teachers can’t teach students who they can’t contact.

Over the holidays I had the opportunity to analyse the attendance data for OAS in 2015. The overwhelming majority of students achieved well above the target of 95% including our TAFE & VET students.

However this was marred by others who, in a lot of cases, did not have a suitable reason for not being here! If there are barriers in getting students to school please contact home group teachers sooner rather than later.

Have a great fortnight.

Kylie Eggers, Principal
SCHOOL COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting

Oakbank Area School Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend Oakbank’s Area School’s Annual General Meeting which will be held on:

Monday 7 March
7pm
Resource Centre

Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those parents who are willing to volunteer some of their time to help govern the school.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome everyone.

My name is Kirsty Rogers and I am the newly appointed Senior Pathways Improvement Leader at Oakbank Area School.

I have twenty years of teaching and leadership experience, with the majority of that experience working as a leader in secondary schools in Whyalla.

I have also held corporate leadership positions as Manager of Support Services for the Eyre And Western Region and Project Officer with the Partnerships for Learning team leading flexible curriculum development.

At Oakbank, I am responsible for managing the Senior School cohort, this includes SACE enrolments, pathways counselling, work experience, exam timetables, VET, TAFE and University applications, senior school celebrations and events and supporting students to manage their attendance and behaviour whilst at Oakbank.

I also teach three subjects, Year 12 Research Project and Year 11 and 12 Workplace Practices.

Please don’t hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns you have with your senior school children.

In the mean time, I look forward to meeting many of you at the School Acquaintance Night where from 6:30 pm onwards I will give a short SACE presentation and teachers who teach in the Senior School will be present to meet.

Kirsty-Lee Rogers
Senior Pathways Improvement Leader

STUDENT ID PHOTOS

Student ID Photos (Reception to Year 13) will be taken on Tuesday 16 February.

School Photos are scheduled to be taken this year in September.

Further information will be sent out to families regarding School Photos early in Term 3.

AVAILABLE APPRENTICESHIPS

There have been a few positions that have come in during the last week which I would appreciate being put out into student bulletins for next week.

1. Cert 3 Carpentry – Littlehampton. Could be full time or School based for the right applicant. Mostly second fix and some framework. Driver's License
2. Cert 3 Cabinet Making (Kitchens and Bathrooms) North Plympton – on and off site work. Driver’s license
3. 2 x Cert 3 Wall and Ceiling Lining – Flagstaff Hill and Macclesfield – Could be school based for the right student.
4. Cert 3 Outdoor Power Equipment – Mt Barker. School based position around 1-2 days per week
5. Cert 3 Hairdressing – Stirling. Full time apprenticeship but could be school based for the right student.

Students need to ring Abbie Cerchi – Apprenticeship Broker 0488942192 for contact and application details for these positions.

Kirsty-Lee Rogers
Senior Pathways Improvement Leader

VOLUNTEERS & SCREENINGS

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child’s learning.

To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

Kylie Eggers, Principal

SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

Applications for 2016 School Card are now available from the Front Office.

Please note that eligible parents are required to complete an application for School Card assistance each year.
**WHAT A GREAT START!**
The R-6 students have had a great start to the year. New students have settled in and started making friends and previous students have been welcoming and are setting a good example. Great work!

Here are the 3/4 students working together on some literacy activities.

**NEW PLAYGROUND**
We got a present delivered in the holidays - It’s a new piece of playground equipment!

The students have loved experimenting and testing out their strength and abilities on the new piece of equipment.

Here are the R/1/2 students enjoying the new structure.

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**SUN SAFETY**
R-6 students are required to wear hats in Terms 1 and 4 here at Oakbank AS for all outdoor activities, including fitness, PE and break times.

Bucket hats are available for purchase at the front office.

All junior classrooms have sunscreen available for students to use throughout the day as well.

Bucket Hats can be purchased from the Front Office for $11.00.

**NEW STUDENTS**
We are delighted to welcome the following new primary students to Oakbank Area School:

- **Reception:**
  - Charlie Askew
  - Jonah Cathro
  - Chantel Dobie
  - Blaike McCann
  - Remmie Macey
  - Lilly Millington
  - Asher Oldfield
  - Max Schultz
  - Tina Westrych

- **Year 2:**
  - Patricia Gollan
  - Charlotte Florence

- **Year 3:**
  - Dillon MacAuley

- **Year 4:**
  - Hope Bellchambers
  - Milton Motto

- **Year 5:**
  - Sophie Garcia
  - Chrystal Smith

- **Year 6:**
  - Ryan Boyes-Flynn
  - Tahnee Gould

**SAPSASA TERM DATES**
**Swimming:** Thursday - 3 March – any confident swimmers to see Miss Feijen for more details.

**State Softball:** 4 to 8 April – see Miss Feijen for trial details.

**Athletics:** Monday - 11 April (District day held at OAS)
LOBETHAL NETBALL CLUB

This year the Lobethal Netball Club is putting more focus onto juniors, and we’d like to announce our Junior Academy commencing on Feb 14 at the Lobethal Recreation Ground courts.

This academy is designed for all players (not just Tigers) from Under 9s to Under 15s and will be held over 6 consecutive weeks. It will be run by our club/head coach and past and present players and will concentrate on skill development in all areas.

U9-U11 will run from 9-10am
U13-U15 will run from 10-11am

Kate Shimmin from the Adelaide Thunderbirds will also be our special guest at the first session, working with both groups!!

The cost of the academy is $20 per person which includes all sessions, a drink bottle and snacks.

This Academy is open to anyone interested in netball, current Tigers players as well as non-Tigers players. We’d love to see new faces too!

For more information and a registration form contact our club secretary Katherine on: Katherine.wimberley@bws.com.au.

BALHANNAH SCOUTS GROUP

We have vacancies for boys and girls to join our Cub Pack. Ages 7½ - 11 years.

Cubs meets on Monday night from 7.00 – 8.30 pm at the Balhannah Scout Hall, Pye Road.

Enquiries – Group Leader, Paul Trehearne
Phone: 8388 4398  gl.balhannah@sa.scouts.com.au

ONKAPARINGA CALISTHENICS CLUB

Calisthenics is a fun, healthy way for children of all ages to improve their fitness while making new friends.

Dance, Exercise, March, Clubs and Rods are all designed to improve joint mobility and give muscle flexibility and strength.

Calisthenics teaches children teamwork, self-discipline and promotes good posture and self-image.

Onkaparinga is a child focussed, friendly club based in Oakbank.

We welcome children aged 3-10.

Come and try us – first lesson is free!

Commencing Tuesday, February 9th at 4:15pm
Oakbank Soldiers Memorial Hall

Call Louise on 0424440201
Like us on Facebook or find us on the web: onkaparingacalisthenics.wordpress.com

WOODSIDE WARRIORS SOCCER CLUB

A welcoming, family focussed soccer club promoting team spirit & skills through inclusion, respect, encouragement & fun

WELCOME TO THE WOODSIDE WARRIORS FAMILY

Junior boys & girls
5-16 years
Senior players
+16 years

Awards

Registration Day: Sunday, 14th of February, 9am – 11am

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Contact Matt Smart for More Details 0448 695 905

ONKAPARINGA VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB

OVFC Junior Skills Academy

KICK START YOUR SEASON
2016 11-15 Years

STARTS Tuesday Feb 2nd
Register Your Interest NOW!

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6 Week Program
Open to Any Player From Any Club From Ages 11 - 15
Focus Is on Personal Skill Development
Small Groups and Quality Coaches Including
Current and Past SANFL Players

Balhannah Oval
Tuesday Nights | 5:00pm - 6:15pm

DRUM LESSONS

Is your child interested in learning the drums?

If so, please contact Paul Angas on 0418 854149 to find out more information and to register your interest in your child having drum lessons at Oakbank Area School.

Paul also teaches drum’s at Murray Bridge High School and the Mount Barker School of Music.