Well done to students who participated in our school swimming carnival. It was a pleasure to spend the day with you and watch you swim your very best in your chosen events. Congratulations to Cooper whose 50m freestyle time allowed him to progress to the Razorback Swimming Carnival. Thank you to family members who supported students and provided transport. I am hopeful that more students will enter events in next years’ carnival which will be held on the 22nd February 2017. Thank you to The Oaks Public School for allowing us to join your carnival and making us feel so welcome.

Once again student learning outcomes will be the focus of staff learning in 2016. With the success of Early Action for Success during 2015, Mrs Frank and Mrs Carlyon will continue their training with a focus on Stage 1 outcomes. This will provide our students with the best possible start in their learning. Our Instructional Leader will also work with Miss Southwell to continue the success of last year and focus on the writing process, in particular the revising stage. Last week I met with David Coates in regard to implementing Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) across the school. This program provides a common language and approach to working with students and community. It allows all of us to work together to help students succeed, connect and thrive. David will present an information session on PBL in the coming weeks. An invitation will be forwarded to parents to come along and learn with us.
Mrs Eccleston will be busy updating her skills in preparation for the new finance and student management system which we will merge to during this year.

Scripture classes commence next Wednesday with the school offering combined Anglican and Roman Catholic. Scripture classes are delivered by qualified Scripture teachers ensuring lessons are delivered in a fun, interactive manner. We ask that families support the Scripture program by ensuring children know which group they attend.

On Thursday 24th March, we will hold an Easter Hat parade for all students. Hats will be made or decorated at school on the morning of the parade. Family members and friends will be invited to join students and teachers in an Easter Hat Workshop. During this time students will decorate their hats or make bunny ears. With Easter items already in our shops you may like to start collecting suitable items to decorate hats. With their amazing creations complete students will parade their hats. Thank you to all families who have returned their contact and medical forms to the office. Your assistance is much appreciated. If your forms are still at home please complete and return to school.

Congratulations to Jordan on receiving a Principal's Award for being a Safe, Respectful Learner.

Canteen News
Thank you to parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time to work in the canteen during Term 1. Don’t forget that our canteen is open on Friday at recess during Term 1 and Term 4 only.

P&C News
We would like to welcome all families to the school and invite family members to attend our meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st March at 3.30pm in the staffroom. Dates for our Family fun nights at Bargo Pub are as follows; 18th March, 29th April, 20th May, 24th June, 29th July, 26th August, 23rd September, 28th October, 25th November. Please put these dates in your diary.
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Term 1 Week 1

K/1 /2
Achievement Awards:
William
Encouragement Awards
Jordi

3/4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Leah
Encouragement Awards
Tyler

Library
Lily, Kaylee

Term 1 Week 2

K/1/2
Achievement Awards:
Jordan Fuller

3/4/5/6
Achievement Awards:
Jessica

Library
Kobe, Tuniaya, Gabrielle.

School Photographs will be held on
Wednesday 17th March and an
order envelope will be distributed
soon.

Kindergarten News
Congratulations to all our
Kindergarten students on a very
settled start to school. All
students are following school
routines and are engaged in
learning activities in the
classrooms.

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