**NAPLAN breakfast**

Each morning prior to the NAPLAN testing, teachers prepared breakfast for students in years 3, 5 and 7. After a substantial breakfast students are able to think more clearly in the tests. Students happily ate toast, fruit and muesli bars and drank warm milo. Wednesday, however, was a special day because students were able to eat sausages that were donated by IGA. Thanks to everyone who helped cook and serve the breakfast.

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Dear Students, Parents and Community,

I received an email from the Australian Ballet Company this week about the possibility of holding workshops at our school. I have included parts of the email and would be interested in your feedback as to whether we should go ahead with this opportunity.

The Australian Ballet, Dance Education Ensemble delivers a range of dance education programs to school children throughout Australia. Funds provided by Trusts, Foundations and individual donors make it possible for our school to have a day of dance education with Out There. The Australian Ballet in schools incursion program free of charge.

The program delivery aims to include students in the middle - upper primary age-group (Grades 3–7). In schools with a smaller population it is possible to deliver the program to young students. Similarly, in small schools it is possible for two (or more) schools to share the program at a host school. The program is designed to engage and appeal to all children regardless of their previous background in dance.

Features of the program include:

**Program Delivers**

The program is delivered by the Dance Education Ensemble (2 male, 2 female) who have engaged in an intensive professional learning program including; communication, planning teaching and presentation skills. Each workshop is delivered by a male and female dance presenter, and the discussion demonstration section involves the Ensemble.

**Dance/movement workshops ~ active learning**

- Delivery of a maximum of six (6) dance, movement workshops per day
- Workshops are sixty (60) minutes in duration
- Content is curriculum appropriate for a range of student abilities, interest and or background

Each workshop is delivered by a male and female dance presenter.

**Discussion Demonstration Forum, Talking Doing Dancers ~ interactive observation and conversation**

- Presented by the Ensemble including two male and two females
- The forum is sixty (60) minutes in duration
- Content relates to concepts covered in the student workshops
- Dance presenters demonstrate and discuss a range of dance techniques including classical ballet
- Students engage in kinetic and rhythmic exercises
- Samples of head pieces and costumes are included in a section of the program

Exercises and repertoire include classical ballet and contemporary dance genre.

Please let me know your thoughts

Dave Bosworth
On 1st May, our long distance runners competed at the West Zone Cross Country carnival at Kearney Springs in Toowoomba. Most of our runners represented our school with pride and gave it their all. Congratulations to all the runners who had no energy left in their tanks at the end of the race and tried their best.

A special mention to Braden Gainey (finished 2nd) and Ronin Grant (finished 4th) for their massive efforts to finish in the top 4 of their respective age groups. Braden will now go on to compete at the Darling Downs Primary Schools Cross Country on Tuesday 29th May. As Ronin is in the Under 13 Age Division, he is awaiting selection as only the top 3 runners go ahead to compete at the next carnival, a mighty effort from him nonetheless. Good luck boys.

Oakey State School Athletics Carnival

Our school will be holding its annual Athletics Carnival on the 21st June (last Thursday of term 2). This will be a whole school event where the year 4 – 7 classes will be participating in the running and field events and the prep to year 3 classes will be competing in modified field and novelty events.

The trial day for all students in years 4 – 7 (and those students in year 3 who meet the right age division) is on Thursday, 14th June (week 9). It is important for your child to be present on both days so that they can compete and earn points for their house.

More information regarding the timetable for the day, touchup news etc will be given out at a later date, so keep your eyes peeled.

HEALTH NEWS

With the onset of winter please be aware of illnesses and infections within the school and wider community. These may include: head lice, cold sores, scabies, head colds, flu symptoms, vomiting, diarrhoea, chicken pox.

If your child is unwell PLEASE keep them at home.

Please let admin know if they are unwell and the length of time expected to be away.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Preps - Kamari, Lily, Anna Year 1 - Shirley, Ally
Year 2 - Caitlyn Year 3 – Rebekah, Aimee, Rayannah, Charlie, Shannon
Year 4 - Nash, Jack Year 5 - Mitchell
Year 6 - Lauren, Jack Year 7 - Kassandra

Well done to all these students!

Oakey State School Word List

Yellow Words - Isaac
Red Words - Justin, Isaac, Regan, Jazmin, Jancy, Tahlia
Green Words - Lily, Toby.

Oakey State School Word List

Jancy, Tahlia.

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The Playroom

Tre and Jayden have accomplished an awesome job of putting together a puzzle of Australia.

Well done boys!!

Dates to Remember

May/June
- 25th May Under 8’s Day
- 11th June Public Holiday
- 13/14th June end of after school sports
- 15th June Excursion Year 3’s
- 21st June Sports Carnival

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Gotcha Winners for this week are:

Christian, Kristy, Michael, Shannon, Kayden,

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Between Oakey and Toowoomba on a Tuesday and Friday a bus service will be operating. At this point the service is free. Enquiries can be made at Aussie Helpers on 0488220567. A full timetable is available on the Oakey Community Website: www.oakey.qld.au

THE KIDS’ CLUB: Commencing Thursday 17th May, 2012 at Oakey Uniting Church Hall John St Oakey from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. For more information Phone: Rev Kate Dix on 46911880.

CENT SALE: The Friends of McDonald Nursing Home are holding their Annual Cent Sale at the Senior Citizens Hall Cultural Centre Oakey on the 23rd June 2012. Doors open at 12noon for a 10’clock start. Tickets $5 adults $2 children which includes afternoon tea and a sheet of tickets.

REMEMBRERS

In the interest of supervision and safety, children should not arrive at school before 8:00 am and should be collected from the school grounds no later than 3.15pm each day. No supervision of students is offered before or after school.

Also, we have a policy of NO HATINO PLAY. This applies throughout the whole year. A suitable brimmed hat is required, preferably in the school colours. Caps and visors are not suitable for school.

FREE FOR KIDS: Rigg’d Oakey Hip Hop Crew: Hip hop, Jazz, Contemporary! Fridays 6-8pm, at the Oakey State Primary School Hall. The cost is $3 per lesson, ages 6 years and up. Contact Sarah Kay 0438321928.

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Elizabeth Ray

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