Last Friday we celebrated Under 8's Day with a morning of fun-filled activities. Children's spirits were high despite the rain. French toast was a wonderful treat to warm little tummies. Everyone enjoyed a morning of technology, art, culture, games and literature. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the celebrations. Thank you to our staff for their fabulous efforts hosting the morning.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Students, Parents and Community,

Why Is Homework Important?
Research in the last decade has begun to focus on the relationship between homework and student achievement and has greatly strengthened the case for homework. Although there are mixed findings about whether homework actually increases students' academic achievement, many teachers and parents agree that homework develops students' initiative and responsibility and fulfills the expectations of students, parents, and the public. Studies generally have found homework assignments to be most helpful if they are carefully planned by the teachers and have direct meaning to students.

How Can Parents Get Involved?
• Share any concerns you may have regarding the amount or type homework assigned with your child’s teacher or principal.
• Encourage your child to take notes concerning homework assignments in case questions arise later at home.
• Provide a suitable study area and the necessary tools (for example, paper and books) to complete the homework assignments.
• Limit after-school activities to allow time for both homework and family activities.
• Monitor television viewing and establish a specific homework time.
• Plan a homework schedule with your child. Allow for free time when assignments are completed.
• Praise your child’s efforts. If questions arise about the assignments, and your child asks for help, ask him or her questions or work through an example rather than simply providing the answer.
• Younger children need more parental assistance with homework than older children. Go over homework assignments with your child. Do several problems or questions together, and then observe your child doing the next one or two.
• Check completed assignments. At all levels, ask to look at homework once it has been marked and returned. Ask your child’s teachers about their homework and specific assignments.

Dave Bosworth
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.

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Preps - Alistar, Abby, Nash
Year 1 - Latoya, Joel
Year 2 - Emelia, Amber
Year 3 - Olivia, Bailey, Daniel
Year 4 - Callum, All of 4B
Year 5 - Shuneeka
Year 6 - Brianna
Year 7 - Barry, Cala

Well done to all these students!

Oakey State School Word List
Red Words
Joseph, Richelle, Malachi, Isabella, Ryan.

NEWSFLASH
“Too cold in the mornings? Do you need a warm place to come to before your classroom is open? Then the library is for you! The library will now be open from 8am every morning for all students to come and read. Bring your Mum, Dad, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, or friends to read to. We look forward to seeing you there.”

Mr Roberts

TRENDERS
In the interest of supervision and safety, children should not arrive at school before 8:30 am and should be collected/leave the school grounds no later than 3:15 pm each day. No supervision of students is offered before or after school. Also, we have a policy of NO HAT/ NO 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.

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I made it from a book
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Music
This is students from 2B playing rhythmic patterns using claves and drums. In music this week we have viewed clips of some very talented musicians including a 9 year old drummer, African drummers, an amazing beat boxer and an incredible xylophone player. We have played a variety of rhythmic patterns using the claves, lollipop drums and bongo drums. Grade 7 have been experimenting with the xylophones. Some individual students have also conducted solo performances for the class, singing or playing their instruments of choice. I have been impressed by the talent of the students and am looking forward to seeing more of their talents throughout the term.

Thank you
Miss Ryan Music teacher.

TUCKSHOP NEWS
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Gotcha Winners for this week are:
Dakota, Darcy, Joanna, James, Hayden

NEWSLETTER
Please be aware that our school newsletter is uploaded to our school website each week. If you have any concerns or issues you would like your newsletter emailed to you please also contact the school office. Ph 46920333

REMEMBERS
The Friends of McDonald Nursing Home are holding their Annual Cent Sale at the Senior Citizens Hall Cultural Centre on the 23rd June 2012. Doors open at 12noon for a 1 o’clock start. Tickets $5 adults $2 children which includes afternoon tea and a sheet of raffle tickets.

CENT SALE:
The top 10 works on display in the Oakey Cultural Centre Art Space from 4th to the 22nd of June. Opening hours are from 10am to 3pm on weekdays, entry is free.

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.

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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