FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome to another fabulous new school year. The wonderful thing about school years is that we all get to start over again. This year, I am looking forward to many new beginnings and I hope you are too.

2012 marks the beginning of a new era in Education in Queensland with the implementation of the new curriculum. Educating our students is a monumental task, one that requires parents and teachers to work together and invest in our children, our future. New initiatives will provide students with the best possible education, one that not only addresses academics, but also provides learning opportunities that will promote the development of well rounded, global thinkers.

I am looking forward to being a part of the many outstanding programs and events that occur throughout the year to ensure that each and every student achieves success. To that end, we ask that every student comes to school every school day on-time with all his or her required materials prepared to do his or her best. Success is a team effort and every player (student, teacher and parent) is an integral part of that team.

Again, welcome to a year of new beginnings!

Sincerely,

Tracy Nicholson
A/Principal

**REMINDERS**

In the interest of supervision and safety, children **should not arrive at school before 8:30 am** and should be collected/have **left 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 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.

If anyone has any library books that were not returned last year, please return asap.

Swimming starts week 2 for 4 –7. Please make sure your child has swimming togs (NO bikinis are permitted), swimming cap, swimming shirt, towel, sunscreen and goggles (if desired). **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE POOL WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE SHIRT OR A SWIMMING CAP.**

There is a lot of lost property in the school office. Could you please check to make sure it does not belong to your child. All left over lost property will be donated to charity after Friday.
Oakey State School Swimming Carnival
1st February
Wednesday– 2nd Week
OAKEY POOL
Be at school by 9am

**Approximate Swimming Carnival Timetable**

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<td>9:00am</td>
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<td>Kickboard Events (approx 10-15m events) - 30 minute break for most officials</td>
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Bring your own morning tea and lunch or pool canteen available. Hot food/ Drinks/ Ice blocks etc.

All welcome
Come and support and cheer.

25m & 50m Events

5 Minute Race

Dummy Races

Kickboard Races
Australia Day Award

Congratulations to Mr Bosworth who received an Australia Day award for outstanding leadership in education. He was presented with the award by Mr Russell Simpson (Assistant Regional Director) at school earlier this week. A very deserving recipient!

Expression of Interest

It is our aim to continue the ‘Steps into Prep’ program for 2012. It would be 3 days per week 9am-1pm. The program can cater for 22 Pre-Prep children but we are happy to top-up with kindy aged children. To run this program successfully we require parent participation, be that Mum or Dad or a Grandparent. We require 1 parent per 4 children e.g. if we have 16 children attending then we MUST have 4 parents attending. Any child who attends MUST have a parent willing to participate in a roster. The MORE children we have the LESS the commitment of each parent e.g. 4 children, each parent would do 3 days per fortnight; 8 children, each parent would do 3 days per month. If you are interested or would like more information about the program please call Stacy 0468343049. This program starts Wednesday 1st February and for enrolment please contact the school prior to commencement on 46920333.

Ways to support your child with take home readers

- In the next few weeks your child will bring home readers. These texts can be read many times so children become familiar with them. Familiarity helps build self-confidence. Encourage your child by listening to their reading and praising their attempts even when you have heard the story before.
- Talk about characters, people, settings, plots and events in these books.
- Point out and discuss common words with your child.
- Encourage your child to talk about the meaning of an unknown word that they worked out or that you needed to tell them.
- Encourage your child to try different ways to work out a word they don’t know:
  - Predicting (guessing using clues)

Looking at the illustrations and thinking about the story

Playgroup

Come and join in with play and activities at YUMBA (corner of Lorrimer and Campbell streets). All ages welcome. Tuesdays 9am till 12 noon.

All Welcome

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OAKEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL has a vacancy for a permanent full-time (38 hours per week) Schools Officer (Facilities/Grounds). All applicants must apply in writing as per application package which is available from the school office or school website. Applications closing 4pm, 3rd February, 2012 should be marked ‘Private and Confidential’ and addressed to The Business Services Manager, Oakey State High School, PO Box 319, Oakey 4401 or emailed to the.principal@oakeyshs.eq.edu.au. Applications will remain current for 12 months. The successful applicant will be required to hold a current Blue Card (issued through the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian). Please phone 46914100 for further details. DET is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

OAKEY AQUATIC CENTRE would like to advise that a 5-6 week learn to swim block will commence mid February weather permitting. If you would like to enrol your child please contact the Oakey Swimming Pool on 46911038 for enquiries. Limited spots available.

OAKEY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE sign on day is Saturday the 28th January from 2pm to 4pm at the Oakey football fields in Kent St Oakey. Enquiries contact Kathryn Wikaire on 0413866044.

Pittsworth Millmerran Power Australian Rules sign on date: 11th February, 2012 11.00 am – 2.00 pm
BRIDGMAN OVAL - BRIGGS STREET, PITTSWORTH For more information phone Bruce Smith 46931 607