FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I would like to express a warm welcome to all our new and returning families to 2012. I have just returned from long service leave and have been impressed with the start to the year. I would like to thank Ms Nicholson for getting the year off to a smooth start.

This year brings a change to the Curriculum your child will be studying. We are now implementing a National Curriculum in English, Maths and Science. English and Maths are 5 week units of work, 8 for the year. Science is a 10 week unit, 4 in total.

Over the coming weeks I will endeavour to give you an insight into what your child will be studying. Please feel free to give me a call if you would like to come in and find out more about the National Curriculum.

Expectations for 2012

Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

• Participate actively in the school’s education program
• Take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning
• Demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of the school community and the school environment
• Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others, including the right to learn
• Cooperate with staff and other members of the community.

Our school community has identified the following school values to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

• Confidence
• Getting Along With Others
• Persistence
• Organisation
• Resilience

These five values are part of the **You Can Do It** program which is implemented across the school from Prep to Year 7 as part of the school program.

I look forward to working with our school community to provide quality learning experiences for all our students.

Together We Achieve

Dave Bosworth

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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.

Swimming starts week 3 for years 4 –7. Please make sure that 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.**

Students are not permitted to wear makeup to school; particularly eyeliner. Please encourage students to wear our uniform appropriately. Coloured undergarments including camisoles, singlet tops and caps are not acceptable.
This fortnight in our classrooms, teachers and students will be working on cooperative learning. They will be modelling and promoting getting along behaviours such as:

1. being helpful when working in a group
2. listening and not interrupting in class when someone else is talking
3. talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly
4. following important classroom and school rules
5. helping someone else with their work
6. treating teachers and classmates with respect
7. cleaning up school grounds
8. volunteering in the community

When home and school work together, positive results happen for our students. Your support at home in modelling and instilling ‘getting along’ is also important in the holistic development of our great kids.

Every day counts – School attendance
– responsibilities of parents and caregivers

Every day counts because children achieve better when they attend school all day, every day. Attending school means getting a better chance at life and it is a legal requirement. Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Parents must let the school know the reason for the absence, if not beforehand, then within two days of their child’s return to school.

Parents are legally bound to monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences, including late arrivals. Consistent late arrivals affect prime learning time and therefore disadvantage your child’s learning potential.

Parents must let the school know the reason for the absence, if not beforehand, then within two days of their child’s return to school.

What you can expect from OSS:

- Monitoring of student attendance
- Informing you if your child is not at school
- Following-up any unexplained absences within three days of any unexplained absence

NIGHTS NOTES

Well done 3B and 4B for fabulous behaviour and singing in Music this week! and 4A congratulations on the whole class remembering to bring recorders to the lesson! Strings lessons start today, and students who are using a school instrument will be able to take their instrument home to practise as soon as they have returned their Loan Agreement form and payment for this year’s fees. If you’re new to the Instrumental Music program this year, Beginner Music Workshop permission forms will go home this week. Please return them to the office by February 15, so that you’re able to join in with all the other beginning students on the Darling Downs for this once-a-year event.

FEBRUARY 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday 15th– Zone Swimming
- Monday 13th– P&C meeting 6.30 p.m
  All Welcome
- Tuesday 14th– Race Day meeting 8.15 am All welcome in the Resource Centre

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OAKLEY 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 Oakley Swimming Pool on 4691038 for enquiries. Limited spots available.

PANTHERS NETBALL CLinic at St Monica’s Indoor Centre on the 19th February. Register by the 13th February. Contact Trish on 0402340096.

OAKLEY SOCCER CLUB sign on for Juniors is on Friday 31st February 3pm-5pm or Saturday 1st March 9am-1pm. For further information please contact Paul Langton on 0427628217.

DIVINE MOVIES– 10 February–OAKLEY POOL. Free entry. 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Limited to 125 people. Feature: PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN- ON STRANGER TIDES (MA 15+) Bring your togs, towel and change of clothes.

TOUCHUP NEWS

Preps to year 3 are able to purchase ice blocks and slush puppies at the first break. Years 4-7 may purchase ice blocks and slush puppies at the second break. This is to reduce the huge line we have had at the second break previously.

Also, this allows the little ones to be seen and not pushed out of the way by bigger kids. The touchup runs on a CASH ONLY basis. No credit will be accepted under any circumstances. Could the following people please do this week: Melissa Jermy-Brown paper bags, Kristy Laverie- Tinned beetroot.

Thank you, Lee-Anne.