FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

WALKING TO SCHOOL

One of the most difficult things for many parents is allowing their children to walk to school on their own. However, with a few rules and a lot of common sense, walking to school can be very safe.

It takes only one news story about child safety to make parents uneasy about having their children walk to school on their own. Still, for many parents, driving their children to and from school each day may not be feasible, and eventually most of us will decide that our children are mature enough to walk to school on their own.

Research suggests that even before children walk to school for the first time on their own, parents should be well acquainted with the route they’ll take. Usually on a weekend you’ll say to your child, “Take me on the route you take to school” and start off at the normal time you’d leave home to start your walk. And then say to them “Stop, show me where you stop to play, show me where you pick up someone on the way.” If they have to stop at a friend’s house along the way, note the address, the person’s name and the phone number. If they stop to play in a creek, cross the road, or a construction site, or an old abandoned building, you can explain to them at that time the dangers of being in these places and that they should walk straight to school. When they arrive at school, note the time, so now you have a pretty good indication of how long it takes for your child to go to school.

Please tell your child that once they are at school they are to remain in the school grounds.

Dave Bosworth

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 OF THE WEEK

All bus students are to assemble near the hall.

Gotcha Winners

1–Jaz, Lilly
2– Jenna, Shakira
3– Caleb, Shannon
4– Mark, Michelle, Jack, David
5– Gabrielle, Trent
6– Gisan
7– Kallee, Kaidyn

Music Notes

Awesome singing from Prep B, 2A, and 2B this week in music– well done!

and 7A and 7B sounded great on their recorders, playing along with Sweet Home Alabama!

Reminder to strings students that lessons and instruments are now in the D block music room. You can check your lesson time on the timesable on the door. String Ensemble (for intermediate and advanced students) is on each Wednesday lunch from 1:15–1:45. Beginners, don’t forget the Music workshops coming up on Tuesday 28th February.

Shye Playsted
Music Teacher.

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RACE DAY.

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3pm–11:30 pm

The Grand Marquee

$55 per single
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Use of school newsletter

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Week Ending 24th February 2012

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the Toowoomba West Zone Team and will compete in the Toowoomba Regional carnival in Gatton on Wednesday 29 February, 2012.

Lara Watherston – 100m breaststroke, 50m breaststroke
Autumn Turnbull – 100m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m freestyle
Kiara Handley – 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m freestyle
Krystal Handley – 50m butterfly, 50m breaststroke

Well done girls and GOOD LUCK!!!!

Rabbits from Our Swimming Carnival

Just a reminder that the rabbits from the swimming carnival will be handed to the students once they arrive and are filled out.

West Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday, 31 swimmers travelled to Toowoomba to compete in the West Zone Swimming Carnival. All swimmers represented our school with pride, and although there were some really tough swimmers against us, the Oakley students shone as they did their best with a big smile on their face.

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