What is science?
Science fosters students’ curiosity, imagination and knowledge to enhance their understanding of the natural and physical world around them. Scientific thinking and problem solving are used to explain how things work, or to understand why things are the way they are.

Science is a broad field of study that draws from disciplines including biology, physics, chemistry, earth science, agriculture, marine studies and horticulture.

What does science mean for students?
Science provides students with an opportunity to:
• understand the changing world around them
• make informed decisions in their daily lives about both the environment and their own health and wellbeing
• identify and investigate questions and draw conclusions based on evidence
• communicate their knowledge and findings using scientific language

Do you know what your child has learnt for science this week?

Dave Bosworth
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Congratulations to the following students for the great job they have done at school this past week.
Awesome Stuff!
Prep– Xanda, Madison
1– Toby, Jessica
2– Jemma
3– Daniel, Simone
4– Joshua
5– Malaqhi
6– Val, Malcolm
7– Braden, Krystal

Oakey State School Word List
Congratulations to all these students on mastering their words.
Keep up the great reading.
Christian Malaqhi, Paige, Kowhan, Ashlee

Shave for a Cure
Ms Mulder is shaving her head of hair on Saturday the 17th of March at the Gowrie/ Kingsthorpe Hotel/ Motel.
Your support and donations will be greatly appreciated.

RACE DAY
TICKET SALES ARE SLOW, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL.
The Oakey State School P&C are holding a Race Day on the 24th of March. We would love it if parents could support this event as the money raised benefits every family at Oakey State School. The support and feedback from last year’s Race Day was very positive and everyone had a fantastic night. To make this night a success we need people to support this event. Grab a table of friends or come by yourself for an enjoyable night. Extended date to purchase tickets by Friday 16th by 9:00 a.m. Any enquiries please contact the school office on 46920333.

Music Notes
Years 1’s have done really well keeping the beat on percussion instruments this week. The 5/6 class has worked hard learning new rhythms. Well done to 2A and 2B for working out tricky rhythms this week.

YOU CAN DO IT—PERSISTENCE
Persistence means trying hard and not giving up when something fails. It’s not easy but the key is to be determined and not give up even when things don’t work. Children show persistent behaviour by:
• continuing to try, even when schoolwork is hard
• not being distracted by others
• finishing work rather than playing
• completing chores without having to be reminded
• doing what you say you are going to do, and by putting things away rather than leaving things in a mess.
Persistent children know that the harder they try the greater their success will be, and know that success is not caused by luck. They know that to be successful they will sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun, and they know that even when their work is hard, if they keep trying they are more likely to be successful than to fail.

Oakey State School Masquerade RACE DAY
Dress up for this occasion with a mask to complete.
3pm-11:30 pm
The Grand Marquee
$55 per single
$50 each table of 10.
Includes Two Course Meal plus Tea, Coffee and entry.
Live Music: The Solitary Men.
Bus Available $15 per person. Includes trip both ways.
Tickets on sale now from school office.

Gotcha Winners this week are:
Isla, Zoe, Kohlan, Byron, Josianne, Chase, Sharnie, Toby, Lilly, Paige.

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

NAPLAN 2012
In week 5 of Term our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Testing will be over the three days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 15th, 16th and 17th of May.
While most students are expected to participate in these tests some children with special needs may receive some support during the test and some children may be exempt from the test.
If you are concerned about your child completing the NAPLAN tests, please contact your child’s teacher or myself soon.
Enclosed in the newsletter for year 3, 5 & 7 students is the NAPLAN information pamphlet.
You can also access the NAPLAN website at:

Richard Ashley
Head of Curriculum

Tuckshop News
Don’t forget the Oakey Show on Saturday. Please come and support the P&C BBQ fundraiser at the show. We still require people to help out on the day at different times. If you can volunteer an hour or two please see me at the tuckshop. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thankyou to those who have donated goods towards the show. We still require dishwashing liquid, Afcoil, paper napkins and sugar. If you can donate any of these please bring them to the tuckshop. Just a reminder that Shluss Puppies are now $2.10.
Donations this week:
Shelie Kennawell - paper napkins.
Debbie Peters - dishwashing liquid.
Thankyou Lee-Anne.

Parent Reminders
Health Issues: Please be aware that our school newsletter is uploaded to our school website each week. If you have any concerns regarding privacy/photo issues, please contact the school office.
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Dates to Remember in March
• 15th School Photos
• 17th Oakey Show
• 24th Race Day
• 26th Cross Country
• 26th R.I. Easter Celebration 1.55pm at the Hall
• 29th Toowoomba Show Holiday
• 31st School Holidays

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Details are up to date i.e new phone numbers, addresses, to keep our records up to date.

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