Cross Country Carnival 2012

In the last week of Term 1, Oakey State School held their annual Cross Country Carnival across the road at Gordan Park. It was a glorious day and participation levels were up from last year’s carnival which is excellent! We also had a lot of family supporters there which is always great for our students!! Thank you to all the family members who turned up to cheer on our runners!! Also a big thank you to the staff for their tireless efforts in helping organise and run the carnival – we could not do it without you!!

I am proud to say that the majority of students got in there and had a go - whether it was to get points for age championships or their houses or just to have some fun - WELL DONE EVERYONE!!

The following students were triumphant on the day - the age champions for their age groups.

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West Zone Cross Country

The next stage of competition is to compete in the Toowoomba West Zone Cross Country Carnival that is being held on Tuesday 1st May 2012 at Kearney Springs, Cnr Spring and Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. Students that have been selected in the Oakey Cross Country Team would have received a note from me last week and are reminded that their permission forms and money is due Friday 27th April, at the office.

Toowoomba Schools Rugby League

The following boys were chosen from recent trials to represent Toowoomba Schools Rugby League in their respective age groups:

Brenden Haupt (10yrs), Jake McCarthy (11yrs)

CONGRATULATIONS!! We wish the boys all the best when they try out for the Darling Downs Schools Rugby League teams.

REMINDERS

In the interest of supervision and safety, children should not arrive at school before 8:10 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.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Students, Parents and Community,

I have had a few questions around the implementation of the new Australian curriculum. I have included an extract from Education Queensland, I hope this answers your questions.

The Australian Curriculum sets out the core knowledge, understanding, skills and general capabilities that are important for all Australian students. It identifies what all young people should learn as they progress through schooling, and is the foundation for high quality teaching to meet the needs of all Australian students.

Students across Australia will have a consistent curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science, (and History in 2013), and these will be the four core learning areas every young Australian will study during their education from Prep to Year 10.

In addition to these four learning areas, schools will have the flexibility to offer a range of other subjects, so that education is tailored to the needs of individual students and each school community. Within all learning areas, there will be a focus on developing seven general capabilities of students. The capabilities include skills, behaviours and dispositions that students need to develop and apply to content knowledge, and they will help them become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

Throughout their schooling, students will develop and use these capabilities in their learning across the curriculum, in co-curricular programs, and in their lives outside school.

Incorporated within each of the four key subjects and the seven general capabilities, are three cross-curriculum priorities. Students will learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia, and Sustainability.

Parental involvement

Students are more likely to be successful when their parents are engaged in their education. A wide range of research has shown that when parents are truly engaged, children: attend school more regularly - are better behaved have better academic outcomes - have a greater sense of how to be successful in school are more likely to graduate and go on to post-secondary education.

Parents and carers can support their child’s education by familiarising themselves with the Australian Curriculum, to understand what their child will be learning at each stage of their schooling.

Tuckshop News: It maybe beneficial for parents of Prep to Year 4 to write out their child’s order. Some children are ordering their food and some have inappropriate amount of snack food rather than something decent to fill them up. High amounts of sugar will give them a high then a low in their blood stream causing tiredness and sluggishness, this in turn makes it difficult for them to learn.

Dave Bosworth
**Homework Club**
Starting today homework club is operating on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.00p.m till 4.15p.m. Please collect students promptly thank you.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES:**
Between Oakey and Toowoomba on a Tuesday and a 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

**Oakey Soccer Club:**
Looking for new players boys and girls aged 5-16 yrs. Come to soccer Club Wednesdays 4p.m. training and sign on at the Oakey Soccer Club. Contact numbers Paul 0427622837 or Tim 0418745221.

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**2012 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)**

Last term information and registration forms went home to Year 3 to 7 students for the 2012 series of ICAS competitions.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

If you would like your child to participate in any of these tests please send forms to the school by the end of next week with payment. If you don’t have a form they are available from the office.

Richard Ashley, Head of Curriculum

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**NAPLAN 2012**

In week 5 of this 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 withdrawn from the test.

If you are concerned about your child completing the NAPLAN tests, please contact your child’s teacher or myself soon.

NAPLAN information pamphlets are available at the school or you can access the NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html

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**DATES TO REMEMBER May**

- Tue 1st West Zone Cross Country
- Wed 2nd 6/7 After school sports
- Thurs 3rd 2/3 After school sports
- Mon 7th Public Holiday
- Tue 15th Naplan 3/5/7’s
- Wed 16th Naplan 3/5/7’s
- Thurs 17th Naplan 3/5/7’s
- Fri 25th Under 8’s Day

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**OAKLEY STATE SCHOOL**

**WORD LIST**

Congratulations to the following students on mastering your yellow and red words. Keep up the great reading, Paige, Toby, Kaleb, Sasha, Lily, Ally, Jorja, Luther, Kaydon, Mitchell, Charlie.

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students for the great job they have done at school this past week. Awesome Work!

Preps-Damon, Jack
1-Luther, Annabelle
2-Tre
3- All Class 3A, Tahlia
4-Joshua, Robert, Jacob
5-Sophie
6-Keenan, Joel, All Class 7B

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**Gotcha Winners:**
Clayton, Shayla, Joel, Harry, Kassandra, John M, Ryan, Katelyn, Dakota, Hayley.

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**Music Notes**

Great work from all classes this week, year 2’s have been practising keeping the beat, and listening carefully to “Guess the Instrument.”

Strings starts again this week. String Players– don’t forget that String Ensemble practise is on every Wednesday lunchtime, starting at 1:15

Mrs Playsted  Music Teacher

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**Tuckshop News**

Please be aware that Wednesdays are Eagle Boys Pizza Days. There will be NO other hot food available on this day. Please order your pizzas before school so that we can give the orders to Eagle Boys to make up for us.

Donations this week:
Debbie Peters: Brown paper bags.
Kristie Mitchell: Baking paper.
Melissa Jermyn: Paper towels.

Thank you Lee-Anne.

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**Environment Club**

Check out how our garden grows!!!!!!!!!!!!!!