Athletics Carnival 2012

The last Thursday of Term 2 saw Oakey State School students shine as we had our annual Athletics Carnival. As always the students put on a great show, displaying the skills they have practiced in PE lessons this semester. The Prep to Yr 3 students had a range of activities and events that they participated in including high jump, modified shot put, long jump, relays and a number of novelty events. There were lots of smiles and stickers all round which was fantastic to see! On the previous Thursday the year 4 - 7 students participated in the field event trial day and then finished the season off with the field and running events. 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!!

I would also like to thank all the family members who turned up to support our students – it is always great to see the cheer squad on the sidelines!! Also a big thanks to the staff for their efforts in helping run the carnival – I could not do it without you!!

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

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Congratulations to all of our age champions and to all students who had a go and participated on the day.

The overall house champion for the athletics carnival was LEICHHARDT!!! This particular house made a big effort as they had a competitor in nearly every event!! The house spirit award, donated by the Student Council, was won by Byrion Fraser, Tyler Wenzel.

The next stage of competition is to compete in the Toowoomba West Zone Athletics Carnival that is being held on Tuesday August 14th 2012 at O’Quinn Street Oval, Toowoomba. Students who have been selected in the Oakey Athletics Team are the students who finished 1st and 2nd in all of the field events and the 800m, and also the students who finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 100m and 200m. (Please note that high jump is the only event that requires a set qualifying standard so if your child has not made it through to the high jump event it is due to them not making the particular height for their age group). An information and permission note will be handed out as soon as we have the cost for the bus. Please return your form as soon as possible as there is a possibility to include other students as a substitute if positions aren’t filled.

Our Weekly Chat

Newsletter Number 22—25th July 2012

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents and Students,

Every Day Counts at Oakey State School

Every Day Counts is a statewide initiative addressing the issue of student attendance at school. The initiative is designed to change parent, community and student attitudes to school attendance. It requires the support of both parents and the community if student attendance is to be successfully addressed.

Every Day Counts promotes four key messages:

- all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
- schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
- truancy can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
- Attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community

The Department of Education and Training undertook an analysis of factors that may be associated with student achievement, based on the results of the 2006 Year 7 cohort on the literacy and numeracy tests.

The study incorporated data on socioeconomic status, student mobility and student attendance. This analysis indicated that ‘every day counts’ in relation to student learning outcomes as determined by the Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 testing program results.

The study found that:

- there is a linear relationship between attendance and achievement, and between mobility and achievement (higher attendance and lower mobility were both associated with higher achievement)
- the relationship between attendance and achievement was stronger than the relationship between mobility and achievement
- substantial proportions of the socioeconomic - achievement relationship can be explained by student mobility and attendance.

This graph shows a linear relationship between student attendance and scale scores achieved on the Year 7 literacy and numeracy tests in 2006. This graph is based on all students.

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- won’t get out of bed in the morning
- won’t go to bed at night
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag …
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven’t done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it’s their birthday.

If so, a set routine can help continued over page...
A set routine can help

Thank you for your support with this matter.

3.00pm, please note that “Every Day Counts” could a

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What should I do if my child won’t go to school?

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A set routine can help
• have a set time to go to bed
• have a set time to get out of bed
• have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
• set a time for daily homework activities
• speak about school positively
• be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support (4692 0333).

We have also noticed an increase in the number of students who are being collected from school before 3.00pm, please note that “Every Day Counts” could also read “Every Minute Counts”.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

“Together We Achieve”

Dave Bosworth

Student Word List

Red Words certificate awarded to:
Kamari

Green Words certificate awarded to:
Paige

Gotcha winners for last:
Sasha, Paige, Declan, Tahlia and Ashlee

Green Words

Student Word List

Paige

Dave Bosworth

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

Pre—Year 2 Group:
Bree, Lilly-Anna, Ebony, Jenna, Amity, Shakira

Year 3—Year 7 Group:
Justen, Aaron, Kayla, Daniel, Annie, Harry, Hayley, Chloe, Dakota, Trent

Instrumental Music

Invoices

Invoices for participants of the brass/woodwind instrumental music program have been sent home. The delay has been due to Mr. Nichols being away on leave.

We’d appreciate your cooperation by having payments made to the school office by Friday 3rd August.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
25 July Bookclub orders close
26 July Oakey State High School open
9am—11am morning for new students.
15 August Girls Only—Rugby League clinic
21-23 August Advanced Music Camp

Reliable Volunteers Urgently Required.

Tuckshop News

In the interest of supervision and safety, children are not to arrive at school before 8.30 am and should be collected/ have left the school grounds no later than 3.15 pm each day. No supervision of students is offered before or after school. Our staff is extremely busy in the mornings and afternoons with curriculum preparation, meetings and administration tasks, and therefore are not available to supervise early arrivals or late departures. Thank you for your support and understanding; it is greatly appreciated.