COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Oakey–Toowoomba Bus Service:
A bus service will be operating between Oakey and Toowoomba and will run on Tuesday and Friday. 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

Firewood for Sale:
$120 split & delivered, $100 block & delivered, $200 ute and trailer, 7x5 ute. Ph 0421 089 819.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
What is cyber safety?
Cybersafety is a broad term referring to appropriate and responsible behaviour online – it covers online privacy and information protection, good manners and behaviour online, and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues. Cyberbullying is when technology, such as email, mobile phones, chat rooms and social networking sites, are used to verbally or socially bully another person. Bullying is an ongoing abuse of power to threaten or harm another person.

The following are some common examples of cybersafety issues, including cyberbullying:

- sending or posting abusive, threatening, humiliating or harassing messages via text, social networking sites or email
- forwarding others’ personal emails, messages, pictures or videos without their permission
- uploading embarrassing or degrading images or videos involving other children (including fight videos)
- taking and sending sexually explicit images of other children using mobile phone or web applications
- using social networking sites or blogs to post inappropriate photographs or messages about other children or school staff
- excluding children online through emails, chat and social networking sites
- imitating others or assuming a child’s identity, then sending and posting material which damages their social status or relationships with others
- making prank calls to another child’s mobile phone.

Parents can use a number of simple strategies to enhance cybersafety, such as:

- locate your computers in spaces which are visible and open, like a family room
- monitor or supervise your child on the internet and conduct some “shoulder surfing” or “spontaneous” observing when your child is online. Be aware of what your child is doing on the internet and display an interest in their cyberspace knowledge and experience
- discuss a plan with your child to address cybersafety and cyberbullying. Ensure they know you will be supportive if they report something to you
- reassure your child they will not lose access to their technology if they report anything to you. Many children see this as punishment
- review the age suitability of any social networking sites your child joins
- review your child’s ‘friends list’ on social networking sites
- review your child’s Facebook settings
- stay supportive if they are the target of cyberbullying
- be proactive in your child’s safety and cyberbullying. Ensure they know you will be supportive if they report something to you
- ensure your child understands the implications of posting images and other content on the internet
- reinforce the need to keep passwords private and updated regularly, but consider having access to your child’s password yourself
- set clear rules about your child’s mobile phone and online activities. Talk with your child about which websites and internet activities they are allowed to access
- consider installing appropriate software which has the ability to limit internet usage times and monitor/ restrict website activity

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From the Principal’s Desk

Technology is an important part of a child’s life but it is our responsibility as adults to teach them to use it wisely.

School Arrival and Departure

In the interest of supervision and safety, children are not to arrive at school before 8:10 am and should be collected before 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.

Awards Album

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Clayton, Taila, Jorja, Douglas

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Ty, Ashley, Kiara
Joshua, Lachlan, Virginia

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Green Words:
Jayden, Declan, Fletcher

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Student Word List certificates awarded to
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THE GLOBAL EXPERIENCE
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To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

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