So You Think You Can Dance?  
Shuffle?  Move to the Beat?

Well if you haven’t had an RTR or Strike and have been present at school for most of the term, you’re invited to Oakey State School’s Term 3 Disco & Sausage Sizzle

When: Wednesday 19th September
Who: Prep – Year 3 (12 – 1:00 pm)  
Years 4 – 7 (1:45 – 2:45 pm)
Where: Hall

Sausage Sizzle will be at 1:00 pm for both groups

At Environmental Club we do lots of gardening and keep the environment clean.
As you can see we are having lots of fun.
Upstairs we have a learning session for the kids, so please come along and join in the fun.

EXCURSION REFUNDS / CREDITS
Participation of students in an extra-curricular activity is indicated through payment of the fee and completion of a permission form by the parent/guardian.
The school budget cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for an extra-curricular activity due to the non-participation of a student who had previously indicated to attend.
Fees already paid for an excursion may be refunded in full, part or not at all, depending on to the associated expenses incurred and the circumstances of the non-participation.
A parent may wish to apply for a refund due to the their child’s non-participation by completing a ‘Request for Refund Form’ available from the school office. Where possible the request should include the receipt.
It is preferred that refunds be made as a credit against the student's account and used to offset any future charges.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Students, Parents and Community,

Every day and every minute counts

In a recent move from by Education Queensland, we are now able to track student absences to the day and the reason. We are also able to see what percentage of the year/semester/term each child has been absent. A lot of data for our school indicates that certain students have regular days off each week and a lot of these absences are unexplained. This is of concern for us as we “Strive for Success” with every student.

At Oakey State School we are committed to trying to improve the outcomes for all of our students and it becomes very difficult for a student to succeed if he or she does not attend school on a regular basis.

In the near future, if your child has been attending school less than 85%, you will receive a letter asking you to make an appointment with myself to discuss how we can get your child to attend school regularly.

Please contact the school if you have some issues with getting your child to school as we may be able to help.

Please remember that everything that is done at school is to help your child to have better life choices when they get older and being at school is the best way to help your child to have success.

Dave Bosworth  
Principal

School Arrival and Departure
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 3:15pm 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.

Changes to Newsletter Distribution
To reduce the cost associated with the production on the school’s weekly newsletter, as of next week we will stop sending home a printed copy to the youngest student at the school.
To keep up to date with what’s happening at the school the newsletter can be access via the following options:
• View online via the schools webpage
• Parents/students collect a printed copy from the school office or tuckshop.
• Email; receive a electronic copy via a weekly email—to active your interest to receive the newsletter via email please send an email to admin@oakeyss.eq.edu.au.

In most cases Newsletter should be available each Wednesday.
Awards Album

Students of the Week

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

Pre—Year 3 Group:
Declan, Joshua, Sam, Bradley, Jayden, Gemma, Tre, Blake, Tilly, Briana, Faith, Bailey, Brooke

Year 4—Year 7 Group:
Joshua, Zoe, Leah, Malcolm, Kalee, Lucas, Rhianna, Taylor, Abbey, Ashlee, Mark

Student Word List: certificates awarded to:
Red Words: Van

Callum, Kamylly, Joshua, Kayllaine, Zachary (not pictured)

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Girls Rugby League—Winning Team:
Jolie, Mesha, Kyona, Shayla, Alice

ICAS Student Awards: Hayden, Hannah, Ariel, Olivia, Julia

GOTCHA WINNERS: (not pictured)
Callum, Karmily, Joshua, Kaylaine, Zachary

Oakey School Girls Rugby League

Live Well with Asthma Community Workshops

Do you or someone you care for live with asthma? Have you, or the person you care for ever:
- Woken up during the night coughing, wheezing or out of breath?
- Struggled to keep up with normal day-to-day activities?
- Used your blue reliever puffer more than three times a week?
- Felt uncertain or unsure about using your medications?

If so, these are all signs which may indicate that your asthma is not well controlled. If your asthma is limiting your quality of life, or you want to obtain more information about your asthma, please come along to a free Live Well with Asthma community workshop (see details below). All workshops are conducted by experienced Asthma Educators.

Date: Tuesday 4th September
Time: 11:30am-12:30pm
Venue: Cobb & Co Museum, 27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba

To register for a workshop, or to find out about a workshop being held in your area, please contact Asthma Assist (1800 645 130)

Time for a Laugh!

A patient hobbled into the Surgery waiting room.

“Why is a fish easy to weigh?”

Q: Why is a fish easy to weigh? 

A: Because it has its own scales!

Looking for ways to make healthy changes in your life? Why not try one of the many activities on offer through Council’s new CHANGE Project!

The CHANGE Project aims to help people be active, eat well and live well by providing a number of great opportunities for everyone to fit healthy changes into everyday routines.

Free heart Foundation Walking groups are available now in Toowoomba, Cecil Plains, Coon Curley and Oakey, and 6 low-cost HeartMoves programs will be starting in September in Toowoomba, Highfields and Cambiobya.

Other CHANGE Project programs available soon include the Healthy & Active Program which will provide a range of activities such as pilates, group fitness sessions, social sports, seniors fitness classes, aqua classes and many others. AustinCycle Bike Skills courses will also be on offer to give people the skills and confidence needed to ride more. Cook for Life courses will provide practical lessons that teach you how to cook quick, affordable, tasty and healthy meals for you and your family. A number of healthy lifestyle courses will be available to help people develop lifelong healthy behaviours, and Health Checks will be on offer to provide health assessments for the community.

All activities are low cost to ensure everyone can access them, with even lower costs for people who are not in the paid workforce, people who work part-time or casually, older adults (60 years and over), culturally and linguistically diverse populations, new wave migrants, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Some activities will also be free!

More details about project activities including the walking groups and HeartMoves classes schedules are available by phoning Council on 131 872, emailing change@toowoombacqld.qld.gov.au or visiting www.toowoombacqld.qld.gov.au/change. People can also be added to an email list to be notified about activities as they become available, or find out how to be a provider for activities by contacting Council. Posters and flyers will soon be distributed throughout the community, and will also be available from Council’s customer service centre and service centres in regional areas.

We read, anywhere, any time

Last year for Nalional Literacy Week, Oakey staff had their photo taken reading in a range of places and situations. This year the challenge is being sent out to the students. Ask a friend or a parent to take your photo while you’re reading on a trampoline, in the park, on a horse etc. We do not want any dangerous situations but a lot of fun photos. They will be displayed in the office area. Please leave paper copies with the office staff or bring to Mrs Garthe in the Resource Centre. Digital photos can be emailed to ngart1@eq.edu.au.

Oakey Arts Council

Be part of the Decorated Chair Display using a recycling theme.

Organizations and individuals are asked to find a chair of any kind (Old throw out, cheap plastic, what ever is available).

Think of a theme, decorate the chair and attach the name and description to the finished creation. The chairs will be on display for 2 weeks in a empty shop in the Oakey Shopping Centre precinct during the last week of September and first week of October. The display will be open to the public during this fortnight.

Chairs are to be delivered to this space or to an Arts Council member by Friday 21st September. There will be a ‘People’s Choice Award’ with a small prize.

If you have any queries or would like more information please contact: Jess Albertson, 4692 2222. Daphne Webster 4691 1674, Joys Pascoe 4691 1222, Trish Morris 4691 1205.

Oakey–Toowoomba Bus Service:

A bus service operates between Oakey and Toowoomba and runs every two 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: oakey.qld.gov.au.

TUCKSHOP LUNCH ORDERS

Students are required to have their lunch orders in the school tuckshop before the 1st bell. Late orders will not be accepted.

Oakley Tennis Club Ken Street Oakley is holding a sign on day for interested tennis players for Thursday Night Fixtures on Saturday 1st September onwards. Enquiries can be made at Aussie Helpers on 0488220567. A full timetable is available on the Oakey Community Website: oakey.qld.gov.au.

Calendar of Events

Friday 31 August 
Prep Amarooc Excursion

Thursday 20 September 
School Concert

Friday 21 September 
End of Term 3

Monday 8 October
Start of Term 4

Monday 22 October
Pupil Free Day