Here's a snap shot of the wonderful acts the students presented at Pre Prep:
- I went Walking
- Prep: The Hairy One
- Yr 1: The Ugly Duckling
- Yr 2: Crocodile Beat
- Yr 3: Peter Pan
- Yr 4: Where the Wild Things Are
- Yr 5: Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, Bad Day
- Yr 6: Revising Stuff
- Yr 7: Romeo & Juliet
- Yr 8: Snow White

The little Coy Book of Secrets

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Students, Parents and Community,

Welcome back to term 4, I hope you enjoyed your break and feel replenished. Thank you to everyone who played a role in the school concert on the Thursday before we went on holidays. It was a great evening and the children performed superbly. The staff and students put a lot of time into rehearsals and it showed on the evening. It was also great to have Jim, General Manager of New Hope, serving in the canteen.

Before the holiday, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 were given their NAPLAN results. I have included some information for parents to help understand your child’s report. Please do not hesitate to give the school a call if you would like time with us to go through your child’s report.

Standards

For NAPLAN results, a ‘National Minimum Standard’ is defined and located on the assessment scale for each year level. Band 2 is the minimum standard for Year 3, band 4 is the minimum standard for Year 5, band 5 is the minimum standard for Year 7 and band 6 is the minimum standard for Year 9. These standards represent increasingly challenging skills and require increasingly higher scores on the NAPLAN scale.

For NAPLAN Sample Assessments, ‘Proficient Standards’ represent a reasonably challenging level of performance where students need to demonstrate more than the minimal skills expected at that year level.

NAPLAN

The minimum standards and common scales for NAPLAN results across all year levels are illustrated in the picture below:

What else do I need to know about the tests to support my child?

- NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level they are one of a number important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.
- NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance.

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Copies of student results: ACARA encourages parents wanting further information about their child’s results to contact their child’s school to arrange a time for a discussion.

Measuring NAPLAN performance

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

From the Principal’s Desk

Homework Club

Homework Club will resume next week on Mondays and Wednesdays and continue until Week 9. Any new enrolments to Homework Club will need to complete a form available from the office.

If your child is at school but will not be attending a particular session, please ring the school on 46920333. This will ensure that both you and our staff know where your child should be.

Parents or guardians are very welcome to attend to assist their child or to see what activities and resources are available. Sessions run from 3:15 to 4:15 in the Library.

Richard Ashley (Head of Curriculum)
Naomi Garthe (Literacy Coordinator)

A reminder to notify the school to keep details up to date

Staff at Oakey State School are committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support students at school. This information is collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if new health conditions develop. Please contact the office staff to update your child’s medical information as well as phone contact numbers.

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 for 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.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

To reduce the cost associated with the production of the school’s weekly newsletter, we have stopped 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 accessed via the following options:

- View online via the school’s webpage
- Parents/students collect a printed copy from the school office or tuckshop.
- Email; receive an electronic copy via a weekly email—please activate your interest to receive the newsletter via email by sending an email to admin@oakeys.qld.edu.au.

In most cases the Newsletter should be available each Wednesday.

HEADLICE ALERT.
Please check your child’s hair regularly

OAKLEY SWIMMING CLUB SIGN-ON

The Oakey swimming Club will be having its sign-on for all ages on
Friday 12th October @ 5pm
with a FREE sausage sizzle
Come and join in on the fun and make new friendships.
If unable to make it to sign on, enrolment forms can be collected from Liz Cass 0437912104 or Mick at the pool.

POSITION VACANT

A vacancy exists for a School Crossing Supervisor.

The position will work at both schools (Oakey Primary & St Monica’s School) on a rotational basis.

To express your interest in this position, please see the Oakey State School office staff.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

RELIABLE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED. Tuckshop is still looking for volunteers to assist on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. If you are available to help, please phone Jo - 0435 837 661.

If you are rostered on and are unable to make it, please advise Jo ASAP, so other arrangements can be made to make sure the Tuckshop runs smoothly.

TUCKSHOP LUNCH ORDERS

Students are required to have their lunch orders into the school tuckshop before the 1st bell.

Late orders will not be accepted.

Oakey Toowoomba Bus Service:

A bus service operates between Oakey and Toowoomba and runs every Tuesday and Friday. At this point the service is free. Enquiries can be made by Aussie Helpers on 0488220567. A full timetable is available on the Oakey Community Website: oakey.qld.au

Kids’ Club

Want something to do after school on Thursday afternoon?

Children aged from 7—12 years are invited to an afternoon of fun, games, singing and stories. If you would like your child to enjoy a fun filled afternoon, then bring them along to the Oakey Uniting Church Hall, John Street, Oakey.

Sessions from 3:30pm to 5:00pm.

Interested or you’d like more information, then please phone: Rev. Kate Dix on 4691 1880

Girls Rugby League

Girls interested in playing Rugby League have the opportunity to participate in the ‘Broncos School Girls Challenge, which will be held on Friday 19th October.

For more details and information, see your PE Teacher.

Congratulations to Alice Commins who participated in the Darling Downs A side Rugby League competition, which was held at Hervey Bay from 22—24th September. The Darling Downs Team won the Competition.