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— to activate your interest to receive the newsletter via email please send an email to admin@oakeys.eq.edu.au.

In most cases the Newsletter should be available each Wednesday.

SUN SAFETY is IMPORTANT NO Hat—NO Play!

**Grandparents’ Day a Resounding Success!**

On Tuesday we celebrated Grandparents’ Day with in excess of 100 grandparents joining their grandchildren for the morning. Grandparents had the opportunity to spend the morning in their child’s classroom participating in a wide variety of educational activities. From all reports, the morning was a fabulous success and grandparents were very impressed with our wonderful teachers and students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Students, Parents and Community,

Over the last few weeks we have had numerous windows broken and our school has had graffiti in several places. What does this mean to us as a school? It means we have to spend funds on repair and removal of graffiti rather than your child’s educational needs. If you see anyone on our school grounds after hours, please call the police.

I have included an article on graffiti for you to read.

**The $$$$$ of Graffiti:**

Although the real amount of money spent by communities, private property owners, small business and public agencies each year to repair, replace, and clean up property defaced by graffiti vandalism has yet to be definitively documented in Australia, we do know through Graffiti Hurts-Australia’s research that Local Governments alone across Australia spend approx $260 million annually on graffiti vandalism removal.

Together with countless man hours, this money and time could be otherwise spent on improving public services and for other productive purposes.

As an indicator of the community’s civic pride and tolerance of vandalism, the presence of graffiti can trigger a decline in property values and cause potential home buyers and businesses to look in other areas or communities. The economic impact on local businesses can be great as customers decide to shop in other neighbourhoods that they feel and think are safer.

**Social Costs**

What cannot be measured in lost dollars and business is the very real impact graffiti vandalism has on the fabric of the community and society itself. Graffiti vandalism in public areas sends a message to the community that the places where they live and work and the public transportation they use are no longer controlled by the agencies responsible. Its appearance in neighbourhoods is often perceived by residents and passers-by as a sign that a downward spiral has begun, even though this many not be true.

The show of community pride and the active participation in reporting, eradicating, enhancement and maintenance of community assets helps governments, their agencies and public utilities to allocate some of the $260 million plus spent on removal towards other community projects and development.

Let’s work together and stamp out graffiti and vandalism in Oakey.

From the Principal’s Desk

Dave Bosworth

**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.

WANTED

To assist new families enrolling into our school we are looking for donations of uniforms for our spare clothing pool.
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:
Caleb, Bailey, Shamneka, Rebekah
Tori, Eva, Fletcher, Amelia

Year 4—Year 7 Group:
Kyle, Bell, Braden, Jermaine, Zachary, Cheynnae, Tehama, Riley, Andie.

Below: Caleb also received a “Student of the Week”

Student Word List
certificates awarded to
Yellow Words: Trent, Michael, Justin, Latoya
Katie, Van
Red Words: Lucas
Green Words: Ashlee

Environmental Club News
Some student leaders from the Environmental Club spoke on parade about the possible dangers at the moment as the snake season has arrived. Students were asked to be cautious when they are working around plants and gardens. The students also made a presentation to Mr Webb thanking him for his contribution to the Environmental Club.

You Can Do It! - Gotcha awards went to:
Nash, Byron, Chloe, Elizabeth, Paige

Calendar of Events
Monday 12 November P&C Meeting

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 at Aussie Helpers on 0488220567. A full timetable is available on the Oakey Community Website: oakey.qld.au

TAKING A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scca.com.au, email sccaucst@scca.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 590 501. request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Grandparent’s Day was a fantastic morning, and a great opportunity to see first hand what happens at school. The time spent with the children in the classroom was very informative and interesting. The teachers are to be congratulated for their hard work, and the wonderful job they do.

Grandparents’ Day

Tips for Parents of Children with Asthma
Does your child have asthma?
If so, there are a few things you can do to help the school manage your child's asthma.

- Provide an up-to-date colour copy of your child’s Asthma Action Plan.
- Tell the school and your child’s teacher about the signs and symptoms that your child might show when experiencing asthma.
- When your child is experiencing asthma symptoms, notify the school and discuss a course of action using their Asthma Action Plan.
- Provide a spacer and blue reliever medication for your child to use at school. Clearly label the medication and space with your child’s name.

For any other tips, or for more information about asthma, call Asthma Assist on 1800 645 130.