TAKE HOME 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.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

SUN SAFETY
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NO Hat—NO Play!

Saturday 24th November
2:00 pm inspection
for 3:00 pm Auction (Cattle Sale)
Glenvale Room
Toowoomba Showground.

Phone: 0427984995 / 0427488690 Email: wpblinco@activ8.net.au

Proceeds from Cow Art Auction supports Agriculture in Schools through future Cow Art Projects. Auction supported by Landmark and the Toowoomba RASQ.

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Our Weekly Chat

Newsletter Number 36—21st November 2012

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

Flying Start – what it means for you and your child
Following extensive consultation, the State Government outlined its plans for the future of education in the A Flying Start for Queensland Children White Paper released earlier this year. Changes include helping our children get ready for primary school, moving Year 7 to high school and boosting school performance. If you missed one of the information sessions you can find out what Flying Start means for you and your child at www.qld.gov.au/flyingstart/parents

For everything you need to know, download a copy of the parent snapshot at www.deta.qld.gov.au/initiatives/flyingstart/pdfs/parents-snapshot.pdf
You can also find out what year your child will start high school using the Year 7 ready reckoner at www.deta.qld.gov.au/initiatives/flyingstart/start-high-school.html

Sun safety in our school
Sun safety is important for our school because our students are here during peak times for ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which is 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Cancer Council Queensland says childhood sun exposure contributes significantly to a person’s risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetime, so our school encourages sun safe behaviours. Wearing wide brim hats, sun protective clothing, sunscreen and keeping in the shade as much as possible are good habits to get into and we encourage parents and staff to set a good example for our students. Parents and guardians can check out Cancer Council Queensland’s website (http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/prevention/skin_cancer/) for more information on being SunSmart.

Year 7 End of Year Celebration
I would like to remind students and families of the following;
• the celebration is an additional celebration and reward, for those students whose efforts and behaviour, demonstrate the high standards we expect from our students.
• only Year 7 students have an “out of school” end of year celebration.
• students who have behaved poorly on previous out of school activities (e.g. Sport or other excursions), may render themselves ineligible to attend.
Students who have outstanding fees, will be ineligible to attend, until all outstanding fees are paid in full.

From the Principal’s Desk
Dave Bosworth

WANTED
To assist new families enrolling into our school we are looking for donations of uniforms for our spare clothing pool.

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 administrative tasks, and therefore are not available to supervise early arrivals or late departures. Thank you for your support and understanding; it is greatly appreciated.
**Calendar of Events**

**Wednesday 21 November**
- OSHS Enrolment Evening for Year 8 in 2013 will now be held on
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- Wednesday 21st November in the Oakey State High School Resource Centre commencing at 6:00 pm.
- Student Word List certificates awarded to
- Blue Words: Tahlia
- Yellow Words: Declan, Carol
- Green Words: Christian

**Thursday 6 December**
- Awards Day
- Year 7 Graduation Night
- Year 7 Wet n Wild
- End of School Year

**Friday 14 December**
- End of School Year

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**Students of the Week**

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

**Pre—Year 4 Group:**
- Kameron, Elizabeth, Nash, Isabella, Lucas, Joseph, Jayden-Rhys, Charlie

**Year 5—Year 7 Group:**
- Toby, Dylan, Angela, Sophie Shannon, Jolie, Courtney.

**Student Word List**

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**Tuckshop & P&C News**

**TUCKSHOP:**
Due to illness, Jo, our tuckshop convenor, will not be working over the next couple of weeks. Arrangements have been made to have several other people in so backflip her so our students can continue to order from tuckshop. Please support these people with your understanding and patience as they try to keep the tuckshop operational. If you are able to offer some assistance by helping out for a few hours on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, this would be greatly appreciated.

**END OF YEAR:**
Please note that tuckshop will not be operating during the last week of school. With the end of year approaching, the tuckshop will be starting to run its stock down, so some items may not be available, but these will be substituted with a similar item.

**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.

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**Asthma Assist (1800 645 130)**

Have you ever felt left in the dark about your asthma? Unsure about the medications you are taking or need further information about how to best manage your condition? Don't worry, Asthma Foundation Queensland is here to help.

In 2010, Asthma Foundation Queensland launched Asthma Assist – a free asthma information and support service for Queenslanders living with asthma. Staffed by highly skilled Asthma Educators, Asthma Assist is designed to help people take control of their asthma by providing much needed patient education on medications, delivery devices, inhaler technique, asthma first aid, trigger factors and asthma management plans.

Give us a call today!
Asthma Assists operates from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday.