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Prep A has followed directions from the Interactive Whiteboard for making a hat.

Then they have decorated them.

Don’t they look good?

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**NewsLetter Number 2—13th February 2013**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

**From the Principal’s Desk**

Day 8 is an important day for all schools as it is the day that funding and staffing allocations are calculated from. At this stage our numbers were slightly up on our prediction of 370. As of day 8 we were 373. This will mean no reduction of classes for Oakey State School in 2013.

**Swimming Carnival**

Our swimming carnival will be held this Thursday 14/2/13 at the Oakey Pool. Students will be walking down at 9.00am. Parents are most welcome and the carnival will be finishing around 3.00pm. If you take your child from the pool please let their classroom teacher know.

West Zone trials are on Monday 18/2/13 at the Glennie Aquatic Centre.

**Get Started vouchers to help children get active**

Get Started is a new State Government funding program offering up to $150 per student towards sport club registration or membership fees to help families who can’t afford to sign their child up and encourage other children who would improve their social connections or health to get involved.

Children with a parent or guardian who holds a Health Care or Pension Concession Card and submit a form will qualify, while other families will also need to submit recommendations from two referral agents with their application. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s Get in the Game website.

The first funding round opened on 15 January 2013 with vouchers distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocation is exhausted or closes on 15 April 2013. A second round will open on 15 July 2013. http://www.nrps.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/referral-agents.html

**Important changes to anaphylaxis action plans**

The Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) has recently revised their anaphylaxis action plans to include the administration of CPR and asthma medication after adrenaline injection. Our school will be implementing this new plan. More information is available from the ASCIA website. www.allergy.org.au/health-professionals/anaphylaxis-resources/ascia-action-plan-for-anaphylaxis

Dave Bosworth Principal

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_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 are 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.

_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/careers 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.

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_Kingsthorpe State School 2013 CENT SALE_ Saturday 23rd March in the Kingsthorpe School Multi Purpose Sport Hall 50 Goombungee Road Kingsthorpe Doors Opening at 12:00 Sale starts at 1:00pm Entry is $7 with a complimentary sheet of tickets, lucky door ticket and afternoon tea. Snack items will be available to purchase. Extra tickets - $1 a sheet. Multi draw tickets $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00 Over 200 Prizes

**Important dates**

Dates: 21st February 2013
Time: 10 am to 12 noon
Place: QCWA Rest Rooms, Cherry St, Oakey

**For more information or to reserve your place** please call David Totenhofner 0418 876 131

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**BRAIN MATTERS**

“Anyone with an interest in dementia risk reduction and how our brain ages should attend one of these special seminars”

Over the course of the session you will learn how memory works and what you can do to reduce your risk today.

**Topics include:**

- What is dementia?
- Brain functions
- How to reduce your risk.
- Changes in memory and thinking as we age

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

**Students of the Week—2013**

Aussie Kids Karate at Oakey SS Multi Purpose Centre, commencing Thursday 14th February at 3.30pm

**FIRST LESSON FREE**

For more info contact:

0438 111 423 or 46931734

**Calendar of Events**

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**TUCKSHOP CLOSED**

As the P&C are in the process of appointing a new Tuckshop Convenor, the Tuckshop will be closed until further notice.

Information regarding Tuckshop will be published in upcoming newsletter.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**CHANCE TO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

In 2013 the Labour Day public holiday will move from the first Monday in May to Monday 7 October and the Queen’s Birthday holiday will be returned to Monday 10 June. Toowoomba Show—Thursday 11 April.

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**Please Note:** PHONE MESSAGES

Parents calling at 2.30pm onwards for students messages cannot be guaranteed these will get through to the student.

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**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

**The Kids Club**

starts up again on Thursday 14th February, 2013 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Come along to the Uniting Church Hall, 16 John Street Oakey

Join in for some fun, games, stories and songs

$2.00 per family to cover cost of refreshments

**Please Note:** Make up/finger nail polish is not to be worn to school.

Students are asked NOT to bring pressurised deodorant spray cans to school.

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**SUN SAFETY is IMPORTANT NO Hat—NO Play!**

NO Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only

**THE ARTS**

Welcome back and hope you all have a wonderful term one.

The Arts classes have started out with a focus on dance for this term. Children have been showing their best moves to their favourite songs and learning dance steps to one of these songs. Our motto for this term is, “Dance Like No One Is Watching!”

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**The Kids Club**

A Community Playgroup is being held at ‘Yumba’ each Tuesday 9.00—11.00 am

All ages are welcome.

Entry by Gold Coin donation.

For more information call 0457 915 137

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**Art Competition**

Your child/ren may come home with a phoenix template for the USQ art competition. USQ are holding a “Phoenix Carnival” on Sunday the 24th of February at the campus in Toowoomba. The art competition is being run between all Toowoomba and Darling Downs schools. The children can choose which medium they would like to create their artwork using the phoenix template. The competition winner will be announced at the “Phoenix Carnival” at 3:00pm on the main stage. There will also be live music, food stalls, games, activities and markets from 12:00pm until 6:00pm with “The Lorax” being shown on the big screen at 6:30pm.

If your child wishes to participate in the competition, please encourage and remind them to return their completed entries to me (Mrs Wilkes) at school by Monday the 18th of February so that I can ensure they arrive at USQ by their competition closing date.

Enjoy Term One and keep your eye out for more exciting Arts news this year!

Annette Wilkes—Music / LOTE Teacher

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**Try Scouting**

- Adventure
- Challenge
- Friendship
- Fun
- Crafts
- Games
- Skills

Over 28 million young people around the world can’t be wrong!

The main aim of Scouting is fun—lots of it! Scouting helps to build confidence and learn new things (teamwork, leadership and every-day survival skills) and at the same time have adventures never even dreamed.

- **Joeys**—for girls and boys—Ages 6 to 8 years (Meets Monday Nights—5.00—6.00 pm)
- **Cubs**—for girls and boys—Ages 8 to 10 years (Meets Monday Nights—5.00—6.30 pm)
- **Scouts**—for girls and boys—Ages 10 to 15 years (Meets Sunday Afternoons—4.00—6.00 pm)

Scouts have the opportunity to experience numerous adventures and learn team work, leadership, planning and decision making.

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**Oakey Scout Group**

Stanley Street. For more information: Call: Group Leader Jacqueline Barnes – 0417 797 644 or 46 911 912 Email: oakeyscouts@hotmail.com