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Oakey Grief Support Group:
- Of the month
 Oakey State School
- All members of the school community are expected to:
- conduct them in a lawful, ethical, safe and responsible manner that recognises and respects the rights of others.
- At Oakey State School Students are expected to:
- participate actively in the school’s education program
- take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning
- demonstrate respect for themselves, other members of the school community and the school environment
- behave in a manner that respects the rights of others, including the right to learn
- cooperate with staff and others in authority.
Together we will give your children learning opportunities that will lay the foundation for their secondary education.
Enjoy your Easter break and we will see you on the 15th April

Family Education School Holiday sessions
- Tuesday 2nd April Preparing for Puberty: A 1½ hour session for parents/carers and children aged 9-12, aimed at encouraging parent/child communication about naming body parts and the changes that occur at puberty.
- Friday 5th April Reproduction: A 1½ hour session for parents/carers and children aged 9-12, aimed at encouraging parent/child communication about reproductive body parts and functions, conception, pregnancy and birth.
10.30am - 12.00pm
$20.00 per family
Bookings are essential. To register please either:
telephone Robyn Kavanagh at Family Planning Queensland on 4632 8166 or email her
at twbeducation@fq.com.au.

NEW CHANCE Project
For more info: Phone

Oakey Grief Support Group:
Road to Recovery
helping one another heal.
Meetings held first Wednesday
Of the month at 2:00pm
At the Oakey CWA Rooms
For more info: Phone 4691 4825 OR 0427 635 167
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HEARTMOVES: New CHANGE Project activities have started in Oakey, providing opportunities for people to get active at their own pace in a fun and social atmosphere. Heartmoves classes are available on Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm at the QCWA Hall on Cherry Street, Oakey. Two new Energise classes have also started in Oakey at the Lutheran Church Hall on York Street on Fridays at 7am to 8am and 8:30am to 9:30am. Classes are $3 for CHANGE groups (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; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) and $7 for public participants. For more information contact Val 0437 894 396 or valdoddie77@yahoo.com.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parents and the wider School Community I would like to thank the majority of people who support and value add to the great things we are achieving at this school. During this term we have had several incidents that I believe are not acceptable and breach the “Code of conduct for schools”. It is with regret that I feel I must include the following information.

Oakey State School promotes learning, creativity and innovation as the platform upon which to build prosperity and quality of life for all our students. Our school is strongly committed to providing a quality, futures-oriented education that enables all students to achieve their full potential. They prepare students for an active role in democratic life and society. High expectations, equity, inclusiveness and the building of social capital are key features of state schooling in Queensland. Essential to effective learning is a safe, supportive and disciplined environment that respects the following rights:
- The rights of all students to learn
- The rights of teachers to teach
- The rights of all to be safe.

Violence, threatening behaviour or abuse against school staff or any members of our School community will not be tolerated. All members of our school community have a right to expect school to be a safe place in which to work and learn. Where such behaviour does occur specific legal action or sanctions may follow.

Our school is an orderly, safe place where relationships between staff and visitors, especially parents, demonstrate mutual respect and a recognition of shared responsibility for our pupils’ welfare and educational progress. We value parental involvement and recognize that parental partnerships are an important factor in the educational success of our pupils and invaluable in dealing with emerging problems at an early stage. The behaviour of a few parents could result in severe disruption or worse, resulting in abusive, threatening or violent behaviour towards staff and/or children.

At Oakey State School Parents are expected to:
- show an active interest in their child’s schooling and progress
- cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for their child
- support school staff in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- initiate and maintain constructive communication and relationships with school staff regarding their child’s learning, wellbeing and behaviour
- contribute positively to behaviour support plans that concern their child.

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Awards Album

Students of the Week—2013

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

Prep—Year 3 Group: Jorja, Alex, Rowan, Charley, Imogen, Carol, (Tyson, Abby not in photo)

Year 4—Year 7 Group: Brody, Wade, Zachary, (Beanca, Steven, Cheynnae, Rowan, Shannon & Malcolm not pictured)

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Congratulations to Autumn Turnbull who was selected for the Darling Downs Swim Team.

Well done to our Prep students who have had books read to them at home for 25 nights.

NAPLAN 2013
In week 5 of next Term our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Testing will be over the three days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 14th, 15th and 16th of May.
While most students are expected to participate in these tests, some children with special needs may receive some support during the test and some children may be exempt or withdrawn from the test.
If you are concerned about your child completing the NAPLAN tests, please contact your child’s teacher or myself soon.
Enclosed in the newsletter for year 3, 5 & 7 students is the NAPLAN information pamphlet.
You can also access the NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html
Richard Ashley—Head of Curriculum

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)
On Monday of this week registration forms went home to Year 3 to 7 students for the 2013 series of ICAS competitions.
ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.
If you would like your child to participate in any of these tests please send forms to the school by the 19th April with payment.

If you don’t have a form they are available from the office.
Richard Ashley, Head of Curriculum

Write 4 Fun Writing Competition
The 2013 Schools Writing Competition is open right now. Students can write a 500 word short story or 16 line poem to give them a chance to win FANTASTIC Cash and Prizes including $1,000 AND an iPod Touch, an Xbox 360 or a Kindle Fire E-Reader!

Students who would like assistance with this task can come to the library in their break on Monday or Tuesday and talk to Mrs Garthe or come to Homework Club and receive help there.

All it takes is an AWESOME story, or poem. Easy! Entries must be given to Mrs Garthe by the end of March.

ROOKIES 2 REDS

are coming to Oakey.

When: Monday 15th April—Monday 13th May
Little Legends & Junior Champs:
Ages 5-8: 3:30—4:30pm
Ages 10-11: 4:30—5:30pm
Future Stars:
Cost: $80 for 5 weeks of professional coaching and a Rookies2Reds pack valued at over $200.
“...and having fun with your mates”

To register visit: www.rookies2reds.com.au

TUCKSHOP MENU

A Winter Tuchshop menu has been sent home with the youngest student of each family.
Please keep it at home to assist with ordering—maybe hang it on the fridge for easy access.
Students are required to pre-order all hot food. Late orders will not be accepted.

TUCKSHOP WILL BE OPEN AFTER SCHOOL ON Wednesday & Thursday.
Drinks (including tea & coffee for parents), Slush puppies, ice creams and snacks will be on sale from 2:30pm.

NEWSLETTER: Please be aware that our school newsletter is uploaded to our school website each week. If you have any concerns regarding privacy/photo issues, please contact the school office on 4692 0333. If you would like your newsletter emailed—send an email to admin@oakeyss.eq.edu.au

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 website: www.oakeyss.eq.edu.au
• 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@oakeyss.eq.edu.au.

In most cases the Newsletter should be available each Wednesday.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

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WANTED

Please save your milk bottle, sauce bottle caps & pressure can tops. All sorts of caps wanted to be used for craft. All caps/tops can be left at the school office.

The best thin about playing Rugby is getting outdoors and having fun with your mates”