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The Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Primary school aged children from right around Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier childhood by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day. Now in its fourteenth year, the Walk Safely to School Day initiative will be celebrated on Friday 24 May 2013.

WHERE: In all Primary Schools around Australia
WHEN: Friday 24 May 2013
WHAT: National Walk Safely to School Day

NO Caps allowed
SUN SAFETY

More Information can be found at: www.walk.com.au

In 2013, NAPLAN tests will be held on 14-16 May.

Information specifically for parents and carers can be found in the 2013 NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers, (this was sent home in the last week of term 1)

Preparation for NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is not useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

ACARA does not recommend the use of commercial products, such as booklets and practice tests, to help your child prepare for NAPLAN tests. None of the commercial products currently on the market are endorsed by ACARA. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests, and schools should not exert influence on parents to withdraw their child from the tests. NAPLAN tests give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure your child progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements, assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.

Adjustments can be provided for students with disability to enable them to access the tests on an equivalent basis as students without disability, and should be discussed with your child's school prior to the tests. ACARA has developed example scenarios to provide greater understanding of the appropriate adjustments for students with disability. Some students with significant intellectual disability and/or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from sitting the tests.

Some students who have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the tests may also be eligible for exemption. Exemptions should be discussed with your child's school.

Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. It is recommended that withdrawal be considered in consultation with your child's school. States and territories have different ways of managing student withdrawals, but formal notification must be received by the school principal prior to testing.
Wherever possible, Oakey State School will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Detailed information about absences, exemptions and withdrawals from NAPLAN can be found in the Student Participation section.

NAPLAN Results
A NAPLAN report will be issued by your child’s school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home.

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Oakey State School is your first point of contact for any questions about their NAPLAN report, including:

- if you do not receive a report
- for replacement reports (Please note: ACARA does not have access to individual student reports and cannot organise the reissue of lost student reports)
- if you want further information about your child’s results

Copies of individual student’s test papers are not available. We cannot organise the reissue of lost student reports.

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Layne also received a Student—of-the-Week award.

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

- Prep—Year 3 Group: Logan, Savanah, Jayden, Bradley, Kathleen, Kohwan, Jazmin.
- Year 4—Year 7 Group: Ty, Mark, Jayden, Tayla, Emily, Sophie, Dinesh, Annaliese: Braiden, Ryan (not in photo)

Oakey Child Health Nurse visits
The Oakey Child Health Nurse, Judy Cribb, will carry out the Prep Year School screening on Tuesday 21st May, Thursday 23rd May and Thursday 30th May at Oakey State School.

Prep School Screening involves hearing and vision screening. Children can not be seen if there is no signed consent form, please return completed form to the school office prior to Friday 17th May.

If parents have concerns about children in other classes and would like their hearing or vision assessed:

Hearing Assessments are done free of charge for children under 18 years of age at Unara Community Health Centre. Unara is located at the Toowoomba Hospital in Peachy Street, Toowoomba. An appointment is necessary and can be made by ringing Child Health on 4616 6812.

Vision Assessments are free of charge to Medicare Card holders and can be done at any Optometrist of your choice.

Please LABEL all your child’s possessions so when items are lost or misplaced, they can be returned to the rightful owner. Lost property is located under A Block.

Please order from the new Winter Tuckshop menu which was sent home last term. Students are required to pre-order all hot food. Late orders will not be accepted.

Homework Club
Homework Club is held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Any new enrolments to Homework Club will need to complete a form available from the office.

Please note that there will be no homework club in week 5, due to the NAPLAN testing.

Relationships Australia Queensland
The Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Service.

What are the issues and gaps in services around Domestic Violence in Oakey Community?

The Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Service would like to invite community members and stakeholders to explore the impacts of Domestic Violence on the Oakey Community.

This forum is aimed at raising community awareness around the issues of Domestic Violence and identifying potential gaps in services.

Anyone can attend the morning tea.

Wednesday 15th May 2013 @ 10:00 am at the Oakey RSL

Morning tea will be supplied

Please call 4639 3605 to register or for further information.

The Kids Club
It’s on again!

Each Thursday afternoon 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 for refreshments

For more information phone Kate 4691 1880

Tuckshop Menu
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.

Wanted

Please order from the new Winter Tuckshop menu which was sent home last term. Students are required to pre-order all hot food. Late orders will not be accepted.

No credit available—No Money NO Food

Tuckshop will be open after school on Wednesday & Thursday @ 2.50pm.