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

NO Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only

**INDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**

Oakey Community Centre

Saturday 17th August

Movie starts 6:00pm

**Art News**

The Toowoomba Choral Society are putting on a production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella*.

The performance times and days are:
- Friday 30th August at 7pm.
- Saturday the 31st August at 1:30pm.
- Saturday 31st August at 7:00pm.
- Sunday 1st September at 1:30pm.

Ticket pricing is as follows:
- $40 Adults
- $35 Concessions
- $35 Tertiary Student
- $18 children under 16
- $100 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children
- $16 each for a group of 10 children or more aged under 16.

Tickets can be purchased NOW: for bookings phone 1300 655 299 or visit the website www.empiretheatre.com.au

**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.

**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 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan 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.scc.org or email us at scc@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**National Animal Rescue Groups of Australia (NARGA) Inc.**

Have you always wanted to help animal rescuers but don’t know how or just can’t offer commitment? Home Checks are for you! Rescue groups all over Australia struggle to be in all the places they would like to be at any one time, and can’t always do home checks and yard checks for potential fosterers or adopters, which most would prefer to do if they had the resources. If you have an hour or two to spare a week and can help, for any specified length of time, please send us an email to admin@narga.org.au and we can discuss this new program with you. Together we will make a difference! www.narga.org.au

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**Councillor Community Engagement Forum**

Toowoomba Regional Councillors will be holding a Community Engagement Forum in Oakey on Wednesday 28 August from 6 pm. This is an chance for residents of Oakey and surrounding districts to meet the Mayor and available Councillors and share their visions for Oakey and district, and raise issues for Council to address.

Community organisations and individuals are encouraged to make submissions to a formal agenda being developed. To make a submission, or enquire about the process, contact Community Oakey Liaison Officer, Oakey District, Mr David Totenhofer on 0418 876 131 or 872.

Councillor will also outline its planned capital spending for the district in the current budget. There will be opportunity for residents to raise issues and queries to Council form the floor.

This is your opportunity to have a say!

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**Why is Reading Important?**

The importance of reading cannot be stressed enough. Reading is important because it enriches you in all aspects.

Prof. A. C. Grayling, in a review of “A History of Reading by Alberto Manguel”, had said, “To read is to fly: it is to soar to a point of vantage which gives a view over wide terrains of history, human variety, ideas, shared experience and the fruits of many inquiries.” So true! Reading is really like taking a flight to great heights in pursuit of knowledge. It’s a journey towards enlightenment.

Even if you have read one good book in your life, you will know what reading gives. It gives you incomparable pleasure. Read one good book and you will know what the joys of reading are. Reading nourishes your mind. Reading gives you both information and knowledge (and teaches you to distinguish between the two). You eat to keep your body fit and working, right? Then reading is food for your mind and soul. Reading gives you food for your mind that you could not get anywhere else.

Children who grow up reading good books definitely stand out. The way they think and act is way different from those who have never been exposed to reading. Reading not only adds to their general knowledge but also shapes their personalities. Reading has a great positive impact on one’s life. Reading good books is important during the formative years of a child’s development. It’s during childhood and teenage years that reading inspiring stories can have a deep impact on a child’s mind. During these years of a child’s life, if books become his companions, he will develop the hobby of reading and grow up to be more versatile than he would have without reading. Teenage is the phase when one is easily influenced by whatever he is exposed to. If inspirational stories and life experiences are read during these years, they can change a person for better. They stay with him and keep encouraging him to achieve his goals and choose right against the wrong.

Reading keeps us occupied. Reading leads to a fruitful use of time. It helps us get rid of worries. Yes, reading is a great stress buster. It diverts our mind from monotony. Books are excellent sources of recreation. Someone who loves to read can never get bored as reading a book is probably the best way to get rid of boredom. Books take you to an altogether different world, helping you relax and rejuvenate. “The habit of reading is the only enjoyment in which there is no alloy, it lasts when all other pleasures fade.” ~ Anthony Trollope

At Oakey State School we believe “If you can read you can do anything”.

Enjoy your week.

Dave Bosworth

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**Calendar of Events**

**Monday 19th August**

West Zone Athletics, Harristown State High School

**Monday 22nd August**

Book Week

**Wednesday 28th August**

Special Tuckshop Day

Hot Chips & Soft Drink for $5

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**PHONE MESSAGES** Parents calling at 2:30pm onwards for student messages cannot be guaranteed they will get through to the student.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER**

07 4697 9535

**HOTLINE**

07 4697 0390
Tuckshop News

There will be a special Tuckshop lunch day on Wednesday 28th August. This will be the last Wednesday the Tuckshop will be open on a Wednesday. From Thursday 29th August Tuckshop will only be open on Thursdays & Fridays. A new tuckshop menu will be out later this term.

SPECIAL TUCKSHOP LUNCH—
Wednesday 28th Please order from the special lunch order form, no other food will be available one this day, Wednesday’s Special Lunch menu:
• Hot Chips & Soft drink = $5.00
• Extra serve of chips = $2.00

Chappy’s Chatters

Welcome to the chatter from Chappy. You know, I just love this time of the year when the days are beautiful. I enjoy getting out in my yard and planting new plants and then watch them grow. I enjoy pruning the various plants to maximize their growth. I love recycling old timber and giving it a new lease of life and adding these old items into the garden. I enjoy creating a ‘place’ where I can retreat and be reenergized for the next day. On the weekend as I was pottering around my yard I started thinking about children and how they are very much like our gardens. Take my sons for example; I love watching them grow into young men – my wife and I ensure they eat correctly so they grow big and strong. We nurture them in a safe environment to ensure they are emotionally stable. We bring correction/ boundaries when it’s needed to help guide them so they can become better young men. In a sense, gardening and parenting go hand in hand. The skills needed for a great garden – feeding/nurturing/grooming are really the same for parenting. If you want great children then feed them the right food, nurture them – ensure they feel safe and feel loved and listened too, give them boundaries to live within and you’ll see them flourish before your eyes. I know there are many other parenting essentials needed but at the core of it, a child needs to know they are loved, safe and cared for. Parents, how are your children going? Have an awesome week. Chappy, Justin Trigg

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