Celebrating Seniors Week – Oakey 22 August
Council invites Senior Citizens to a morning tea and concert featuring Greg Bird to celebrate Seniors Week on Thursday 22 August from 10am-12 noon at the Oakey Cultural Centre, and at Kingshorne Hall on Thursday 29 August from 10.30 am. For bookings, please call 131 872.

Councillor community engagement – Oakey 28 August
The Mayor and Councillors will hold a Community Engagement Forum at Oakey on Wednesday August 28 from 6pm at the Oakey Cultural Centre. Residents of Oakey and the surrounding areas will have a chance to meet the Mayor and available Councillors and share their views on the Oakey district and raise relevant issues.

The forum is open to all members of the community and will be followed by a light supper. REMINDER for those making formal submissions close 31 August to get them to David Totenhofer by Monday 19th August.

Off leash dog parks
Council recently endorsed a list of potential off-leash parks after taking into account community feedback from the 2012 Dog Off-leash survey. Proposed off-leash parks in the Oakey area are:

Oakey’s Cherry St Park, east of the pathway;

Council is still taking feedback about the community’s preferences for dog off-leash parks. Address feedback marked “Dog off-leash parks” to: Chief Executive Officer, Toowoomba Regional Council, PO Box 3021 Village Fair, Toowoomba 4350; or email info@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au.

Australia Day Nominations
Nominations are now being called for a range of local and regional Australia Day awards in the following categories:

Citizen of the Year (both local and regional awards)
Young Citizen of the Year (both local and regional awards)
Cultural Award (local awards only)
Sports Award - Senior and Junior (local awards only)
Community Group / Event of the Year (local awards only)
Citizen of the Year - Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander - Toowoomba Regional Award only (regional award only)

Nomination forms, judging criteria and supporting information are available from council’s website http://www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au/australiaday, any Council Service Centre, library or through the local organising committee. Nominations close October 31, 2013.

HEADLINE ALERT — Please check your child’s hair regularly.

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

Newsletter Number 25 — 21st August 2013
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
Dear Parent, Students and Carers,

Please read the following passage around cybersafety and cyberbullying. We are often concerned with what our children are saying they are accessing on social media.

The internet, mobile phones and instant messaging provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, be creative and socialise online. They also provide opportunities for inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment to occur — causing pain and suffering to the targets of such behaviour.

Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies; mediums such as mobile phone text messages, emails, phone calls, internet chat rooms, instant messaging — and the latest trend — social networking websites such as MySpace, Facebook and Bebo. Cyberbullying is a fast growing trend that experts believe is more harmful than typical schoolyard bullying. Nearly all of us can be contacted 24/7 via the internet or our mobile phones. Victims can be reached anytime and anywhere. For many children, home is no longer a refuge from the bullies. “Children can escape threats and abuse in the classroom, only to find text messages and emails from the same tormentors when they arrive home.”

“…There’s no safe place anymore. You can be bullied 24/7...even in the privacy of your own bedroom.”

Recent surveys have shown that one-third of teenagers have had mean, threatening or embarrassing things said about them online.

10 percent of teenagers were threatened online with physical harm. 16 percent of teenagers who were victims told no one about it.

Online social networking sites have become increasingly popular with children, especially young teens, as a place where they can meet other people, communicate, and exchange information.

No type of bullying is harmless. In some cases, it can constitute criminal behaviour. In extreme incidents, cyberbullying has led teenagers to suicide. Most victims, however, suffer shame, embarrassment, anger, depression and withdrawal. Cyberbullying is often seen as anonymous, and the nature of the internet allows it to spread quickly to hundreds and thousands of people.

“Cyberbullying has the same insidious effects as any kind of bullying, turning children away from school, friendships, and in tragic instances, life itself.”

Parents often tell their children to turn off the mobile phones or stay off the computer. Many parents don’t understand something that is often ‘under the radar’ of adults, cyberbullying is even more so.

Children can escape threats and abuse in the classroom, only to find text messages and emails from the same tormentors when they arrive home.

“The challenge is in raising awareness to such a level that people — victims and witnesses — will feel comfortable enough to speak up.”

Take a stand and help us raise the awareness.

Enjoy your week.

Dave Bosworth

Calendar of Events

| Mon 19th – Fri 23rd August | Book Week
| Wed 28th August | Special Tuckshop Day
| Thurs 19th September | TYME Festival, Toowoomba School Concert—PM
| Fri 20th September | End of Term 3 Term 4 starts Tues 8th October

End of Term 3

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BOOK WEEK PARADE
Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for a special parade on Friday morning. Prizes are up for grabs; so give it some thought as to what costume to wear.

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 for 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

Toys at School
There are LOTS of barbie dolls, pokemon cards, nerf guns and little cars etc. coming to school. Can you please talk to your children about leaving these items at home. When they come to school it causes many social and learning interruptions that disrupt productive learning. Items can also be misplaced or broken which causes more grief to all concerned.

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.

Chappy’s Chatters
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2. If you want happy, resilient kids YOU GO FIRST – Lead by example
3. Raise your small family with a BIG family mindset
4. Make the most of the OPPORTUNITY YEARS (Before teens)
5. Work on your relationship as they give you LEVERAGE
6. Expect kids to BEHAVE WELL
7. Catch kids being RESILIENT and PERSISTENT
8. Attend to your kids MENTAL HEALTH
9. Don’t be a family that’s always on the go
10. Make sure kids help at home WITHOUT being paid
11. Build scaffolds to INDEPENDENCE
12. REWARD RESPONSIBILITY with greater freedom
13. Build SELF KNOWLEDGE in kids
14. Move kids on down the road from ‘ME’ to ‘WE’
15. Teach your kids to DO WHAT’S RIGHT, not what’s easy
16. STRENGTHEN YOUR FAMILY by creating a strong food culture
17. Create a culture where there’s NOTHING SO BAD THAT WE CAN’T TALK ABOUT IT
18. Parent from the same script, even if you’re not together
19. DO THINGS with your kids
20. Don’t let kids DROP OUT of the family
21. CONNECT with other parents
22. Every child needs someone in their life who says “YOU CAN DO THIS”
23. Make the most of teachable moments
24. AVOID your first impulse when kids misbehave
25. Build a STRONG family brand
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DENTAL VAN NEWS
If you have not yet returned your child’s registration form to the dental van, could you please do so ASAP. We will then contact you to make an appointment for your child/ren.
If your child has a toothache, please contact the van to arrange an appointment and we will allocate a time for them as soon as we can.
The van phone number is 0408 707 327, and we are available most days from 6:00am to 4:00pm. Thanks you, Michelle & Shannon

Oakey & District Meals on Wheels need volunteers to deliver meals to our clients in Oakey. We Deliver Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 11:00am & 1:00pm. The meals are cooked and distributed from the Oakey Hospital kitchen. Please contact Nancy Chalmers on 4691 1309 if you can help.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS
WANTED

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At Oakey State School our aim is to provide a safe and supportive school environment. For us to be able to do this effectively the school has various rules and procedures in place. During this term we will focus on this information as a reminder to our school community.

Excursions and camps are planned as an integral part of curriculum learning. When an excursion or camp is planned, parents will be notified by letter of details and costs. Students MUST have written permission from parents to participate, a separate permission form will be sent home prior to the event. Costs usually involve a combination of bus fare and entry fee. If a student is unable to participate in an excursion, in most cases, the entry fee component will be refunded. The bus fare component CANNOT be refunded because the hire fee is non-refundable. A combination of bus fare and entry fee. If a student is unable to participate in an excursion, in most cases, the entry fee component will be refunded. The bus fare component CANNOT be refunded because the hire fee is non-refundable. A combination of bus fare and entry fee. If a student is unable to participate in an excursion, in most cases, the entry fee component will be refunded. The bus fare component CANNOT be refunded because the hire fee is non-refundable.