DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE
GENERAL AWARENESS TRAINING
To be held over 2 consecutive days:
November 19th – Tuesday 9:30am – 4:30pm
November 20th – Wednesday 9:30am – 4:30pm
Venue: Domestic and Family Violence Prevention
Service, 1st Floor 158 Margaret Street, Toowoomba
Cost: $50 (to cover catering costs, lunch is provided)
Training Topics:
• The nature of Domestic and Family Violence
• Values and Beliefs
• Myths and Facts
• Indicators of Domestic Violence and Supporting Women
• Effects of Domestic and Family violence on children
• Domestic & Family Violence Protection Act 1989 and recent amendments
Registration is essential as seats are limited. Please complete the registration form and return to Toowoomba DVPS by Tuesday 5th November 2013. If you require any further information, please contact the DVPS on 4639 3605.

OPEN GARDENS
There will be two beautiful well established country gardens, both with historic links to the Jondaryan/Oakey District open to the public. Relax in the shade of mature trees overlooking the tranquil waters of Oakey Creek and enjoy light refreshments.
In November two exciting new gardens in the Mt Tyson area with exceptional views to visit.
9th & 10th NOVEMBER: Libby & Graham Butler, “MT RUSSELL” 291 Evanslea Rd MT TYSON – Magnificent new home with panoramic views from Mt Russell and formal colourful garden
16th & 11th NOVEMBER: “COOLEIGH” 857 Ingrate Rd, IRONGATE – Colourful cottage garden with splendid rural views

POSITIONS VACANT Brookstead State School
Administration Officer—Expression Of Interest
A part-time/maternity leave contract position for an Administration Officer, for 21 hours per fortnight, with the hours spread over Tuesday & Thursday, is currently available in the school office. The successful applicant will be required to commence work on Monday 20th January 2014. The contract will be for 6 months with the possibility of extension to 12 months.

The successful applicant will be required to have sound computer skills, in a variety of software programs, excellent phone and interpersonal skills and the ability to work both independently and as part of team. Please include all prior experience and skills in application.

The successful candidate will need to have a current Blue Card for Suitability for working with Children, and be available to attend introductory and training days during the last two weeks of this term. For further information please contact Brookstead State School 46939200. Applications close on 8th November. All interested persons are asked to forward their resumes with covering letter to the address below:
the.principal@brooksteass.eq.edu.au
Or The Principal, Confidential
Brookstead State School PO Box 8 BROOKSTEAD-Q 4364

CENT SALE
The Maclagan Windermere Kindergarten will be holding their annual Cent Sale on Saturday 2nd November, 2013 at the Maclagan Memorial Hall.
Doors open at 5:30pm with a Sausage Sizzle, Ticket calling begins at 7:00pm
Door Entry: Adults & High School Students $5.00
Primary School Students $2.00
Entry fee includes light supper, tea & coffee
LICENSED BAR—RAFFLE—COIN TOSS—GREAT PRIZES—AUCTION
For further information, please contact: Sharon 4690 8145 or Sam 4692 7726.
Early bird tickets can be purchased at the Maclagan Hall the morning of the Cent Sale from 9am till noon.

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 Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico 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.scce.com.au, email scceaut@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 600 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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

MILK BOTTLE TOPS WANTED
To assist new families enrolling into our school we are looking for donations of uniforms for our spare clothing pool.

As part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland state schools, Teaching and Learning Audits and Discipline Audits are conducted in every Queensland state school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes.

On Monday and Tuesday Oakey State School was visited by two experienced school leaders who conducted our school audits. The audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal. During the audit our visitors collected a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning and discipline.

The auditors met with our teaching staff yesterday afternoon to provide some valuable feedback on their findings. When completed an executive summary and an eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. The school will then work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning.

I would like to thank the parents, students and staff who contributed to the audit process. Your feedback will be invaluable when finalising our forward planning for Oakey State School.

Relationships are very important in any community but in schools, quality relationships between all stakeholders are paramount. At the heart of any quality relationship is trust. Children must feel that the school and home is united in expectations and desired outcome. A child cannot ever fully develop to his / her potential if the school and home is divided in their goals. Trust is a quality that is hard earned and easily destroyed.

Parents/guardians need to feel that the school always endeavours to do the right thing by their children – by enrolling here, you obviously trust us to do this. If times arise when you are concerned by your child’s interpretation of events, we ask that you seek clarification in a polite and collegial way. Often the teacher will be able to fill in the rest of the story for you. In these circumstances please contact the office to make an appropriate time to meet with the class teacher.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey.
**Students of the Week—2013**

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

**Prep—Year 3:** Kiri, Kodi, Abbey, Amelia, Bailey, Mitchel, Jade, Tillie, Liam, (Bailey not in photo)

**Year 4—Year 7:** Edward, Ty, Daniel, Trent, Blake, Gemma, Chloe, Holly, Elizabeth, Mia, Thailon.

**Expanding Horizons Curriculum camp participates**

*ICAS Award recipients.*

**Student Word List**

*certificates awarded to* 

**Red Words:** Kathleen

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**Tuckshop is open**

Operating only on **Thursday & Fridays.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRE-ORDER FOOD BEFORE 9:00AM**

Students are required to pre-order all hot food. 
Late orders will not be accepted. 
No credit available—NO Money NO Food

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**DONATIONS WANTED for TUCKSHOP**

To assist with the operation of the tuckshop, contributions of BBQ & tomato sauce would be greatly appreciated.

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**HEADLICE ALERT.** Please check your child’s hair regularly.

**Chappy’s Chatter**

As I type these chatter’s my thoughts are on the World teachers day and how thankful I am for all the work our teachers put into teaching our children. I am reminded of a story I heard about Dr. Robert Hill when he visited Bangkok, Thailand, where he was invited to a special celebration given by the King and Queen. His Thai guide, a young man named Joseph, asked several questions as he drove them to the pavilion. He knew a little English and was delighted to carry on a conversation. When he asked where the Hills lived, they told him, Richmond, Virginia.

“Oh, you are a rich man?” asked the boy. Robert laughed and told him no, he wasn’t rich. The boy then asked if the Hills owned an automobile of which they answered they had 2 cars in their family. His next question was about the house that they lived in. Robert said they lived in a simple home with 10 rooms. The Thai guide was amazed at its size especially when he related his family lived in just 2 small rooms. Then he asked about their family and Robert told him they had 4 healthy children – 2 in college and 2 at still at home.

Joseph was silent for a moment or so, then he replied, “You are a rich man.” Robert laughed, but deep down knew he was right, though he never thought of it in those terms. They were rich, but were they thankful? In life are we thankful for what we do have? A roof over our head, clothes on our back and food in the pantry – are we thankful? I heard recently that the answer to anxiety is to be thankful in all things in life. So let’s be sure to show that appreciation: have a great week, Chappy—Justin Trigg

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**Daniel Morcombe Day**

Oakey State School acknowledged the ‘Day for Daniel’ with a talk at parade making students aware of what happened to Daniel 10 years ago, emphasising the need for children to be aware of ‘Stranger Danger’. This year’s theme was ‘Wear Red and Educate’, teaching children to Recognise, React & Report if they feel it’s not right. Staff wore red and students were invited to do a red hand print, which was hung up to show our support and remind students to keep safe no matter where they are.

An Emergency mobile app has been created: danielmorcombe.com.au/app

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**Oakey State School Presents**

An Afternoon of “The Arts”

**Wednesday the 6th of November 2013—4:30pm**

Come along to enjoy a showcase of our talented arts students including:

1. Oakey Drumbeat
2. Strings Items
3. Junior Choir
4. Woodwind, Brass & Percussion items
5. Oakey State School Choir
6. Senior Choir

**Entire Group - The Supply Teacher, Jolie - The Ghost Teacher, Abbie - Sale of Work, Chloe - Scissors, Megan - Romeo and Juliet, Kyra - Excuses, Aoica & Belle - My iPod, Glan - I’d Like to Be a Teabag, Abby - The Crocodiles are Crying, Ashlyn, Lochlan, Nikita, Brianna - Parents’ Evening**

**Display of artworks across the year levels**

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**YOU CAN DO IT! - Organisation**

Organisation is revealed when young people keep track of their assignments, schedule their time effectively, and set goals for how well they want to do in specific areas of their school work and in other endeavours. Organisation also means having all your supplies ready to do school work and having all your supplies ready a system for storing previously learned material.

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**Happy Halloween Disco**

**Oakley State School Students only**

**When:** Thursday 31 October

**Time:** 6:00—7:30 pm

**Where:** Oakey School Hall

**Cost:** $5.00

All tickets for the disco are to be PRE-PAID at the office—tickets will not be available at the door. Come in fancy dress in your best Halloween gear!