Asthma Attacks—What to look for

An asthma attack is an incredibly distressing and frightening thing to witness—one can occur anywhere at anytime. It is important that school staff can recognise the signs of an asthma attack in order to respond promptly and help save a life.

Mild
— Cough
— Minor difficulty breathing
— No difficulty speaking in sentences

Moderate
— Persistent cough
— Obviously difficulty breathing
— Able to speak in short sentences only

Severe & Life threatening
— Gasping for breath
— Pale and sweaty
— May have blue lips
— Speaks only a few words in one breath

Signs and symptoms of an asthma attack include:

A young child experiencing an asthma attack can compromise quickly. Asthma first aid can be provided as soon as you notice any worsening signs of asthma. Do not wait until asthma is severe before commencing asthma first aid.

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: $60 (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 DVFPS by Tuesday 5th November 2013. If you require any further information, please contact the DVFPS on 4639 3605

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.scccaust.com.au, email scceaustralia@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!

PHONE MESSAGES

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

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.

Oakey Grief Support Group:

Road to Recovery
helping one another heal.

Meetings held first Wednesday
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At the Oakey CWA Rooms

For more info: Phone 4691 4825 OR 0427 633 167
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Friends of the Woolshed Old Time Dance
At Jondaryan Woolshed in Flagstone Creek Hall
Date: 9th November; 8:00pm–12 midnight
Band: Waveleas
Cost: Adults $10 Children (5-15) $5 under 5 FREE
Includes supper; lucky door; Monte Carlo; lucky spot;

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 & 17th NOVEMBER: “COOLEIGH” 857 Irongate Rd., IRONGATE – Colourful cottage garden with splendid rural views

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State School

You may have heard recently on the news that the Minister for Education has been speaking about Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State School.

The following statement has been released on the Education Queensland website:

The Education (Strengthening Discipline in State Schools) Amendment Bill 2013 has been passed in Queensland parliament. The amendments will provide principals with the authority to develop local solutions to disruptive or challenging behaviour.

Strengthening discipline in Queensland state schools is one of 15 strategies introduced under the government’s Great teachers = Great results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

From January 2014, state school principals will have greater autonomy and more flexibility to manage inappropriate student behaviour.

Red tape will be cut, the processes for exclusions, suspensions and cancellations of enrolment will be streamlined and new approaches to behaviour management will be implemented.

These changes will include:

Increasing the maximum period for short suspensions to 10 school days
Removing the requirement which allowed a student the opportunity to make a written submission prior to being excluded
Expanding the grounds for suspension and exclusion
Making a wider range of disciplinary strategies available for principals including discipline improvement plans and community service interventions
Removing prescription so that detentions can occur outside of school hours and on weekends.

Our aim at Oakey State School is to provide a safe learning environment for our staff and students. I spoke on assembly last Friday in relation to physical violence at school.

There is no place for physical violence at Oakey State School. Violence does not solve problems in fact generally makes the situation worse.

Students who engage in acts of physical violence, which place student safety or staff safety at risk, will face serious consequences which may include suspension from school.

Please discuss this with your child/children. We appreciate your support in providing a safe learning environment at Oakey State School.

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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 during last week. Bravo and keep up the good work!

Prep—Year 3: Jorja, Kaue, Sean, Damon, Cody, David, Luther, Paige, Jancy, Matthew, Jayden-Rhys, Kahlen, Ethan (absent)

Year 4—Year 7: Steven, Mark, Nash, Jacob, Brody, Ashlee, Lachlan, Blake, Bruce,

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Cleanliness of school toilets

Our school cleaners work very hard to maintain our toilets in a hygienically clean state for our students. Unfortunately when our cleaners return for their afternoon shift they regularly find the toilets in a terrible state. Our staff will be addressing this issue with our students in class and it would be appreciated if all parents would support us by discussing good toilet hygiene with your child/children.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey.

100 Books

Congratulations to Kirby Lee, who reached the milestone: reading 100 books. Well Done.

Student Word List

certificates awarded to

Red Words: Jorja, Harmony
Blue Words: Jazmyn
Yellow Words: Abby
Green Words: Douglas, Shauna, Xanda

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2014 Canberra Payments

The final deposit for the 2014 Canberra trip is due by Friday 15th November. Please be aware that the overall deposit of $500 is due by this date.

The school needs to pay for the flights very soon; these booked flights are non refundable, because of this we unable to offer any extensions for the deposit payments. If your circumstance have changed and you now do not intend on your child participating in this camp, the school needs to know this as soon as possible. Unfortunately if this is the case, we are unable to refund the deposit that has already been paid.

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.

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

DONATIONS WANTED for TUCKSHOP

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

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

SCHOOL GROUNDS ACCESS

Please note that the school grounds are out of bounds to the everyone, unless prior arrangements have been made by the principal. Please do not make use of the school grounds to take a short cut.

The use of ovals and playground equipment is not for public use. Children who ride bikes to school are required by law to wear a helmet. Bikes must not be ridden in the school grounds and must be left in the bike racks provided. These are out of bounds during lunch and afternoon tea to eliminate interference with other children’s bikes. Children must bring their own lock and chain to secure their bike.

The Cup Song.

Pop Songs Medley.

Just the Way You Are/Just a Dream Mash.

2013 books. Well Done.

Students of the Week

Display of artworks across the year levels

Halloween Disco

A huge thank you to Mrs Johnson for organising a great night out for our students. The disco was very well attended, and many of the students were very creative with their costumes. Funds raised from the night will be going towards the 2014 Canberra trip.

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. Strings Items
2. Oakey Drumbeat
3. Junior Choir
4. Drama Club
5. Woodwind, Brass & Percussion Items
6. Senior Choir

Just the Way You Are/Just a Dream Mash
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Oakey State School Presents

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