FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Oakey State School is a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support school. As a school community we will be reviewing and clarifying our behaviour support processes to ensure our students can receive the best possible education. If you would like to be involved in this process please contact the school office.

As a part of the process we have identified three clear behaviour expectations for all members of our school.

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE A LEARNER

The above expectations apply to all who choose to join our school community. Our staff will explicitly teach the above behaviour expectations to our students to ensure they understand their responsibilities.

Further updates in relation to the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support process will be provided in future newsletters.

Every day counts at Oakey State School

Our target for this year is for every student to achieve a 95% attendance rate. The figures below provide a snapshot of our attendance rates as they currently stand for this year compared with attendance rates for 2013.

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There is some obvious improvement but we are still short of our 95% target. In particular there is plenty of room for improvement in years five and seven.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:

- Have a set time to go to bed
- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast – arriving at school on time is important!
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support.

All student absences will be closely monitored by the school. Please make every day count and set your child up for success at school.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey, Principal

Calendar of Events

- **Friday 23rd May**: Walk Safely to School Day
- **Wednesday 28th May**: African Drumbeat
- **Friday 30th May**: FREE DRESS DAY donation for Hospice
- **Monday 2nd June**: P&C Meeting – 5:30pm
Congratulations to the following students for the great job they have done at school during last week. Bravo and keep up the good work!

**Student Word List / Reading**

- **Yellow Words:** Zabain
- **Green Words:** Tahlia
- **Blue Words:** Caitlin, Tahlia, Shasa
- **Red Words:** Bailey

**Prep—Year 3:**

**Year 4—7:**

If your child is missing their scooter? Please call in at the school office.

**SUN SAFETY**

**WOULD**

- Hat—NO
- Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only.

**ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

Here’s an opportunity to show your creative talent!

- The Uniting Church, John Street, Oakey, in conjunction with their annual fete are holding an art & photographic competition.
- FREE entry; limit of 2 entries per person.
- Winners will be by popularity vote—people’s choice
- Year 1—7 Art Competition
- Year 1—2 Photographic display / competition — depicting people or landscape
- Amateur Photographic display / competition

All Entries must have a name & phone number on the back of the entry.

Entries can be dropped off at the Oakey Uniting Church on Friday 30th May from 3-4pm or Sat 31st from 8-9pm.

Oakey Uniting Church Fete—9:30-2:00pm
Saturday 31st May, 2014

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Tuckshop operates every MONDAY & FRIDAY.

All orders are to be handed into the tuckshop by 8:45am.

Orders are to be written on a brown paper bag—separate bags to be used for each meal break.

Please include name, class and for which break on the bag.

**Parent Workshops:**

- 9:00—9:15 am on Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th May & Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th June.
- Times & Venues of
- 27th, 28th May & 4th June
- From 9:00 to 9:15am
- Coffee & tea from 8:30am

**READ TOGETHER**

How can I help my child read?

Four short sessions

Drop them off and drop in!

**Chappy’s Chatter**

A sad little girl stood outside a small church one Sunday morning. Her name was Hattie May Wiatt. She wanted to walk inside the church, to sing songs. But she was afraid. She was alone, her clothes were shabby and unkept… and she had no ticket. This church was often so crowded that admission tickets were handed out prior to the services to avoid overpopulation. New facilities were desperately needed. Little Hattie was afraid of getting lost in the shuffle of people. Worse yet, she was afraid of being turned away. Reverend Conwell happened to walk by the front gate where Hattie was standing. He took compassion on her, lifted her up on his shoulder and carried the little girl into the church, through the crowded foyer he found a small corner for her in the Sunday School room. Hattie gave him the hug of a comforted and happy child. This embrace would be etched in his mind for a lifetime. A short time later, Hattie became ill and died. Her parents sought out the kind-hearted pastor who had befriended their daughter. At the funeral, her mother handed Reverend Conwell a small purse—Hattie’s purse. It contained 57 cents. Her mother tearfully that Hattie had been saving up her money to help build a bigger church…big enough for all the children. The Pastor was deeply moved. He gratefully accepted the little girl’s contribution. He later shared the story with the church congregation. Each of Hattie’s 57 cents were auctioned. Church members made donations. Cheques came in from far and wide. Hattie May Wiatt’s unselfish love had paid large dividends.

Some of the members formed what they called the ‘Wiatt’s Mite Society’ in which they were dedicated to making little Hattie’s 57 cents grow. The amount of money raised through these efforts was a sizeable investment towards the purchase of a new property. Fifty four of Hattie’s original pennies were, in time, donated back to the church, where they were put on display and can be seen to this day. We can choose to make a difference in other’s lives everyday, either good or bad. Little Hattie didn’t know that her 57 cents would make a huge difference in many lives. And that is the same with the influence we have on one another. Sometimes a simple smile or encouraging word could be the difference between life and death. But you know the great thing here is…..we get to choose if we will influence others in a positive way or a negative way.

Let’s think about it.

Justin Trigg—Chappy.