**YEAR 2 COBB & CO EXCURSION**

On Wednesday 26th March, Year 2 visited the Cobb n Co museum in Toowoomba to investigate the changes in technology from the past to the present, they studied in History this term. Everyone had a wonderful time with coach wheel making demonstrations, hands on activities in energy and period costumes, even a huge horse to clamber up onto. The rain did not dampen our spirits and the sausage sizzle under the shingle roof was a winner!

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**NOTICE TO PARENTS / CARE GIVERS**

All students arriving at school after the bell has gone, must go past the school office to be signed in. When collecting your students (except Prep students running with the high school on their course, (P – 5 children remain in class).

**DATE CLAIMERS**

The following dates have been set for our sporting events:
- Friday 25th July: School Athletics Carnival.
- Friday 5th December: Swimming Carnival

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**FOR SALE BY TENDER**

Jondaryan State School has several items surplus to their needs which are for sale by way of tender.

Some of the items that are up for sale include, 2 box reverse cycle air-conditioners, laser printer, 420L fridge/freezer, video cameras, scanners, bookshelves office desks.

Information on how to tender and the full list of items for tender can be found on the schools website: jondaryass.eq.edu.au, under the support and resources tab, documents to look for: Tenders 2014 info, Tender 2014 items & Tender form 2014.

Copies are also available from our office.

Tenders close 3:00pm Wednesday, 30th April.

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**YEAR 2 COBB & CO EXCURSION**

The following dates have been set for our sporting events:
- **4th April** – last day of term one
  - **NO PARADE** – cross country ribbons and house winner will be announced in week one, term two’s parade.
  - **9:15am**: Year 6 and 7 students running with the high school on their course. (P – 5 children remain in class).
  - **9:45am**: P – 5 come out to the oval for our cross country.

**ORDER**

- Prep
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Term one

Term one will conclude this Friday April 4. Term two will commence on Tuesday 22/04/2014.

It’s hard to believe that the end of term is almost upon us. It has been a very busy term at Oakey State School with our students actively engaged in units of work from the National Curriculum.

Some of our achievements this term have included:

- The introduction of Words their Way as our school wide approach to the teaching of spelling
- The introduction of PROBE reading assessments for students in years 4-7
- The implementation of a consistent school wide approach to the teaching of reading
- The introduction of Early Start diagnostic testing for our Prep students
- The implementation of our Great Results Guarantee school plan
- The school’s commitment to implement the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support process
- Our involvement in the National Day of Action against Bullying
- Our School captains and Vice School Captains attended morning tea with the Mayor of Toowoomba
- The election of our new P&C Executive
- The operation of a food stall at the Oakey Show as a fundraiser for the P&C

The above list is just a snapshot of some of our major achievements but it certainly shows what a busy and successful term we have had.

I would like to thank the students who have applied themselves to their work for the contribution they make to Oakey State School. We certainly appreciate their commitment to their education.

To our hard working staff I thank you for your commitment to our students.

I hope that all of our school community members have an enjoyable break over the Easter period. If you are travelling over the holidays please be safe.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey

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**Calendar of Events**

**Every day counts**

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.


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Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

After hours use of the school grounds/facilities requires prior approval from the school Principal. Unauthorised entry to the school grounds/facilities may lead to prosecution.

No approvals have been granted for the use of the school grounds/facilities over the holiday period. If you see anyone on the school grounds please phone School Watch on 13 17 88.

No approvals have been granted for the use of the school grounds/facilities over the holiday period. If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

STUDENT COUNCIL—FREE DRESS DAY
The student council will be holding a FREE dress day in this Thursday 3rd April, Students in free dress will be asked to give a gold coin donation to assist 9 month old Annie-Rose, who is in need of an operation.

St Monica’s Parish Reconciliation Program:
Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Catholic children wishing to receive this Sacrament at St Monica’s Parish in 2014 will begin early next term. At St Monica’s Parish, candidates are prepared for Reconciliation every second year, and Confirmation and First Communion in the alternate years; therefore children are prepared for and receive Reconciliation this year, Confirmation and First Communion in 2015. If you would like your child/ren to participate in this program please contact Mrs Teresa Woolacott at St Monica’s School on 4691 1067 or oakey@twb.catholic.edu.au as soon as possible.

Grandparents’ Day
Grandparents’ Day a Resounding Success!
On Tuesday we celebrated Grandparents’ Day with in excess of 100 grandparents joining their grandchildren for the morning. Grandparents had the opportunity to spend the morning in their child’s classroom participating in a wide variety of educational activities. From all reports, the morning was a fabulous success and grandparents were very impressed with our wonderful teachers and students.

Wow, where has this term gone? I can’t believe that the Easter Holidays are here in a few days. Seems like only last week when we all started back for the year. Anyway, what are your thoughts around Easter? Is it a special time of your family or just another couple of days off? I thought I’d give you some facts about Easter.

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the central event of the Christian faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death by crucifixion. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the centre piece of the Christian faith. The Apostle Paul even goes so far to say that if Jesus Christ has not been resurrected then the Christian faith is worthless and futile (1 Cor. 15:14-17). Therefore, without Easter there is no Christianity. Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year. All the Christian movable feasts and the entire liturgical year of worship are arranged around Easter. Easter is preceded by the season of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and repentance culminating in Holy Week, and followed by a 50-day Easter Season that stretches from Easter to Pentecost. Some Christians view Easter eggs, or other candies and treats, as symbols of joy and celebration (as they were forbidden during the fast of Lent) and as a “taste” of new life and resurrection that they have in Jesus Christ. A common custom is to hide brightly coloured eggs for children to find.

This Easter you’ll find me assisting/speaking at the ‘Easterfest’ Camp for high schoolers in Toowoomba; during this time I will be taking some time out to be with my family to remember what the real reason for season is. Whatever your beliefs about Easter, have a special time with your family and friends and if you can, get along to Easterfest in Queens Park and have a great time.

Stay safe and keep smiling, Justin Trigg