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**Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?**

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2003, the government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

**ACT NOW! DEADLINE JUNE 2014**

### SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

**ATTENTION ALL NEWLEY ENROLLED STUDENTS.**

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### BINGO

Join in for BINGO at the RSL Club, Campbell Street, Oakey, Thursday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Funds raised will assist various local community services.

### SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

Toowoomba Clubhouse is opening an outreach to support those with depression and mental health issues; this will be held in the Oakey QCWA Rooms, Cherry St, Oakey, operating each Tuesday from this venue.

### PREP HEALTH SCREENINGS

The Oakey Child Health Nurse, Judy Cribb, will carry out the Prep Year School Screenings at the school on Tuesday 25th February (morning only) and Thursday 27th February (all day).

The Prep School Screening involves hearing and vision screening. Children cannot be seen if there is no signed consent.

If parents have concerns about children in other classes and would like their hearing or vision assessed:

- **Hearing Assessments**
  - Are free of charge for children under 18 years of age at Unara Community Health Centre. Unara is located at the Toowoomba Hospital in Peachy Street, Toowoomba. An appointment is necessary and can be made by ringing Child Health on 4616 6812.
  - Vision assessments are free of charge to Medicare Card holders and can be done at any Optometrist of your choice.

**Low Vision Assessments**

Low Vision Assessments are done free of charge for children under 18 years of age at Oakey Child Health Centre.

**Dental Screenings**

Dental Screenings will be carried out the Prep Year School Screening.

**Vision Assessment**

Vision assessments are done free of charge for children under 18 years of age at Unara Community Health Centre.

The Prep Year School Screening involves:

- Hearing and vision screening.
- Low vision assessments.
- Dental screenings.

### Old Time Dance

**19th February 2014**

- Friends of the Woolshed Old Time Dance
  - At Jondaryan Woolshed in Flagstone Creek Hall
  - Date: 8th March; 8:00pm – 12 midnight
  - Band: Various
  - Cost: Adults $10, Children (6-15) $5 under 5 FREE
  - Includes supper; lucky door; Monte Carlo; lucky spot;

### Oakey Grief Support Group: Road to Recovery

**Helping one another heal.**

Meetings held first Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm

- At the Oakey QCWA Rooms

For more info: Phone 4691 4825 OR 0427 635 167

Supported by Wally Youth & Community Network Centre, Inc.

### HEADLINE ALERT.

Please check your child’s hair regularly.

### WANTED

Please save your milk bottle, sauce bottle caps & pressure can tops. All sorts of caps wanted to be used for craft. All caps / tops can be left at the school office.

### Our Weekly Chat

**Term 1 2014— 19th February  2014**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

### Reading at home

While your child will be engaged in a variety of reading activities at school, it is also important to encourage your child to read outside the classroom.

Here are some ideas that may help you support your child's reading development:

- **Talk with your child about the things they like to read - picture books, books about dinosaurs, 'how-to-make' instructions, catalogues, signs, computer games**
- **Ask your child to retell their favourite stories**
- **Read with your child each day if you can - before bed, first thing in the morning, whenever it is convenient for the family**
- **Ask questions while reading to your child to check they understand what they are reading such as Why do you think that happened? What do you think will happen next? and Why do you think the author included that part in the story?**
- **Give your child time when they get stuck on a word - take it slowly - encourage your child to read on to get the overall meaning or tell them the word**
- **Let your child see you reading**
- **Read and write with your child in their first language**
- **Collect books and display reading materials in your home such as books, newspapers, magazines**
- **Point out printed words found at home and in your child's local environment including long, short, funny or interesting words**
- **Share with your child a range of electronic materials such as websites, email, text messages, computer games**
- **Share with your child a range of visual texts such as photos, illustrations, cartoons, comics**
- **Make books or other reading materials with your child about topics of interest or shared experiences - a holiday photo album, a book about insects, signs for their bedroom**
- **Create a special place for your child to read, write or draw**
- **Make a message board or space at home and encourage your child to read and leave messages for other family members**
- **Create word walls in places where your child spends a lot of time such as their bedroom**
- **Carry a book or magazine with you when you are out - waiting at the doctor, waiting for the bus**

### Calendar of Events

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**Every day Counts**

Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- **illness**
- **competing in school sporting events.**

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

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PD. Box 340, 24 Campbell St, Oakey, Q. 4401 | T: 07 4691 0313 | F: 07 4691 0300 | E: theprincipal@oakeys.qld.edu.au | W: www.oakeys.qld.edu.au
Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:
- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor check ups or care, such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

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
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- send your child to school every school day including their birthday.

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

School uniform
Please remember that when students are unable to wear the school uniform due to emergent situations (e.g. wet weather) they are required to bring a note to the class teacher.

It is an expectation that all students will proudly wear their full school uniform every day. The school uniform conveys a significant message to our community about the expectations we have of our students and helps to create a positive perception of our school.

We believe that wearing a clean, neat and tidy uniform helps students develop a sense of belonging and enhances a positive perception of our school. It is an expectation that all students will proudly wear their full school uniform. Sneakers/joggers of any colour are acceptable so long as they are lace-up or Velcro strap. Slip on shoes are not acceptable.

Have a great week. Scott Pacey, Principal.

Chappy's Chatter
Welcome to the chatter's from Chappy. The other day I was watching one of our students mingle with his friends, he had a beaming smile on his face and his friends upon seeing him gravitated towards him. As he moved through his friends he continued walking and headed towards another group with his friends in tow. The effect he had upon these 2 groups of friends was contagious and soon they were all laughing and smiling. This got me thinking about influence.

Let’s take a boat skimming over the surface of a lake, it leaves a wake, or trail of waves, behind it. In like manner, people traveling through life leave a legacy; their influence ripples out through their relationships. Or, think of a diver plunging into a swimming pool from a platform high above the water. Regardless of how they land, the diver will send a spray of water shooting outward as they plunge into the pool. Similarly, no matter how we live our lives, we’re bound to make a splash. No one passes through life unnoticed. How we live our lives is guaranteed to affect others.

Although we’re certain to leave a legacy, it’s up to us whether goodness and love follows in our wake, or whether we leave a trail of heartache and pain through the way we conduct our lives. In consciously choosing to craft an inspiring legacy, we accept personal responsibility for our actions. No one leaves a good legacy without effort. This is something we work at. Just as the student moved through his friends and influenced them in a positive way, we need to think about the effect/influence we have on others. What legacy are we leaving behind? Have a grand week,

Chappy—Justin Trigg

Chappy

News from Year 2 History.
Thank you to all the children who have brought in many goods from the past to our classroom. We have had everything from old records, mincers, old photos, box brownie camera, Mother Pott's irons, lanterns, ink pen, school port to old coins, bottles and the long saw and huge scissors Mrs Batzloff brought in to show! Many interesting tales of the past have been told both in writing from the parents and Miss Cole and Mrs Batzloff! We look forward to our trip to Cobb and Co Museum at the end of term.

WEST ZONE SWIMMING Last Tuesday the 11th of February our West Zone team represented Oakey State School with pride. The entire team has practised hard during practice sessions and showed positive attitudes the entire way. On Carnival day, children showed their resilience, confidence and persistence towards all they attempted. I was extremely proud of each and every one of them for their immaculate behaviour and pride in themselves and our school. I might just add that at the end of the day, our area was the tidiest out of all of the schools there. Thank you very much for your commitment and hard work, you made Oakey State School very proud. Thank you very much to the parents and guardians who brought children to out of school hours training sessions and spent the day encouraging and cheering on the entire team. Even those parents and guardians who couldn’t be there were in contact with us throughout the entire day. Thank you Mrs Nicholson for your wonderful job at timekeeping that day. I’m sure the children were grateful to finish their race to see your happy, smiling face at the end. Well done team, Mrs MacGillivray and I look forward to working with you all again. A final thank you to Mick at the Oakey pool for your coaching advice and session with the children and to Ann Hallam for giving up your time also to spend a morning with our children.

Congratulations to Autumn Turnbull, who has been selected in the team to represent our region in Gatton on the 5th of March! Have a fabulous week!

Annette Wilkes

Prep—Year 3: Prep B: Sienna, 1B: Bailey, 2A: Jazmin, 2B: Abby, 3A: Courtney

Year 4—Year 7: 4A: Taylar, 4B: Jemma, 5B: Simone & Brayden, 6A: Annabell, 6B: Kimberly, 7A: Gabby, T2: Joshua