Looking for teams & players for our New season of Mixed Netball & Mixed Beach Volleyball
Play is on Monday & Wednesday Nights
It’s all very social, everyone is there for a good time.
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Last week our staff met in Year level groups to discuss the teaching of Reading at Oakey State School. I was very impressed with the level of professionalism displayed by our teachers during these meetings. Our teachers are working very hard to ensure that our approach to the teaching reading is consistent across the school which will lead to improved outcomes for all students.

Animals on the school grounds

For Health and Safety reasons animals are not permitted on the school grounds. In the interests of student safety we thank you for your support in relation to this.

Congratulations Year 6

Our Year 6 students are currently leading the way when it comes to student safety we thank you for your support in relation to this.

For Health and Safety reasons our teachers are working very hard to ensure that our approach to the teaching reading is consistent and that meetings and administrative tasks, and therefore are not available to supervise early arrivals or late departures.

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.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

To reduce the cost associated with the production of the school’s weekly newsletter, we have stopped sending home a printed copy to the youngest student at the school. To keep up to date with what’s happening at the school, the newsletter can be accessed via the following options:

- View online via the school’s website: www.oakeyss.eq.edu.au
- Parents/students collect a printed copy from the school office or tuckshop.
- Email: receive an electronic copy via a weekly email — to activate your interest to receive the newsletter via email please send an email to admin@oakeyss.eq.edu.au.

In most cases the Newsletter should be available each Wednesday.

SUN SAFETY is IMPORTANT

NO Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only.

Please label ALL your Child’s possessions.

Welcome to Chappy’s Chatters. Today I want to tell you a little about myself. My name is Sharon Solomon I have been a School Chaplain coming up 6 years. I was born in PNG moved to NSW and married my husband from Queensland...Go the Maroons!

My husband and our 6 children live in Linthorpe on a little farm. I love long driving holidays interstate with my family, watching my boys play footy league, and going to the gym. I love movies and my favourite is still ‘Finding Nemo’ and Jackie Chan movies.

I work 5 days a week as a Chaplain at Oakey Primary and High, Ryeford, and Emu creeks. My description of my job is to support and encourage all students, teachers, principals and staff.

Why do I love being a Chaplain? I like to make a difference in children’s lives and see them succeed in life. If you’d like to meet me or have a chat, please see the office and they’ll track me down. Cheer, Chappy - Sharon.

Chappy’s Chatter

Hello Everyone

Awards Album

Students of the Week

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: Prep A: Aisha, 1A: Jordan, 2A: Khloie, 2B: Chris, 3A: Mitchell, 3B: Sharmeka

Year 4—Year 7: 4A: Karli, 4B: Kodi, 4/5A: Whole class, 6B: Sheridan, 6/7A: Elizabeth, 7A: Teharna, 7B: Carson

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 before the end of the school day, please go via the office to sign them out.

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 a system for storing previously learned material.

Congratulations school: Chloe, Taywana, Lara & Jack

Year 6 students! I hope you enjoyed your ice blocks!

Our attendance with an attendance rate of 96.68%. Well done.

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