**DATE CLAIMERS**

The following dates have been set for our sporting events:
- **Friday 4th April**: Cross Country
- **Friday 5th December**: Swimming Carnival

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**Oakey State School Cross Country**

4th April – last day of term one
NO PARADE – cross country ribbons and house winners 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.

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**Our Weekly Chat**

Term 1 2014 — 26th March 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Last Friday on our school assembly we participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying. The students watched a very powerful video about bullying and took a school pledge against bullying at Oakey State School.

On the assembly I spoke about the power of bystanders. Below are some tips for parents taken from the “Bullying – No Way!” website.

**What should my child do if they witness bullying at school?**

*Your child may know someone who is being bullied or has seen it happening at school. Even just witnessing bullying can be disturbing for a child.*

A child who witnesses or knows bullying is occurring is called a bystander and requires support to deal with what they have seen or know is taking place.

Bystander concerns include:

- not knowing what to do or not wanting to make the situation worse
- not knowing if their actions will make a difference
- feeling worried about their safety if they intervene
- feeling worried about the impact of taking action on their friendships
- being anxious that they will be bullied as a result of intervening

Research shows that peers are present in 85% of bullying incidents at school. Bullying has been shown to stop within 10 seconds when bystanders take positive action.

**How do I help my child to take positive steps as a bystander?**

Check your child:

- understands the difference between playful teasing and bullying
- understands the difference between acting responsibly and dobbing
- knows what to say when someone has been bullied

You can help your child by:

- reassuring the child that they are not to blame
- suggesting the child seeks help from an adult
- offering to go with the child to seek help from an adult

Discuss with your child ways to safely intervene and support the child who is being bullied. Some strategies could be:

- if it is safe to do so – take the child away from the person who is bullying them
- if it is safe to do so – tell the child doing the bullying that their behaviour is bullying and that it’s not okay
- introduce the child who has been bullied to other friends
- get immediate help from an adult if it is not safe to intervene

Please refer to http://bullyingnoway.gov.au for further information and advice.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey

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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!


Students dressed in RED on Friday 21st March to support National Anti-Bullying Day

Student Word List / Reading

certificates awarded to

Read 1,000 pages: Jenika & Kaila

P&C THANK YOU

The P&C would like to thank the parents and staff who assisted at the recent BBQ at the Oakey show. The stall was a great success. We would also like to than the families and local businesses who donated goods for our stall including the Oakey Abattoir, Beef City and Country Range Farming.

Date Claimer

Oakey State School Year 6 and 7 students presents:

“A Night of Musical and Movies Across the Ages”

Wednesday
30th April—5:00pm
Oakey State School Hall

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Toowoomba Chronicle is giving schools a chance to win a set of 10 iPads.
Please help our school be in the running to win the iPads for our classrooms. All you need to do is cut out the tokens appearing in The Chronicle daily. There is a collecting box located at the office to place your tokens in.

Chappy’s Chatter

“He didn’t look much like at first. He was too fat and his head was so big his mother feared it was misshapen or damaged. He didn’t speak until he was well past 2, and even then with a strange echolalia that reinforced his parents’ fears. He threw a small bowling ball at his little sister and chased his first violin teacher from the house by throwing a chair at her. There was in short, no sign other than the patience to build card houses 14 stories high, that little child would grow up to be ‘the new Copernicus,’ proclaiming a new theory of nature, in which matter and energy swayed faces, light beams bent, the stars danced and space and time were as flexible and elastic as bubble-gum. No clue to suggest that he would help send humanity hurling down the road to the atomic age, with all its promise and dread, with the stroke of his pen on a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939, certainly no reason to suspect that his image would be on T-shirts, coffee mugs, posters and dolls….. We are talking about Albert Einstein!” In the end we don’t know what our children will be when they get older but we can ensure that they grow up to be good members of the community, by ensuring we teach them good strong values by which to live by. Values like…;

PAYMENT DUE BY DATE

On each excursion / camp permission form we nominate a return and pay by date. Parents and carers are asked to adhere to the payment due by dates. If payment is not received by the due date, students may not be able to participate. The school requires payment, especially for the larger excursions like camps to be made on time. These excursions often require deposits and payment prior to the actual event and the school does not have funds to cover the shortfall.

The school does offer the option to set up a payment plan so that you can make smaller regular payments over a period of time prior to the event. Please assist by having the correct amount of cash as we don’t always have change, the school does have EFTPOS.

NAPLAN 2014

In week 4 of next Term our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be involved in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Testing will be over the three days of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 13th, 14th and 15th of May. While most students are expected to participate in these tests, some children with special needs may receive some support during the test and some children may be exempt or withdrawn from the test.

If you are concerned about your child completing the NAPLAN tests, please contact your child’s teacher or myself soon.
You can access a pamphlet “Information for Parents” for NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/

Richard Ashley, Head of Curriculum

NAPLAN Equating Study

Oakey State School has been selected by Education Queensland to participate in the NAPLAN 2014 Equating Study for the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA has commissioned the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to conduct the Equating Study.

Testing for the Equating Study will take place between 28 April to 9 May, 2014. ACER will select the classes to sit the tests. Each participating class will complete one test.

At Oakey State School, the testing will involve the following classes:

• One Year 3 class to complete a Language Conventions test, which takes 50 minutes, including instruction time and practice time
• One Year 5 class to complete a Language Conventions test, which takes 50 minutes, including instruction time and practice time
• One Year 7 class to complete a Language Conventions test, which takes 55 minutes, including instruction time and practice time

Further information will be available as provided.