Oakey & District Unity Church, 16 John Street Invites you to:
on 4691 1309 if you can help.
Oakey Hospital kitchen. Please contact Nancy Chalmers 1:00pm. The meals are cooked and distributed from the Monday, Wednesday & Friday between 11:00am & deliver meals to our clients in Oakey. We Deliver Oakey & District Meals on Wheels need volunteers to
For catering RSVP by 17th June:

EVENTS

MILK BOTTLE TOPS WANTED

West Zone Under 10: (undefeated team) Kaleb, Jayden, Tyrell, Blake
West Zone Under 11: Blake
West Zone Under 12: Tyson & Darcy

Big Aussie BBQ
3rd Sunday of Every Month from 12noon
Come out into the country and enjoy a genuine Aussie style, hearty BBQ Lunch in the historic Jendaryan Woolshed.
Experience a variety of entertainment, activities, guided tour and demonstrations for an all-inclusive price.
$25.00/Adult
$15.00/Child (5-12 years)
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I met with a Toowoomba Council Parking Officer yesterday who raised concerns about parking near Cuddly Bears. Several cars have been parking illegally on the footpath and some vehicles have been parked across the driveway to Cuddly Bears. Officers from the Toowoomba Council will be patrolling the area on a regular basis and fines will be issued for vehicles that are illegally parked.

Please also be aware of the following in relation to parking:
- Internal school car parks are for staff only and are not to be used for dropping off or collecting of students.
- Cars are not to use the designated Bus Lane in Lorrimer Street.
- Parents are welcome to use the “Yumba” car park in Lorrimer Street which often has plenty of room.

Parking restrictions are in place to protect student safety and we appreciate your cooperation.

The importance of Reading
As a parent of a young child, you are probably more concerned about your child's progress in reading than in any other subject taught at our school. To achieve in Math, Science, English, History, or any other subject, your child must have reading skills that are developed to the point that most of them are automatic. He or she can’t be struggling to recognize words in a school textbook when he is trying to grasp the meaning of the text. In other words, children must read to learn before they can learn to read.

Why Should Parents Encourage Children To Read?
Many parents recognize the value and enjoyment of reading to their young children but perhaps are not clear about how they can help their children become better readers. Because reading is so important to children’s success in school, parents can and should help their children become interested in reading and encourage growth in their reading skills. Young children develop a more positive attitude towards reading if they experience warm and close contact with their parents while reading.

What Are Some Ways To Encourage Young Readers?
The most important thing to remember is that reading should be an enjoyable experience. The following activities can help you stimulate your child's interest in reading.

- Talk with your child before he learns to read. Talking with your child before he even speaks will help him learn important language skills. Most children need strong oral language skills if they are to develop as readers and writers. Using short, simple sentences, you can talk about your daily activities, what he or she is seeing and doing, their environment, sizes of objects, the shapes of signs, and so forth.
- Read to and with your child at least 30 minutes each day. Your child will gain awareness of the conventions of reading (left to right, top to bottom), and even the very young will gain vocabulary. Running your index finger under the print as you read will help your child notice that printed words have meaning. Gradually you can ask her to identify letters and sounds.

Our Weekly Chat

PO Box 340, 24 Campbell St, Oakey, Q, 4401 | T: 07 4692 0333 | F: 07 4692 0300 | E: the.principal@oakeyss.eq.edu.au | W: www.oakeyss.eq.edu.au
**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DEK—continued**

- Sing songs and recite poems and rhymes that have repetitive sounds. Repetition makes it easier for your child to pick up on the patterns in the sounds you make.

If you are interested in finding out more about supporting your child’s reading development please take advantage of the Parent Workshop which we are currently running. Please contact the school for further information.

**Winter Uniform**

In winter students may wear a tracksuit, pullover or jacket which must be in the school colour (Royal blue). Students who are unable to wear the school uniform due to emergent situations (e.g. wet weather) are required to bring a note to the class teacher.

If you are experiencing difficulty in providing your child/children with the correct winter uniform please contact the school office.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey, Principal

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**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:
- Jhonatan—PA, Mitchell—PB, Aleesha & Jordan—1A, Grace & Sean—1B, Jordan—2A, Abbi—2B, David—T1

### Year 4—7:

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**Student Word List / Reading**

certificates awarded to

**Yellow Words:** Bailey, Chloe, Harrison  
**Green Words:** Millie, Matthew, Caitlin  
**Blue Words:** Chloe, Jorja, Matthew  
**Red Words:** Strawberry, Emily, Isaac, Carlos

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**WANTED**

Please assist by collecting plastic medicine/vitamin bottles for the 1A class; items can be left at the office. The school would also appreciate milk bottle tops, pressure can tops, sauce bottle caps for the Teacher aide room.

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**SUN SAFETY**

is IMPORTANT  **NO Hat—NO Play!**  
NO Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only. Please label ALL your Children’s possessions.

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Tuckshop operates every MONDAY & FRIDAY.  
All orders are to be handed into the tuckshop by 9:45am.

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.

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**P&C Cookie Drive**

Orders are due back Wednesday 4th June. Please return your orders ASAP, we will continue to receive order till Thursday

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**MILK BOTTLE TOPS WANTED**

Would you like an informal chat to discuss Council related issues with one of your elected representatives?

Councillor Ann Glasheen is visiting the Oakey Service Centre Friday on Friday 6 June from 9.30-11am.

Contact David Tolenhofer to make an appointment or arrange for a delegation to discuss topical issues. P: 4692 0148 M: 0418 876 131

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**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION**

To reduce the cost associated with the production of the school’s weekly newsletter, we have stopped sending it to Parents/students. 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.

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**SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

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.