School Office Hours

Please be advised that our office hours are: 8:00am – 3:45pm  Monday to Friday (during school terms). School phones will only be answered during these office hours.

Outside of these times phone messages may be left on 4692 0333 or alternatively emails can be sent to: admin@oakeyss.eq.edu.au

Student Safety - Arrival and Departure Times

In the interest of student safety, students are not to arrive at school before 8:30am and should be collected/have left the grounds no later than 3:15pm. The school does not operate a before or after school care service. Lately we have seen an increase in the number of students present at school prior to 8:30am which creates a student safety issue.

Please ensure that your child/children are not on the school grounds prior to 8:30am.

Thank you for your support and understanding in relation to keeping our students safe; it is greatly appreciated.

Great Results Guarantee

In 2014, the Queensland Government commenced the Great Results Guarantee, a four-year funding initiative to improve student outcomes. This program passes on to Queensland state schools funding provided by the Australian Government’s Students First initiative.

For 2015 (the second year of the initiative) the Queensland Government is investing a total of $183 million in additional funding for state schools to improve student performance. This is an increase of $52 million from the Government’s investment in this initiative in 2014. All schools will receive a share of this funding in addition to standard resource allocations.

All Queensland state schools, including Independent Public Schools, will enter into an agreement committing them to guarantee that every student will either:

achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or

have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning needs.

Each school's agreement will outline how the additional funding will be invested in 2015 to improve student outcomes and school performance. Schools will publish their agreements on their websites so that the community can see how this funding is being used.

Schools will have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding is invested in 2015 - for example, hiring specialist educators to provide additional support, using targeted professional development for teachers, or buying additional learning tools such as specialised literacy or numeracy programs. Oakey State School will receive approximately $116,000.00 in 2015.

Parent input in relation to how the funding will be allocated within our school to achieve the best possible outcomes for students will be sought at future P&C Meetings.

Scott Pacey
Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for the great job they have done at school during the week.

Prep—Year 3:
Jordan—1A, Tahlia, Leteena—1B, Julie—2A,
Bree—2B, Jaz—3B

Year 4—7:
Luther, Jorja, Connor, Courtney—3/4A, Amber—3/4B, Harvey,
Breanna—4/5A, Dakota—6B,
Connar—6/7A, Riley—7A, Callum—T1, Tahlia—T2

SUN SAFETY
SUN SAFETY is IMPORTANT
NO Hat—NO Play!

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Breanna—4/5A, Dakota—6B,
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Student Word List

Blue Words: Carlos, Heidi
Red Words: Diego, Logan, Alisha
Yellow Words: Jessica, Heidi, Naetem

At Oakey State School, we would like to celebrate all things “Arts” by holding an “Arts Afternoon”, The details are as follows:

Wednesday the 22nd October at 4:30pm.

We anticipate we will be finished by 6:00pm.

This will be held in the wonderful Oakey State School hall.

You will see our talented students perform in a range of areas including:
◆ drumming group ◆ junior choir ◆ senior choir ◆ string ensemble
◆ woodwind/brass ensemble ◆ visual art display.
**Friends of the Woolshed**

Old Time Dance

At Jondaryan Woolshed in Flagstone Creek Hall

**Date:** 18th October, 8:00pm—12 midnight

**Band:** Top Tunes

**Cost:** Adults $10  Children (5-15) $5  under 5 FREE  Includes supper; lucky door; Monte Carlo; lucky spot;

**Calendar of Events**

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**P&C News**

HELPERS NEEDED: The P&C will be manning a BBQ outside Bunnings, Toowoomba on Saturday 1st November. We'd love to have as many helpers as possible to distribute the work load. If you could spare a couple of hours on this day please let the school office know.

If you can't donate your time, please consider donating the following items: BBQ/Tomato sauce, serviettes, are your details up to date?

Please remember to keep the school informed of any changes regarding addresses, telephone numbers, emergency contact numbers and student medical details.

**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.

**Are Your Details Up To Date?**

Parents calling at 2:30pm onwards for student messages cannot be guaranteed—these will get though to the student.

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**Tuckshop News**

Term 4 Menu out now!

Tuckshop open every MONDAY & FRIDAY. All orders are to be handed into the tuckshop by 8:45am

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.

A brown bag is required for each lunch break to place food in for student.

**P&C Meeting**

Would love to see more people at our P&C meetings. Meetings are held in the school office once a month starting at 5:30pm and finishing by 7:30pm.  **Next Meeting:** Monday 3rd November

**DATE CLAIMER**

The following date has been set for our sporting event:

- **Friday 5th December**: Swimming Carnival.
- **Monday 8th December**: Carols by Glow Stick 6—7:30pm at Oakey State School Hall
Oakey A.P. & R. Society Inc.

2015 Miss Showgirl Award Entrants

“MOCK BALL”

Date: 15th November 2014
Venue: Greenwood Hall, Oakey Showgrounds

Doors Open at 6.30pm
Adults - $10.00
Children (5-18 years of age) - $5.00
Children under 5 years - Free

Tickets can be pre-purchased from:
Riverina Stockfeeds, 19 Cory Street, Oakey, Oakey Post Office
Oakey Newsagency

For further information please contact Sandra on 0407 125 807

Lunch Boxes
It is essential your child’s lunch is sent to school in a lunch box as we have a system that requires all lunches to be kept in lunch tubs. The tubs are taken to the eating areas at each break. Please ensure the lunch box is named. Thank you for your support.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.sccce.com.au, email scceausl@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
You and your family are invited to
Oakey State School’s
Carols by Glow Stick

Date: Monday 8th December 2014
Time: 6:00pm until 7:30pm
Venue: Oakey State School Hall

Sit with your family and sing along to your favourite Christmas Carols, led by our students.

Glow sticks and glow items available for purchase on the night!

Keep an close eye out, you might spot Santa

Remember to help each other to:

- No Running around
- Stay inside with your family
- Sing along & join in
- NO food or drinks please.
- Have a go