2015 PREP ENROLMENT

We are currently conducting interviews for our 2015 Prep students. We are experiencing a strong response to Prep enrolments and we are hoping to finalise our Prep class lists in the near future.

If you intend to enrol a student in Prep in 2015 please make contact with the school office as soon as possible to ensure your space.

Class Placements 2015

If you have any issues that we should take into consideration in relation to class placements for your child/children for 2015 now is the time to make contact with us. This contact could take the form of a brief email or written letter to the Principal or class teacher outlining what the parent feels the child needs in a teacher. You should also advise us if there have been any personal issues with a particular family or student that may impact on a child’s well-being or performance.

Parents will not get the opportunity to pick an individual teacher for their child/children. At this stage our staffing is not final and may change based on enrolments. Our teaching staff will work collaboratively to place students in a class best suited to meet their educational needs.

So if you have a concern about class placement, this is the time to make it known.

2015 class lists will be on display outside the school office on Thursday 11/12/2014.

Master Teacher

From 2015, 300 new master teacher positions will be created across the state to ensure quality teachers are working where they can make the greatest difference. Master teachers will have responsibility for leading activities and key tasks in their school and/or cluster. These will include:

- Working with instructional leaders to prioritise the teaching of literacy and numeracy within the school's curriculum and pedagogical framework
- Improving and enhance pedagogical practice for all staff by researching and modelling quality teaching across all year levels
- Providing coaching and guidance to teachers and other staff in delivering quality teaching
- Improving the capacity of school teams to use evidence-based assessment to inform teaching and learning
- Supporting all staff in the analysis of, and response to, systemic and student data.

In 2015 a full time Master Teacher will be appointed to work with Oakey State School and Oakey State High School. Once appointed the Master Teacher will commence work in January next year.

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- Matthew & Zabain—1B
- Jazmin—2A
- Abby—2B
- Paige—3B
- Sasha & Anthony—3/4B
- Layne—T1

Year 4—7:
- Brooklyn & Macy—3/4A
- Jacob, Jayden & Rhys—4/5A
- Huntah & Julia—5B
- Kim & Jack—6B
- Tyson—6/7A
- Carson—T2

OAKEY SS—CLEANER VACANCY

Vacancy for a permanent part-time cleaner (7 hours per week—Wednesday only, split shift).

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The BSM, Oakey State School, PO Box 340, OAKLEY.Q 4401, or emailed to: bsm@oakeyss.eq.edu.au.

Applications will remain current from 12 months.

The successful applicant will be required to hold a current Blue Card (issued through the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian).

Please phone 4692 0333 for further details. DETE is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Leaving our School?

If your child/children are moving on to another school at the end of this year, you may like to consider donating their school uniforms to our clothing pool.

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2015 Meet the Teacher

On Friday 23 January 2015 we will be conducting a Meet the Teacher afternoon. Parents and students will have the opportunity to drop of book packs and meet their teacher for 2015. The afternoon will commence at 1:00pm and conclude at 2:00pm. We look forward to meeting you.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey Principal

Awards Album

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**P&C Christmas multi draw raffle**
P&C are asking for donations of non-perishable food or Christmas items to be included in a hamper of goodies.

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT THE OFFICE**

**FREE DRESS DAY—Friday 28th November**
Serteva Wadley is a 22 year old young mum living in Oakey, she is a past student of Oakey Primary School and currently has close siblings attending our school. Serteva (a non-smoker) is suffering from terminal lung cancer. To help raise funds for a cure for lung cancer we are holding a free dress day. Students can dress in pink and white; clear or pearl colours are the symbols of lung cancer; pink is Serteva’s favourite colour. Students are invited to come dressed in pink and white and bring a gold coin donation to school, to assist the cause.

Parents/community can also assist Serteva to raise $1,000 by the end of November for lung cancer awareness research. If you’d like to help her reach this goal, then please donate online at: https://donateplanet.com/fundraisers/?term=Lung+

**ROOSTERS—FOR SALE**
The Year 2 chicken project has come to an end and we are now selling the roosters. Roosters are for sale at $8.00 each. Please contact the Office.

**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 1st December

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**Council and Community Briefs:**

**Oakey Santa Fair**
Oakey Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday 10 December, from 6:00 pm
Campbell Street

**The ROAR Christmas Markets**
Oakey Lions Club
Saturday 13 December, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Railway Station Carpark

**“When Love Was Born”**
Combined Churches Choir Christmas Cantata
Sunday 14 December 7:30 pm
Oakey Uniting Church, John St

**Community Carols**
Oakey Christian Leaders Network
Sunday 20 December 6:00 pm
Oakey Cultural Centre Lawn

**Oakey Library Holiday Programs**
There is no reason for the kids to have nothing to do in the holidays. Book ahead on 4692 0154:
- 16 December 10:30 am. Make Your Own Christmas Cards
- 18 December 2:00 pm. Make Christmas Tree decorations
- 6 January 10:30 am. Turn boxes into robots or space craft
- 10 January 9:30 am Learn how to build a Raft or Billy Cart for Australia Day
- 12 January 10:30 am - Robogals Use LEGO to create a Robot
- 12 January 1:30 pm – Robogals Basic robotics programming
- 21 January 2:00 pm - Alien Art Attack

**Youth Connect Pool Party at Oakey Pool**
Thursday 15 January, from 10 am
Free entry, sausage sizzle, games and activities.

**Get involved in Australia Day – Monday 26 January 2015**
Build a raft or billy cart and enter the competitions. Enter the Billy Boiling, Lamington Eating, Thong throwing or Egg Tossing competitions. Train up for the Iron Man competition.

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P&C FUNRAISER

To assist the P&C raises fund for our school they are supporting Ezcover for which the school will receive a rebate. Use the promo code ZFA186 which will double the rebate to our school from 5c per cover to 10c per cover. Parents will need to select Oakey State School first from the drop-down box and then enter the promo code.

Justin Anlezark (Olympic shot putter) came to our school on Friday 21st November and conducted some athletics workshops with the Prep—Year 3 students. Prep students enjoyed doing warm ups prior to participating in the long jump activity.

A SUMMER OF CRICKET! On Friday 14th November Oakey hosted a social game of cricket against a team from St Mary’s Toowoomba. Mr Pacey demonstrated his cricket skills. Thanks to Mr Lee for umpiring the game.