Staff Changes 2015

Whilst our staffing for 2015 is yet to be finalised I can confirm the following changes for 2015.

The following staff will be leaving our school at the end of this school year:

- Mrs Tracy Nicholson (Deputy Principal) – Destination yet to be confirmed
- Mrs Angie Johnson (Year 6) – Darling Heights State School
- Miss Gracie Cole (Year 2) – Toowoomba East State School
- Miss Stacey Craig (Year 3) – Cecil Plains State School
- Miss Kylie Morrison (4/5A) – Geham State School

All of the above staff members have made significant contributions to our team here at Oakey State School. Their professional and caring approach will be missed greatly. I wish them all well for the future and have total faith that they will make significant contributions in their new schools. They will be missed.

The following staff will be joining our team in 2015:

- Mrs Tammy Mackay (Deputy Principal) – Returning from leave
- Miss Jessica Rudd – Bungunya State School
- Mrs Tammy Doudle – Condamine State School
- Mrs Belinda McManus – Returning from leave
- Mrs Yvette Copely – Master Teacher to be shared with Oakey State High School

I welcome all of the above staff members and look forward to working with them in the future.

Please be aware that further staffing changes may take place at the beginning of next year depending on student enrolment figures.

2015 Class Lists

2015 class lists will be posted outside the school office on Thursday 11/12/14.

2015 Booklists

2015 booklist will be sent home with students on Thursday 11/12/14. Copies will also be available on the school website. The local Oakey Newsagency is able to provide the required items at very competitive prices. For more information please contact the Oakey Newsagency.

Calendar of Events

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Important Events

We have some very important events between now and the end of term.

• Wednesday 3/12 Oakey State High School Orientation (Years 6&7)
• Friday 5/12 Swimming Carnival middle – upper school
• Monday 8/12 Carols by Glow Stick
• Tuesday 9/12 Wet and Wild (Years 6&7)
• Wednesday 10/12 Year 6/7 Graduation
• Thursday 11/12 Class Break up Parties
• Friday 12/12 Final day of School – Pack up and preparation of classrooms

2015 Awards ceremony

On Wednesday 10/12/14 we will be holding our 2014 Awards Ceremony. As a part of our ceremony we will be announcing:

• Class Awards
• Achievement Awards
• 2015 School Leaders

Parents, family and community members are most welcome to witness the achievements of our students. The Ceremony will commence at 9:00am.

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 off 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 on the day.

Important Dates for 2015

• Pupil Free Days: Wednesday 21/1/15, Thursday 22/1/15 & Friday 23/1/15.
• Meet the Teacher: Friday 23/1/2015 1:00pm - 2:00pm
• First Day of School: Tuesday 27/1/2015
• Final Day of Term One: Thursday 2/04/15

Final Newsletter

This will be our final newsletter for the 2014 school year. I would like to thank our wonderful staff for their professional approach to their work. Their dedication to providing the best possible education for our students is greatly appreciated.

To the parents and students who are leaving us at the end of the school year we thank you for your contributions towards our school and we wish you well for the future.

I hope that all members of our school community enjoy celebrating the festive season with family and loved ones. Please be safe over the holiday period. We look forward to working with you in 2015.

Have a very merry Christmas!

Have a great week, Scott Pacey Principal

SUN SAFETY is IMPORTANT NO Hat—NO Play!
NO Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only.
Please label ALL your Childs’ possessions.
Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for the great job they have done at school during the week. Bravo and keep up the good work!

Prep—Year 3:
Heidi—PA, Cabriel—PB, Jazmyn—1A, Bailey & Bailey W—1B, Shauna—2A, Douglas—2B, Justin—3B, Morgan—T1

Year 4—7:

20 Gotcha Awards
Congratulations to Mikelee, Raquel, Mitchell, Macy, Madisyn, Jack, Gypsy, Alicia, Chloe, Virginia, Hayden, Lily, Lachlan, Lena, Daryll & Jorja on getting 20 gotchas! These students received a certificate and voucher for the swimming pool in recognition of their great behaviour. Students who consistently model our school expectations of Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner are recognised on parade when they accumulate 20 gotchas.

Oakey SS—Cleaner Vacancy

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

All applicants must apply in writing as per application package, which is available from the school office. Applications close 4:00pm, Friday 5th December. Applications should be marked “Private & Confidential” and be address to:
The BSM, Oakey State School, PO Box 340, OAKEY.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.

Student Word List

Certificates awarded to:
Yellow: Logan
Green: David & Ethan

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.

The uniform pool assists new families to the school, those experiencing financial hardship or student that require a change of clothes during the day.
FREE DRESS DAY FOR LUNG CANCER
Friday 28th November
The School had a free dress day to help raise funds for a cure for lung cancer. For a gold coin donation students could come to school dressed in pink and white. Student leaders collected donations on parade. Over $400 was raised and presented to Serteva. A huge thank you to all who donated.

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

P&C MULTI DRAW RAFFLE
Raffle will be drawn at the carols night—Monday 8th December.
Tickets will be sold on the night and a week prior to the event. $1.00 TICKET

Oakey Grief Support Group:
Road to Recovery helping one another heal.
Meetings held first Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm
At the Oakey CWA Rooms
For more info: Phone 4691 4825 OR 0427 635 167
Supported by Myall Youth & Community Network Centre. Inc.

BREKKY CLUB
Chappy Sharon invites you to Brekky Club: Didn’t get around to having breakfast before school? Then come along to the TUCKSHOP
Wednesdays & Fridays between 8:30—8:45am for a piece of toast and Milo.

NEW SMOKING RULES
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland public and private hospitals and health facilities, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. These no-smoking laws apply at all times, and to all staff and patient residential areas on healthcare facility land, and include the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

For more information on Queensland’s tobacco laws, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or visit www.qld.gov.au
For information or support to quit smoking, call Quitline 13 QUIT (13 78 48) or talk with your doctor, health professional, general practitioner or pharmacist.

Smoke-free Schools

Fun starts here

Vacation Care
Open Christmas/New Year break (including public holidays)
Tewantinna PCYC
As one of Queensland’s largest and most experienced school age care providers, Police-Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC) is proud to be the provider of choice for your children.

Enrol Now
6.00am – 6.00pm
Ph: 4632 8316

Smoke-free Schools

Great state. Great opportunity. And a plan for the future.

Queensland Government
The HOT weather is here!! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the warmer days. It is recommended that students drink plenty of water. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.

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.
Entry Forms and Rules available at the Oakey Service Centre or Library.

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You and your family are invited to Oakey State School’s

**Carols by Glow Stick**

**Date:** Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} 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
- Sing along & join in
- NO food or
- Have a go