Welcome to Oakey State School for 2015.

It’s great to see our students commencing the new school year in such a positive manner.

To our new students and families we welcome you to our school community. We are very glad that you have decided to join us at Oakey State School. We looked forward to working with you to provide your child/children with the best education possible.

Below is some important information relating to school policies and procedures. Please take the time to read and discuss these with your child/children. The full school prospectus is available on our school webpage.

Our first full newsletter will be sent home next week.

Tuckshop

Our school Tuckshop will commence operating on Monday February 2. Our Tuckshop days will be Monday and Friday.

Uniform

I have visited all classrooms and our students look fantastic in their school uniforms. I appreciate how expensive it is preparing for a new school year and I greatly appreciate the way in which our parents support our school uniform policy.

I have spoken to several parents who have expressed concerns about the supply of school uniforms. It will be included as an agenda item to be discussed at our first P&C meeting for the year which will be held on Monday February 2 commencing at 5:30pm in the staff room.

We believe that wearing a clean, neat and tidy uniform helps students develop a sense of belonging and enhances student pride in their school. Personal hygiene, uniform cleanliness and a neat general presentation assists students to develop self-worth and confidence in their appearance. The wearing of the school uniform is also a safety consideration, it makes students easily recognisable.

The school uniform includes fully enclosed lace-up or Velcro strap shoes. Sneakers/joggers of any colour are acceptable so long as they are lace-up or Velcro strap. Slip on shoes are not acceptable.

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.

Jewellery

The following jewellery is permitted at school:

- Watch
- Pierced earrings – small plain sleepers or studs, one per ear only
- Medical alert bracelet or necklace
- Items of significant cultural or religious beliefs as negotiated with administration

Facial piercings are not permitted due to workplace health and safety regulations. A student wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the item and if necessary give it to the office for safe keeping for the remainder of the day. Students must request the item upon departure at the end of the day.

Calendar of Events

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**Bicycle safety**
Children who ride bikes to school are required by law to wear a helmet. Bikes must not be ridden in school grounds and must be left in the bike racks provided. These are out of bounds during lunch and afternoon tea to eliminate interference with other children's bikes. Children must bring their own lock and chain to secure their bike. **Skateboards and scooters must not be brought to school.**

**Before School/ After School**
Students should not arrive at school prior to 8:30am and should be collected and left the school grounds no later than 3:15pm. **No supervision is provided before or after school.**

**Office Hours**
Our school office is open from 8:00am till 3:45pm on school days, phone calls received out of these times will go to the answering service.

**Physical Aggression**
There is no place for any form of physical aggression at Oakey State School. Students need to take responsibility for their actions and make good choices in relation to their behaviour.

**Every day counts at our school**
Are you giving your child the best chance of success at school? At Oakey State School every day counts. It is a **legal requirement that students attend school every day** unless they are sick.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late and being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school.

Research shows that if your child has a record of good attendance, they are more likely to achieve high results in the future.

If your child is away, you need to let the school know the reasons beforehand, or within two days of returning to school.

All student absences will be closely monitored by the school. **Please make every day count and set your child up for success at school.**

Have a great week,  
**Scott Pacey** Principal

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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 home a printed copy to the youngest student at the school. To keep up to date with what’s happening at the school, 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.
- 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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**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).

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**
Tuckshop open every MONDAY & FRIDAY
Menu items will be similar to 2014, a new menu will be out soon. 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.

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**Steps into Prep Playgroup**
Steps into prep playgroup is up and running. The program is run from Yumba, (Cnr Lorrimer & Campbell Streets) This program is for students who are enrolling in Prep at Oakey State School. Pre prep children come along with a parent to engage in fun activities, craft and learning.
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:

Year 4—6:

Student Word List certificates awarded to:
Yellow: Logan
Green: David & Ethan
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
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