Welcome to our new staff
We are very lucky to have the following staff joining our team this year:

Miss Jessica Rudd    3B
Mrs Belinda McManus  2B
Mrs Tammy Doudle    5B
Mrs Yvette Copely    Master Teacher

We welcome them to our school community and look forward to their contributions to our team at Oakey State School.

P&C Meeting
At last night’s P&C meeting the issue of school uniforms was raised. Concerns were raised about the limited supply of school uniforms at our current supplier.

A decision was made at the meeting to seek interest from other businesses to supply our school uniforms.

More information will be provided once supply arrangements are in place.

In the interim new uniforms will be available from M&M Fashions and limited second hand uniforms will be available from the school office.

Vandalism – New Security Cameras
Recently we have suffered an increased level of vandalism on the school grounds. This is occurring outside of school hours and predominantly across the weekends.

People who are present on the school grounds outside of school hours without the direct permission of the Principal are trespassing and will be reported to the police for prosecution.

Oakey State School is monitored by security cameras for the purpose of protecting educational resources and facilities. Images are reordered and may be provided to the Queensland Police Service.

If you see people on the school grounds outside of school hours they can be reported as follows:

School Watch: 13 17 88
State Government Security: 3224 6666
Police Link: 131 444

Please discuss this with your children and ensure that they are not entering the school grounds outside of school hours.

Bullying
At Oakey State School we want all students to be able to learn in an environment free of bullying and harassment from others. To effectively address bullying it is important that we understand which behaviours we are talking about. The following information taken from the “Bullying No Way” website clearly defines what bullying behaviour is.

What is bullying?

Calendar of Events

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**Bullying** is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is **harmful** and involves the **misuse** of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved.

Bullying can happen:
- face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling)
- at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone)
- through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, chat rooms).

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying.

The “Bullying No Way” website contains some excellent tips and advice for parents and students. The website can be accessed at the following address.


**Have you met your child’s teacher?**

Have you met your child’s teacher this year?

The best results are achieved when teachers and parents share a common goal and communicate regularly about student progress. Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.

All of our teachers will be sending home an introductory letter to provide some information in relation to the operation of their classroom for 2015.

Have a great week,  
Scottacey Principal

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**P&C MEETING DATES**

We would love to see some 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**. The meetings dates for semester 1, 2015 are:

- 2nd March AGM
- 30th March
- 4th May
- 1st June

Come and have a coffee with us and hear first hand the exciting plans for the year to come. All general business items need to be submitted to the Office prior to 3pm on the day of a meeting.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

The date set for school photos is **Thursday 12th March**.

To assist you with budgeting we’ve listed the prices for items available.

- Gift Pack A — $38
- Gift Pack B — $34
- Photo Pack C — $29
- Class Group D — $23

Other items available: Magnet—$7, Key ring—$7, Mouse pad—$16, Mug—$16, Library bag—$12.

Order envelopes will be sent home at the end of February

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**CAR PARKING / Student Drop off—Pickup**

Please note that the car parks within the school grounds are for staff use only.

**Parents can utilise the Yumba carpark** on the corner of Lorrimer Street, or park curb side on Lorrimer Street, Desmond Lane or Campbell Street.

For the safety of ALL: Pedestrians are asked to use the pedestrian crossing and pedestrian gates, not enter/exit via the car entry gates.
Students of the Week

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:
Prep A—All the class, Prep B—All the class, 1A—All the class, 1B, Hayden, 2A—Matthew, 3A—Nathan, 3B—Tillie

Year 4—6:
4A—Paige, 4/5A—Karleeah, 5B—Jemma & Jenna, 5/6A All the class, 6B—Justen, T1—Alex

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

Swimming Lessons for Year 4—6
A reminder that students from years 4, 5, 6 and T1 will participate in swimming lessons this term. We ask that the $30.00 cost for the 8 lessons be paid to the school office by Monday 9th February.

More details and information regarding swimming lesson can be found on the note that was sent home.

School uniforms
If your child/children have grown out of their uniform or are moving on to another school, you may like to consider donating their school uniforms to our uniform pool. The uniform pool can assist new families or those experiencing financial hardship. There is a limited supply of second hand uniforms available from the school office for a small fee.
**MARKET DAY**

Oakey Community Church (Augbiny Road) is holding a market on their grounds, on **Saturday 28th February**.

All vendors welcome; the site fees go towards the Solomon Johnson Orphanage fund.

Site fees are: $10 single / $15 double. Vendors setup 05:30am, start 07:00am—12 noon.

**Come along! next to the High School.**

**COUNCILLOR VISIT**

Cr. Nancy Sommerfield will be visiting Oakey on **Friday 6 February**, if there are any issues you would like to discuss with a councillor, please contact David Totenhofer TRC, on 4692 0148 / 1800 448 882. A Councillor will visit Oakey on the first Friday of the month this year, and a full Councillor Community Engagement Forum will happen in Oakey in August.

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**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.

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**WATER BOTTLES**

As we are now in the warmer months of the year, it is recommended that students drink plenty of water. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school.

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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.