FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Oakey Show Food Stall
The Food Stall at the Oakey Show this Saturday is a major fundraiser for our P&C. Several notes have been sent home previously asking for parents to man the stall on the day. Unfortunately we do not currently have enough parents to man the stall across the day.

If you are able to volunteer any time on Saturday please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If you have a child attending the Canberra trip your involvement would be most welcomed. The P&C will be donating $5000 to help reduce the costs of the Canberra trip. That equates to a discount of over $100 per student.

Any offers of support would be greatly appreciated.

Every day counts at Oakey State 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.

Going shopping, celebrating a birthday, 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.

Current Attendance Rates

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(Well done Prep!)  
(Well done Year Six!)

Our school target for the year is an overall attendance rate of 95% or higher.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey, Principal

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Calendar of Events

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<td>Under 8’s day 9:00—11:00 am</td>
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<td>END OF TERM 1 25th—Good Friday</td>
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**SUN SAFETY** is IMPORTANT NO Hat—NO Play!

NO Caps allowed—Broad brimmed or Bucket hats only.
Please label ALL your Child’s possessions.

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**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students Bravo and keep up the good work!

Well done, Mikyla for reaching the **Red** word level and Lachlan for **Yellow** words.

**Prep—Year 3:**
Prep A - Pounamu, Prep B - Luiza, Prep C - Aiden, 1A - Kaleah, 1B - Whole Class, 2A - Justine, 2B - Hannah, 3A - Chloe, 3B - Lily & Blaid

**Year 4—6:**
4A - Abby Y & Abby T, 4/5A - Sharmekha & Hayley, 5B - Jaxon, 6B - Mikelee, T1 - Jacob

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**Hearing and Vision Screening for Prep**

The Oakey Child Health Nurse, Judy Cribb, will carry out the Prep Year School Screening at Oakey State School on **Tuesday 26th April** and **Thursday 28th April 2016** with further time to be arranged.

- Prep School Screening involves hearing and vision screening.
- Children cannot be seen if there is no signed consent.

If parents have concerns about children in other classes and would like their hearing or vision assessed: *Hearing Assessments* are done free of charge for children under 18 years of age at Unara Community Health Centre. Unara is located at the Toowoomba Hospital in Peachy Street Toowoomba. An appointment is necessary and can be made by ringing Child Health on 46160812.

*Vision assessments* are free of charge to Medicare Card holders and can be done at any Optometrist of your choice.

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**20 GOTCHA AWARDS**

It’s great to see that students have already started to earn gotchas for their good behaviour.
Keep up the good work, we hope to see a lot more students will be receiving gotchas in the coming weeks.

Well done! Kodi, Harry, Bailey, Brandon, Bree, George, Jessica, Eli, Kamarli, Sienna, Naetem, Felix, Vikeisha, Sasha, Jada, Ryda, Cristel & Tyler.
This week our Positive Behaviour for Learning focus is on our eating areas and eating times. The whole school expectations are for eating areas and times to be – organised, safe and structured for students and supervisors with explicit expectations that are to be followed, and all students being Safe and Respectful. Lessons as well as discussions with all happened across the school yesterday. Many year levels visited eating areas to discuss specific expectations to deepen students’ understanding of appropriate behaviours. At home you may wish to reinforce some social skills such as waiting until your mouth is empty before talking. Thanks for your support.

Have a great week. Mrs Nicholson and PBL team

**CANBERRA REMINDER:** Year 6 Canberra Trip Parents, just a reminder that the next instalment payment of $250.00 is due on Friday 19th March.

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**CHECK OUT OUR NEW GOTCHA SHOP & PRIZES**

**WHERE:** TUCKSHOP  
**WHEN:** MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY (11:00-11:20)

Congratulations to Tori McCarthy and Cruz Williamson on representing our school at the recent Zone Swimming Carnival.

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**Thursday 10th March**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photo order envelops have been sent home. To assist you with your budget planning, we’ve listed the various package prices below.


Please be aware that late orders will incur a $15 processing fee.

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**Year 6 Easter Raffle**

The Year 6’s are having an Easter Raffle to help raise funds for the Canberra Trip. Donations of Easter Eggs will be kindly accepted. **Tickets $2 each** and can be brought from the school office. Raffle will be drawn Monday 21st March on Parade.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interviews will be held in the school hall on Monday March 21 and Tuesday March 22. We will be using an online booking system again for the interviews which is open now. If you do not have access to the internet at home you can contact the school office to make your appointment time.

Please follow the steps below to make your booking:
1. Go to our school website at oakeys.eq.edu.au and click on the “Parent Teacher interview bookings” link under Quick links.
2. Enter your email address. You can have your bookings emailed to you.
3. Enter your name. You can also enter a contact phone number so we can call you if we need to.
4. Enter your child’s first and last name and select their year level. If you have more than one child you will be able to enter them on the next screen.
5. Click on the “Add child” button to add all of the children you wish to have interviews about. Then click on the “Book Interviews” button beside each child to book interview times. Don’t forget to click “Save” after choosing a time. Green times are available slots. Greyed out slots are already booked. When you book your second or third child’s interview, the previous bookings will show in pink to help you choose timeslots close together.
6. After booking an interview, the button next to your child shows “Adjust interviews”. This will allow you to go back in and click on a booking to cancel it and change it to another time. As bookings fill, you may need to go back and forth to find and adjust your bookings for multiple teachers so that they are close together.

When you are done, you can click on the Email Schedule.

2016 OAKEY SHOW
SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2016
INTEGRATING OUR ANNUAL B & B RODEO COMMENCING
6PM GATES OPEN 8.00AM

ADMISSION
Adults $10.00
Aged Pensioners (Card Required) $5.00
High School (ID Required) $5.00
Children $2.00

RODEO GATE PRICES APPLICABLE AFTER 2.00PM

Lots of kids entertainment
between 10:30am - 3:00pm
all activities free of charge.

12.30pm Bubble Muffin
1.30pm Bubble Muffin
2.00pm Kangagang Workshop
3.00pm Kangagang Concert

FREE OF CHARGE TO SHOW PATRONS

Oakey Show Program 2016

Greenwood Hall Stage:
“Rocking in the Past”

8.45am Young Judges
11.30am Official Opening
1.30pm Tiny Tots Competition
1.45pm Music by “Kieren Lillis”
2.00pm Fashion Parade – 1960’s and 2016 Fashions
2.45pm Music by “Kieren Lillis”

Kid’s Entertainment (Located New Hope Marquee and Pavilion)

10.30am Bubble Muffin
11.00am Kangagang Workshop
11.30am Bubble Muffin
12.00noon Kangagang Concert

Aged Pensioners (Card Required) $5.00

12.30pm Bubble Muffin
1.30pm Bubble Muffin
2.00pm Kangagang Workshop
3.00pm Kangagang Concert

FREE OF CHARGE TO SHOW PATRONS

Around the Grounds

8.00am Horse Ring commences
8.00am Stud Beef Cattle (Stud Beef Arena)
10.00am Chainsaw Events
2.00pm Barrell Races (Rodeo Arena)
5.00pm Games (Stud Beef Arena)
6.00pm Oakey B & B Rodeo (Rodeo Arena)
7.45pm Fireworks
8.15pm Oakey B & B Rodeo
At conclusion of Rodeo “Kieren Lillis”
playing till late.................