FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

P&C Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Oakey State School P&C will be held as follows:

Date: Monday 27/02/2017
Time: 5:30p.m.
Venue: Staffroom

At the meeting we will be electing the P&C Executive members for 2017. Positions available include:

⇒ President
⇒ Vice-President
⇒ Secretary
⇒ Treasurer

The role of the P&C is to be the interface between the school and the parent community. Our aim is to build a strong school community and help create a vibrant and engaging learning environment for the students of Oakey State School. The P&C organise events and activities around the school, and raise funds for resources for the school, including academic resources. The P&C also work with the school to improve the physical environment for the students. I would encourage as many parents as possible to become involved.

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 what behaviours we are talking about. The following information taken from the “Bullying No Way” website clearly defines what bullying behaviour is.

What is bullying?
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.

Cyberbullying is a term used to describe bullying that is carried out through internet or mobile device technologies. Children who are cyberbullied are also likely to be bullied face-to-face.

Examples of cyberbullying can include:
• repeated hang up calls
• sending insulting or threatening text messages
• publishing someone’s personal or embarrassing information online
• creating hate sites or starting social exclusion campaigns on social networking sites.

Cyberbullying is one potential cyber safety issue for children when they use computers and mobile phones.

The “Bullying No Way” website contains some excellent tips and advice for parents and students. The website can be accessed at the following address. http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/index.html

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.

Have a great week, Scott Pacey, Principal

Calendar of Events

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Students of the Week

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

**Prep—Year 2:**
- Agatha & Dylan—PA,
- Kesare & Caitlyn—PB, Tyler & Chloe—1B, Amy & Bethany—1C, Nathaniel—2A, Bronson—2B,

**Year 3 – Year 6:**

**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 who will be receiving gotchas in the coming weeks. Well done! Chloe, Gypsy, Alisha, Callum, Shasa, Layne, Gypsy, Regan & Hannah.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property bin is located in the under cover area. Please check here for misplaced items belonging to your students. ALL unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity shop at the end of term. Please label your child’s clothes & items so misplaced items can given to your child instead of being placed into lost property.

**P & C MEETINGS — Get involved!**

Thanks to all those who attended our first P&C meeting, it was wonderful to have such a good supportive group to start off the year. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 27th February from 5:30pm. This will be the P&C’s AGM, please consider getting involved and supporting the team by turning up and getting on-board with the decision making. Have a coffee with us and hear first hand the exciting plans for the year. All general business items need to be submitted to the Office prior to 3pm on the day of a meeting.

**PAYMENTS FOR P&C ITEMS:**

Please note that any payments to the P&C must be paid via cash or cheque. P&C does not have the facility to take EFTPOS.
This week our school wide Positive Behaviour for Learning focuses on **Whole Body Listening**. Mr Pacey spoke to students on Monday how to show whole body listening when at school. Classes discussed positive examples; look at person talking to you, both ears ready to hear, mouth is quiet, hands and feet are still, body facing the speaker and brain is thinking about what is being said. Whole body listening maximises students’ learning potential. Please encourage your children to show whole body listening at home too.

Have a great week. Mrs Nicholson and PBL team

**Reading Corner**

The Reading Corner will feature short tips that can help you to support your child read successfully. Reading is one of the Oakey State School improvement focuses, and as we know, ‘if you can read, you can do anything’.

**Tip Number 3: Develop Reading Partnerships**

Reading aloud can be a valuable strategy to get older and younger children together. The older child can explain key language and ideas that are being read by the younger child, or model reading strategies. This can be done with older and younger siblings, or with older and younger friends.

If you have questions regarding our reading agenda, please ask your child’s teacher or Shaun Holmes.

**Before school routine**

**NO ARRIVALS BEFORE 8:30am**

All students are required to wait in the following areas before school:

- Prep – Year 2: Covered area near the Tuckshop
- Year 3 – Year 6: Eating area under A Block

This applies even when a parent is present with the student. Students will be dismissed from these areas to move to class at 8:45 am by the staff on duty.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students safe.

**HEADLICE ALERT**

Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat immediately if lice are found.

**SCHOOL HATS**

Please make sure your child comes to school with their own hat, as we don’t have spare hats available for students. Make sure the hat is clearly named so if misplaced we can return it to the rightful owner. **Students who don’t have a hat are not allowed to play outside.** Reversible school hats are available for sale from the school office. These blue hats sell for $15.00 each, can be reversed into the students’ school house colour (red, blue, green or yellow).

**SUN SAFETY is IMPORTANT NO Hat—NO Play!**

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

**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.
Oakey State High School has a vacancy for a temporary full-time (38 hours per week) Agricultural Assistant commencing 06.03.17, concluding 01.03.2019.

All applicants must apply in writing as per application package which is available from the school office or school website oakeyshs.eq.edu.au.

Applications closing 4pm, 17th February, 2017 should be marked “Private and Confidential” and addressed to The Business Services Manager, Oakey State High School, PO Box 319, OAKLEY 4401 or emailed to bsm@oakeyshs.eq.edu.au.

Applications will remain current for 12 months.

The successful applicant must hold or make application for, and be able to obtain, a suitability card from Public Safety Business Agency.

A probationary period may apply.

Please phone 4691 4100 for further details.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Roar Lions Markets – Sat 25th February: The Oakey Lions Club quarterly Markets are coming up again, in the carpark at the Railway Station. 8 am to 1 pm, Sat 25th February. Contact lionsclubfoaokey@outlook.com to book a site.

Community Grants – close 1st March: Councils Community Grants program is open, covering Sport & Recreation, Event Support, Community support, Environmental, Cultural & Arts Support and Sports Tourism. Applications must be received by 1st March, and can be done on line, or on paper. An information session will be held on Wednesday 15 February from 4pm, where those interested can go to the Oakey Service Centre and be connected by phone or skype to specialists in each grant category. More information at www.tr.qld.gov.au/grants.

There are other grants available as well - contact your Community Liaison Officer for assistance if you have projects needing funds, or about Councils grants.

Oakey Show – Sat 18 March: Oakey Show is scheduled for Saturday 18th March this year, and the Show Ball for Sat 4th March. Contact the Oakey AP&R Society at oakeyshowsociety@gmail.com for information, bookings and tickets.

YOUNG FARMERS CHALLENGE 2017

To be held at the Oakey Show on Saturday 18th March, 2017. All you need is a team of 4; men and women welcome!

⇒ Mini: 6-9 years
⇒ Junior: 10-13 years
⇒ Teen: 14-17 years
⇒ Open: 18+

The challenge is out to beat your showgirl teams. Email: emilymaydawnakers1999@gmail.com for a nomination form.

Great prizes to be won!

Contact:
Emily Akers:
0468 959 772
For more info.

Oakey Creek Crossing Upgrade Lorrimer Street

Council has received State Government funding to upgrade the crossing located on Lorrimer Street, between Cory Street and Cooper Avenue.

Construction works are planned to commence mid February for completion by late May 2017. Traffic diversions will be necessary during this period.

Council asks that you plan ahead for your trips and follow all signage for the safety of motorists and construction workers.

For further information, please call 13 1872 or email: info@tr.qld.gov.au

Oakey Soccer Club

Sign On

When: Sun. Feb 19th
9am—1pm
Where: Oakey Soccer Clubhouse
Federal Street, Oakey
Contact: Ray Cooper—
0431 316 098
Get started vouchers approved

Oakey Scouts

Joey’s (6—8 years): Monday nights 5—6 pm
Cubs (8 –10½ years) Monday nights 6—7:30pm
 Scouts (10½ - 14½ yrs.) Tuesday night 5—7pm

For more information please phone Jacque on 0417 797 644