Dear Parents, Families and Community Members,

Have you heard the Koel birds? Each year, once I start noticing these birds with their distinctive call, I always think of exams, the end of school and preparing for Christmas. It is that time of year again and I am convinced it creeps up more quickly each year!

Swimming lessons have finished and the students have had a marvellous time putting in lots of effort to improve their swimming skills. On Monday, the Swimming Carnival will be held at the Oakey Pool 11:30am–2:30pm and parents and families are invited to attend to cheer their children and team on. A permission note has been sent home earlier in the week, along with a list of events your child has been nominated for. Please return these promptly.

Everyday learning tip: Here is a fun, everyday activity you can do with your child to help develop their literacy and numeracy skills: paint and draw — art allows children to express themselves. As your child learns more words you may notice their paintings or drawings become more detailed.

Awards Night and Christmas BBQ This will be held on Friday 25th November, starting with a BBQ at 5:30pm. This is supported by the P&C and there will be steak burgers and sausages available for a donation. Families are asked to bring a small gift for their child/ren to assist the big man in red, who will also visit on the night. The Awards Night component will then commence at 7pm. Families are asked to bring a small plate to share for supper. Awards Night is always a wonderful night celebrating the achievements of the students over the year.

The Prep/Year 1 class had a visit from the Oakey Fire Brigade on Tuesday and we will have another on the 29th November. Each year we receive a visit, with the students in Prep/Year 1 taught the importance of fire safety and an evacuation drill performed during one of the visits. We thank the Oakey Fire Brigade for generously giving their time each year to visit the school.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible Students have been reminded of caring for and putting away sports equipment after play.

Year 6 Dinner The Year 6 students and their parents are invited to attend dinner at Sizzler on Wednesday 23rd November 6pm, to celebrate their time at Biddeston State School. Families are to pay for their own meals. We always look forward to this night!

CWA House The Year 5/6 students have been once again working with Mrs Donovan and Mrs Beazley in preparation for their visit to CWA House in Oakey. They have also been honing their recitation skills to present to the residents. Each year the students visit, and both students and residents enjoy this wonderful experience.

Finance All payments to school need to be finalised by Friday 25th November as our finance system is closing down for the holidays. Outstanding payments include Tallebudgera, swimming lessons, transport and Brainways Quest. Please ensure you have paid all monies due, by this date.

P&C Remember to send in your ham order forms! These are due by 25th November. And your school bag order forms for 2017. Raffle tickets are being sent home for a chance to win one of our two prizes, valued at over $200 dollars. The tickets are $2 each and will be drawn at Awards Night. There are extra tickets in the office and will be sold on the night.

We congratulate past students who were award recipients at Oakey State High School recently. Congratulations to Kaitlyn, Tanicia, Jessica, Bryde, Callum, Lachlan, Ben, Bailey, Cooper, Riley and Gemma. We are very proud of you and what you have achieved! Thank you to parents for sending this information in. Please continue to send in good news stories of past students for us to share.

Professional development I will be away at an Annual Implementation Plan planning day on Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend! Kind Regards, Sharon
P & C ASSOCIATION
Please note dates for meetings in 2017
1st FEBRUARY at 5pm Meet & Greet and AGM
8th FEBRUARY 3:30pm Monthly meeting

AGENDA:
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Uniforms
For any uniform orders, please text Belinda Strasser to arrange suitable time for fitting and pick up. Belinda will be at school Friday mornings.
Belinda Strasser 0421 774 599

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Our talented artists with some of their work from the recent Art Camp