

# Oxley Vale Public School

*A quality education in a caring and innovative environment*

# MESSENGER



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Oxley Vale Public School acknowledges that the school is built upon the traditional lands of the Gomeroi/Kamilaroi people. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present and ask for guidance and wisdom as we work towards improving educational outcomes for all our children.

Term 4 Week 6

12th November, 2013

### Principals Message

#### Kinder Transition

This is the final week of our Kindergarten Transition program for our 2014 kindergarten students. We have been enjoying having our new students in the school and can't wait for them to start their first year of schooling with us next year.

On Friday morning we will be having our Kindergarten Orientation morning in the school hall. This morning is for parents and students and will be a great opportunity for parents to hear about the school, purchase or make orders for uniforms, talk to the bus companies about transport to and from school and also get to know some other parents. We look forward to seeing you all there on Friday morning.

#### Deadly Day

As mentioned in last week's Messenger, our Deadly Day is only a short while away. We are getting very excited about the activities that students will be doing on the day. We are also very excited about having so many parents and friends come to school to take part with their children.

We would like to see as many mums, dads, aunts, uncles and carers as possible. We will be having a BBQ lunch and all are welcome. Please come along and see what our Deadly Day is all about.

#### School App

As we mentioned last week, it is only a few short weeks until our school App becomes available. It will work on Android and Apple devices and should prove to be a very useful way for parents and school to communicate. We will be publishing the newsletter through the app, as well as sending notes home. Parents will be able to use the app to submit absence notification which will then be followed up with a

phone call by office staff.

We will let everyone know the minute the App goes live.

#### PIP Program for Attendance

For the past several weeks we have been trialling a new system for monitoring and updating student absences. It is called a PIP program which is essentially a phone call from our staff to check if children are away. If any student is away and the school hasn't received notification about the absence by the family then one of our office staff will call to check. This is an easy way for the school to stay on top of our absences.

By law we are required to keep accurate records of student absences. If students are away parents must ring the school or send in a note explaining the reason for the absence. We realise that it can sometimes be a little tricky in the mornings writing a note so a phone call is often the best way to do it. The Department of Education requires that all absences be explained by the family, hence our phone calls. If no note or phone call has been recorded at school after one week then the absence automatically becomes an "unexplained absence". This will result in a letter being sent home asking for an explanation.

Please do not panic if you receive a phone call from the school checking on the whereabouts of your child, we are just trying to keep our records accurate. We welcome any calls to the front office to assist us in keeping our records up to date.

## Leaving School Grounds

Just a quick reminder that teachers are now walking students to the top gate each afternoon. Thank you to the parents who are waiting just inside the top gates or on the footpath outside the school each afternoon. We changed the arrangements for leaving the school in response to some safety concerns that were raised about people having access to our school site.

We would like to remind all parents that if you are collecting (or visiting) your child for any reason before the end of the school day it is a requirement to sign on in the front office. The Department of Education requires the school to ensure they are aware of all persons on school grounds at any time, including parents and volunteers.

We appreciate your cooperation.

## VANDALISM

We would like to thank everyone for their support in trying to reduce the amount of graffiti and vandalism in our toilets. We have had far fewer incidents over the past week and we are grateful to the families who took the time to discuss how important it is to respect the school's facilities. We very much appreciate your support. In an effort to keep our school beautiful we ask that you talk to your children from time to time about taking responsibility for their surroundings. With a combined effort we can make our school look even more exceptional.

*Principal*

*Luke Norman*

## Selective Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians

A reminder online applications for selective schools is open. Please find information below about the process of enrolling your son at Farrer for Year 7 2015.

On-line applications are now open; simply go to the Farrer website: [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au) and follow the Selective Schools link.

Applications close on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2013.

For further information please contact [kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kerry.hussey@det.nsw.edu.au).

I look forward to meeting you at the school's Open Day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

Enrolments Officer  
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*Yours sincerely*  
*Kerry Hussey*

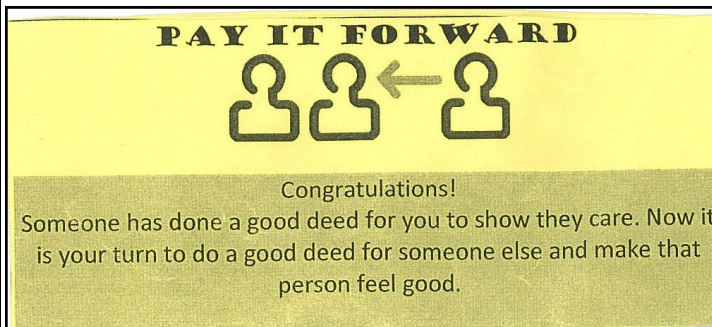
## Pay it Forward

Pay it forward cards are things that children have been passing around after doing good deeds to someone else and not expecting a reward. It could be as simple as tucking in someone's chair. All you have to do is do a good deed for someone, tick off a box and give it to the person you did a good deed to, they then do something nice for someone else.

This is part of You Can Do It program that children in infant classes are following. It's teaching children to "Get Along".

*Ella, Faith, Bailey and Ben*

*2P*



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## Kindergarten Presentation

All parents and community members are welcome to attend the Kindergarten Presentation.

Friday 22nd November  
Oxley Vale Public School Hall  
10am

Please join us.

# ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

## Merit Awards

### Infants

**KP:** Ben Browning, Dekoda Jerrett

**KD:** Dekoda Hughes, Amarlia Curry

**K/1M:** Lily Adams,

**1E:** Max Milsom, Bailey Harpur

**1R:** Jack Ellis, Madison Higgs

**1/2T:** Latesha Butler, Jayden Rogers

**2P:** Tristan Macfarlane, Zander Williams-Sands

### Primary

**SD:** Paul Paterson, Jason Cook

**2/3B:** Jimmy Logue, Jai Thompson

**3L:** Taryl Olsen, Alkira McGrady, Cody Sheridan, Alannah Klease, James Mallise

**4N:** Sarah Gill, Jordan Leslie

**4/5E:** Brandon McManus, Daniel Peel

**5S:** Nikita Barber,

**5/6M:** Zarli Lord, Allana Carrick, Breanna Russell

**6S:** Bailey Brown, Jayme-Lee Averillo

## Book Work Ribbon

Ellie Webster

Abbey Reeves-Britz

Harry Gill

Keith Curry

Jesse Sylvester

Alex Bennett-Wilkinson

Dre Curry

Bella Tulley

Amber Dewson

Shae Grant

Page Ingram

Ambrosia Geale

Multitit Awards this week was awarded to Ambrosia Geale, Rosharnie Burns, Haydon Hopwood –Young and Lachlan Renton.

QuickSmart Awards this week was awarded to Chloe Ison, and Janarie Burns.

Reading Recovery Award this week goes to Harry Pinchen.

Win Bin Winner this week is Savannah Brennan K/1M.

This week's assembly 15th November is a split assembly starting at 12pm for infants and 1pm for primary.

## STUDENT 2 STUDENT

A big congratulations to our students who recently participated in the 'Student 2 Student' reading program. Reagan Bayliss, Egypt Edwards, Reagan Kent, Zarli Lord, Nikkita Wallace, Isaac Hough and Harmony McKay were all teamed up with a senior school phone buddy. Three times a week for 20 minutes, our students would read to their reading buddy. The program ran over two terms and all of our students reading levels improved. Well done! It is a good reminder to all of us to read, read, read! What a good incentive to all of us to find a reading buddy, read 20 minutes a day, three times a week and improve our reading.





## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

### November

15th	Kindergarten Orientation Day
11th - 22nd	Swimming School
22nd	Kindergarten Presentation
27th	P&C Meeting
28th	Deadly Day
29th	Year 1 Presentation
26th & 1st	School Spectacular (Sydney)

### December

4th	Swimming Carnival
6th	Year 2 Presentation
10th	Presentation Evening
12th	Year 6 Farewell

# P&C MEETING

## 27TH NOVEMBER

### 6:30PM

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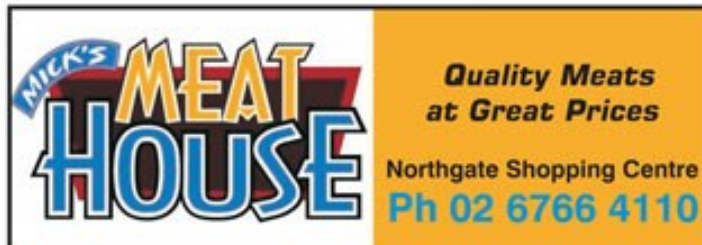
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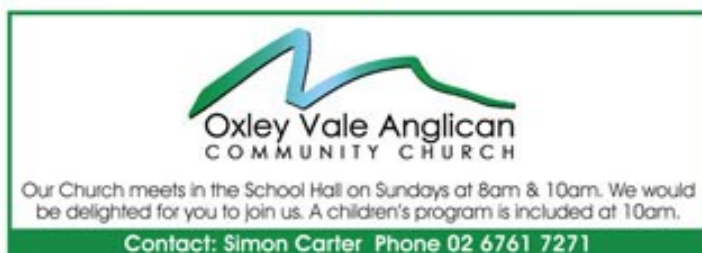
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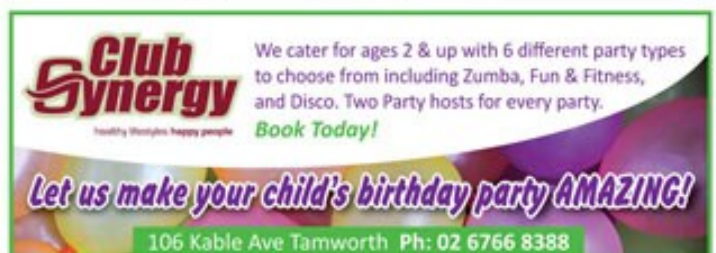
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**Oxley Vale Anglican COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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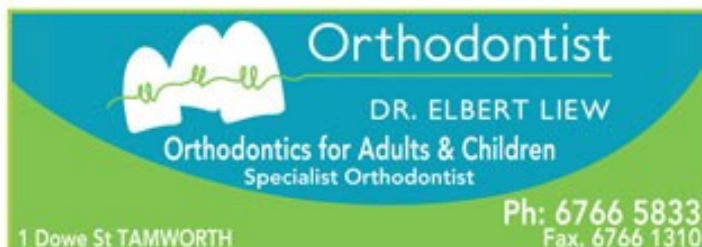
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