

# 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 10**

**10th December, 2013**

### Principal's Message

I can't believe we are in the second last week of the year! In a few short days our 2013 kindergarten students will no longer be the youngest and smallest children in the school, they will be big year 1s and Year 6 will be leaving us and heading off to high school.

So many things have changed this year and no doubt we will see even further change in our school next year, that is progress. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the wonderful families who have chosen this school as the place to educate your children. This is a responsibility we take very seriously and our staff dedicate themselves to moving your children forward academically and socially.

Next year we will implement a few new systems within the school as part of our commitment to the PBL program. We have established our core values through consultation with students, staff and the community and these values will form the basis of a new rewards system across the entire school. Our values are Pride, Respect, Integrity and Excellence. We look forward to implementing this system and hope that it will assist to recognise all students for their hard work both in and out of the classroom.

We would also like to remind you that students finish school next Wednesday the 18th December. Until the conclusion of that day we expect that all students attend school as per usual. If your child is absent for any reason please ring the school and provide a note upon their return. It is very important to let us know if

your child is away.

We hope you enjoy the last two weeks of the school year with us and would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday over the Christmas break.

**Luke Norman**

**Principal**

**YEAR 6 CAR WASH**



# Presentation Evening

All parents and community members are  
welcome to attend the end of year  
Presentation Evening tonight.

Children to wear full school uniform.

**Tuesday 10th December**  
**Oxley Vale Public School Hall**  
**7pm.**

## Presentation Evening

A reminder to all families with students from years 3 to 6 that our annual presentation evening will be held tonight at 7pm in the school hall. We are asking all students attending to wear full school uniform. This evening is the final celebration of academic, sporting and cultural achievement for our Primary students and we would love to see as many families attend as possible.

Please feel free to bring family members to help us celebrate. Seating is limited so we suggest that you arrive at least 15 minutes early in order to find a seat and be seated prior to our 7pm start time.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## IMPOTANT ANOTICE

### End of Year Excursions

Due to end of year excursion payments being due, please ensure all monies are returned to your classroom teacher by this Friday. We appreciate your effort in doing this for the school to finalise their accounts. Please send the correct amount for the excursion.

## NUTS & OUR SCHOOL

We have students who have severe anaphylactic reactions to nuts and nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter. We encourage you to keep all nut products at home for the safety of our children.

## Year 6 Farewell

This Thursday evening at 5:30pm our Year 6 students will be attending their graduation and farewell. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with the graduation ceremony. All family members are invited to attend this part of the evening to witness the students receive their certificates of completion for Year 6.

Following the graduation the children will then enjoy a sit down dinner with staff following a farewell disco. The evening will conclude promptly at 8:00pm when we ask parents to collect their children and return home.

We look forward to seeing all of Year 6 at the graduation.

## Riding for the Disabled

Last Thursday afternoon the children from SD class enjoyed a Christmas afternoon with the Riding for The Disable. Staff and children had a most enjoyable time with the wonderful volunteers and Santa.





# ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

## Merit Awards

### Infants

**KP:** Bailey Taylor, Christopher Robinson

**KD:**

**K/1M:** Malcolm Golledge, Dannica Brown

**1E:** Bryce Rampling, Bridie Morris

**1R:** Blake Ingram, Hannah Bishop

**1/2T:** Ashley Howarth, Latesha Butler

**2P:** Claudia Ruthberg, Brady Hopwood-Young

### Primary

**SD:**

**2/3B:** Daniel Myhill, Jameson Madams

**3L:** Abigail Schimann, Jarmarnus Geale

**4N:** Danny Davidson, Taaron Lord

**4/5E:** Cooper Newton, Georgia Burns

**5S:** Kaecia Beattie, Chelsea Foody

**5/6M:** Jada Ison, Bridie Martin

**6S:** Will Cadby, Jamie-Lee Averillo

QuickSmart Awards this week were awarded to Sherri Sands-Green and Jarmarnus Geale.

Our Win Bin winners for Week 5 is Braiden Muller (1E), Week 8 Indianna Brazier (KSP) Week 9 Harry Pinchen (1/2T)

## Book Work Ribbon

Dylan Hopwood-Young

Troy Bennett

Nicholas Strong

Jeremy Thompson

Lily Hardcastle

Tristan Macfarlane

Melaney Smart

Billy Russell

Fletcher Morris

Daniel Peel

Nikkita Barber

Allana Carrick

This week's assembly 13th December is a combined assembly starting at 12:50pm.



## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

### December

10th	Presentation Evening
12th	Year 6 Farewell
13th	End of year excursion monies due
16th	Marsupial Park (Yrs 3-5)
16th	Kidzone / Viaduct Park (K-2)
17th	Movie Day (Yr 6)
17th	Christmas Disco
18th	Last Day for Students
19th	Last Day for Staff

### 2014

Staff Return	Tues 28th January
Students Return	Wednesday 29th January

## Breakfast provides brain food

Eating breakfast each morning improves children's learning, concentration, behaviour, overall nutrient intake, and establishes healthy eating patterns for life. Some quick breakfast options include:

- wholegrain cereals and reduced-fat milk
- baked beans on wholegrain toast and a glass of reduced-fat milk
- fruit smoothie and toast
- toast topped with cheese and sliced tomatoes
- egg on toast with a glass of reduced-fat milk
- wholemeal or wholegrain toast or fresh bread, with margarine spread plus a topping, such as tomato, reduced-fat cheese or baked beans
- reduced-fat yoghurt, fruit and raisin bread
- fruit salad and yoghurt.

Serve breakfast with a glass of water or milk to get children hydrated.

### Schools Spectacular 2013

The exciting adventure for the Oxley Vale school spec dance team began on Tuesday with a Long train journey to Sydney. The week was exceptionally busy and involved lots of walking, long tiring days and late nights. Krystal Noble, Jasmine Webb, Annika Sharples, Breanna Russell, Sophie Ison, Jack Williams, Jada Ison, Lori Edgar, Kaecia Beattie and Lucy Bowden along with Miss Langford and Miss Dawson spent a week, rehearsing dance routines, performing, shopping and exploring some of the many tourist attractions in Sydney.

Upon arrival, restless from a long delayed train trip, we quickly checked into the YHA then ventured down to Darling Harbour to the amazing play ground with a flying fox, 360 degree swing, giant slide and interactive water features. We walked around the harbour admiring the lights shimmering on the water and walked across ANZAC Bridge where we saw some impressive ships such as The Endeavour and a Navy ship along with a submarine docked outside the Maritime museum.



Wednesday was a busy day full of rehearsals with 500 students involved in the '30 years of Imagination' segment. We experienced the city rail system at peak hour to travel to Alexandria for the day. After rehearsing new and old choreography for 6 hours we travelled back into the centre of the city and walked down to Darling Harbour to visit Madame Tussaud's, The Wild Life Sydney Zoo and the Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

By the end of the day our feet were aching and we were exhausted, but we loved every minute of the day. Everything we saw was amazing. We were particularly impressed with running into celebrities such as One Direction, Barack Obama, Johnny Depp, Katy Perry, Wolverine and Iron Man at the wax museum. We had smiled and posed with as many celebrities as possible. We made friends with a giant 5 metre salt water crocodile named Rex at the zoo and a handsome dugong Annika nicknamed 'mate'.

Once again the excitement of the day and evening activities was so overwhelming the Year six girls had a difficult time settling down and going to sleep. They kept Miss Dawson and Miss Langford up half of the night with their giggling and talking.

Thursday was a full on day of rehearsals at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We had to perform for the first time in our costumes. It was amazing to see how our combined dance would come together. We were dressed as Flannel Flowers. There were also bluebells, bottlebrush, vines, wattle, koala, lizard, frog costumes. The colours all looked fantastic together. We danced in a Segment called '30 Years of Imagination' to the songs 'Pure Imagination' from 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'A Friend Like Me' from 'Aladdin' which was performed during performances by Darren Percival from the TV show 'The Voice'. That evening we walked along Darling Harbour.



On Friday morning we spent the time shopping at Paddy's market and the mall shopping before heading to the Entertainment Centre for a matinee performance. We made a mad rush to the Tower Eye to take part in a 4D experience promoting the icons of Sydney and then heading in the elevator to the top of the observation tower which is the second tallest tower in the southern hemisphere to look at the breathtaking 360 degree view of Sydney before heading back for our Evening performance. Human Nature made a special guest appearance at the evening's performance.

We had a busy day on Saturday. We caught the ferry from Darling Harbour to Circular Quay and had a close up view of the Opera House, Harbour Bridge, and Luna Park. We made the words 'OVPS' and 'SPEC' with our bodies at the base of the Opera House before heading to 'David Jones' to see the Christmas window display before catching the train to the YHA to prep hair and makeup for the matinee performance. We had a little time to do some more shopping at Paddy's Market and the mall. That evening we had our final Evening performance and thoroughly enjoyed dancing to the finale song 'Let Me Entertain You'.

Finally, Sunday arrived and we caught the train home. Everyone was exhausted after such a wonderful time.

**Krystal Noble:** My favourite part of my school spectacular experience was when we went to Madame Tussaud's because we got to see lots of different celebrities like, one direction, Katy Perry, Julia Gillard and Justin Bieber and much, much more!



**Breanna Russell:** In School Spectacular my favourite part was when we went to the Wildlife Centre and saw all the cute/ dangerous animals, my favourite animals were the Koalas, Echidnas and the big crocodile Rex. It was great fun and I'm so glad I came this year.

**Jasmine Webb:** My favourite part of school spectacular was when we went to Madame Tussaud's because we got to see many famous people like one direction, Katy Perry, Danny Minogue and me.

**Annika Sharples:** hi

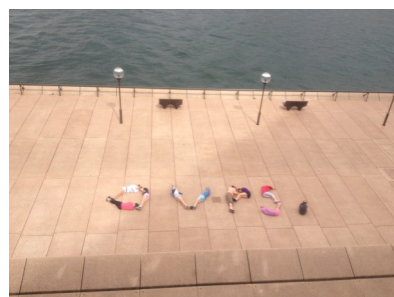


**Jada Ison:** My favourite part of Schools Spectacular would have to be performing in front of thousands of people, seeing Human Nature and getting Automotophil to beatbox for us. (: !!!

**Lori Edgar:** My favourite part of school spec was performing in front of thousands and millions at home and the experience of it and spending time with some of my friends .we went to lots of places which were exciting like Madame Tussaud's, the Wild Life Centre, the Tower Eye and much more !

**Kaecia Beattie:** My favourite thing about school spectacular was having an opportunity to perform in front of thousands and millions of people watching at home. We experienced lots of different places like the wildlife park, Madame Tussaud's, the aquarium and the tower eye. I would like to thank Ms Langford and Ms Dawson for giving us an opportunity to participate in school Spectacular we had lots of fun!!!! ;)

**Lucy Bowden:** My favourite thing in spec would have to be just having the opportunity to be there with my friends and the teachers whether it was exploring Sydney together or running off the stage from an awesome performance. I am extremely grateful that I got to go to School Spectacular, I had such an amazing time and I would like to thank Miss Langford and Miss Dawson for giving up their life for a whole week to be with us on this amazing experience.



**Jack Williams:** My favourite moment in schools spec 2013 was when we had to dance in the first performance and the last performance and I would also like to thank Miss Dawson and Miss Langford for giving up 6 days of their own time just to take us to dance in the schools spec this year. Thanks Miss Langford and Miss Dawson. :)

**Sophie Ison:** My favourite part about school spec this year would probably going to Madame Tussaud's because we got to see famous people made out of wax, there was Katy Perry, One Direction, Iron Man and many more. (:





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