

# Oxley Vale Public School

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# 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

11th November, 2014

### Principal's Message

Welcome to week 6 of the final term for 2014. The weeks are ticking by but there is still a lot of work left to do in the classrooms. After all, that's why we are all here.

Last week we had the absolute pleasure of having our mid-term PBL assembly. It is always great to acknowledge the hard work our students do in order to focus themselves on learning. Well done to all of our awards winners from last week.

Over the coming weeks we will be holding more celebrations of student achievement, starting next Friday with our Kindergarten Presentation assembly, Year 1 and Year 2 Presentation Assemblies will be held on subsequent Fridays. Our Primary Presentation Assembly will be held in Week 10 on the Tuesday evening. This Time of year is very exciting and we look forward to seeing as many people here at OVPS as possible to help us celebrate.

Have a wonderful week.

**Luke Norman**  
**Principal**

### Debating

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of November Miss Langford kindly took a Junior and a Senior debating team out to Timbumburi for a debate and a debating workshop. Ella Davidson, Jake Gurney, Billy Russell and Lane Pittman kicked off the debates debating "We live in a better world than our grandparents". They debated well but lost to the very good Timbumburi Junior team.

Lucy Bowden, Lori Edgar, Fiona Field and Bridie Martin ended the day of debating, debating the topic "All students in school should learn a musical instrument" against Nemingha Public School. We did extremely well but we lost to Nemingha by one point. Kindly, Mr Lewis, the adjudicator for the day also ran a workshop at the end of the day to give all the debaters tips on how to improve their debating skills in the future. We had a great day and learnt lots. Thank you to Mr Lewis the adjudicator for adjudicating and a big thank you to Mrs Bowden for transporting us there and to Miss Langford for organising for us to participate in the debate.

**Lori Edgar**



### Upcoming Events

**Monday 10th November -  
Friday 21st November**  
School Swimming Scheme

**Tuesday 11th November**  
Remembrance Day

**Friday 14th November**  
Kinder Orientation Day

**Friday 21st November**  
Kinder Presentation Assembly

**Friday 28th November**  
Year 1 Presentation Assembly

**Friday 5th December**  
Year 2 Presentation Assembly

**Tuesday 9th December**  
Presentation Night  
Year 3 - Year 6

**Thursday 11th December**  
Year 6 Graduation  
5.30pm

### **Big Sista, Little Sista**

Every Tuesday afternoon in Term 4 Year 6 girls and some year 5 girls travel by bus to Oxley High School to learn about beauty, trust, friendship and do lots of activities as a part of the Big Sista, Little Sista program with Oxley High school students. We do beauty and make-up salons and we also do trust exercises and learn about true friendship. It is a lot of fun and it also gets us used to Oxley High for next year. Mrs Way, the Aboriginal Education Officer for Oxley High and some other staff members kindly run the program. It is a great opportunity for Stage 3 girls to experience Oxley High and develop our skills.

***Lucy Bowden***

### **Office News**

Please note the school's end of financial year falls on the 30th November. Processing has begun in preparation for this to run smoothly. It would be very much appreciated if any outstanding accounts such as band fees, swimming scheme etc. could be finalised as quickly as possible and that any excursions during November be paid promptly. Many thanks for your assistance.

***Mrs Ginter***

### **Library News**

#### **Golden Tickets**

Our students really do demonstrate "pride" in their everyday school activities. Bookwork, uniform, hand-writing, art, music, reading, writing, maths—the list is endless! As a reward this week, the winners of the Golden Tickets played duster hockey in the hall. It was great fun and a very close contest!

***Julie O'Neill***



### **UDRH Community Open Day On**

the 5<sup>th</sup> of November the SRC and Miss Langford went to the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health for the Community Open Day of the new university facilities and the unveiling of the Aboriginal artworks that are featured on the front and the back of the building. After the official opening and unveiling of the artworks we went inside to enjoy morning tea and then participate in some workshops to learn about some of the jobs you can do as a medical professional such as physiotherapy, dieticians, speech pathology and many more. In the physiotherapy workshop the whole SRC got a cast on their arm and they also had wheelchairs that we could ride around in. In the dietician workshop they showed us what foods are good to eat and what foods are bad for you. In the speech pathology workshop they had a voice recognising device that you put to your throat and it imitates a voice without you having to speak. It was a very good day and we had lots of fun and we learnt a lot. Thank you to Mr Ian Woodley for inviting us to the open day, Mrs Bowden for transporting us and thank you Miss Langford for supervising and transporting us.

***Bridie Martin***



♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten

**Kinder Orientation Day**

**Friday 14th November**

**Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm**



# Stage 2 Lake Keepit Excursion



Below are response from 4E class this week from when they went on the Lake Keepit excursion.

My favourite part of canoeing was when we did it backwards to an tree island.

I did not like anything every thing was so much fun.

My favourite part was when we went to the pool.

I learnt that kayaking was so much fun especially with the waves in the water.

If I could go back I would and finish off the NRL finding game and Hero and Villans.

I was challenged when I was doing the rock climbing, I was scared. - *Abigail*

I liked everything about it because it was fun!

I did not like all the food it was yuck.

My favourite part was kayaking because it was windy and bumpy.

I learnt that I could shoot an arrow at a dart board.

If I could go back I would learn more things in archery.

I was challenged when I went on the rock climbing but I did it anyway. - *Aleisha*

I liked the wild life because they were really cute.

I did not like the food it wasn't that good.

My favourite part was kayaking and swimming because they were both really fun.

I learnt that I could do kayaking without capsizing.

If I could go back I would go swimming in the lake and in the pool.

I was challenged when we had to go to sleep because everyone was talking. - *Kelcee*

## CHANGE OF TIME FOR INFANTS ASSEMBLY

This week and next week our infants assembly will be held at 2:30pm on Friday due to swim school. 2T will be hosting this week's assembly, we hope to see you there!

## PBL AWARD WINNERS

### Bronze Awards

**2T:** Imogen Smith

**3S:** Craig Johnston, Reggie Sutton

### Silver Awards

**K-6P:** Phill-Bob Pryor, Jason Cook

**KM:** Levi Brown

**KP:** Jake Bayldon, Zak Bennett

**1C:** Indi Brazier, Dekoda Jerrett, Rhys Hanson, Bayley Taylor

**1E:** Anthony Nicholls-Daley

**1R:** Elisha Broderick, Maggie Kemp, Rhiannon Weribone

**2T:** Leah Weribone, Brendan Coulter

**2W:** Tylarnya Geale, Takoda-Lee Gray, Jorja Morris, Jayden

Graham, Jahmaul Leslie, Joe Sharp

**3/4E:** Luke Gurney, Connor Martin, Daniel Myhill, Faith Woods

**3S:** Mikayla Field, Roarke Christian, Bailey Honeysett, Brady Hopwood-Young, Cody Milsom, Claudia Ruthberg

**4E:** Kelcee Beattie, Ethan Woods

**5/6S:** Hannah Woods

**5M:** Hunter Mann-Barber, Felix Peake

**6L:** Allana Carrick, Shae Grant, Charlee Morris, Jasmine Squires

### Gold Awards

**K-6P:** Hayden Stokes, Kaitlyn Davy-Darlington

**KP:** Harper Barker, Kate Gardner

**1C:** Ellie Webster, Caylab Cabral

**1E:** Tayla Beattie, Katherine Huang, Dakota Hughes Paige Washington

**1R:** Abbey Reeves-Britz, Amelia Webb, Harry Gill

**2W:** Mikayla Butler, Bridie Morris, Beau Hancock

**3/4E:** Ellie Wiseman, Brady Smith

**3S:** Laila Browning, Charlotte Hahn, Nina Huang, Dimity Webb

**5/6S:** Amanda Hall, Jake Gurney

**5M:** Alira MacAlpine, Lilian McGrath, Danny Davidson, Matthew Peel

**6L:** Lucy Bowden, Hannah Griffiths, Jada Ison, Grace Murray, Emma Sheaves

### Platinum Awards

**1E:** Lillianna Eddy, Emily Rake, Mia Robinson

**2T:** Olivia Williams, Bryce Rampling, Kirk Schimann

**2W:** Zoe Hartigan, Colby Edgar

**3/4E:** Ella Davidson, Charlee Marshall

**5/6S:** Georgia Byrnes, Kaecia Beattie







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