

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 7

18th November, 2014

Principal's Message

Staff Car parks/Entry exit from school

Just a reminder that the staff car parks are for staff use only. The car parks are restricted for safety reasons. Vehicles using the car parks at peak times such as before and after school increase the risk of accidents. Please contact the school if you need to make specific arrangements outside of these guidelines. We appreciate your support in providing a safe environment for our children.

Kinder Orientation Day

Last Friday we held our 2015 Kindergarten Orientation morning. We would like to thank all of the families who have chosen our school as their first choice in providing a quality education for their children. We look forward to having our new kindergarten students start with us next year.

School Attendance

We are again reminding families of the importance of regular attendance at school. The DEC sets high standards for education, and has a policy that students should be attending at least 85% of the time. If your child is away from school for any reason please notify the school at your earliest convenience. You can do this via our school app, over the phone or send in a written note.

If your child's attendance falls below the required 85% you may receive a letter to remind you how important attendance is. Please contact us regarding this if you have any questions.

Swimming Scheme

This is the final week of our 2014 swimming scheme. Thank you to all the students and staff who have been attending this year, swimming is an important life skill and is often overlooked. If you have a desire to continue your child's swimming education please contact your local pool for further information on how to enrol in a swimming club or use the yellow pages to find a private swimming instructor. Water safety is incredibly important for all young people. Thanks again to the families who have sent their child along for our scheme this year.



Upcoming Events

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

Friday 21st November
Kinder Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 26th November
P&C Meeting
6.30pm

Friday 28th November
Year 1 Presentation Assembly

Friday 28th November
Year 2 Sleepover

Friday 5th December
Year 2 Presentation Assembly

Tuesday 9th December
Presentation Night
Year 3 - Year 6

Thursday 11th December
Year 6 Graduation
5.30pm

Presentation Evening

Our 2014 Presentation Evening for Years 3 to 6 will be held on Tuesday the 9th December in our school hall starting at 6pm. We encourage all students from years 3 to 6, and their families, to attend this event to help us celebrate the most outstanding achievements of our primary students throughout 2014. Students are to attend in full summer uniform. We look forward to seeing you there to help us celebrate the success of our students.

2015-2017 Planning Consultation – 26th November 5-6:30

On Wednesday 26th November we will be holding a community forum to have discussions and gather information to include in our 2015-2017 School Plan. The Department of Education and Communities has developed a new planning framework and we would like input from our parents. We will hold the meeting in Mrs Ellis's classroom, we will ensure that this is well signposted for those families not familiar with this classroom.

At the meeting Mr Norman will be discussing the new planning framework, consulting on your hopes and dreams for OVPS and asking parents to complete a short online survey to gather data to assist with the planning process. We hope that you are able to attend and contribute back to the future direction of our school. Following this forum the November P&C meeting will be held in the meeting room. Those wishing to stay are most welcome to do so.

Library News

Golden Tickets

As a reward for demonstrating 'Respect' last weeks Golden Ticket winners were involved in a team fitness challenge. It was definitely lots of fun!



Treasure Chest

It's so great to see the number of children remembering their library bags each week. Reading is such an important aspect of our daily lives and our library is continually buying new books not just to support learning, but for fun and enjoyment as well.

Remember: Library bag to borrow.

Overdue Books

As the end of our school year approaches ALL books must be returned to our library. Please check at home for any library books and return them to the school promptly.

Book Club

The last Book Club order is due next Wednesday 26th November. Place your order and money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and return to the front office. Please note NO late orders can be accepted to ensure our order has time to be returned before the end of the year.

Mrs O'Neill



Remembrance Day

Last Tuesday, 11th November, our school captains Lori Edgar, Daniel Peel, Bridie Martin and Jack Williams attended the Remembrance Day ceremony with Mr Norman. As representatives of our school the captains laid a wreath in remembrance of the armistice that ended the First World War at 11am on the 11th November and to pay respect to the service men and women who lost their lives.



Miss Langford

Japanese Fun in Stage 3

Last week 5/6S and 6L, as a part of their study of an Asian neighbour, participated in a couple of fun cultural experiments to experience a little taste of Japan. The first activity was a chopstick challenge. Students had to compete in teams to pick up and carry lollies using chopsticks in a relay. Many students showed superior skill in handling the chopsticks and collected an impressive bounty of lollies! The second activity was the wasabi pea eating challenge. It was impressive to see how many students could tolerate the hot wasabi flavour and consume multiple wasabi peas. Students enjoyed their little taste of Japan!

Miss Langford

Newcastle Permanent Math Competition

Congratulations to Billy Russell who ranked 4th in the northern region for the Newcastle Permanent Math Competition. Billy, Year 6 and some Year 5 students sat a math test last term for the annual Newcastle Math comp. Billy, Daniel Peel and Jake Gurney did exceptionally well in this competition and all received high distinctions for their achievements. Billy, in recognition of his outstanding result of 4th in the region attended an award ceremony in Coffs Harbour last week.

Miss Langford

Year 2 Sleepover

Every year the children experience their first excursion at OVPS by sleeping over at school. We have fun and games like musical chairs, duster hockey, gymnastics, a movie and pizza. The children bring their air beds and sleeping bags and we sleep in the library.



The sleepover will be taking place on Friday 28th November. Notes will be going home soon.

Miss Trasler

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP:

KM:

1C: Indi Brazier, Blair Collins

1E: Lily Heap, Nicholas McGrath

1R: Maggie Kemp, Kierra Thompson

2T: Riley Newton, Cooper Day

2W: Jahmaul Leslie, Jayden Graham

Primary

K-6P:

3S: Laila Browning, Spencer Edwards

3/4E: Gabriella Thompson, Trista Thompson, Cody Sheridan

4E: Dani Penfold, Jordan Leslie

5M: Skye Mark, Kody Childs

5/6S: Joshua Strong, Nikita Wallace

6L: Troy Taylor, Jack Williams

Book Work Ribbon

Kaitlyn Hahn

Katherine Huang

Brae Cocking

Maddy Higgison

Joe Sharp

Zander Williams-Sands

Daniel Myhill

Amber Dawson

Tarly Olsen

Dahria Burton

Jacob Rust

Kinder Presentation Assembly at 10.00am -

All Kinder parents and families welcome.

Primary Assembly 1.00pm

Congratulations!!



Week 6 Award Winners

Stage 2 Lake Keepit Excursion



Below are response from 3S class this week from when they went on the Lake Keepit excursion.

I liked archery and swimming.
I did not like living and sleeping.
My favourite part was playing with my friends.
I learnt that I could push myself to the limit.
If I could go back I would do archery because it was fun.
I was challenged when I was swimming - Spencer

I like rock climbing because I was up high.
I did not like kayaking because I almost fell out.
I learnt that I could climb, I love to climb.
If I could go back I would do archery because I could not do it.
I was challenged when in the race. - Shanieka

I liked rock climbing because I made it up the top.
I did not like kayaking because it was windy.
My favourite part was archery because I hit the target.
I learnt that I could climb up a big enormous rock climbing wall.
If I could go back I would swim in the pool all week because it was fun.
I was challenged when we done kayaking because it was very windy and cold. - Mikayla



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