

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 10

8th December, 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to Week 10 of Term 4, the last full week of the school year for students. 2014 has been a very busy year for everyone in the school. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our parents, extended family members and volunteers who have so generously donated their time and effort in support of our students though out the year. We are incredibly grateful for your support.

We were fortunate last week to have 2 special events at school at which this support was demonstrated. On Thursday we held our 2015 Swimming Carnival and many of our parents volunteered to hold a stop watch, help marshal and simply support our swimmers. Also, on Friday we held our Year 2 Presentation Assembly. The attendance at that assembly was fantastic with barely a spare seat. Thank you all again for your support.

On Thursday I also had the privilege of presenting Mrs Mary Maguire with a certificate for 30 years of service with the DEC. Congratulations Mary and thank you for all your hard work here at OVPS. We hope that you all have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday and wish you all the very best as we head into the final weeks of school for 2014.

Luke Norman

Presentation Evening

This Tuesday night at 7pm we will be holding our 2014 presentation evening. This event is held to celebrate the academic, cultural and sporting achievements of our students from years 3 to 6. We would like to invite everyone to attend this evening to help us celebrate the very best that OVPS has to offer.

Students from Years 3 to 6 are asked to attend. All students are to wear their summer uniform. Seating will be provided for adults and families, students will be seated on the floor at the front of the hall.

Please ensure all students are at school by 6:45pm to ensure classes are seated prior to 7pm.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 9th December

Presentation Night

Year 3 - Year 6

Starting at 7.00pm

Thursday 11th December

Year 6 Graduation

5.30pm School Hall

Friday 12th December

PBL Assembly

2.20pm

Monday 15th December

Yr 6 Movie Day

Wednesday 17th December

Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday 28th January

School Resumes

Year 1 - Year 6

Monday 2nd February

Kindergarten First Day

Uniform Shop opening 2015

At the beginning of each year we are inundated with uniform purchases. Next year we are opening the uniform shop BEFORE school starts to assist families in purchasing items prior to the first day of school.

The uniform will be open on Tuesday 27th January from 9:00am until 12:00pm. It will also be open on the first day of school, Wednesday the 28th from 9.00am - 12:00pm.

We hope this will assist families in preparing for the school year.

Parent Survey

Thank you very much to all of the respondents to our parent survey over the past week and a half. The feedback we have received is invaluable and will help us to further improve the way we operate. The winner of the \$50 Big W voucher will be contacted shortly.

Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival, held last Thursday, was a great success! Despite a rainy start to the day, the weather cleared and the day was enjoyed by all. Students had a wonderful time racing in the competitive events, practicing their swimming skills in the novelty events and enjoying the thrill of the waterslide. Thank you to all staff, students and parent helpers on the day.



Teacher Success!

Congratulations to two of our wonderful teachers, Mrs Sandra Murray and Mrs Jillian Porter, for completing their Professional Learning last week in L3 and Reading Recovery.

Mrs Murray celebrated the completion of her L3 training last Thursday. Congratulations Mrs Murray!

Mrs Porter completed her Reading Recover Training last week also and celebrated with a special graduation ceremony. Congratulations Mrs Porter!

Local Artist Visits 1R's Classroom

Local artist, Marie Larkin, visited our classroom last week to talk with 1R students and to give an art lesson. Marie also was generous enough to bring along one of her delightful dogs, Poppy. The children were excited to pat and play with her well groomed and fancily dressed dog.

Marie then showed 1R some of her special art equipment, including various paint brushes and oil paints. She then read "Twinkle" by Nick Bland, and proceeded to discuss the importance of the illustrations. Marie was impressed with the students' ability to infer meaning from the pictures.

We were then very fortunate to have an art lesson. Marie did a step-by-step drawing of a dog which the students followed through their own sketches. The children enjoyed this challenging but rewarding activity. We then put on a display for her by showing our artwork, one student at a time, to the beat of "Orinoco Flow" by Enya.

It was a great experience for 1R, one which they will hopefully cherish and maybe it will inspire them to become an artist in the future.



"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will" - George Bernard Shaw

2015 Junior Oztag

The new competition begins on Wednesday 18th February (Primary) and Thursday 19th February (H.S).

Registration includes Term 1 and Term 4.

Games are at Plain St Fields. Game times are 4.15pm and 4.50pm. 5.00pm (H.S).

Cost is \$90

Shorts \$25 (compulsory)

Early bird special \$80 if paid online by 10th December.

For more information visit our website or Facebook page.

Lost Property

In the office we have a variety of house keys and jewellery. If it is not collected by the end of term, the keys will be destroyed and the jewellery donated.

Big Sista Little Sista

On Monday 8th December, Mr Simon Bartlett-Taylor (Principal) and Mrs Janine Way (Aboriginal Education Officer) from Oxley High School presented certificates and a gift to the girls involved in the "Big Sista, Little Sista" Program. Thank you to Mr Bartlett-Taylor and Mrs Way for visiting our school and organising this program. Our girls participated enthusiastically and showed respect, pride, integrity and excellence. We are lucky to have opportunities like this to work closely with Oxley High School.

Mrs Genienne Ellis



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: Myah Meek, Denis West

KM: William Lulham, Lucas Sharp

1C: Kaitlyn Hahn, Chris Robinson

1E: Taj Munro, Ashley Howarth

1R: Marwa Khattak, Krystle Grazek-Cross

2T: Olivia Williams, Saumya Upadhyh

2W: Chelsea McDonald, Nathan Rust

Primary

K-6P: Phillip Pryor

3S: Claudia Ruthberg, Roarke Christian

3/4E: Ellie Wiseman, Hayden White

4E: Domink Germany, Jameela Leslie

5M: Felix Peake, Evan Kelly

5/6S: Connor O'Neil, Dahria Burton

6L: Bridie Martin, Jacob Rust

Book Work Ribbon

James Gee

Alaanah Jerrett

Ellie Webster

Phoebie Thomas-McGregor

Zander Death

Imogen Smith

Bridie Morris

Laila Browning

Gabriella Thompson

Bridey O'Neil

Danny Davdison

Jake Gurney

Jasmine Squires

Combined PBL Assembly Friday 12th December 2.20pm

All parents and families welcome

Congratulations Year 2



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