

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 9

2nd December, 2014

Principal's Message

Year 1 Presentation Assembly

Last Friday we held our Year 1 presentation assembly. It was such a privilege to be able to hand out certificates to each child to acknowledge all their hard work this year.

I'd like to say a special thank you to Mrs Rowsell, Mrs Burke and Mrs Charlton for all their hard work and dedication to Year 1.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members here to support our Year 1 students, thank you to all who attended.



Community Forum

Last Wednesday we held a community forum, although there were only a few parents who could attend it was an incredibly valuable experience and has produced some fantastic feedback for us to consider when making decisions for 2015. Thank you to the parents who came along, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Don't worry however, we will be holding more of these next year and you still have the chance to complete our online survey. Details have been sent home in a short note. It is incredibly easy to complete, you can find a link at the top of our website. Just google "Oxley Vale School".

Parent Survey

As per the note above, we currently have our parent survey open for your input. We are strongly encouraging as many people to complete this survey as possible. The information we gather will help us to make decisions about some future directions for our school. If that alone isn't enough reason to complete the survey, you can also go into the draw to win a \$50 Big W gift voucher. Perfect timing, just before Christmas.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 4th December

Swimming Carnival

Scully Park Pool

Years 2– 6

Cost \$7.00

Friday 5th December

Year 2 Presentation Assembly

10.00am School Hall

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

Wednesday 17th December

Last Day of Term 4

School Uniform

As most people agree, uniform is an important aspect of our school. Not only do they look good, they provide a cheaper alternative to the clothes children wear outside of school AND wearing a uniform promotes a sense of belonging in our students.

We understand that it is difficult at the end of the Christmas holidays to organise uniforms for children who have just grown a lot over the break. In response to this we will be opening the clothing pool from 9am until 12pm on the day before school as well as on the first day of school Thursday 29th January 2015.

We hope this makes fitting your child out in uniform easier for families at the beginning of 2015.

Presentation Evening

Next Tuesday, 9th December, we are holding our annual presentation evening for Years 3 to 6. We are encouraging as many parents and children to attend as possible as this is the most formal recognition of student achievement here at OVPS.

We are asking for children to arrive and be seated by 6:45pm. Students are to wear full **Summer** uniform. Students will sit on the floor at the front of the hall and parents are able to take a seat at the rear of the hall. The first few rows will be reserved for invited guests.

We hope to see you all there.

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 4th December we will be holding our school swimming carnival at Scully Park Pool.



The carnival is for Years 2 - 6 of 2015.

This carnival will be the qualifying carnival for the 2015 PSSA Swimming Carnival.

Cost is \$7 which includes cost of the bus, entry to the pool and slide. Students who have a season pass are still required to pay \$4.50 for bus and slide costs.

We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Year 2 Sleepover

What a great night!

Year 2 had a ball last Friday night, playing games, eating way too much and sleeping over in our library. Thank you so much Mrs Trasler for your effort and organisation! Also thanks to Mr Norman for helping.

This is a great action shot of duster hockey in the hall!

Mrs Morris



Alyce Simmonds Visit

Last Friday OVPS were lucky to have a visit from country music singing sensation Alyce Simmonds. Alyce sang a few songs and answered some of the students questions. We would like to thank Alyce for visiting our school, students and staff had a wonderful time.



Put Out Your Bats

Staff and students have put out our bat to pay tribute to the late Phillip Hughes.

Some students from 5/6S have written a letter of tribute.

Dear Phillip Hughes,

We hope you can watch down on your team and smile. We hope you have cricket members up there so you can have a game of cricket. RIP Phillip Hughes, so many people will miss you.

(Letter written by Amanda, Fletcher and Hayden)

Flowers will die and the sun will set, but you're a friend Oxley Vale will not forget,

Your name is so precious it will never grow old,

Its engraved in our hearts in letters of gold. (author unknown)



Garlic Harvest

Some students from Year 1 and Year 2 had fun with Mr Magill harvesting the garlic they planted earlier in the year.



Aboriginal Cultural Group

Last Friday the Aboriginal Cultural Group went to the Peel River. When we got there we had to wait a little bit for Hillview and Westdale Public School's to get there. When they got there Tom Tom had a bit of a talk to us. After that we split up into three groups. We had to listen to the group leader and the our group put on gloves and went around and picked up rubbish. After that we went down to the river and Paul dug a hole in the bank to plant trees, we then got to water some of the plants. Tom Tom then told us a story and did some dancing for us.

(Written by Makayla, Kelcee & Aleisha 4E)

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: Levi Cullen, Shakeita Chatfield

KM: Levi Mannion, Laci Leslie

1C: Claire Doherty, Amarlia Curry

1E: Aaliyah Williams-Sands, Phoebe Thomas-McGregor

1R: Beau Barker, Lochie Klease

2T: Jesse Sylvester, Zachary Browning

2W: Tylarnya Geale, Nick Strong

Primary

K-6P: Kaitlyn Davy-Darlington

3S: Paige Meek, Roarke Christian

3/4E: Lane Pittman, Troy McCarthy

4E: Bridey O'Neil, John Renton

5M: Amity Smith, Cody Howarth

5/6S: Hayden Todd, Tayla Childs

6L: Fiona Field, Lori Edgar

Book Work Ribbon

Rosie Adams

Laila Ye

Rhys Hanson

Nicholas McGrath

Krystle Garzek-Cross

Emma Worland

Takoda-Lee Gray

Ben Trembath

Faith Woods

Levi Bourne

Jordan Leslie

Chelsie Grant

Daniel Peel

Year 2 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am

All Year 2 parents and families welcome.

Primary Assembly 1.00pm

Congratulations Year 1



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