

# 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 1 Week 3

10th February, 2014

### Principal's Message

The first two weeks of school seem to have been a big success. There is lots of learning happening in the classrooms and lots of fun being had in the playground.

At last Friday's assembly we inducted the 2014 SRC members and our 2014 House Captains and Vice Captains. This rounds out our student leadership for 2014. Congratulations to all the SRC members and house leaders for 2014. We look forward to watching your leadership make a difference for our students.

This week classes will be focussing on the value of RESPECT. Students will be talking about respect all week in their classrooms and teachers will be looking for opportunities to praise children for showing respect to their peers, teachers and also for showing respect to their property. We would encourage all parents to have a chat at home about respect and how important it is. One universal truth that holds is that in order to gain respect you must first be willing to show it to others.

We have had many new families come into our school since the beginning of the year and the student numbers have changed somewhat. With our changing numbers we are currently looking at making some minor changes to classes but will try to keep these changes to a minimum. Once a final decision on classes has been made we will communicate this to families as early as possible.

**Luke Norman**  
**Principal**



### Crossing on Manilla Road

We are asking parents to remember that for the safety of your children all pedestrians crossing Manilla Road are to use the crossing. Before anybody crosses the road the crossing officer must first walk onto the road and stop the traffic. Once it is safe to cross the crossing officer will ask people to cross the road.

### Anaphylaxis in our school

Every year we like to remind families about this serious health issue which affects several of our students. We have children in our school who have anaphylactic allergic reactions to NUTS and EGG. Both of these foods are hard to avoid as ingredients in other foods however it is important to remember that this condition can be fatal and we ask that NO NUTS or nut-based products such as nutella and peanut butter be brought to school.

We very much appreciate your diligence in this matter.

## After School Learning Center

Our After School Learning Center will be running again this year and we are looking forward to seeing what our groups get up to after school. Last year the groups worked on various educational activities in the afternoon after school and also got to go to the new University building on Johnson Street to play with the new medical training labs that have been built. Notes will be organised and should be coming home this week.

## School Times and Supervision

The Department of Education and Communities requires schools to have staff on supervision duty 30 minutes before the start of the school day. Until that time the DEC considers parents legally responsible for supervising their children. We have teachers supervising students from 8:55am each day at the first bell but until then no supervision is provided.

We are encouraging all parents to plan for 8:55am as the earliest time for their child to arrive at school. We understand that this is not always possible but being earlier than this should not become a habit as our biggest concern is for the safety of the children. **If children do come to school before 8:55am they are to go directly to the artificial turf area with their bags.** No child is permitted in the buildings before this time.

## Entering and Leaving School – guidelines for students and parents

Thank you to our parents who read last week's Messenger and have made an effort to not walk through the car parks. In the interest of safety we are asking everyone to come into school via the pedestrian access at the crossing on Manilla Road.

**For safety reasons we are asking that no-one walks through a teacher car park at any time.** Children should walk on the outside of buildings and place their bag outside their classroom. At no time before 9:25am should students enter a building. If students arrive before 8:55am they are to go directly to the COLA with their bags.

At 3:25pm when the final bell goes all children who walk home or are collected by parents will be walked to the top gate by their teacher. Parents are invited to wait at the gate or close by under the covered areas. We ask that parents not wait inside the buildings as no students will be leaving this way and it can disrupt lessons, particular if parents arrive

a long time before the bell.

All students catching buses will walk to the Library to wait for their bus.

## Office Times

Our school office is open for enquiries, messages and payments between the hours of **8:45am and 3:45pm**. Any phone calls outside of these times will be recorded on our answering machine and followed up the next day. To avoid lengthy wait times we also ask that you keep enquiries between these hours.

## Voluntary Contributions

At the start of every year schools send out information regarding the voluntary contributions, otherwise known as school fees. These contributions go towards providing valuable resources to assist students with their learning needs.

We are asking families to pay their voluntary contributions as early as possible to allow for planning the purchase of resources early in the year and to provide a clear financial picture for the school. We would appreciate if families could pay their contributions at the front office where either Leanne or Christine can receipt the funds. Individual student fees are \$55 and the contribution for a family of 2 or more students is \$90.

Your support with these contributions is very much appreciated.

## Sports Report

Last weekend Bridie Martin and Sarah Gill travelled to Lismore to compete in the Northern NSW Regional athletics carnival.

Bridie came 1st in 400m, 3rd in 200m, 10th in long jump and 5th in 100m.

Sarah came 7th in 100m, 4th in long jump, 8th in 200m, 2nd in 400m and 4th in the relay.

Both girls are now set to compete in the 400m at Homebush Stadium in Sydney.



# ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

## Merit Awards

### Infants

**KPS:** Risha Pierce, Ryan Blanch  
**KM:** Madison Boyd, William Lulham  
**1C:** Ben Browning, Tashari Coffey  
**1E:** Harry Pinchen, Olivia Holz  
**1-2R:** Amelia Webb, Brae Cocking  
**2T:** Brendan Coulter, Olivia Williams  
**2/3W:** Colby Edgar, Breanna Moss

### Primary

**SD:** Kaitlyn Davey Darlington  
**4/5E:** Caleb Jenkins, Austin Bishop  
**3S:** Charlotte Hahn, Mikayla Field  
**3/4E:** Trista Thompson, Lane Pittman  
**5M:** Bailey Hartigan, Katelyn White  
**5/6S:** Flo Davidson, Connor O'Neil  
**6L:** Lucy Bowden, Jack Williams

### Week 2 Win Bin Winner

Jada Ison

## Book Work Ribbon

Myer Meek  
Riley Curry  
Ellie Webster  
Troy Bennett  
Jayden Graham  
Jahmaul Leslie  
Roake Christian

Allanah Hill  
Bailey Honeysett  
Melaney Smart  
Danni Penfold  
Keisha Beattie  
Jada Ison

This week's assembly Friday 14th February is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.

### *Respect Acrostic Poem by 3/4E*

Respect is showing kindness  
Everyone deserves to have respect  
Show respect to other people  
People can show respect by being polite  
Each day people should listen to other people  
Choose the right thing to do  
Try to respect other people all the time

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### Bradman Oval

Bradman Oval has been chosen for a regional screening of the new Aussie movie Backyard Ashes.

Backyard Ashes is an Australian comedy set in the Regional city of Wagga Wagga in NSW, in the backyard of a local bloke and cricket fanatic named Dougie Waters. The backyard setting forms a microcosm of Australian society, a kind of middle class suburbia. It focuses on the way that Australian's are drawn to their backyards and how we see them as safe places, as a kind of watering hole where people meet and the foundations of our Australian values and ideals begin to develop.

So much of an Australian's life is spent in their backyard and so many significant moments in their lives take place there too. Birthdays, Easter, Xmas, Australia Day, New Years Day and of course Boxing Day are all mostly celebrated in our backyards and are accompanied by family, friends, a BBQ and of course the obligatory game of backyard cricket. This is where our story takes place.

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