

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 1 Week 5

25th February, 2014

Principal's Message

Last Thursday afternoon was a fantastic success with many families coming to school in the afternoon to enjoy a free sausage sandwich, have a jump on the jumping castle and meet the teachers. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to say hello and just have some down time together. For those families who weren't able to make it, and for the parents who still want a more formal meeting with their child's teacher, we will be holding parent-teacher interviews in a few weeks time. Notes will be coming home soon.

This value this week is *PRIDE*.

Luke Norman
Principal

Newcastle Knights



Last Friday 3 players from the Newcastle Knights NRL team came to our school to show us how to tackle bullying. They gave out prizes and took pictures with our

school rugby league players. Thanks to Country Rugby League for bringing the Knights to our school. It was awesome!!

(Written by Jackahl Sullivan and Connor O'Neil)

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.

This week we have included a yellow envelope, attached to the Messenger, to make it easier for families to send their fees to school with their children. We will process these funds once they have been collected and send the receipt home with your child. You are also able to pay via eftpos at the front counter.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25th February

Go for Fun

3.30pm in the PC lab

Wednesday 26th February

P&C Meeting

6.30pm in the meeting room

Yarn - Up

9.30 - 11.30am in the
meeting room

Thursday 27th February

Go For Fun

3.30pm in the PC lab

Friday 28th February

Clean up Australia Day

19th - 24th March

Life Education Van

More information to come

Friday 21st March

Harmony Day

Go 4 Fun

As mentioned in the last few Messengers, the GO 4 Fun program starts this Tuesday afternoon at 3:30pm in the PC lab. This program is a healthy lifestyle program for children and their parents. It runs for two hours twice a week and provides activities and education around healthy living. If you are interested please collect an information pamphlet from the front office or come along on Tuesday afternoon.

Morning routines

We would like to remind parents that students do not need to be at school before approximately 9:00am. No teacher will be on duty until 8:55am and classes do not start until 9:25am.

We are finding that increasing numbers of students are getting to school before there is a teacher on duty. Please aim to have your child here after 9:00am and before 9:25am to ensure they are fully supervised, safe and on time for lessons. The Department of Education and Communities consider parents legally responsible for the supervision of their children before 8:55am, hence this is when our teachers enter on duty to ensure children are safe from the start of the day.

See the table below for morning times.

8:30am Gates open - *Students must go directly to artificial grassed area*

8.45am Office open

8:55am Teachers on duty – *children may put bags at classroom and play*

9:25am First bell – *lessons start*

Yarn Up

Parents are invited to attend a Yarn - Up meeting on Wednesday 26th February from 9.30 - 11.30am.

We will be discussing National Sorry Day, NAIDOC week and PLP's.

Please come along and enjoy a cuppa or just for a yarn - up. Please bring a plate to share.

Integrity in the Library

Mrs O'Neil has started a reward system for students showing excellent behaviour in their classroom. This week the focus was integrity - showing honesty and demonstrating respect.

As a reward students with awards were invited to the Library on Tuesday to do science experiments. There were kids from Kindy to Year 6.

First we had to see how many drops of water could fit on a coin with an eye dropper. The highest was 36.

Then we put water on a saucer and sprinkled pepper on top. We then put detergent on our finger and put our finger in the water. It dissolved the pepper.

After this experiment we put milk in a saucer and dropped food colouring onto the milk. It was awesome, the colours spread and ran together, they were really beautiful.

Finally we made a volcano. Mrs O'Neil had made a volcano shape from sand with a glass in the centre. We then put bicard soda in the glass, we slowly added white vinegar and food colouring, it "exploded".

I am so glad I got my integrity award because the science experiments were great fun. It was really nice that Mrs O'Neil took the time to prepare such great activities.

(Written by Fletcher Morris and Amanda Hall 5/6S)

Sports Report

On the weekend I went to the Glen Innes show rodeo to ride steers. I went in the under 12 steer rider against eight other boys.

I won and got a trophy buckle. I bucked out and rode him around the arena. It was late at night under lights. I slept all the way up to Glen Innes and all the way home. Thanks mum and dad, "I gased him".

(Written by Colby Edgar)



P&C

This Wednesday evening at 6:30pm our P&C will hold their first meeting of the year. The meeting will be held in the meeting room (unless we have too many people, then we will move to the staffroom. You are able to enter the school via the bottom car park and come into the Admin block through the back door, near the staffroom.

We would like to encourage any parents to come along and join the P&C, or just take a look. The P&C is a great group of people and they work very hard to support the students in our school. We hope to see you there.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: Harper Barber, David Field

KM: Levi Brown, Mia Campbell

1C: Bayley Taylor, Alicia Wood

1E: Lillianna Eddy, Tayla Beattie

1-2R: Beau Barber, Ashley Brown

2T: Saumya Upadyay, Kealy Gregory

2/3W: Zoe Hartigan, Nathan Rust

Primary

No Primary awards this week due to the Newcastle Knights visit.

Week 2 Win Bin Winner

Rhiannon Weribone 1R

Book Work Ribbon

Justin Harrlman

Alaanah Jerrett

Caitlin Grobler

Nicholas McGrath

Lochie Klease

Blake Ingram

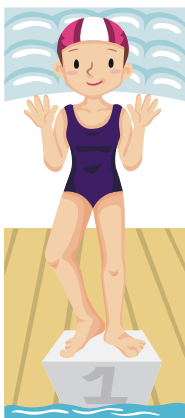
Nathan Moore

This week's assembly Friday 28th February is a combined assembly starting at 12.50pm

1R, 4E and 3/4E will be performing at the assembly

Zone Swimming Carnival

Last Friday our zone swimmers competed at the zone swimming carnival held at Scully Park pool competing against trained swimmers all over Tamworth. Congratulations Ellie Wiseman for making it to regionals, also a big thanks to John Renton and Liam McKillop for stepping up to the senior boys relay, well done boys.



We had an amazing day, we raced hard and had fun. Thanks to Mrs Burke and Mr Davidson for organising a wonderful day. A big thank you and congratulations to Flo Davidson, Lori Edgar, Kaecia Beattie, Bridie Martin, Kyle Brown, Liam McKillop, Paige Ingram, Jasmine Squires, Ellie Wiseman, Lily Pinchen, Jack Williams, John Renton, Sarah Gill, Charlee Marshall and Charlee Morris.

(Written by Flo Davidson and Kaecia Beattie)

Head Lice

There has been some cases of head lice reported to the school. We encourage all parents to check their children's hair and treat as necessary.

Great reasons to be active for children and parents

- * boosts confidence
- * improves fitness
- * makes bones and muscles stronger
- * improves posture
- * helps maintain a healthy weight
- * lowers the risk of heart disease
- * reduces stress
- * improves sleep
- * reduces the risk of cancer
- * improves self confidence
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