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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 2 Week 1

29th April, 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope that everyone took the time to have some fun, relax and recharge with family, there is a lot of learning to do this term and students will need their energy. Term 2 promises to be an exciting term with lots of things happening. There have been several changes over the holidays but one thing that hasn't changed is our focus on learning. This term students from years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN assessments and students will be seeing a few changes in their classrooms. Over the holidays the teachers had some professional development in how to use their new laptops, their iPads and how both of these devices can be used on their smart boards. I look forward to seeing classes do lots of work with technology this term.

Luke Norman
Principal



Staff Changes

As previously mentioned we have had several changes at school over the holidays. Mrs Elliott was appointed to a new position as the instructional leader at Werris Creek Public School. This is an exciting new chapter in her career and we will miss her dearly. We are thrilled to announce that the magnificent Mrs Burke will be taking 1E from the first day of term 2. Mrs Purdy is

on leave at present and Mrs Julie Blanch will be teaching KP for the next few weeks.

Mr Sheaves will also be on leave for the first few weeks of Term 2 while Mr Sheaves is on leave we are excited to have the talents of Mrs Crosby and Mr Lalor sharing the class.

Also, Miss Waugh left us at the end of the term to get married. We wish her the very best and look forward to having her back as a casual teacher soon. We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Kristy Morris has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal and will be taking 2W for the rest of this year. We look forward to having Mrs Morris here with us. Mrs Morris's appointment as Assistant Principal means that we now have 3 permanent Assistant Principals for the first time since 2012.

ANZAC March



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 29th April

School resumes for
Term 2

Tuesday 29th April

Go for Fun
3.30pm in the PC lab

Thursday 1st May

Go for Fun
3.30pm in the PC lab

Tuesday 13th May - Thursday 15th May

NAPLAN
Year 3 and Year 5

Saturday 17th May

Fun Fete &
Colour Run
Gates open 11.00am

Tuesday 20th May

ICAS Computer Skills
Yr 3 -6

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We would like to send a very big thank you to the students who attended this year's ANZAC march. It is always a moving experience seeing how the community respond to such an important occasion. Our students looked magnificent during the march and it shows respect for both the school and the service men and women for whom we march. Thank you to the parents who brought their children along and waited so patiently to collect students at the end of the march. Also, thank you to our school captains and vice captains for representing our school at the Town Hall service after the march.

Luke Norman
Principal

Fete & Family Fun Day Saturday 17th May

Its not very long now until our first Fete in years and the very first colour run ever. We are very excited and hope that the whole community comes along for some fun on the day. Gates open at 11am with the colour runs starting from 12pm. There will be stalls, food, a colour run and lots of fun. See you here on Saturday the 17th May!

Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to all those incredible students who have clearly demonstrated the core values of "pride, integrity, respect and excellence. Your outstanding efforts were rewarded in the library on Wednesday making Easter masks. Such fun!

Mrs O'Neill



5M Science

Last Term 5M were exploring energy sources and discussing the impact on humans and the environment. Our research has

emphasised the benefits of renewable sources (sun, heat, wind, water) for the future of our planet. As a final lesson we were lucky to have Matt with us to explore circuits and solar energy. Some interesting comments and observations: "I learnt a lot about electricity especially using solar energy to power a disc with an electric motor" *Coop K*

"I liked putting 2 batteries in the circuit to make the light bulb go really bright" *Lilian*

"I thought it was awesome making the circuit. I enjoyed knowing how a torch works and how the copper in the torch moves to complete the circuit" *Felix*

Mrs Marshall



Office News

OVPS school badges are available for purchase at the school office at \$5.50 each.

A reminder that Student portfolio's are available for sale, to students in Stage 2 ONLY (3/4E, 4E and 3S), cost is \$5.50 each. Money is payable to the class teacher.

Aussie Bush Camp Stage 3, Payment 1 - \$80.00 is due Friday 2nd May.

Payment for Term 2 Band Fee's can be paid to the front office.

Voluntary Contributions

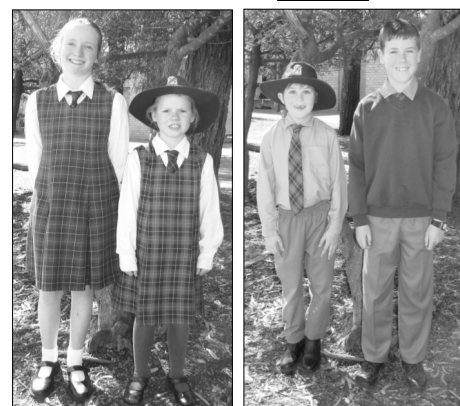
At the start of every year schools send out information regarding the voluntary contributions, otherwise known as school fees. These contributions go towards providing valuable resources to assist students with their learning needs.

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.

School Uniform

Term 2 & Term 3 students are required to wear their **Winter** school



uniform. There will be a 2 week transition period for families.

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts, grey shirt, maroon jumper, cardigan or jacket, grey socks and black shoes, check tie (as per girls tunic) and maroon bucket or wide brimmed hat.

Girls

A grey and maroon tartan check tunic, (princess line with inverted front pleats), white blouse or skivvy, maroon jumper, cardigan or jacket, white socks or grey pantyhose, black shoes, check tie (as per tunic) and maroon bucket or wide brimmed hat.

JACKETS JUMPERS/ SWEAT SHIRTS

Maroon spray jackets and jumpers/ sweat shirts with school emblem are available for sale through the school.

The P & C operates a clothing pool adjacent to the school hall from 8:45am until 10:00am on a Wednesday morning. New and used clothing is available. The clothing pool is the only place you can buy sports shorts and shirts and the school sweatshirts and jackets. School hats are available both from the clothing pool and the canteen.



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: Risha Pierce, Zac Bennett
KM: Alaanah Jerrett, Laci Leslie
1C: Caylab Cabral, Kaitlyn Hahn
1E: Lillianna Eddy, Dakota Hughes
1R: Lochlan Klease, Amelia Webb
2T: Taleea Wynne, Kealy Gregory
2W: Jorja Morris, Bridie Morris

Primary

3S: Shanieka Dawson, Jarrah Oliphant
 Nina Huang, Cameron Rake
3/4E: Lily Hardcastle, Liam McKillop
 Cody, Sheridan, Kye Sharp
4E: Jayde Marshall, John Renton
5M: Felix Peake, Amber Dawson
5/5S: Angelina Honess, Chelsie Grant
 Nikkita Barber, Kaecia Beattie
6L: Fiona Field, Seth Langfield
 Brittany Powell, Troy Taylor

Book Work Ribbon

Harper Barker
 Mia Campbell
 Blair Collins
 Kathy Huang
 Rhiannon Downey
 Cooper Day
 Beau Hancock

Darcy Holtz
 Ben Trembath
 Charlie Marshall
 Batu Huang
 Skye Mark
 Lilian McGrath
 Fletcher Morris
 Dahria Burton
 Allana Carrick
 Jasmine Squires

This week's assembly Friday 21st March is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.

INTRODUCTION TO BASEBALL

Tamworth Baseball Inc (TBI) is working with our local baseball clubs to introduce kids to baseball.



The event will run in Tamworth over 6 weeks on a Tuesday afternoon 3:50 to 5:00PM at the Carter Street Baseball fields from 20th May to 24th June 2014. We are looking for schools to enter a team combined of students from year 4, 5, & 6. We recommend a squad of 10 - 12 players.

TBI will provide a coach for each team as well as a scorer and umpire.

Cost: \$30.00

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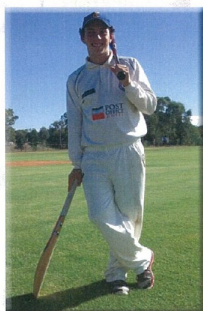
Aussie T-ball pack (valued at \$150)

Team shirt and hat

Players insurance



Baseball is a great non contact sport played by boys and girls of all ages. Its a great way to get active, meeting new people and learning about teamwork. T-ball give all participants maximum involvement while gaining the fundamental skills that will carry them through all levels of baseball as well as several other sports, especially cricket.



James Psarakis

Cricket Achievements:

Toured Dubai with the Australian under 15 side.
 Played for NSW under 17 and was just selected in the NSW combined high school side.

Testimonial:

"I've played baseball for the last 2 years and it has helped my cricket, especially my fielding.. if you like cricket you'll love baseball"

Tamworth Baseball Inc
 Carter Street Fields, Tamworth, NSW, 2340
 TBI - Phone: Warren Radford 0429 447 839 or
 Coach - Phone: Mitch Holt 0411 325 569



Building Healthy Habits

Children are learning habits that will last a lifetime. Consider the following:

* Breakfast is important. Children who have breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

* Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.

* Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.



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