

Oxley Vale Public School

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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 3

13th May, 2014

PBL Value: Integrity

This week's value is INTEGRITY. The old saying "do the right thing, even when no body is watching" applies to school, sports, friends and family. We encourage families to discuss "Integrity" at home, lead by example, share stories, encourage and praise positive behaviour's.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Last Tuesday, 6th May, our SRC members participated in a Student Leadership Conference at the Town Hall with 300 other primary school students from around the region. At the conference students learned about the important role school leaders' play and how their leadership is both a responsibility and an opportunity for them to make an impact on others and the school. Our SRC took part in interactive activities, discussions and games to help them understand their role as leaders within the school and showed them practical ways of helping others and working as a team.

Miss Langford



Georgia Harvey – Police Liaison Visit

Last Thursday Police Liaison Officer, Georgia Harvey, spent time with Stage Three students explaining the importance of cyber safety and the consequences for not using technology and social media applications such as Facebook, Kick and Snapchat responsibly. Georgia explained that cyber bullying is using the internet to bully someone or hurt their feelings. The best thing you can do if you're being cyberbullied is tell a parent, teacher or trusted adult. Students were eager to ask Georgia questions and listen to her advice on using technology responsibly. Thank you to Georgia for taking the time to talk to our students about this important issue.

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NAPLAN

A reminder to families that NAPLAN is on this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. A reminder to all families to have students at school on time.

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 13th May -
Thursday 15th May**

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5

Friday 16th May

Food Revolution Day

1R & 5/6S

Friday 16th May

PSSA Netball

PSSA Girls & Boys Soccer

Saturday 17th May

Fun Fete &

Colour Run

Gates open 11.00am

Tuesday 20th May

ICAS Computer Skills

Yr 3 –6

Some students may be a little anxious about the NAPLAN assessments, a positive message from you like “do your best” may help still this nervousness.

Voluntary Contributions

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 soon as possible to allow for planning the purchase of resources early in the year and to provide a clear financial picture for the school. Yellow general contribution envelopes will be going home today with this weeks messenger, please return to front office or classroom teacher. 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.

Stage 3 Clontarf and Girls Program.

On Thursday Stage 3 students took part in the first boys' Clontarf and girls' program. Clontarf Oxley High School staff and students came to OVPS to work with students on healthy living, healthy lifestyle issues. The boys from Years 5 and 6 worked together with peer mentors from Oxley High then enjoyed fresh fruit and a game of football.

The girls worked in two groups, Year 5 and Year 6. Year 5 discussed activities they would like to participate in for girls bonding while Year 6 girls discussed their personal qualities and attributes and the wonderful qualities they see in their friends and made scoobies. Stage 3 students will continue to meet every second Thursday and work in their groups with a focus on healthy eating, healthy living and self-confidence. Thanks to Oxley High staff and students for helping to run these programs with our students.

Miss Langford

P&C News

A huge thank you to Sharon Bowden for organising the Mother's Day Stall and the parents and Year 6 students that helped on both days. We hope all Mums and Nans enjoyed Mother's Day.

THE RAINBOW RUN is only days away. The weather looks good and we are just about ready to go! If you are participating in the run, we suggest you wear white clothing so the colours stand out.

Don't forget to donate some yummy cakes or slices for the cake stall. Remember they need an ingredients list and can be delivered to the canteen on Friday or on Saturday Morning.

There will be a white elephant stall on the day if you have any items that you would like to donate. Please make sure that they are in good working order.

We still need volunteers to help on the day – If you can help catch up with me on the day or leave a message for me at the school.

Tell all of your friends and come along for a great afternoon.

Yeah! To KIDZONE for being a major sponsor on the day!

Incorrect Date: the correct date for the next P&C Meeting is Wednesday May 28th.

Kim Smart P&C Vice President

Opportunity Class Placement

Attention Year 4 Students with intention to apply to an Opportunity Class in 2015.

If you would like to apply for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2015 on behalf of your child, further information is available from the school office or your child's classroom teacher.

Mr Scarborough



Go 4 Fun

Sign up day for Go 4 Fun is this Thursday 15th

May in the school hall.

Go 4 Fun is a great opportunity helping kids learn about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. Go 4 Fun is a free program and parents are

more than welcome. All who sign up will receive a Go 4 Fun backpack loaded up with goodies.

Rainbow Run

(run 2 laps of the school oval and get covered in a rainbow of colour) &

Fun Fair

Oxley vale Public School

May 17, 2014

11:00 to 2:30

Run entry is \$10.00 or \$32.00 for a team of 4 people. Children's Run is \$5.00.

Great stall and games



Library News

This week throughout the school we have focused on the important value of pride, pride in yourself, your work, your effort, your involvement, your school, the list goes on and on. As a result the library was buzzing on Wednesday at afternoon tea time as nominated children were rewarded for their efforts! Using skill, patience and lots of glue, we made special Mother's Day containers. I'm sure all the lucky Mum's who received one were absolutely thrilled.

Mrs O'Neill



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: David Field, Katie Gardner
KM: Bailey Woods, Olivia Brookes-Young
1C: Ben Browning, Alicia Woods
1E: Colby Jefferies, Paige Washington
1R: Eric Gray, Max Milson
2T: Kirk Schimann, Emma Worland
2W: Mikayla Butler, Colby Edgar

Primary

3S: Claudi Ruthberg, Darcy Holz
3/4E: Hayden White, Caleb Griffiths
4E: Jack Morris, Ethan Woods
5/6S: Lily Pinchen, Jackahl Sullivan
6L: Jasmine Squires, Troy Smart

Book Work Ribbon

Deion Luke
Madison Boyd
Christopher Robinson
Tayla Beattie
Savanna Brennan
Olivia Williams
Nick Strong

Shanieka Dewson
Gabrielle Thompson
Kelece Beattie
Layla Klein
Kaylah Higgsion

This week's assembly Friday 16th May is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.



Last week 6L received some wonderful news about their creative writing efforts. Many students from 6L have been offered the opportunity to have their creative writing published in a book called 'Write as Rain' after entering in a National 'Write4Fun' Writing competition. Since last week more students have also received the same accolade and we are very proud of them all. Congratulations to the following students who have received notification of their success in having their work published since the publication of last week's Newsletter: Jacob Rust, Hannah Griffiths, Jack Williams, Brandon McManus, Emily Klease, Jasmine Squires, Emma Sheaves, Allana Carrick, Bryce Kelly and Charlie Davenport.

The school has received a letter of congratulations and a Certificate of Excellence in recognition of over 10 students' progress through the initial judging of the Writing Competition and for outstanding writing.

Miss Langford



RE: 2014 SCHOOLS WRITING COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Write4Fun is proud to announce that **Oxley Vale Public School** had over 10 students successfully progress past the initial judging in the 2014 Schools Writing Competition.

This year, the competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and we received over 11,500 entries! Your school has been recognised for outstanding writing as less than 2% percent of schools showed this level of achievement.

Please find enclosed a Certificate of Excellence for your school.

The winners of the competition will be announced on Wednesday 14th May and can be viewed on our website at www.write4fun.net. Best of luck!

Once again, congratulations on your school's achievement.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature of Julia Woods in black ink.

Julia Woods
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