

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 3 Week 2

22nd July, 2014

Principal's Message

Welcome to the second week of term. The first week was a whirlwind and it took very little time for students and teachers to get straight back to our core business of learning. This week we continue our focus on the value of RESPECT. I would like to share a wonderful example of respect displayed by some of our students recently. Last week our girl's hockey team played two tough games of hockey back to back. It was fantastic that they won both games and will now progress to the next round of the PSSA Knockout competition but even more impressive was their sense of Fair Play and respect on the field.

During both games it was evident that our girls were incredibly sportsman-like. They congratulated each other, played fair, followed the rules and more importantly they showed tremendous respect towards the members of the other teams. Late on Wednesday night I received a phone call at home from the Principal of Timbumburi school. She wanted to personally tell me how impressed she was with the Oxley Vale team. She said that even though it was a hard game our girls were incredibly respectful.

It fills me with a sense of great pride when people from outside of our own community comment on the exceptional character of our

students. Thank you to our girl's hockey team for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school and for being respectful towards others. Well done.



Education Week Assembly and Open Morning

Next week is Education Week. We will be holding a special assembly on Friday morning to showcase some of the great activities that our students take part in. Following the assembly we will be opening up classrooms to parents, visitors and guests, everyone is invited to look at the rooms, take part in activities or simply look through student books. At 11:25am, our lunch time, we would invite people to bring a packed lunch to share with their children. At 12:00pm classes will resume as normal. We look forward to seeing you there.

School App

Don't forget that our school app is now available for download.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23rd July

P&C Meeting

Staffroom 6.30pm

Monday 28th July -

Friday 1st August

Education Week

Tuesday 29th July

ICAS English Competition

Yr 2 - 6

Friday 1st August

Full payments to be met for Aussie Bush Camp.

Friday 1st August

Education Week Assembly

10.00am

Open Classrooms

11.00am - 12.00pm

Friday 8th August

Zone Athletics

You will be able to see our calendar, receive notifications and reminders, request teacher meetings, send absent notes from the app. We are hoping this becomes a convenient communication tool for parents and school alike. Our aim is to improve our communication with our families.

Staff update

For those of you who are not aware Mr Grant Scarborough has left Oxley Vale and is now working for the Department of Education and Communities in the Tamworth office. We will miss him but no doubt he will be keeping in close contact with OVPS.

It is with great delight that we welcome Mrs Belinda Lockwood as our new RFF (Release from Face to Face) teacher. She will be working with us on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

PSSA Girls Hockey

The PSSA Girls' Hockey team had a smashing success last Wednesday after two intense games of knockout hockey. The team - Lori Edgar, Flo Davidson, Jada Ison, Lucy Bowden, Emma Sheaves, Jasmine Squires, Chelsea Foody, Grace Murray, Charlie Davenport, Sarah Gill, Abigail Schimann, Bridie Martin and Fiona Field were amazing. In the first game against Moree, the girls played exceptionally well, showing supreme sportsmanship to win 9-1. Goals were scored by Lori, Jada, Flo and Chelsea. The second game against Timbumburi was a nail biting test of endurance. Not a goal was scored during the first half by either team. Timbumburi scored the first goal of the match early in the second half, closely followed by an Oxley Vale goal by Flo. At full time the score was tied 1-1. The Oxley Vale girls were exhausted at the end of the second game and played with intense determination and heart. The game went into three lots of overtime for the golden goal, with each team losing two players for each additional round of overtime. One minute into the third round of

overtime Lori Edgar scored for Oxley Vale ending an intense, exciting and exhausting game. The PSSA hockey team were praised by a parent of the Moree team for their fair play and exceptional sportsmanship in the care and consideration they showed their opposition. Congratulations girls on two fantastic games! A big thank you to Mrs Rebecca Davidson for coaching the team and the wonderful parents who transported students and supported the team!

Miss Langford



Winners of the Giant

Lollipop Raffle

The lucky winners of the Giant Lollipop raffle were:

Bridey Morris 2M
Abby Clark 3S
Josh Strong 5/6S
Salome Ibe 2M
Georgia Byrnes 5/6S
Cody Sheridan 3/4E
Felix Peake 5M
Jake Booby 5M



Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket. The funds raised will help with school improvements.

Miss Eather

P&C News

Wanted Parents that have an interest in Oxley Vale Public School to participate in P&C meetings. Meeting this Wednesday at 6:30PM. If you volunteered for the Rainbow Run in May please come and celebrate the success of the day as a thank you.

Expression of Interest The P&C would like to hold another Rainbow Run and Fun Fair in 2015. Planning needs to get underway to make the day bigger and better than this years

event. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee contact Kim Smart at trams6@gotalk.net.au with your contact details and availability.

Yearbooks It is time to think about ordering your 2014 Yearbook (this is the only way to get a yearbook). An order form for the book will come home in the next two weeks. We need to have 100 books ordered to get the minimum cost. The cost will go up if there are less than 100 books ordered. We will also need to increase our sponsors this year to once again keep the cost to a minimum. If you are able to assist with this please contact me at the E-mail address above.

I am also looking for volunteers to assist with the yearbook production. Let me know if you would like to help out. Ways to help: taking pictures, editing pages, sourcing sponsors, photo editing and page creation. Adobe Photoshop needed.

Kim Smart

P&C President

Tournament of Minds

The Tournament of Minds team needs round ice cream or yoghurt containers. If you have any could you please bring them in and take to Mrs Charlton's room. Thank you

Bryce, Danny & William

Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking

Last term Ella Davidson went to Tamworth Public School to participate in the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking competition.

"I was a little bit nervous but I am so proud of myself for speaking in front of so many people". Ella said. Ella had so much fun she would like to participate again next year.



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: Myah Meek, Ryan Blanch

KM: Olivia Brooks-Young, Lucas Hancock

1C: Tashari Coffey, Blair Collin

1E: Lily Heap, Emily Rake

1R: Krystle Krzazek-Cross, Rhiannon Weribone

2T: Imogen Smith, Sauyma Upadhya

2W: Jonyrikai Walford, Tylarnya Geale

Primary

3S: Reggie Sutton, Nina Huang

3/4E: Alannah Klease, Batu Huang

4E: Skye Mark, Jack Morris

5M: Bailey Hartigan, Amber Dawson

5/6S:

6L: Troy Taylor, Emily Klease

Book Work Ribbon

Laila Ye

Bayley Taylor

Taj Munro

Abbey Reeves-Britz

Emeline McCullough

Toby Ison

Craig Johnston

Duran Graham

Alleria McGrady

Bailey Hartigan

Piper Death

Jacob Rust

This week's assembly Friday 25th July is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.

Oral Health for Children

How do I help my children care for their teeth and prevent cavities?

Teaching your child proper oral care at a young age is an investment in his or her health that will pay lifelong dividends. You can start by setting an example; taking good care of your own teeth sends a message that oral health is something to be valued. Anything that makes taking care of teeth fun, like brushing along with your child or letting them choose their own toothbrush, also encourages proper oral care.

To help your children protect their teeth and gums and greatly reduce their risk of getting cavities, teach them to follow these simple steps:

- ✦ Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste to remove plaque, the sticky film on teeth that is the main cause of tooth decay.
- ✦ Floss daily to remove plaque from between your teeth and under the gumline, before it can harden into tartar. Once tartar has formed, it can only be removed by a professional cleaning.
- ✦ Eat a well-balanced diet that limits starchy or sugary foods, which produce plaque acids that cause tooth decay. When you do eat these foods, try to eat them with your meal instead of as a snack. This limits the frequency of acid attacks on the teeth.
- ✦ Use dental products that contain fluoride, including toothpaste.

Take your child to the dentist for regular check-ups.



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