

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 5

12th August, 2014

Value of the Week is INTEGRITY

Principal's Message

This week's value for PBL is INTEGRITY. This is the value which is most difficult for our students to grasp but probably the most important because this value is the vehicle by which we measure our own worth. At its core integrity is what you have when you stay true to your own values no matter what the pressure to change or conform might be. Integrity is the hardest value to maintain and requires constant vigilance. People feel good about themselves when they know they done a good job and that they didn't compromise on what they believe to be right. On the other hand, people who do the wrong thing knowingly can never quite seem to get that feeling of self worth.

To a child, integrity means that we do the right thing, even when no one is watching. The measure of integrity for our children is how they feel about themselves; do they see themselves as good or not so good. I am proud to say that last week I had the privilege of spending time in classrooms full of students who worked hard, even when it was tough. I heard stories of great sportsmanship from our young athletes, even when they were not winning. I saw students taking the time to clean up our playground, even though they didn't make the mess. All of these acts by students of our school show me that our school is full of students with integrity. This makes me proud and I hope it makes all our families proud too.

Binaalbaa

Last Friday Miss Nixon, Mr Norman and 4 students Grace Murray, Alana Carrick, Lucy Bowden Adrian Graham & Jordan Leslie went to the opening of the Aboriginal Education Centre at New England TAFE. Binaalbaa is an amazing facility that houses the new Opportunity Hub, where Tom Flanders now works. The hub is designed to provide Aboriginal students in Tamworth with opportunities to connect between education and employment and also be a collection point for all services in the Tamworth area for young Aboriginal people from 12 years old. It was a fantastic morning and the hub is such an asset to Tamworth. If you wish to get more information about the opportunity hub please contact the school and we will connect you with Tom and Patrick.

Hats & General Uniform

Over the past few months, certainly since students started wearing their winter uniform, there has been a marked decline in the number of students wearing hats. Our school has a no hat, no play policy. This means that any student without a school hat will be asked to sit or play under the COLA at afternoon tea and lunch times. Students get frustrated by this but the policy is concerned with children's safety and we must follow it. Over the next two weeks we are asking families to check their children's hats. If you don't have a

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 12th August -
Thursday 14th August**
Book Fair In the Library

Tuesday 12th August
ICAS - Maths Competition

Thursday 14th August
Yr 6 Oxley High Transition
Visit 1

**Thursday 14th -
Saturday 16th August**
Dance Festival

Tuesday 19th August
Book Parade 10am

Wednesday 20th August
Full payments to be met for
Aussie Bush Camp.

Wed 27th & Thurs 28th Aug
Kinder Come & Try Day

school hat please make every effort to get a new one. They are available from the canteen every day as well as the clothing pool on Friday mornings. You can also purchase them from most department stores like Big W.

Given that the weather is about to warm up again it might be a good time to check your children's summer uniform. We will be addressing uniforms in our school again very soon so please get organised early. Your children will appreciate this.

Luke Norman
Principal



Dance Fest this week

On Monday our four amazing Dance Fest teams travelled to TRECC for a full dress rehearsal. The kids were amazing! Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students for all their hard work so far. We are all looking forward to the performances later in the week. See below for more information:

Tickets for the School Matinee performances will be available at the TRECC at a cost of \$25 per person. Tickets for the evening performances are available from the Tamworth Information Centre and the Capitol Theatre at a cost of \$25 per person, \$75 for a group booking of 4 people or \$70 for a season ticket (1 seat for each evening performance). Limited tickets will be available at the door each night. Photographs and merchandise will also be available at the performances. DVDs can be ordered at the performances.

Active After Schools

A reminder that the Active After School Program runs on Tuesdays & Wednesdays starting at 3:30 to 4:40pm. Please ensure that your child is collected at 4:40pm when the program finishes.

Aussie Bush Camp

Outstanding instalments for Aussie Bush Camp need to be finalised ASAP. Wednesday 20th August is the deadline for final payments to be met.

Student information sheets have been handed out. Please return to the school ASAP.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Last Friday 29 students competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival at the TREC. The weather was beautiful and the student behaviour was excellent. Our students competed well and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

In the 100m Colby Edgar, Bridie O'Neil, Sarah Gill and Bridie Martin all came 1st in their heat and qualified for the finals. Emmie McCullough and Hayden Todd came second in their heats while Jasmine Squires came 3rd. These students progressed to the finals based on their times. Colby Edgar and Bridie Martin came 1st in their finals and Sarah Gill came 2nd. Chelsea Foody and Nina Huang also came third in their heat but just missed out on qualifying for the finals.

In the 200m timed finals Sarah Gill came 3rd and Bridie Martin came 1st.

In the 800m timed finals Sarah Gill came 3rd and Lori Edgar came 1st.

In the shot put Alanna Carrick came 3rd and in the discus James Mallise and Sarah Gill came 1st and Chloe Ison came 3rd.

Sarah Gill was our only qualifier in the High Jump, coming 3rd in her age group.

In the long jump, Sarah Gill and Bridie Martin both came 1st.

Our ball games teams came second in their division. All that ball games practice with Mr Steele in fitness must have paid off.

The OVPS relay teams were very competitive with all teams running in the finals. The junior boys came 3rd and senior girls came 2nd.

At the end of the day Oxley Vale PS was the B Schools Champion. Sarah Gill was awarded the 11 Years Girl Champion and Bridie Martin was the 12 Years Girl Champion.

Well done to the other students who competed at the carnival: Makayla Nicholls-Daley, Duran Graham, Jack Morris, Liam McKillop, Kye Sharp, Angelina Honess, Daniel Peel, Matthew Peel, Connor O'Neil, Skye Mark, Jada Ison, Kelcee Beattie, Kaecia Beattie, Darcy Holz, Spencer Edwards and Hannah Griffiths.

Thanks to Mrs O'Neill who has taken a keen interest in training our students at school in her own time. Your help and encouragement on the day was also appreciated. Thanks also to the parents who supported our students on the day and to Natalie Hewitt.



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KP: Risha Pierce, Deion Luke

KM: Alaanah Jerrett, Madison Boyd

1C: Ellie Webster, Caitlin Grobler

1E: Ashley Howarth, Jakaya Cook

1R: Maggie Kemp, Abbey Reeves-Britz

2T: Taleea Wynne, Leah Weribone

2W: Jeremy Thompson, Chelsea McDonald

Primary

K-6P:

3S: Claudia Ruthberg, Cody Milsom

3/4E: Luke Gurney

4E: Levi Bourne, Chloe Dimer

5M: Katelyn White, Hugh Morris

5/6S: Chelsie Grant, Egypt Edwards, Brodie Taylor Nikita Wallace

6L: Thomas Hillhouse-Perry, Kaylah Higginson

Win Bin Winners:- Week 1 Amarlia (1R) Week 2 Ashley (1R) Week 3 Amarlia (1R)

Book Work Ribbon

Myah Meek

Mia Campbell

Caylab Cabral

Lillianna Eddy

Lachlan Klease

Brendan Coulter

Jahmaul Leslie



Mikayla Field

Amity Debenham

Courtney Trembath



Grace Murray

This week's assembly Friday 15th August is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.

KINDERGARTEN 2015

"Come and Try Mornings"

Parents of Kindergarten age children enrolling for 2015 are invited to our "Come and Try Mornings"

Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th August 10:00am - 11:00am

Morning Tea supplied in our quad from 11:00am - 11:30am

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For enquiries and registration please contact our office

02 6761 8238

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Book Parade

19th August at 10am

Children to come dressed as their favourite book character.

Parents and family members most welcome to come and watch the parade.

Little Athletics

Sunday 24th & 31st August - 10am til 2pm @
Tamworth Regional Athletics Centre

Come & Try / Sign On Days

A range of activities will be offered for anyone interested to try. All registrations are to be made online www.lansw.com.au with payment made (Cash & Chq) and uniform numbers collected at the club house of the sign on days. Competition will commence on Friday 10th October at 5pm.

There will be **NO** Come & Try days at the start of the season.

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