

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 3

10th February, 2015

Principal's Message

Week 3 is upon us and the students of Oxley Vale are already settling into their routines and working hard. It has been wonderful to walk around our school and see the way in which our students work and play together in such positive ways.

I have also been fortunate to speak with many families, many of whom have made positive comments about how well the year has started. We have had many new enrolments over the past 2 weeks and we may be facing the prospect of forming a new class. We will have a good idea of the likelihood of this late this week and will keep families informed of any changes as soon as it is confirmed.

Thanks to all the students, teachers and parents who have made the start of 2015 such a great one. I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Luke Norman

Student Representative Council Inducted

Last Friday we were very proud to induct our SRC members for 2015. Our new school leaders will perform a range of duties across the school and demonstrate leadership to other students throughout the year. They will be involved in running assemblies, organising fund raising, support their peers, raise and lower our school flags, greet important guests and visitors and consult with the school executive on school decisions. We look forward to working with these wonderful young leaders.

Attendance Information

Regular attendance at school is incredibly important for your child's academic success. The Federal Government regulations state that children must attend school at least 85% of the time.

Schools are required to keep very accurate records of student attendance and are subject to regular checks by the Department of Education and Communities.

Our school treats attendance very seriously. We encourage all families to send their children to school each day unless there is a valid reason such as illness. At Oxley Vale we make phone calls on a daily basis to check on students who are absent. This helps us keep track of attendance. We also ask parents to provide a written note for every WHOLE DAY absence. If no explanation for an absence has been received after a period of 7 days our system automatically records the absence as unexplained. We urge parents to send notes to school with their children upon their return.

Upcoming Events

Friday 20th February
Zone Swimming

Monday 23rd February
Harmony Day

Wednesday 25th February
P&C Meeting 6:30pm

Friday 27th February
Infants Bus Program



Library

Congratulations to Mrs Burke who last week taught her first library class as our permanent librarian. We are very lucky to have her here on our staff. Great work Mrs Burke.



Uniform

We would like to remind families that our school uniform includes black school shoes and white joggers on Fridays for sport. If your child does not currently have a pair of black school shoes please make the effort over the next few weeks to purchase some. Our community survey at the end of last year clearly indicated that our parents want our school uniform to be worn correctly. You are able to purchase school shoes at a reasonable price from many local retailers. Athletes Foot carry a great range and we have samples in our front office which we endorse as correct and appropriate footwear. We appreciate your support of our uniform policy and our efforts to maintain high standards.

Canteen News

Oxley Vale Lunch Centre is open every day for lunch and Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays for afternoon recess.

Orders may be placed at the counter in the mornings or you can write your own lunch bags out at home & drop them into the canteen before school starts.

Volunteers are always welcome at the canteen. If you would like to help out please call me on 0447 470 682. Help is mostly needed on Thursdays & Fridays from 9am till 12 but anytime you can spare is appreciated.

Caterina Walker

Library News

What a wonderful first week in the Library. Most people had a waterproof Library Bag and borrowed books. Thank you for your support and understand in regards to the care of our precious Library Books.

LIBRARY DAYS

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2/3M 3R 6L 5/6S	4E 4/5E KD KM	K/6P 2M 2T	K/1J 1C

Each day we use the Library as a place to come during Afternoon Tea, as a quiet, relaxing place to be. During this time we will be playing different games and activities. I was hoping that if any families have any old board games that they no longer use, they might consider donating them to the Library. Games like Connect 4; Guess Who; Twister etc. Also, if anyone has any old bean bags that we could use in the AV Room when we watch movies on a wet Afternoon Tea break would be great too.

Thank you for supporting our school and the learning of your child.

Please contact me if you feel you need to,

Kind Regards,



Touch Football

We are still taking nominations for this years Touch Football Competition. Numbers are currently very low and we are making a last ditch effort to encourage more players to join.

If your child is interested in playing Touch Football this year please contact the front office to arrange for a permission note to go home. You can collect these at any time from Mrs Davidson in our office.

We will inform parents of the arrangements for next week's game by Friday of this week. Thank you to those parents who have offered to act as either a coach or manager for the teams.

Office Times

Our school office is open for enquiries, messages and payments between the hours of 8:45am and 3:45pm. Any phone calls outside of these times will be recorded on our answering machine and followed up the next day.

Using the School Crossing

When crossing the road before and after school it is very important that students and parents wait for the crossing guard. Recently several children and adults have crossed the road without the assistance of Vicky, our crossing guard. Please remember to always wait for Vicky to ensure it is safe to cross the road.



Futsal

We are seeking 11 and 12 year old boys and girls to play in the upcoming Futsal (Indoor Soccer) competition. This will be held on Friday afternoons at the Tamworth Sports Dome. Players are to wear flat-sole shoes and shin pads are required. Mrs Sally Morris has very kindly offered to coordinate the team, she can be contacted directly on 0429 457 687. The competition is due to start in the next few weeks so contact Sally as soon as possible.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KD: Timothy Herdegen, Madeleine Wesble

KM: Mitchell Forwood, Emily McDonald

K/1J: Tyannah-May Barber, Madison Boyd

1C: Harper Barker, Levi Kranenberg

2T: Christopher Robinson, Dylan Hopwood-Young

2M: Olivia Holz, Tymain Coffey

2/3M: Indianna Brazier, Beau Barker

2/3M:

Primary

K-6P: Jayden McCluand-Morley

3R: Colby Edgar, Beau Hancock

4E: Kye Sharp, Jade Williams

4/5E: Craig Johnston, Alahna Hill

5/6S: Batu Huang, Georgia MacAlpine

6L:

Book Work Ribbon

Shanaya Williams-Evans

Annabelle Jamieson

William Lulham

Emma Griffiths

Kierra Thompson

Ellie Webster

Katherine Huang

Brendon Coulter

Zoe Hartigan

Latesha Butler

Hayden White

Jack Wiseman

This weeks assembly Friday 1th February
Infants Assembly 12pm and Primary Assembly 1pm.
Infants Assembly will be hosted by 2M this week.
All parents and families welcome to join us.



Community Notice

The school has received many community notices in regards to sport and local activities with in our area. Please come in and view the Parent Notice Board in the front office to see for more information in regards to the particular activity you may be interested in.

Farrer Open Day - Wednesday 18th February - Selective School Exams 12th March

Term 1 2015 Art After School Program - Tamworth Regional Gallery

Tamworth Football Club Registration Day - Coming up from the 10th February

Junior Rugby League Football Registration Day - 21st February

PCYC After School Care Program - 67 665 009

Play Group - In school hall on each Tuesday.


Centre Care - Couples and Relationship courses starting soon.

Learning Beyond the Classroom - Pathway to Resilience Trust

Tamworth Basket Ball - Aussie Hoops Minnie Bolts

Tamworth Regional Conservatorium - Rock On

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Our Church meets in the School Hall on Sundays at 8am & 10am. We would be delighted for you to join us. A children's program is included at 10am.

Contact: Simon Carter Phone 02 6761 7271



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