

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 4

17th February, 2015

Principal's Message

Welcome to week 4 of 2015. What a start to the year we have had, it certainly has been busy. This week our value is EXCELLENCE and I am very pleased to say that we have had many examples of students working towards this value. As I walk around the classrooms I am amazed at how organized and switched on the learning that the students are.

There is a lot happening here over the next few weeks, we have a friendly cricket match against Timbumburri this Wednesday and the Westpac Rescue Helicopter coming on Thursday. Next week we have medical screenings for kindergarten students and our welcome BBQ on Thursday night from 5pm until 7pm. We hope to see as many families at this event as possible. It will be a great opportunity to informally meet the teachers and obtain information about individual classes.

I hope you all had a wonderful week.

Luke Norman

Anniversary of the National apology to the Stolen Generation

On Friday 13th February the SRC represented Oxley Vale Public School by attending the Anniversary of the National apology to the Stolen Generation at the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health facility. The SRC students attended the commemorative ceremony where they had the opportunity to listen to stories from member of the stolen generation, listen to renowned didgeridoo player Mark Atkins and see the performance of Peel High school's Indigenous Boys' dance group. The SRC were also treated to a light lunch, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The students looked stunning in their school blazers and were a delight to supervise.

Miss Langford



Upcoming Events

Friday 20th February
Zone Swimming

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

Friday 27th February
Infants Bus Program

Monday 23rd March
Harmony Day

Class Items from 4E

4E have created personalised artworks based on themselves over the past 2 weeks. Pictured are some fantastic work samples which show how unique and diverse 4E are! It has been a wonderful way for everyone to get to know each other and find out a little more about their class mates. What a great way to start Year 4! *Miss Eather.*

WESTPAC

HELICOPTER VISIT

This Thursday we are having a visit from the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. The chopper will land at 1pm and we are very excited. This opportunity came about last year where the school took part in the Westpac Rescue Helicopter schools program, which aims to educate kids in what the service provides and how it benefits our community. Thanks to Mrs Burke's incredible enthusiasm and drive we were the lucky school who won a visit. Thanks Mrs Burke!



Yarn-Up

Parents are invited to come along have a yarn and a cuppa on Thursday 19th February from 9:30 to 11:30. Items on agenda for discussion will be.

1. National Sorry Day
2. 2015 Naidoc Celebrations
3. Reconciliation Week.

Library News

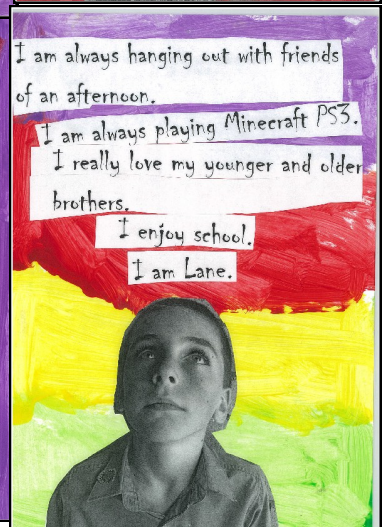
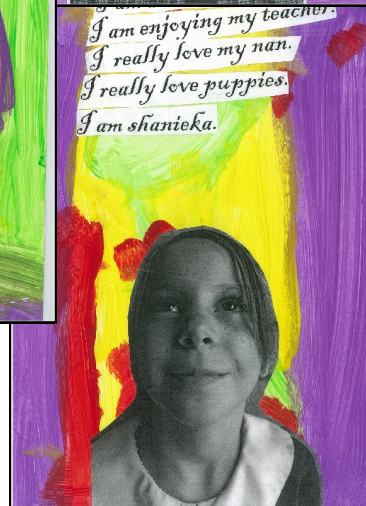
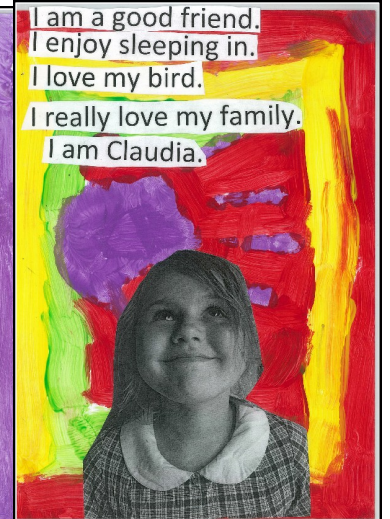
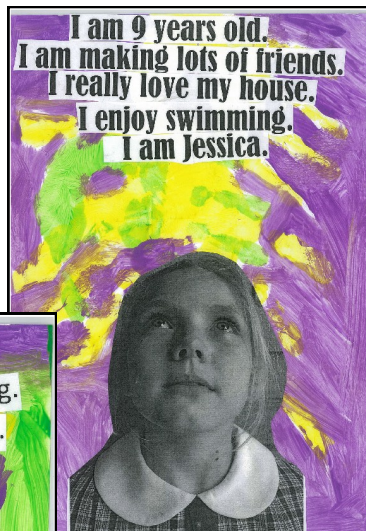
Book Club is being sent out this week for anyone who is interested in purchasing some books for their children. Please return your order form to the office with payment or you can go on line and pay.

Book Club will be due back to school by Friday 27th February.

I will be doing Book Club once a Term or parents you can always visit the scholastic website and order books whenever you like at scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Thanking you,

Gail Burke



Kindergarten

Will be finishing school at 3:25 starting Monday 23rd February.

HEAD LICE

Last week we sent home a note to all families letting them know we have had a few cases of head lice in our school. These little critters are frustrating and do not discriminate who they attach themselves to. The good news is that they are able to be treated quickly. We have included a link below to the NSW Health website for further information.

We wish to assure all families that if you receive a phone call informing you that your child has head lice, we only do so for the comfort of your child. Head lice are most obvious when your child is scratching frequently. Once head lice have been treated children are encouraged to return to school as quickly as possible, even on the day of treatment if you wish.

NSW Health Website

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice>

SIGNING IN WHEN VISITING SCHOOL

Just a reminder to parents that all parents and visitors are required to report to the front office to sign in if they are visiting the school for ANY REASON during normal school hours. This does not apply before or after school, only during the school day. This is required of us by the Department of Education due to WH&S and safety issues.

Voluntary Contributions (School fees)

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.

Naidoc Week

Just letting our parents know the theme this year for Naidoc Week is We all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect, Celebrate.

ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants

KD: Marlee Mannion, Amarni Leslie

KM: Jamie Grobler, Joseph Lulham

K/1J: William Lulham, Tamica Kelly

1C: Laci Leslie, Lucas Sharp

2T: Kierra Thompson, Tayla Beattie

2M: Nicholas McGrath, Bradley Cruickshank

2/3M: Ben Browning, Taj Munro

2/3M: Bridie Morris

Primary

K-6P:

3R: Tylarna Geale, Cooper Day

4E: Cludia Ruthberg, Kayden Gitt

4/5E: Abigail Clark, Caleb Jenkin

5/6S: Jai Thompson, Lilian McGrath

6L: Lily Pinchen, Jake Gurney

Book Work Ribbon

Emily Wing

Isabelle Woods

Sam Pittman

Harper Barker

Krystle Grze????????

Phoebie Thomas McGregor

Lily Heap

Bryce Rampling

Emmiline McCullough

Jayden Rogers

Dre Curry

Dani Penfold

Sarah Gill

This weeks assembly Friday 20th February
Infants Assembly 12pm and Primary Assembly 1pm.
Infants Assembly will be hosted by 1C 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

Cinema Under the Stars - Tamworth - Friday 20th February

Life Without Barriers - Urgent need for Foster Carers

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

SK8 Thunderdome - 02 67 627 999

Cricket info for weekend sport.

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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.

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