

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 7

10th March, 2015

Principal's Message

Hello everyone and welcome to week 7 of Term 1. I am constantly surprised how fast the school terms go by, and this term is no exception. The one constant at OVPS is that we are focussing on students and teacher learning. Our students work hard every day to improve their skills and knowledge and our teachers do likewise.

As an example of this focus on learning for all, our infants teachers are taking part in a 2 year professional learning journey focussing on literacy. They have already started their learning and we are looking forward to seeing the results of our students improve even further as a result.

I would like to say thank you to the people who have stopped using our crossing as a place to drop children off and pick them up in the afternoon. We have again been asked to remind people that stopping near the crossing to collect children is against the law. We are very concerned about the safety off your children and very much appreciate everyone following to rules in order to maximise safety.

VALUE OF THE WEEK – Integrity

The famous author CS Lewis once said that integrity was “Doing the right thing even when no one is looking.” This is the way in which we describe integrity to the students of OVPS. We see many examples of this behaviour in our school and we are thrilled when students pick up rubbish, hand in money, and help others when they someone is being nasty.

Integrity, however, is more than a single action. It is a mind-set, it comes from who you really are as a person and what you really believe about right and wrong. Integrity is not just exhibited in just one act of goodness, but in your whole character. At OVPS we firmly believe integrity is so important.

It is vital to teach our children this virtue and the most effective way to do this is to model a life of integrity. We can do this on four ways:

What we say – when we speak people need to be able to trust us. We must therefore speak the truth and follow through what we have said.

How we speak – Speaking in a sarcastic or condescending tone often confuses children. Speaking and listening with patience honours the people we are speaking to and creates a positive interaction.

What we do – this means leading by example. If we act with integrity our children are likely to follow.

How we do it – If we model and explain to our children the right way to do things (our jobs, cleaning up, helping others, not taking short cuts etc) they will grow up with a sense of right and wrong and do everything with a sense of excellence.



Children competing at Moonbi Horse Sports

Upcoming Events

FEES DUE:

School Contribution Fees

Term 1 Band Fees

\$50 Canberra Deposit (Yr 5-6)

ICAS Comps (Yr 2-6, 27th Mar)

Yr 6 Polo Shirts (1st April)

Thursday 12th March

Selective High School Test

Friday 13th March

PSSA Girls Cricket

Thursday 19th March

Science & Engineering Challenge

Monday 23rd March

Harmony Day

Friday 27th March

Cross Country

Clean Up Australia Day

Thursday 2nd April

LAST DAY of TERM 1



Tuesday 19th May

ICAS Digital Technology (3-6)

16th—19th June

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

7th—9th September

Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion

BREAK IN

Last Thursday night our school was broken into. This is a very sad and frustrating occurrence and we are working to minimise the risk of this happening again. We would like to thank everyone for understanding that this is not a reflection on our school, rather it is a reflection on the character and lack of moral fibre of the offenders.

As a result of this break in we have upgraded our locks and doors in the canteen and are looking into further security options. It is sad that the actions of so few can have such an impact on so many. The police were incredibly helpful and were able to gather lots of evidence, we are hopeful that the offenders will be caught quickly and held accountable for their actions.

PEDESTRAIN CROSSING SAFETY

As previously mentioned, we are again reminding parents of the importance of using the crossing correctly. All pedestrians are to wait until our crossing guard, Vicky, has stopped traffic and indicated it is safe to cross the road. We still have a few families who are crossing Manilla Road away from the crossing, this is very dangerous. Please only cross at the crossing.

Also, if you pick your child/children up in the afternoon please park your car and walk into the school. It is not safe for our students when people stop their car near the crossing to let their children in.

YARN UP

Each Thursday at 10:30am Yarn Up, our Indigenous parent group, will be meeting in the meeting room located in the admin building. We would invite all parents of Aboriginal students to come along for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit or two and a chat about kids, school and a general catch up.

If you would like further information please call the school and ask for Donna. We hope to see you here.

Win Bin Winners

Week 2 Tayla Beattie 2T

Week 3 Riley Broderick 1C

Week 4 Riley Curry 1J

Cricket

OVPS cricket team played Tamworth South Public School on Saturday at OVPS. It was a great game with OVPS winning 101 to 97 declared. Our Canadian friend Caleb was a stand out in all aspects of the game, he has really improved. The rest of the team played well and have been improving each week.. Well done guys.



Sports Reports

Term 1 Week 6

Last week these children Imogen and Amity Smith, Isabelle Bukovac got to attend the North West Regional Swimming Carnival at Armidale on Tuesday 3rd March. We had some fantastic results with Imogen – 7th overall 9 years freestyle, Amity Smith – competed in 100m freestyle and 50m freestyle, Isabelle – 6th in her heat and 50m 12years butterfly.

Sportsperson of the week: Imogen Smith with her fantastic achievements of coming 7th overall, 9years 50m freestyle at North West Swimming Carnival.



Moonbi Horse Sports

On Friday 6 March, 8 enthusiastic OVPS Equestrian team members competed at



Moonbi Horse Sports day. With over 700 students riding on the day, our students represented the school with exceptional results on the day. Bridie and Hugh Morris, Ben and Courtney Trembath and Ellie

and Jack Wiseman should be congratulated on their efforts and know we are very proud of you! Bridie took out the 9 year girls highest point score and Hugh won the 12 year boys highest point score. What an amazing effort.

Thank you to the parents for their time and effort getting both horses and children ready leading up to and on the day and for your assistance on the day. Pictured is Bridie holding her and Hughes trophy- Hugh had to leave to go and play futsal straight after competing!

Caitlin Eather

Horse Sports Co-ordinator.

On Friday 6th March Hugh and Bridie Morris, Jack and Ellie Wiseman and Ben and Courtney Trembath went to Moonbi Horse Sports. Moonbi was a big day with lots of competitors and we achieved great results. Moonbi was a great day with lots of fun and great weather. Bridie and Hugh both got highest point score for their age group and everyone tried their best.

Courtney Trembath



Here are some similes we have been writing to help our stories appeal to our readers...

He was as still as a rock... Ben Browning
I was as warm as fire!... Maggie Kemp
He was as nice as my most special friend... Olivia Holz
She was as cold as freezing water!... Dannica Brown
My slushy made my hand as cold as snow!... Marwa
He was as shy as a baby blue tongue lizard... Emily Rake
He was as friendly as a mother... Harry Pinchen

He was as quiet as a cup... Brae Cocking
He was as quiet as a fox... Lily Heap
It was as nice as a piece of hot toast... Mia Robinson
He was as friendly as a cat... Savanna Brennan
He is as shy as a fill neck lizard... Kaitlyn Hahn

At night, I was as warm as the sun... Zander Death
As well behaved as the world's best sheep dog... Taj Munro
He is as shy as a baby... Indi Brazier
He is as good as a pet dog... Beau Barker
He was as shy as a mouse!... Lily Adams
Charlie was as still as a rock... Anthony Daley
Charlie is as quiet as a piece of toast... Kathy Huang
Aren't they amazing!

Mrs Kristy Morris



PSSA Girls Cricket

All the best to the Girls PSSA Cricket team who play Nemingha PS at Oxley Vale PS on Friday 13 at 10.00am. Congratulations to the girls selected in the team: Amity Smith (c), Amanda Hall (vc), Makayla Nichols-Daley, Sarah Gill, Madison MacAlpine, Alira MacAlpine, Georgia MacAlpine, Montanna Ellard, Jameela Leslie, Abigail Schiman, Chelsea Carroll and Ella Davidson. Well done to the other girls who tried out too. Many of the girls have not played much cricket but they certainly do not lack enthusiasm. The girls have been training hard with Trevor Wilcox from Cricket NSW and are looking forward to their very first match. Thank you to Trevor for teaching the girls some new skills. Parents and community members are more than welcome to come and cheer for our players. Good luck girls.

Mrs Genienne Ellis



ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



MERIT AWARDS

Infants

KD: Jayden Baker, Logan Childs

KM: Brodi Hull, Kiarna Outerbridge

1C: Jessica Pallot, Levi Mannion

1J: Rosie Adams, Blaire Carroll

2K: Lily Adams, Brae Cocking,

2M: Blair Collins, Phoebe Thomas-McGregor

2T: Kirra-Lee Barber, Elisha Broderick

Primary

K-6P: Jayden McCluand-Morley

3R:

3/4E: Darcy Holz, Braiden Muller

4E: Brady Hopwood-Young, Roarke Christian

5F:

5/6S: Rosie Tighe, Caleb Kranenburg, Kelcee Beattie,

6L: Liam Carroll, Josiah Kranenburg, Adrian Graham

BOOK WORK RIBBON

Amarni Leslie

Phoenix Morrow

Lucas Sharp

Riley Curry

Olivia Holz

Ellie Webster

Harry Gill

Phillip Pryor

Bella Tulley

Laila Browning

Amity Smith



ASSEMBLIES for this week



INFANTS @ 12:00pm

PRIMARY @ 1:00pm

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.

Selective School Exams 12th March

Term 1 2015 Art After School Program - Tamworth Regional Gallery

PCYC After School Care Program - 67 665 009

Play Group - In school hall on each Tuesday from 10am –12pm


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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COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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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