

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 2 Week 2

28th April, 2015

A Proud Principal's Message

It is with so much pride that I write this message today. It is already Tuesday, 3 full days after the march, and I am still amazed at how great ANZAC Day was this year. Not only did our school show incredible patriotism with such a large group of students marching but the entire town of Tamworth seemed to be present at the march on Saturday. Congratulations to Mrs Jayne McCarthy for her organisation of ANZAC Day this year, the march and services were all amazing. Thank you so much to all the students who marched with our school, you were simply magnificent! Thanks also to the parents who took time out of their weekend to get so many children ready for the march. Finally, thank you to all of our dedicated teachers who marched with our kids.

How lucky I am to be the Principal of this school!

On a different note, I would like to welcome Ms Rebecca Hancock to the Oxley Vale staff for this term. Ms Hancock is the Principal of Bendemeer Public School and will be joining our staff this term as our Deputy Principal. Rebecca comes to us with a wealth of experience and we look forward to having her here with us for the term.

School Plan & Annual School Report

Both our new school plan and our 2014 Annual School Report (ASR) will be available on our website as of Friday this week. The new school plan sets out the strategic directions we will be undertaking over the next 3 years and the ASR is a reflection of the 2014 calendar year here at our school. Please take the time to read these documents if you are able.

2016 Opportunity Class Applications for Year 5 2016

Opportunity Classes are classes that cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Applications are now open online for students to be eligible to sit the OC placement test on Wednesday 22 July. If you are interested in having your child apply for such a class please check the website below:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Please feel free to contact the school for further information.

Have a good week.

**ANZAC
DAY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEES DUE

K-2 Excursion
School Contribution Fees
Term 2 Band Fees
Canberra Payment

MAY

4 SRC Leadership Day
12-14 NAPLAN Testing
18 Zone Cross Country
19 ICAS Digital Tech (3-6)
26 National Sorry Day
27 P&C Meeting 6:30pm

JUNE

3 ICAS Science (2-6)
8 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
11 ICAS Spelling (3-6)
12 Regional Cross Country
16-19 Stage 3 Canberra Exc
19 K-2 Excursion—Town Hall
22-26 NAIDOC WEEK
26 Last day TERM 2



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ANZAC March

It was fabulous to see so many Oxley Vale students marching in the town ANZAC Parade on Saturday to show their recognition of the sacrifice Servicemen and women have made for our country. It was truly a special occasion in commemoration of the Centenary of the landing at Gallipoli by ANZAC soldiers.

A special thank you to our School Captains and Vice Captains, Bailey Hartigan, Georgia Byrnes, Jake Gurney and Lily Pinchen who also attended the Town Hall Service and laid a wreath on behalf of Oxley Vale Public School.

Miss Langford



“ Wreath Laying Ceremony “

Infants -
Colby Jeffery and Amelia Webb

Primary -
Fletcher Morris and Azalea Dewson



If any parent would like to volunteer their time to contact some new reading resources at home, please come and see Mrs Morris. It would be very much appreciated by the staff and students! **Mrs Morris**

CALLING ALL CARERS, PARENTS & FRIENDS to a Foster & Kinship Carer Forum

A chance to meet others, ask questions and discuss challenges you might be having raising your children.



WHEN: Tuesday 5th May 2015

TIME: 10-12pm

TOPICS presented by Elisabeth Akioka (Developmental Psychologist) & Julie Somerville (Child & Family Health Nurse):

1. Sexualised behaviour – when to be concerned.
2. When is it not a tantrum?
3. Importance of blue book checks & important milestones.

RSVP

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PH: 67 555 000.

(Venue revealed at RSVP for catering purposes)



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MENTS TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL ONLINE?

We have launched a new online payment portal, now available and linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

HOW?

Please drop in to the front office to collect a small information booklet, alternatively you can log onto School Site at www.oxleyvale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au, click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

K6P

Last Friday K-6P read *ANZAC Biscuits* by Phil Cummings as a class. We discussed how soldiers during World War I might have felt and wrote some amazing poetry based on these discussions. We also baked ANZAC biscuits for maths and wrote the procedure. Below is a photo of some of our finished poetry and a selection of our poems.

I see the battlefield and the bright blue ocean and the mountain.

I smell the salty water and the trenches.

I hear guns firing and birds cheeping and the voice of the other troops.

I taste gunpowder in the air and salt in the air.

I feel damp mud and the wind blow against me.

By Jayden McCluand-Morley

I see a war.

I smell the soldiers.

I hear a gun firing.

I taste really salty saltwater.

I feel scared.

By William Jones

I see cold, dark saltwater.

I smell the salt from the saltwater.

I hear the thunder of bullets flying.

I taste the old dirty rainwater from the tank.

I feel mushy mud between my toes.

By Evan Kelly

I see hundreds and millions of bodies on the wet, dirty, brown ground on the hill.

I hear lots and lots of big, large booms from the big cannons from the top of the large, steep hill

I taste salty, dirty water in my mouth and seaweed too.

I feel bullets tearing through my leg, arm and neck flesh.

I smell lots of Gunpowder in the big sky.

By Lardarean Geale





ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS



MERIT AWARDS

Infants

KD: Lily Worland, Amarni Leslie
KM: Maddison Hoy, Annabelle Jamieson
1C: Deion Luke, Olivia Brookes-Young
1J: Denis West, Ashleigh Murray
2K: Zander Death, Dannica Brown
2M: Abbey Reeves-Britz, Dakota Hughes
2T: Bayley Taylor, Krystle Grzazek-Cross

Primary

K-6P: Lardarean Geale
3R: Samuel Mitchell, Lorretta Murray
3/4E: Jesse Sylvester, Kazmir Walker-Glover
4E: Troy McCarthy, Megan Swain
5L:
5/6S: Daniel Swain, Travis Fitzsimmons
6L:

BOOK WORK RIBBON

Gregory Hales
Ty Verwey
Madison Boyd
Laila Ye
Beau Barker
Bianca Thompson
Alicia Woods



Well done primary!



Great work Infants!



ASSEMBLIES for this week



INFANTS THIS FRIDAY AT 12:00PM

PRIMARY THIS FRIDAY AT 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.

Student Visual Arts Workshops, 28-30th April—Lisa van den Dolder 0434567415.

Belly Dancing - Children classes starting soon—Tina Marshall 0427210110.

PCYC After School Care Program - 67 665 009.

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

Centacare—FREE sessions 4 & 11/5—Sharon Tonkin 67629200.

Red Shield Appeal—30 & 31st May—weekend doorknock

Auskick Junior AFL Programme—Contact Brendan George 0429650938



Come-N-Play
Oxley Vale Playgroup

Contact: Kim Smart
Mobile: 0408104918

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Contact: Simon Carter Phone 02 6761 7271

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OVPs at the Anzac Day Ceremonies



Lest We Forget

Some tips for making Online Payments

Why do I need to enter Date of Birth?

In some schools there are students with the same name in the same class or year. The date of birth assists the school in distinguishing which student the payment relates to.

Note: date of birth is not required if class or year AND an invoice number are entered for a student. Some schools choose to issue invoices, others do not.

Why do I have to enter the student's details each time I make a payment, isn't it stored in the system?

When you make a payment you are in a secure Westpac website, for privacy and security of data no student details are maintained within the Westpac site. You must enter the details with each payment.

The screen keeps displaying the data I have just completed, it is not moving on?

Scroll through the whole screen, any errors will be shown in RED, you cannot progress until you resolve the error.

I don't know the student registration number, what is it?

The student registration number is **optional**, if the school issues invoices the number may appear on the invoice. Some schools use this on advice to parents, but not all schools.

What is the Ref or Invoice number, I don't know it?

The ref or invoice number is **optional**. Some schools use this on advice to parents, but not all schools.

Why can't I deposit directly to the school's bank account?

A direct deposit does not give the school any detail as to what you are paying for. The description space varies from bank to bank and is limited so the students name and class may not fit. Schools can have students with the same name and it is difficult to distinguish which student the payment relates to.

Why can't I use BPay?

BPay only allows a total amount to be paid, payers are not able to select particular items to pay.

I don't want the school to see my credit card details

The credit card details are masked on any reports to the school. e.g. 411111xxxx4111

Can I use a debit card or PayPal for payments?

Payments can only be made using Visa or MasterCard credit or debit cards. American Express, Diners Club or EFTPoS cards are not accepted. PayPal is not a payment option using this process.

If a payer only has an *EFTPoS debit card* then the schools EFTPoS terminal, cash or cheque are alternate methods of payment.

I have made a payment in error, how can I cancel it?

Contact the school and request that they cancel the transaction. This can be the same day that the transaction was processed or at a later date.

If I select \$ Make a payment on the school's website and the screen does not change who should I contact?

Contact the school office and request to speak to the School Administration Manager.

I haven't used online payments before, is it difficult?

The payment process has been developed to be very user friendly. It follows the format of many other online payment screens that you may have used.

The following pages show the screens you will see as you progress through the payments process with explanations of what to enter. Samples of emails and receipts are shown for your information.