Parent Teacher Night

Tonight is our Term 1 Parent/Teacher night. Teachers will be presenting information to parents regarding class routines, homework, excursions, subject topics and other various elements of school life. All sessions will stages will begin their information sessions at 6:00pm and will go for approximately 30 minutes. This information session will then be repeated at 6:45 for those parents who wish to go to more than one.

If you are unable to attend all sessions for your children handouts will be available on the night or the following day from your child’s teacher. We hope to see you there. Please see the table below for details.

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P&C
The first Parents and Citizens meeting for 2013 will be held next Wednesday the 27th February in the staffroom beginning at 6:30pm. All parents and community members are welcome to attend and we encourage our new parents to come along and get involved. It promises to be an active year for the P&C and the more support from parents the better for our student.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Please read carefully

Active After School Sport
◊ Students are expected to participate and behave during active after school sport. Students hurting others or not participating will be asked not to attend in future weeks.

Staff Car park and driveways
◊ Driveways are not for parent or student access. These areas are for staff cars only for safety reasons. Do not enter the school through either of the double gates.

Birthday Cakes
◊ Please see classroom teachers to organise the best time of day before bringing in birthday cakes to share.

Hats / Lost Property
◊ All students must have a school hat to play outside. All lost property is now located in the SD classroom near the sandpit.

Head Lice
◊ Head lice are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools. They are highly contagious and can effect a whole class quickly. Please assist us with this issue by checking your child’s hair regularly and treating as necessary. If your child has head lice the office will contact you. Children are able to come back to school once the lice have been treated.

Nuts
◊ Within our student population we have numerous students with a severe allergy to NUTS. For this reason Oxley Vale makes every effort to be a nut free school.

Arriving at school
◊ For safety reasons all children and families arriving at school need to wait under the COLA until 9am at which time a teacher will begin duty. Classrooms are out of bounds until after 9am and only when a teacher is present in the room.
Classes and Staffing
2013 started off with a bang. From information gathered at the end of 2012 we were anticipating close to 370 students to start this year. Unfortunately not all students have returned to us for a variety of reasons. This may impact on classes and staffing arrangements at school.

Tomorrow, Wednesday 27 February, the Staffing Directorate of the DEC will advise us as to whether we are able to keep our classes as they currently are or if we have to make changes. If changes are to be made we will advise our parents as soon as possible and the school will begin making changes as required.

We appreciate your patience in this matter and ask that you support your children and the school. Please remember that we are here to provide your children with the best possible education we can and that any decisions made will be in the best interests of all of our students.

Appointments with Staff
Parents often require appointments with teachers or executive staff members regarding their children. We encourage open communication between home and school and value these meetings to inform us of anything important happening in your children’s lives that may impact on them at school.

We ask that if you need to speak to the school regarding your child that you first ring the office to leave a message for your child’s teacher. They will be able to ring you back to arrange for a suitable appointment time. Your child’s teacher is the most appropriate person to talk to regarding your child as they know them better than anyone else in the school. Teachers, however, have very limited time during the day and are not always available to speak. By phoning the school first it will make contact with the teacher much easier.

If there is a confidential matter that you wish to discuss please ask to speak with Mr Norman. If he is unavailable you are able to request an interview. Schools are very busy places and we appreciate how important communication is with the school. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Band and Vocal Camps
Every year students are given the opportunity to participate in a variety of preforming arts camps held at Lake Keepit. These camps are great ways of developing skills in the arts and we would like to inform parents of upcoming events.

The first camp is a band camp which runs from the 17th to the 22nd March at a cost of $450. The second camp is a vocal camp which runs from the 2 to the 5 April at a cost of $350. Entries close very soon and there is a late fee of $75 if late entries are submitted. Please contact the front office as soon as possible if your child is interested.

Parent & Student Satisfaction Survey
Every year we ask our parent community to take part in a survey to gauge how well our school serves our students. This helps the school to plan for future directions and gives parents a real say in how the school functions. We welcome your input and ask that you take the time to complete a short online survey that can be found on our school website. If you google “Oxley Vale” you will quickly discover our website. It has a calendar that is regularly updated and is worth viewing for that alone. When you reach the site you will see some links at the very top of the screen. Please click on the “Survey” link and then select the parent survey.

Alternatively, you can go directly to the links below:
Student Survey Link
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6PSJ653
Parent Survey Link
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6PZC9ST

We very much appreciate your feedback and this is a great way to provide it. Thank you for your comments and continued support.

Luke Norman
Relieving Principal

PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival – Friday 22 February
Congratulations to our team of representative swimmers who competed at the Tamworth Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday, February 22nd. All Oxley Vale swimmers tried their very best, cheered each other on and made it a fun day. Thank you to all the parents who were there to support our swimmers. Your time and effort is much appreciated by both the students and staff at the school. Special congratulations to Ellie Wiseman, of 3L, who qualified to compete at the North West District Carnival in Armidale, in the 8 year girls 50m freestyle. Good Luck Ellie!

Clean Up Australia Day
Clean Up Australia Day will be held this Friday, 1st March.
Infants - Infants will be cleaning inside the school grounds.
Primary - Primary students will be leaving the school grounds to clean the perimeter of the school, the gully and the area just past Oxley Superette.
Students will be supervised at all times by teachers. Please send your child to school with gloves.
Jo Daley
CANTEEN NEWS

Hi kids

The canteen is open Monday through to Friday this includes afternoon tea break also.
Please remember to put your name and class on your lunch bag as this makes it easier when packing lunch orders.

Bags from the canteen are 20 cents.
This week’s Specials

**Wednesday**
Yoghurts 70 cents
Jelly cups 50 cents

**Thursday**
5 Nuggets and Milk $3.50

Easter Meal Deal coming up on the 28th of March.
Lunch wallets are back if you would like to purchase one they are available at the canteen for $9.00, they are great for the kids lunch orders instead of the paper bags. All items that are sold in the canteen fall into the green and amber category which makes healthier eating choices for our kids.

Have a great week kids
Mandy Hardcastle Canteen Supervisor

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### COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

**FEBRUARY**
- Wednesday 27th: P&C Meeting 6:30pm

**MARCH**
- Friday 1st: Clean Up Australia Day
- Wednesday 6th: Regional Swimming-Armidale
- Friday 22nd: Harmony Day Assembly
- Wednesday 27th: P&C Meeting AGM
- Thursday 28th: Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 29th: Good Friday

**APRIL**
- Monday 1st: Easter Monday
- Friday 5th: Cross Country
- Friday 12th: ANZAC Assembly

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FREE Parenting Now

**FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE**
HELPING FAMILIES BUILD BETTER RELATIONSHIPS

These courses offer education and information for parents who are interested in personal growth and development

**Mondays**
- 15th & 22nd April 2013
- 5.30pm to 8.30pm

FREE Exploring Challenging Children

Does your child:
- Show extreme behaviour
- Have intense temper tantrums
- Use physical & verbal aggression
- Refuse to do what they are asked

Find the triggers, understand and manage the ‘meltdowns’ with Exploring Challenging Children

**Mondays**
- 11th & 18th March 2013
- 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Surviving FREE Your Adolescents

You will learn:
- What is normal behavior for a teenager
- How to manage teenage risk-taking
- The Four Cardinal Sins (what not to do)
- Ways to maintain and improve your relationship with your teenager.

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Tamworth V Guy Kable Building
201 Marius Street (02) 6762 9200
EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter raffle is just around the corner kids. If you would like to donate Easter eggs that would be much appreciated. All donations of eggs can be left at the canteen. The Easter Raffle tickets have gone home if they could please be bought back by the 25th of March. Please take all sold tickets back to your teacher or you can leave them with Mrs Hardcastle at the canteen. The raffle will be drawn on the 28th of March. Thank you to all families that have returned tickets.

Fundraising Committee.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT OXLEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Do you want a Before and After School Care Service at Oxley Vale? If so please go to the website survey listed and fill out the information for Oxley Vale. If you know other families that may be interested please encourage them to complete the survey. If there is enough interest we can the move to finding an organisation to set up before and after school care at Oxley Vale Public.

https://www.research.net/s/oxleyvalebeforeaftercare

Copies of survey are available in the office if you do not have access to the website.

Please see Mr Scarborough if you need further information.

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