Patty cake day this Wednesday
This Wednesday Year 6 will be holding a patty cake stall to raise money for Charlii-Jean Moore’s family to assist with getting back on their feet after the tragic fire a few weeks ago. Cake and biscuits will be on sale from 50c so please get behind this good cause and have your child make a purchase for morning tea.

Attendance information for parents
We are currently reminding families of procedures surrounding attendance and absenteeism during school times. The department requires that all absences are recorded on our rolls and that a note explaining any absences is returned to the school within two days of the student returning to school. We would like parents to be aware that if your child does not return a note, or if the office is not contacted via phone, any absence that is not explained within 7 days will automatically be recorded on our system as unjustified. We ask that you send your child with a note if they are absent for any reason. Thank you for your support on this important matter.

School Sores
We are letting parents know that there have been a few cases of school sores (impetigo) at school over the past few weeks. These are highly contagious and we ask that if you think your child may have contracted the illness that you seek medical attention. It is treatable with either a cream or antibiotics however please consult with your doctor.

Congratulations
We would like to congratulate Mrs Jamieson who gave birth to her new baby daughter Lucy last week. We wish Mrs Jamieson all the very best and look forward to seeing Mrs Jamieson and Lucy very soon.

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.

The Staffing Directorate of the DEC will advise us shortly 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.

Hats
Once again we are having a blitz on the wearing of hats in the playground. We require all students to wear a school hat whilst outside at lunchtime and afternoon tea. We are required to ask all students not wearing hats to sit under the shaded areas of the school for their protection. We thank you for your support in this very important matter.
Parent Satisfaction Survey
This week is the last opportunity for families to go to our website, click on the survey link at the top of the homepage and have their say about our school. We really are very keen to have parents comment on the school as it does help us plan for future direction in many areas of school life. Thank you to all those families who have contributed so far.

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

University of NSW Competitions
Each year we invite students from Years 3 to 6 to participate in these international competitions. This year the Year 2 students are invited to participate in the English and Mathematics. Students may sit for the total of six exams. Students can be awarded certificates of merit according to how well they perform. They are compared to students across the whole south pacific region. The tests give great feedback on your child’s skills and also give valuable experience in sitting a formal test.

If you would like your child to participate in any of these tests, please complete the permission slip which went home today and return the permission slip and payment to Mrs Grinter before the 5th April.

Relieving Principal
Mr Luke Norman

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families that have already donated eggs and returned their tickets. If every family donates an Easter egg we would have 200 eggs so that means more prizes for all the kids. 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 at our Easter Hat Parade. Thank you to yarn up for donating 2 big baskets of Easter eggs.

Events coming up for Fundraising
Our Pie Drive order forms will go home 28th of March Mother’s Day stall 6th and 7th of May
Thankyou Fundraising committee

CANTEEN NEWS
Hi kids
Lunch wallets are available from the canteen, we have blue and pink in stock for $9.00. These are a great idea and will save you money on lunch bags.

**This week’s Specials**
Wednesday $1.00 Day
$1.00 slushies
$ 1.00 ice-cream cup with Milo
Thursday
Hot Dog with milk $3.50

Easter Meal Deal coming up on the 28th of March and this will also be our red day for the term; the kids will be able to buy chocolates and bags of lollies. Red day means that the kids are allowed to have food that they cannot buy at the canteen normally and all schools are allowed 2 red days a term.

**BENIFETS OF EATING HEALTHY**
Good food gives children all the nutrients that help them to
1. Grow and develop
2. Concentrate and learn well at school
3. Stay healthy through childhood and adult life

Have a great week kids
Mandy Hardcastle Canteen Supervisor

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 then move on 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.
PSSA School Sport

Cricket
Last week on the 28th February the PSSA Cricket team played against Tamworth South Public School. The team included Logan McCarthy (captain), Thomas Kemp, Woody Dowe, Hayden Hopwood-Young, Troy Smart, Troy Taylor, Chris Day, Tymayne Gray, Makalyn Brown, Bailey Brown, Daniel Peel and Brandon Hatch. Mr Sheeves and Mr Steele coached our team. We came into the match and bowled first. Makayln took a good catch and Troy Taylor and Hayden both bowled batsmen out. At the end of the innings the score was 3-97. We started our batting innings well with Troy and Makayln as our openers. They survived about 3 overs when Troy got hit in the hip and then 1 ball after that he got out. After that it was all down hill. The Tamworth South bowlers were fast and accurate and our batsmen found it hard to get runs. We fell well short of the 98 runs needed to win with Woody the only batsman not out and getting the man of the match for our team. Thankyou to the parents who transported players to the game and cheered our team on.

By Logan McCarthy and Thomas Kemp

Community News

Football (Soccer)
O.V.A.F.C. Mushies
There will be a sign on day this Saturday 9th March at Tamworth Shopping World from 10am—2pm. All interested children should come and join in the fun of the beautiful game while representing their local team.

Netball
Netball Winter Competition
There will be a registration day 21st March out at Tamworth Sports Dome. We are looking for a coach. If anyone is interested please contact Cindy Akers 67 617 923

AFL Aus Kick
The AFL Auskick program will be running in Tamworth on a Friday afternoon from 4:30 – 6:00 during winter in 2013. We will have a 'skills & drills' session followed by a game each week. Registration will be at #1 Oval on Wednesday March 27 from 4:00 pm. Cost for the season is $80 including a backpack. For those interested please email the Coordinator, Brendan George at tamworth.auskick@bigpond.com or call on 0429 650 938.
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

MARCH
Friday 1st   Clean Up Australia Day
Wednesday 6th  Regional Swimming-Armidale
Friday 12th   Horse Sports Moonbi
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 2:20pm
Friday 12th   Last Day of Term 1
Monday 29th  Staff Development Day