Gates
Please be aware that our school gates will be closed between the hours of 10am and 3pm. This is a safety measure that we must adhere to for the safety of the students. The only gate that will be open during these hours is the gate near the front office. We ask that all visitors, parents and volunteers, come through the front office and sign in using the visitors book located near the front desk.

If you are collecting your child early for an appointment there is no need to sign in as a visitor however we ask that you sign your child out at the front office.

Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews
Next week children will be coming home with notes for you to request times to meet one-on-one to discuss your child’s progress so far this year. We would encourage all parents to make appointments and meet with the teachers. You will be able to indicate your preferences for appointment times and teachers will do their best to accommodate your requests. Please remember that appointment times will be allocated in the order in which notes are returned so please send them in early.

Sporting Success
We would like to congratulate Jayme-Lee Averillo for her recent success in touch football. Jayme-Lee was selected to represent New South Wales in Oztag, along with former student Amber Shepherd, in upcoming games against ACT and Queensland in the annual Tri series coming up in June. We wish Jayme-Lee all the very best in her games and look forward to hearing about her games soon.

Contacting Teachers
We would again just like to remind parents that any issue you or your child may be having is important to the school. The most appropriate person to talk to regarding your child is their teacher because they know your child best. If you need to discuss issues regarding your child we ask that you either ring the school to make an appointment or approach the teacher to arrange a suitable time for you both. Please do not be offended if a staff member is unable to discuss matters with you immediately. Teachers are busy at the beginning, middle and end of each day and it is often more manageable for teachers to attend scheduled meetings than have lengthy discussions when they have other commitments.

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’s return. 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.
CROSSING THE ROAD AT OVPS
Recently we have had phone calls from some very concerned citizens who are worried about the safety of students crossing the road with and without their parents at the end of the school day. We are asking that any parent and child who crosses Manilla Road, to cross at the designated crossing only. Traffic is getting worse, particularly in light of the new road works and safety is the most important thing for all of our students. Thank you so much for your support in this.

Relieving Principal
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 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 27th March so everyone can take the eggs home before the break.

Events coming up for Fundraising:
Our Pie Drive order forms will go home 28th March
Mother’s Day stall 6th and 7th May.
Thank you, Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS
Hi kids
Thursday Special
Lunch wallet meal Deal this week
$9.00
1 lunch wallet, 1 sausage on a hot dog bun, popper and a piece of fruit.
Lunch wallets are a great way to save on lunch bags and save you time filling lunch order bags out at the canteen.
This is a great special as you are only paying for your lunch wallet. If you would like to pre order and pay Wednesday you are most welcome to.
Easter Meal Deal coming up on the 28th March and this will also be our red day for the term; the kids will be able to buy chocolates and bags of lollies.
If you cannot have chocolate just let me know and I will put another little treat in your meal deal.
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.
Please try and have orders in before 9.30 of a morning as this makes the packing of the kid’s lunch orders run alot more smoothly and it gives the proper time that is required for their food to heat through to the right temperature.

Thankyou
Have a great week kids
Mandy Hardcastle, Canteen Supervisor

Tamworth Show
On the weekend Oxley Vale Public School had students art displayed at the Tamworth Show. We had 2 students Kaden Turner and Lardarean Geale who received an award for their achievements in some fantastic art work. Well done boys!

Library News
Every child needs a library bag to protect the books they borrow from the library. This can be a material one or a simple plastic bag. The Scholastic Book Club brochures are being handed out this week. This is a great opportunity to buy a book for your child starting from $2.00. Please put your order form and money in an envelope and hand them in at the office. The orders need to be back by 21st March and children should receive them back by the end of term. The Library is allowed to choose books for every dollar spent with Scholastic. Thank you kindly for your support.
Mrs Di Charlton
Librarian

Year 6 Students 2012
Parents of Year 6 students who were here in 2012 we have a group photo for you. These photos are in the office if you would like to come and collect this piece of memorabilia.
Junior Rugby League
Collegians Junior Rugby League Football Club will be holding a sign-on day this Sunday 17th March at the Tamworth Golf Club from 3-5 p.m. The club is also keenly seeking coaches.

After the sign-on there will be a get together and BBQ for Coaches and Managers only, from 5 p.m., to help plan the season.

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.

Community News

Next Friday 22nd March we will be celebrating Harmony Day with a ‘Mufti out of uniform Day’ where students can wear something ORANGE as the colour theme. There will be activities throughout the day with lots of fun. There is no cost involved in this activity.

Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music Open Day
Saturday 16 March
10:30am to 1:30pm
at 223-227 Marius St

Explore the heritage listed former Dominican Convent
Discover the range of instruments and ensembles on offer
Enjoy non-stop live music from our students
Participate in a demonstration with the Early Childhood Music Class at 12:30pm
Share a sausage sizzle and ask Conservatorium staff about your needs and interests

For all enquiries, please contact the Conservatorium Office on (02) 6738 6911
## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

### MARCH
- Friday 15th: 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 5th: UNSW Competition Close
- Friday 12th: ANZAC Assembly 2:20pm
- Friday 12th: Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 29th: Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 30th: Students Return

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### OXLEY VALE P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Oxley Vale P&C AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 6:30pm in the staff room. All board positions will be declared vacant and nominations taken. P&C membership is $1.00 to be able to vote. A regular P&C meeting will follow.

**ALL WELCOME**