Principal’s Message   Term 1 Week 8   19th March, 2013

NAPLAN DATES
Early next term Year 3 and Year 5 students will be participating the NAPLAN assessments. These are national assessments and are mandatory for all students in these years. Please add the dates below to your calendars, of course, we will include these in next term’s calendar that we will send home to families.

Tuesday 14th May – Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday 15th May – Reading
Thursday 16th May – Numeracy

We wish all of our students the very best in NAPLAN this year.

Classes:
A note was sent home today regarding the restructuring of classes.

Gates (repeat message for your information)
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
This 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.

Harmony Day this Friday
This Friday we are holding a fun morning full of activities relating to different cultures from around the world. We are encouraging students to come out of uniform but to wear something ORANGE, the official colour of Harmony Day. Infants students will be participating in a range of craft activities and primary classes will be rotating through various engaging activities. There is no cost for this day.

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. Year 3 to 6 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.
**EASTER RAFFLE**

Thank you to all the families that have supported our Easter Raffle. It has been great to see all the eggs coming in. Please have all tickets back by the 25th March. 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

**Medication**
A reminder that medication needs to be dropped off by the parent/carer in the correct packaging to the front office and not sent in the child’s bag. Could you please assist us in keeping a consistent supply of medication here for your child. So as to avoid follow up phone calls by the school.

**Library News**

**Book Club**
Any children bringing money and book club orders to the school should take it to the office as soon as they come to school. These orders need to be back by the 21st March. All book club orders and money are collected by Mrs Charlton. 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.

**General Information Sheet**
We would like to remind all parents who have not filled out their child’s general information form please do so as soon as possible. It is very important that we have up to date details for your child.

**Regional Debating Workshop**
On Friday 15th March 6 schools gathered at Oxley Vale Public School to learn about debating. 6 Students from Oxley Vale were amongst the group of around 40 kids learning to communicate their ideas. Students were from Tintinhull, Tamworth South, Werris Creek, Quirindi and Westdale Public Schools. The Arts unit have supported debating in the New England through workshops and programs for many years. We were privileged to have two of the state's top state adjudicators and debaters run the day. Oxley Vale continues to have an ongoing involvement in debating and public speaking activities. Students are involved in learning these skills through classroom activities and through involvement in local and state activities. We are entered in the Premiers Debating Challenge and the Multicultural Perspectives Public speaking competitions.

Regards
Grant Scarborough

**CANTEEN NEWS**
Hi kids

**Wednesday Special**
Buy 1 mony and get the second 1 for 50 cents

**Thursday Special**
5 Goujons and a 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. Nut free chocolates will also be available for our meal deal. Unfortunately Yogo ice sticks have been out of stock for awhile now so they have been replaced with the Quelch fruit sticks for 50 cents. I also haven’t been able to get small bottles of water at the moment, but hopefully they will be back in stock soon. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings are getting quiet busy, if you would like to leave your lunch orders in the basket marked lunch orders and I will put your change back in your bags for you and it will give the kids more time to go and play, instead of waiting in line.

Thankyou

Please try and have orders in before 9.30 of a morning as this makes the packing of the kid’s lunch orders run a lot 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

**Harmony Day**
This 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.
Infants

**Merit Awards**

**KP:** Makayla Harris, Blair Collins  
**KD:** Eric Gray, Thomas Munroe  
**KM:** Maggie Kemp, Amelia Webb  
**1G:** Makenzi Gaunt, Alex Bennett-Wilkinson  
**1E:** Joseph Sharp, Jayden Graham  
**1R:** Lachlan Sinclair, Toby Ison  
**2P:** Emily Bishop, Jaxon Gaunt  
**2T:** Jesse Monk, Roarke Christian

**Book Work Ribbon**

**Dylan Hopwood-Young**  
**Paige Washington**  
**Brae Cocking**  
**Harry Pinchen**  
**Breanna Moss**  
**Cooper Day**  
**Zander William-Sands**  
**Spencer Edwards**

**Romeo Award:** Breanna Moss

Romeo loves to read work that children have written. Romeo is awarded to a student that have written wonderful stories.

**FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY**

Yarn-up and P&C would like to invite parents to a family fun portrait day, to be held over 2 Saturday's 6th and 13th April starting from 10am - 3pm.

You will get 2 (6"x 8") photos plus a disc for one low cost of $20.00. Parents will be able to choose their times between 10-3pm, a note will go home outlining the times available for families. Please send in your time ASAP with your money to your child's teacher.

All monies raised will fund activities within the school -- Deadly Day, National Sorry Day Garden, NAIDOC Week and home readers.

If you have any further enquires about our Family Portrait Day please contact the school on 67618238.

Thankyou Oxley Vale P&C and the Yarn-up Team

**Community News**

**Hockey**
Girls or Boys Hockey—South United anyone wishing to play hockey in the Saturday morning competition.  
Hockey training starts this Wednesday 20th March 4pm for girls and 5pm for boys.  
If you would like more information about playing hockey please contact Mrs Purdy.

**Netball**
Anyone wishing to play netball competition in Years 1,2 or 3 please contact Mel on 0435 741 793 ASAP.
**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1**

**MARCH**
- 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**