As most families will be aware last week was a very busy week. Not only did we have Harmony Day on Friday with lots of activities happening for infants and primary students but we also had to make class changes. So far the response to the changes has been favourable and I would very much like to thank families for their patience and support during this necessary change to our school. Thank you also to those families who have contacted the school with concerns.

Classes seem to be very settled since the change and Mrs Murray’s class have now moved into their new room next door to the other year one classes. Miss Eather’s 4/5 class has now moved out of the computer lab and into the demountable, finally giving them a room with more desk space than computers. This means that the computer lab is now back in business for the rest of the school and technology lessons can begin once more.

As part of the new structure Miss Gurd’s year one class was mixed in with the rest of their peers. Miss Gurd will remain in a full-time capacity this term but will no longer have her own class. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Gurd for her great work both last year and this year with our young students. Miss Gurd will now be taking music and technology lessons and will utilise the PC lab for a lot of her lessons. She is now filling in for Mrs Jamieson who is on maternity leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish families a very happy Easter and have a safe and enjoyable long weekend. May you all have a restful break.

Luke Norman
Relieving Principal

Principal’s Message

Parent Teacher Interviews
Notes will be coming home this week to confirm times for parent teacher interviews. We would encourage all parents to make an appointment to see their child’s teacher as this will give you an opportunity to get feedback on your child’s progress. We have been asked about which teacher parents should request an interview with if their children have changed classes. At this stage we are asking staff to give parent interviews with the children they have had for the majority of the term. This will give parents the opportunity to discuss their academic progress. If you have any major concerns regarding your child adjusting to a new class, please contact your child’s new teacher to make arrangements for a chat.

**FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY**

Yarn-up and P&C would like to invite parents to a family fun portrait day, to be held over 2 Saturdays on the 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

**ANZAC DAY**

Our school ANZAC service will be on the last day of term 12th April. All students K - 6 are invited to prepare a talk of up to 1 – 4 minutes about ‘What is means to be an ANZAC in 2013 / Why we have ANZAC day’. Consider who is in our defence force and why they serve our country. I will be selecting a few children from across the school to talk at our school ANZAC service. All entries to Mr Scarborough with name and class by Friday 5th April.

Grant Scarborough

Relieving Principal

Term 1 Week 9

26th March, 2013

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P&C AGM
This Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the staffroom the P&C will be holding its Annual General Meeting. We would encourage all parents to come along and become involved in our P&C, they provide wonderful support to our school in many ways. Please feel free to come along and introduce yourself, new parents are always welcome to attend and make contributions to the education of their children.

Gates
Just a brief reminder about our arrangements for the school gates, the 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.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families that have supported our Easter Raffle, we hope you all have a safe and happy Easter.
Events coming up for Fundraising
Our Pie Drive order forms will go home this week 28th March
Mother’s Day stall 6th and 7th May.
Thank you Fundraising Committee

LOST PROPERTY
There are a number of uniform items currently in lost property that you are welcome to come and check. They are located in the corridor of the administration building. Please collect by the end of this term as any ‘not labelled’ will be donated to the clothing pool. Thank you

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL NOTICE
The following Active After School session changes will apply this week and to the end of term 1:
- NO AAS session this Thursday 28th March
- NO AAS (Martial Arts) on Wednesday 3rd & 10th April
- NO AAS SESSIONS AT ALL IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 1 (8th to 12th April)
- YES AAS (Hockey) on Thursday 4th April
- YES AAS (Gymnastics) on Friday 5th April

Easter Hat Parade
We would like to invite parents to join the staff and students for an Easter Parade starting at 10:30am and more than welcome to stay for lunch. Primary students can participate in the Easter Parade on Thursday if they wish to make their own hat at home.

Thank You
We would like to say a big thank you to the Salvation Army Store for their kind donation of small toys and material. These will be used by students and their generosity is enormously appreciated. From the Learning Support Team.

HSIE
On Wednesday afternoon stage one students listened to guest speakers from several different community groups as part of their HSIE unit ‘Identifying Us’. Mr Hopwood-Young talked to the students about cricket and umpiring. Bridie Morris shared some very interesting information about pony club and four members of the Fire Brigade also visited with their fire truck. Last week Miss Ison also spoke to the students about Girl Guides. Students gained a valuable insight into each organisation, their equipment used, as well as the rules and responsibilities involved in each organisation. A great afternoon was had by all!

CANTEEN NEWS
Hi kids, Easter Meal Deal
Thursday
5 nuggets, milk, mony and an Easter egg$4.50
Nut free, gluten and dairy free chocolates will also be available for our meal deal.
If you need one of these please mark your bag. This will be our red day also; you will be able to buy bags of lollies and chocolates for 50 cents. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings are getting quite 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, I hope you all have a wonderful Easter kids and enjoy your break.
Happy Easter
Mandy Hardcastle Canteen Supervisor

Horse Sports
There were nearly 100 competitors on the day and many schools from around NSW, and the OVPs Equestrian Team won THE OVERALL HIGHEST POINT SCORE PRIMARY SCHOOL of the day for the THIRD year in a row! A wonderful achievement and it shows how capable our Equestrian Team is. The team also achieved highly in the sporting events with too many outstanding achievements to mention!

A huge thank you to our parents for their time and effort put in on the day and the many weeks leading up to the competition. It is a huge effort getting horses (and kids!) ready and it is wonderful to see our school being so well represented. Thank you also to the team of fabulous kids that represent our school with pride and show how awesome OVPs is!

Caitlin Eather
Horse Sports Coordinator.
Infants

**Merit Awards**

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Win Bin Winners: Abbey Reeves-Britz and Lily Adams from K/1M

Harmony Day Report

On Friday across the school there was a sea of colour as students wore shades of orange to spread the message that ‘Everyone Belongs’ and to celebrate cultural diversity for Harmony Day. Throughout the morning students worked together and enjoyed craft activities, games and music in group rotations to learn about a variety of cultures and traditions from countries around the world. Students participated in activities that promoted the learning and understanding of accepting and celebrating the vast number of cultures that makes up Australia. Every student in every class also created a paper cut-out of themselves that is now lining the walls of the main hallway with hands linked to demonstrate harmony. 6S entertained and impressed the whole school with their performance of the Cuban song ‘El cuarto de Tula’ sung in Spanish at our Harmony Day assembly.

PSSA Cricket

Lori Edgar, Jayme Lee Averillo, Bridie Martin, Flo Davidson, Lucy Bowden, Sarah Gill, Sophie Trewern, Kaecia Beattie, Jasmine Squires, Emma Sheaves, Jada Ison, Fiona Field, Kaylah Higgisson, Lily Christian played against the Tamworth South Girls cricket team. They batted for the full 25 overs scoring 64 sensational runs with one batsmen not out. After 2 hours of the game the team entered the field and bowled exceptionally well taking 5 wickets. Tamworth South were able to score the runs and win the game in the required overs. Both teams demonstrated great sportsmanship playing on after the finish of the game to ensure that everyone had a bat and a bowl. Thank you girls for all your efforts training and your great attitude to the sport. It was lots of fun. Thanks to all the parents who transported, cheered, scored and helped the girls you made it a great day. A proud coach.

Grant Scarborough
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

MARCH
Wednesday 27th  P&C Meeting AGM
Thursday 28th   Easter Hat Parade
Friday 29th    Good Friday

APRIL
Monday1st   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   Staff Development Day

May
Wednesday 1st   Students Return

Attendance information for parents
We are currently reminding families of procedures surrounding attendance and absenteeism during school times. The department requires that all absence are recorded on our roles and that a note explaining any absences is returned to the school as soon as possible once your child returns 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. The school will contact you about any unexplained absence. Thank you for your support on this important matter.