Happy Easter to all of our families and welcome back for the last two weeks of school. These two weeks are going to be full of activities both cultural and educational so hopefully students and teachers alike will make the most of every minute of each day. Please look out for details of up-coming events in the Messenger today but also on our website. If you GOOGLE "Oxley Vale" our website is one of the first sites to come up. Our calendar is updated each week and is the best place to get information in a hurry.

As I will be away in the last week of term I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of the students and parents who have made the beginning of the year a positive start to 2013. With hard work from the students and the support of many parents our school has managed to push forward academically and socially, creating a wonderful environment for learning. I have shown many visitors around our school this term and each time I have received great feedback about the "feel" of our school. This is due to students, parents and teachers.

I would also like to thank the teachers for all of their hard work. Oxley Vale is very lucky in having such a dedicated and professional staff. Our teachers have a massive workload and yet they still make themselves available to students and parents both during each day as well as at the end of the day. I can honestly say that I have never worked with more dedicated professional in my career. Thank you so much to all of our teachers and support staff, you make Oxley Vale successful.

I look forward to this week and wait with anticipation at the prospects Term 2 holds for us all.

Luke Norman
Relieving Principal

P&C
Last Wednesday night our P&C held their 2013 AGM. All positions were declared open and we are pleased to report that all positions were filled again. Mrs Kim Smart will continue in her role as President, Mrs Anna Debenham is Secretary, Mr Steve Griffiths is the Vice President and Mrs Jayne McCarthy will take on the role of Treasurer.

We would like to encourage all families to come along to the next P&C meeting, they are held on the forth Wednesday night of each month (unless it falls during the school holidays) at 6:30pm in the staffroom. Each meeting will be advertised in the Messenger. See you there.

Gates
Please note that we are closing and locking all gates with the exception of the front gate near the office. This is a safety measure and is necessary to ensure we provide our students with the safest environment possible during the day. We ask that all visitors to the school sign in at the front office to ensure the school is aware of any person on school grounds throughout the day.

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 rolls 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.
Cross Country
This Friday our cross country carnival will be held on and around the school grounds. We would like to invite parents to come along to watch. We will make every effort to stay with the times in the table below however we would encourage all parents to be at school well in advance of their child's race in case there is a need to run the race earlier than advertised.

Any parent help on the day would be greatly appreciated. **Times are Approximate**

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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 (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

Please Note After School Learning Centre is still running till end of term.

Pie Drive
Our Pie Drive order forms have gone home if you have missed out please come and see Mrs Hardcastle at the canteen for one, due back 3rd May. Congratulations to all our Easter egg winners

1st prize Harry Gill (KM)
2nd prize Danny Davidson
3rd prize Sharon Bowden
Miss Eather also won the Teachers Easter Raffle.
A big thank you again to all families for donating eggs. Mother’s Day stall 6th and 7th May

Thankyou, Fundraising Committee

CANTEEN NEWS
Hi kids
I hope you all had a great Easter and enjoyed your Easter eggs.

Thursday
Pizza and milk $3.50
Jelly cups 50 cents

Please try and have orders in before 9.30 of a morning to make things run more smoothly and have the kid’s food heat through to the right temperature. Thank you

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. Thank you

Mandy Hardcastle Canteen Supervisor

PSSA Soccer
Wednesday 27th, March
Yesterday Logan McCarthy and Woody Dowe went to the Northwest PSSA Soccer trials. There was a long training session at the start of the day. After the training session they tested goal keepers. There were three goal keepers trying out. After that we had the southern area (Tamworth, Gunnedah, Kootingal etc.) verse northern area (Armidale, Moree, Inverell etc.) match. At the end of the day the team was announced. Logan got in as goalie and Woody as a shadow midfielder. By Logan McCarthy and Woody Dowe.

Cupcake Day. Year 5. Postponed until 10 April
The year 5 cupcake day is postponed until next Wednesday 10 April. Year 5 are asked to prepare some cupcakes to bring on the day.
Infants

**Merit Awards**
KP: Kirra-Lee Barber, India Brazier
KD: Miley Browning, Andy Geale
K/1M: Mia Thompson, Haley Hume
1E: Jayden Graham, Kealy Gregory
1R: Kirk Schiman, Jeremy Thompson
1/2T: Colby Jeffery, Kayden Gitt
2P: Jaxon Gaunt, Shanieka Dewson

**Book Work Ribbon**
Kyan Gregory
Thomas Munroe
Makenzie Gaunt

Primary

**SD:**
2/3B: Jai Thompson, Alahna Hill
3L: Jarmarnus Geale, Teonie Wynne
4N: Fletcher Morris, Cooper Kemp
4/5E: Felix Peake, Jasmine Squires
5S: Lori Edgar, Hayden Todd
5/6M: Hayley Whitten, Yash Patel
6S: Jaid Carroll, Ciaron McKillop

**Book Work Ribbon**
Bella Tully
Tarli Olsen
Chloe Ison
Miles Shepherd
Chelsea Grant
Emily Klease
Sophie Ison

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**Easter Hat Parade**
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