Cross Country / Rugby League
If you want to experience life – run a marathon. A smaller equivalent was experienced on Friday by all of our sensational students who took part in the school cross country. Mr Steele has a report below. The top 4 for each category boys and girls will be attending the Zone Cross Country in Barraba 27th May. Thank you to all staff who assisted and Mr Norman for arriving at 6am to prepare the course and organising the event. It was great to have so many families attend.

How about our league team last week. Undefeated. Please see Mr Steele’s report. Thanks to the coaching staff and the awesome supporters. I heard we had a crowd that almost outnumbered all the teams put together.

Year 5 Patty Cake Day
Our last patty cake day will be held tomorrow the 10th April. Year 5 students are supplying the cakes for the day to support the purchase of our WiFi network. All students who are able to eat cake can buy a patty cake at lunch near the front office for 50cents and at afternoon tea if any are left. If your child is unable to eat cupcakes or has particular allergies please send a note with them to school to inform the classroom teacher. I apologise for any Year 5 parents who were not aware this was occurring. Please supply what you are able to without any midnight baking sessions. Miss Eather and Miss Marshall will be organising the sale of the cakes.

Premiers Sporting Challenge
Yesterday 19 students were accompanied by Mr Steel to Oxley High School for a day of sporting activities along with students from Kootingal and Tamworth Public School. They played league, oz tag, football (aka soccer), fitness - boxing and slide hockey. All of the activities were run by Year 10 students and organised by Mr Gordon Rae, as well as a bus to transport our students. We enjoyed a great relationship with Oxley High. If you are considering high schools for your child contact the school and group for a visit. Thank you Mr Steel for accompanying the group of keen Year 6 students.

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thank you to all families / carers who have been attending school to talk with their child’s teacher about their progress. If you have missed a time please book in to your child’s classroom teacher this week or next term. Teachers will be aiming to see all families.

Principal’s Message

Mandy Hardcastle
Our sensational canteen manager Mandy Hardcastle is finishing at the end of this week Friday 12th April. Mandy has expressed her thanks and best wishes for everyone at Oxley Vale as she has had a wonderful time here. Mandy will be missed by students, staff, parents, community, teachers, principals and regional office from all over the region, the state and the nation who have tasted her delectable delights, experienced her warm hospitality and her creative flair and professionalism in all that she does. Thank you Mandy. You will be missed. Thank you for your passion and for where you have taken our canteen and us on our ‘food journey’. We wish you and your family all the best and look forward to seeing you around the school when you visit. The Oxley Vale Community
We will be acknowledging Mandy in the middle of our two assemblies this Friday at 12:30pm.

Family Portraits
You get your second chance this Saturday - 13th April.
Thank you to all the families who supported the family portrait photo day on Saturday 6th April by attending to have photos taken and assisting with organising, taking photos and running the BBQ. Thanks to Yarn Up group for coming up with the idea and organising this day along with the P&C for their input. The photos will again be available this Saturday 13th April in the school hall in the morning.

ANZAC Service at School - Friday 12th April 2:30pm
This Friday a service will be held at school at 2:30pm in the hall to acknowledge ANZAC Day. All parents and community members are welcome. Students will be involved in running the service, sharing thoughts about ANZAC and playing as part of the school band. Classes across the school have been discussing the significance of ANZAC day so expect some conversations and discussion at home.
Our school captains will also be representing our school at the Dawn Service in Brisbane Street along with Miss Langford and other staff members. The captains will also attend the Town Hall service after the march. A wreath will be laid at both services on behalf of the school and the P&C. Thank you to the students, teachers and families for dedicating your time to acknowledge and support such an important day.
Thanks for a wonderful term. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Grant Scarborough
Relieving Principal
Canteen Manager Oxley Vale Public School P&C:
Oxley Vale Public School requires an efficient, enthusiastic canteen manager to work in our school canteen.
Oxley Vale Public School canteen is open for lunch and afternoon teas every day catering for approximately 344 students and staff.
Salary is in accordance with the Fast Food Industry Award 2010 [MA000003] and applicable legislation. This includes, but is not limited to, the National Employment Standards in the Fair Work Act 2009
To be considered you must meet the following criteria:
- Demonstrated understanding of healthy eating
- Demonstrated ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team member as well as supervise others
- Demonstrated time management skills and ability to control day to day operations of a school canteen
- Experience with volunteers and parent groups
- Knowledge of basic financial management systems
- Knowledge of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- Experience and or qualifications in food preparation, food safety and handling
- Understanding of OH&S principles
- Interest in food preparation, nutrition and children
- Demonstrated computer literacy using Office applications and internet
Qualifications in the Fresh Tastes @ School Strategy, Canteen Operations and/or Food Safety and Hygiene will be highly regarded.
It is a requirement of employment that a Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment Screening checks will be completed.

Please forward applications to Oxley Vale Public School P&C President
93 Meldorn Lane, Tamworth, NSW 2340 or e-mail to playgroup1@tfss.com.au By April 18, 2013

Canteen News
Hi kids
This is our last week of the term
Thursday Special
Sausage Roll with a milk $3.50
Sauce 20 cents extra
The canteen will run as normal all week until the end of term.
I hope you have a happy and safe holiday
Mandy Hardcastle Canteen Supervisor

Clothing Pool
Recently, there have been inquiries about girls winter tunics. If you would like to order a tunic (to be made by Uniforms R Us)
Please complete an order form, available from the Admin Office, Canteen or Clothing Pool (on Friday 8.45-10am) so I can collate an order ASAP. There are a small number of second-hand tunics in the clothing pool for purchase.
Available from next term … beanies, gloves, scarves & raincoats – stay tuned for Winter Package Deal!
Come and see me, Happy to help as best I can.
Regards, Jayne McCarthy,
Clothing Pool Coordinator 0414 239 452

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL NOTICE
The following Active After School session changes will apply this week and to the end of term 1:
- NO AAS SESSIONS AT ALL IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 1 (8th to 12th 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, please have them back by this date so you don’t miss out on these yummy pies.
Mother’s Day stall 6th and 7th May if you can spare sometime to help out with our stall that would be great, there are lots of lovely gifts for the kids to purchase.
Gifts will range from $2, $5, $10 and $15.
A huge thank you to Bridie Martin’s Grandma for doing lots of lovely gifts up and donating them for our Mother’s Day stall it was greatly appreciated.
Thankyou, Fundraising Committee

Year 3 and 4 Rugby League
Last week a champion team of Rugby League players from Year 3 and 4 took to the field in Oxley Vale jerseys for the Captains Cup Rugby League 7s gala day. The team had trained very hard for weeks leading up to the tournament and it showed. The team played sensational football, winning all three of its games. Congratulations Jordan Leslie, Jaymus and Malakai Troutman, Kurt Waites, Amanda Rose Hall, Adrian and Duran Graham, Tarley Olsen, Malcom O’Leary, Makayla Nichols-Daley, Mark Bishop, Ethan Woods and Fletcher Morris for your team-work and sportsmanship. The team’s great performance would not have been possible without the coaching expertise and guidance of Nick Hodgson, Scott Troutman, Tom Flanders and Brett Daley. Thankyou to all the parents and families of our team who cheered them on all day. We appreciate your support and like you, we are very proud of this team!

Cross Country
Last Friday students from Kinder to Year 6 participated in this year’s school cross country. A big crowd was entertained by the infants and there were some standout performances in the 5, 6 and 7 year old age groups. Then it was the Primary racers turn to take to the 2 and 3 kilometre course. It was great to see our runners all trying their personal best. Congratulations to all of our students who qualified for Zone Cross Country, to be held in Barraba next term. Well done to our age champions Tom Kemp, James Steele, Sport
Infants

**Merit Awards**

**KP:** Bayley Taylor, Dekoda Jerrett  
**KD:** Dakota Hughes, Taj Munroe  
**K/1M:** Emily Rake, Brooke Harper  
**1E:** Bridie Morris, Jahmaul Leslie  
**1R:** Anthony Nicholls-Daley, Cooper Schubert  
**1/2T:** Harry Pinchen, Sarah Turner  
**2P:** Brady Hopwood-Young, Connor Martin  

**Book Work Ribbon**

Caitlin Grobler  
Jake Shepherd  
Bianca Woods  
Braiden Muller  
Olivia Williams  
Arnell Carroll  
Luke Mudd

Primary

**SD:**

**2/3B:** Jayde Marshall, Jaymus Troutman  
**3L:** Austin Bishop, Shyann Barber  
**4N:** Dani Penfold, Montanna Ellard, Elijah Browning  
**4/5E:** Charlee Morris, Daniel Peel  

**Book Work Ribbon**

Melanie Smart  
Maddison Soles  
Sherri Sands-Green  
Connor O’Neil  
Elsie Ellard  
Logan McCarthy

**Cross Country Results**

Falkenmire 136  
Oxley 185  
Dowe 200  
Frame 202

Nundle Excursion

Last Thursday students from Year 5 and 6 headed for the hills of Nundle in search of gold! We had a fantastic day learning about the history of the Gold Rush, Panning for Gold (yes we all found some) and also visited the woollen mill to learn how wool is produced.

Family Portrait Day

Yarn-up and P&C would like to invite parents to a family fun portrait day, this Saturday 6th 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.
**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1**

**APRIL**
- Friday 12th  Infants Assembly 12:00pm
- Friday 12th  Primary Assembly 12:30pm
- Friday 12th  ANZAC Assembly 2:20pm
- Friday 12th  Canberra Deposit Due
- Friday 12th  Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 29th  Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 30th  Staff Development Day

**May**
- Wednesday 1st  Students Return
- Friday 3rd  Canberra Instalment
- Friday 24th  Canberra Final Payment

**June**
- Friday 14th  Dubbo Instalment

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**Students Return**
- Term 2
- Wednesday
- 1st May

**SCHOOL CANTEEN CLOSED**
- 1st May to 10th May