Principal’s Message
Welcome back everyone! I hope that all families had a restful holiday and took time to recharge. We certainly hope so because this term is going to be very busy.

CAPERs is on later in the term, kindergarten transition starts next Thursday, school swimming scheme will be run for students who are not competent swimmers, end of year reports will be written, presentation assemblies and evenings will be held to celebrate student achievements, we will farewell this year’s Year 6 students and there will also be a whole lot of learning going on.

Over the holidays we made a few small changes here at school. We are in the process of rearranging our offices in the Administration building and the Principal’s office has now been converted into a meeting room to be used for many of the meetings that are held here at school. The front office has had a quick coat of paint (with a little bit more to come) and the Principal’s office has now been moved down the end of the hallway where Miss Nixon’s room used to be. Miss Nixon has moved to an office down near the staffroom.

We will continue to make a few changes over the next few months with the aim of improving what we do here at school. If any parents or community members wish to help please don’t hesitate to contact Christine in the front office to offer your skills, we have already had several parents and grandparents assist in the renovations and we thank you immensely for your help.

We very much look forward to the final term of 2013 and we can’t wait to get back to what it is schools are here for, learning!

Have a fantastic week.

Luke Norman
Principal

Office Hours
A very quick reminder that the front office is unattended before 8:45am and after 3:45pm. If you wish to contact the school please do so between these times. Thank you.

Teacher Professional Learning
This week all of our classroom teachers will be taking part in professional development to get ready for the new English syllabus that will be taught in all NSW Primary schools next year. Teachers will be focussing on more effective methods of teaching comprehension and reading as well as on how to use assessments more effectively.

It is great to see the commitment of the staff at Oxley Vale in how they approach their own learning. It shows that they are dedicated to keeping at the forefront of education. We thought it was just the students that came here to learn!

Congratulations
The staff would like to congratulate Melinda Gurd on her wedding in the holidays to Scott Townsend.
We wish Scott & Melinda the very best happiness in their future together.
### Assembly Award Winners

**20th September, 2013**

#### Merit Awards

**Infants**

**KP:** Claire Doherty, Caitlin Grobler  
**KD:** Andalasia Geale, Dakota Hughes  
**K/1M:** Amelia Webb, Makenzi Gaunt  
**1E:** Bryce Rampling, Emeline McCullough  
**1R:** Jeremy Thompson, Colby Edgar  
**1/2T:** Bradley Cruickshank, Cameron Rake  
**2P:** Kyle Brown, Martina Chapman  
**SD:**  
**2/3B:**  
**3L:** Billy Russell, Abigail Schimann  
**4N:** Adrian Graham, Amber Dawson  
**4/5E:** Jack Wiseman, Jake Gurney  
**5S:** Jackahl Sullivan, Grace Murray  
**5/6M:** Bridie Martin, Yash Patel  
**6S:** Lachlan Russell, Eva Mellor

#### Book Work Ribbon

**Primary**

Alicia Woods  
Miley Browning  
Brae Cocking  
Emma Worland  
Blake Ingram  
Laila Browning  
Ben Trembath

Ellie Wiseman  
Montanna Ellard  
Jasmine Squires  
Lucy Bowden  
Kaylah Higgisson  
Thomas Kemp

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This week’s assembly Friday 11th October is a combined starting at 12:50pm.

### Term 4 Planner

**Week 1:**  
**Week 2:** 17th & 18th October Kinder Ready Program

**Week 3:** 24th & 25th October Kinder Ready Program, 25th October Combined Scripture

**Week 4:** 31st & 1st November Kinder Ready Program, 1st & 2nd November CAPERS Performance

**Week 5:** 7th & 8th November Kinder Ready Program

**Week 6:** 11th - 15th November Swimming School 11th November Remembrance Day, 15th November Kindy Orientation Day

**Week 7:** 18th - 22nd November Swimming School, 22nd November Kinder Presentation

**Week 8:** 29th November Year 1 Presentation, 29th & 30th School Spectacular

**Week 9:** 4th December Swimming School, 6th December Year 2 Presentation

**Week 10:** 10th December Year 3-6 Presentation Night, 11th December Combined Scripture, 12th December Year 6 Farewell

**Week 11:** 16th December Infants Party Day, 17th December Carols in the Courtyard, 18th December Students last day, 19th & 20th December Staff Development Day

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### OXLEY VALE 2013 YEAR BOOK

**PLEASE GET YOUR ORDERS IN BY 30TH OCTOBER.**  
**COST ONLY $20.00**

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### School Photos

Group photos can now be ordered from the front office. There are photos on display of SRC, Band, Captains Year 6 and Year 6 Fun, Horse Sports and School Spectacular Dance. Please collect an envelope and return with payment to the school by the 28th October.