Mothers Day Stall
We would like to say a very big “Thank You” to the parents who helped out at this years Mothers Day stall. The help of community members always makes these significant events run smoothly for the benefit of the students and the school. If any parents would like to get involved with the P&C we would welcome them with open arms. The P&C meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the staffroom. If you would like further details please call the school anytime.

ICAS Computer Competition
The ICAS Computer Competition will be held next Tuesday at 10am here at school. We have some talented technology users at Oxley Vale and look forward to seeing how they perform. There will be several more of the competitions coming up over the next few months and results will come back later in the year. Good luck to all participants!

NAPLAN
This week is NAPLAN week! Starting this Tuesday students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN tests for 3 mornings. There are 4 tests in total over the three days and we wish all of our students the very best during their tests. There has been much preparation by students leading up to NAPLAN and we look forward to seeing their success later in the year when results are sent home.

Tuesday: Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday: Reading
Thursday: Numeracy

Sorry Day Friday 24th May
Next Friday we will be holding a whole school assembly to mark National Sorry Day. The Assembly will begin at 12:45pm and families are welcome to attend. We would like to invite families to come and bring afternoon tea to have with their children after the assembly finishing at 1:40pm. We hope to see you here.

GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
Last Tuesday, 7th May, our SRC members participated in a Student Leadership Conference at the Town Hall with 300 other primary school students from around the region. At the conference students learned about the important role school leaders’ play and how their leadership is both a responsibility and an opportunity for them to make an impact on others and the school. Our SRC took part in interactive activities, discussions and games to help them understand their role as leaders within the school and showed them practical ways of helping others and working as a team.
(Miranda Langford)
PIE DELIVERY - MONDAY 20th May.

Thank you to all the people for ordering from our pie drive, as it ran for another week our delivery date will change. The new delivery date for the pie orders is Monday 20th May. Please collect from 9:30am and if you could help out in packing that would be terrific.

Thankyou, Fundraising Committee.

Typing Error
Would like to apologise to Lachlan Renton and Krystle Noble for the incorrect information in the Messenger last week. Lachlan and Krystal are our House Captains for Faulkenmire.

Voluntary School Contributions
Early last term we reminded families about the voluntary contributions that public schools ask for each year. These contributions are voluntary however they are a valuable source of income for most schools, ours included. We are aware that not all families are able to get involved in volunteering for class assistance or attend P&C meetings. These contributions are another way that you are able to make a meaningful contribution to the education of your child and are only $45 per child or $90 per family. All funds are used to directly purchase resources and materials for use by the students. We are asking families who have not made a contribution to do so if they are able. We greatly appreciate your support, thank you.

Boys Dance Group
The boys aboriginal dance group which started last Thursday afternoon from 2:20-3:20pm had a great afternoon. The dance group will continue until end of term and will be facilitated by Tom Flanders, Brad Flanders and Kathy Elliot.

The boys will learn about cultural dance, story telling, and the importance of country and respect.

(Donna Nixon)

Phone Calls
We would like to ask parents and carers that call in to change their students travel arrangements for home to please allow enough time for the message to be delivered to your child. The office is a busy place and we do our best to get the messages to everyone involved.
**ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS**

**Merit Awards**

**Infants**
- **KP**: Ellie Webster, Claire Collins
- **KD**: Miley Browning, Zander Death
- **K/1M**: Harmony Troutman, Krystle Grzazek-Cross
- **1E**: Emma Worland, Bailey Harper
- **1R**: Mia Robinson, Shanika Dewson
- **1/2T**: Craig Johnston, Latisha Butler
- **2P**: Luke Mudd,

**Book Work Ribbon**

- Ben Browning
- Lachlan Klease
- Brooke Harper
- Kealey Gregory
- Laura Woods
- Harry Pinchen
- Darcy Holz

**Primary**

**SD**:
- **2/3B**: Kye Sharp, Jimmy Logue

**3L**:

**4N**:

**4/5E**:

**5S**:

**5/6M**:  
- **6S**: Caitlin Marshall, Christopher Day

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**Students away at Sustainable Living EXPO**

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**Canteen:**

We would like to remind all parents that our school canteen is currently being run by parent volunteers. This service is being offered to benefit the school community until a new canteen manager is appointed. Please ensure that you treat our wonderful volunteers with kindness and respect, they certainly deserve our thanks. To ensure that food is prepared on time we are reminding parents that all lunch orders are to be placed before 9:30am.

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**BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!**

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that’s what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

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COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

May
Friday 10th Sustainable Namoi Living
Mon 20th Pie Drive Collection
Tues 21st ICAS - Computer
Wed 22nd Aust Biggest Morning Tea
Wed 22nd Yarn Up Meeting
Friday 24th Canberra Final Payment
Friday 24th Sorry Day
Monday 27th Zone Cross Country
Wed 29th P&C Meeting

June
Mon-Thurs 4-7th Canberra Excursion
Wed 5th Yarn Up Meeting
Wed 12th Whole School Sport Day

YARN—UP
Wednesday 22nd May, 2013

Our next Yarn—Up meeting is next Wednesday 22nd May and will be held between 9:30-11:30am. Please join us.

Items for discussion

1. National Sorry Day
2. Naidoc Week

Please bring a plate to share.
Thank You