Principal’s Message
The first few weeks of Term 2 have been very busy. Lots of work around preparing for NAPLAN and also assessments happening in preparation for reports to be written to show families.

NAPLAN
Well done to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who worked so hard last week to do their best in the NAPLAN assessments. All test booklets have been returned for marking and now we wait for a while until the results are posted out. Thank you to all of the teachers and parents for supporting the students through the week of NAPLAN as well as for all of the preparation that went into getting students ready and confident for the tests.

Sorry Day Friday 24th May
This Friday is our 2013 Sorry Day Assembly. Starting at 12:45 with our Boy’s dance group the Assembly will reflect on what a significant day this is in the national calendar. We invite all parents, grandparents and special friends of our students to join us at the assembly and also join the children in the playground at afternoon tea for a bite to eat. If you wish to spend time at school after the assembly and have lunch with your child please remember to bring a packed lunch. The canteen will not be open at that time so no food will be available for purchase.

Parking in the Bus bay
Please be aware that our bus bay is a no-parking zone. Both police and parking inspectors have the authority to book any car parked in this bay. Whilst we appreciate it is easier to park here than along Manilla Road we are making people aware that being booked is a possibility.

School Pedestrian Crossing
Thank you so much to everyone using the crossing on Manilla Road. Over the past few months the number of people crossing illegally has reduced and more and more people are making the safer decision to cross at the crossing. With the road works currently happening we are noticing that drivers are less patient so crossing safely is even more important now.

Canteen News
We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers Mrs Sharon Bowden and Miss Leilani Davenport for all of their hard work in our canteen over the past few weeks. Without their support our canteen would have had to close, leaving no option for families but to pack lunch and afternoon tea each day.

Please remember that all lunch orders must be handed in to the canteen by 9:30am each morning to ensure the food can be prepared.

Uniforms
The weather has finally turned to cold and it is now time for students to start wearing their winter uniforms. Please note that it is important for all students to wear the correct uniform. The Department of Education and Communities expects that all students adhere to the uniform policy which means that clothing and footwear is safe and appropriate.

We are currently reminding families that school shoes are to be worn every day with the exception of Friday when students can wear joggers for sport. School shoes are reasonably priced, generally they are cheaper than most popular fashion shoes. Please note that we will be reminding students about correct uniform over the next few weeks before we start reviewing our school uniform policy.
ICAS Computer Competition
Today, Tuesday 21st, the ICAS Computer Competition was held here at school. We have some talented technology users at Oxley Vale and look forward to seeing how they perform. Please remember that there are several more test throughout the year and these are a great opportunity to measure student’s knowledge and skills in areas of interest. We wish all the entrants the best of luck with their test. 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!

Clothing Store Winter Combo Deal!
Beanie, Scarf (with school emblem) & Gloves Set only $15.00!
Jumpers $23, Jackets $44 and lots of seconds from only $2!

See you Fridays 8.45-10am
Jayne McCarthy

Sustainable Living Expo
Below are our Sustainable Namoi Living Eco house competition winners.

1st place Year 6 winner

1st place Group Entry winner

Duri Horse Sports
Friday 17th May saw the OVPS Equestrian team compete and endure the freezing weather at Duri Horse Sports.
Bridie Martin won Champion Rider (which is a fantastic effort as there were over 100 children competing on the day).
Ellie Wiseman won Highest Pointscore,
Hugh Morris won Reserve Champion Highest Pointscore, Jayme-Lee Averillo won Champion Highest Pointscore.
OVPS was again extremely well represented and a big congratulations to all who competed on the day.
Caitlin Eather

Yarn Up Meeting
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

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.
### Merit Awards

**Infants**
- KP: Christopher Robinson, Caitlin Grobler
- KD: Thomas Munroe, Bianca Thompson
- K/1M: Malcolm Golledge, Tayla Beattie
- 1E: Tylarnya Geale, Brendan Coulter
- 1R: Bindi Coleborn, Beau Hancock
- 1/2T: Lachlen McDonald, Taryn Unwin
- 2P: Luke Mudd,
- 2/3B: Lane Pittman, Chandelle Squires

**Book Work Ribbon**
- Isaiah Butler
- Rhiannon Downey
- Harry Gill
- Taleea Wynne
- Anthony Nicholls-Daley
- Cameron Rake
- Darcy Holz
- Will Jones

### Primary

**SD:**
- 2/3B: Jayde Marshall, Mark Bishop
- 3L: Pacey Lord, Jarmarnus Geale
- 4N: Taaron Lord, Aadonia Grey
- 4/5E:
- 5S: Chelsea Grant, Fiona Field
- 5/6M: Allana Carrick, Reagan Kent
- 6S: Janarie Burns, Krystal Noble

### This week’s assembly is combined on Friday 24th May is Sorry Day starting at 12:45pm.

---

### BULLIMBAL SPECIAL SCHOOL

**BOOT SALE / MARKET DAY**

- **1st of June**
- **9am to 1pm**
- **Cnr Degance & Kathleen Street**
- **ONLY $10**
- **Trash & treasure, cakes, plants, jewellery, crafts, knitting, toys, coffee, b.b.q. and much more……..**

**Book a stall today**

**Tel:** 67628003
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

May
Wed 22nd  Aust Biggest Morning Tea
Wed 22nd  Yarn Up Meeting
Wed 22nd  P&C Meeting
Friday 24th  Canberra Final Payment
Friday 24th  Sorry Day
Monday 27th  Zone Cross Country

June
Mon-Thurs 4-7th  Canberra Excursion

Wednesday 22nd May

6:30

Please join us in the staff room.

These advertisers support us, please support them: