PSSA Hockey Knockout
On Thursday 13th June at 10:00am Mrs Purdy and our girls hockey team will be playing against South Tamworth Public School in the PSSA Hockey Knockout. We wish them all the very best and are sure they will represent our school with pride and good sportsmanship.
Good Luck Girls!

PSSA Soccer Knockout
Our boy’s soccer side are competing in a PSSA knockout game today. We wish them the very best and hope that Mr Steele can inspire them to victory. We look forward to reporting on the results next week.
Good Luck Boys!

North West Cross Country
This Friday sees two of our very talented cross-country runners Daniel Peel and Bridie Martin participating in the North-West Cross Country Carnival to be held in Coolah. They are competing to represent the region and if successful they will eligible to compete in the state carnival in Sydney later in the year. We wish them the very best and hope they do themselves, and the school, proud.

Athletics Carnival
On Friday 28th June we will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival at the TREC Sports Field. We are looking forward to the day and encourage parents and friends to come along. We can always use extra helpers, so if you are available please contact the school. We will happily assign you a job for a period of time. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Facebook and Social Media Sites
Facebook and other social media sites are firmly embedded in the way adults communicate these days. Facebook in particular has changed how we keep in touch with our friends and family.
Recently we have become aware that some students are using Facebook. Social media can be a very useful way to connect with friends and family however we are finding increasing incidents of negative conduct on social media sites. Safe online behaviour is something most people don’t consider, however poor conduct in the online world can be very harmful. We thought it timely to provide some information regarding Facebook and its use by young people. All of these bits of information can be found on Facebook’s site:

If you are under 13 years of age you are not able to have your own Facebook account. Facebook is designed for adults and teenagers, not children.
If Facebook becomes aware of underage users they will delete their accounts.
If you wish to report bullying or abuse on Facebook you can report it using the “Reports” link on Facebook. Facebook does not tolerate bullying. They have their own policies on poor online conduct and enforce them often.
Any inappropriate material should be reported directly to Facebook for removal and, if it involves the school please contact the school immediately. The Department of Education and Communicates has very clear guidelines on the use of social media sites such as Facebook.
If you would like any more information on Social media issues please contact the school. We are happy to provide advice to families. We encourage all parents to go to the Facebook Safety Centre if you would like to get some more hints about communicating online.
**Sports Day this Wednesday**

We are very excited to be hosting the Sports in Schools Australia (SISA) program here this Wednesday from 1:00pm. We are reminding parents that all students are asked to wear their sports uniform on this day so they can get active and participate.

We are looking at whether or not this program would work in our school later in the year on a user-pays basis. If you are interested in any further details please call in at the front office to collect a full-page brochure on the program. Or, you could simply come along and see the program running on Wednesday.

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**Canteen News**

The canteen will now be open on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday for afternoon tea as well as every day for lunch.

Just a note, water is now $1.50 for a 600ml bottle not $1.30 for 375ml as on the menu.

Next Wednesday 11th June there will be a short morning tea in the canteen to thank the volunteers who have been running the canteen & welcome any new volunteers who might like to help in the canteen. If you cannot make it but would still like to help out please call me on 0447 470 682. Help is mostly needed on Thursdays & Fridays from 9am till 12 but anytime you can spare is appreciated.

Thank you to the P&C, staff, students & parents for making me feel so welcome!

*Caterina Walker*

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**ICAS Exams**

Last week several students competed in the ICAS Science exams. Several of the Year 5 and 6 students were away and will be catching up on this test early this week. Next week, on Monday the 17th June we will be holding the ICAS Writing competition. This is yet another chance for Oxley Vale students to show just what they can do. Good luck to all the students going for glory in the Writing competition.

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Report and more photos to follow next week.
Merit Awards

**Ribbon**

**Infants**
- KP: Dylan Hopwood-Young, Tashari Coffey
- KD: Dakota Hughes, Rhiannon Downey
- K/1M: Kierra Thompson, Makenzie Gaunt
- 1E: Zoe Hartigan, Saumya Upadhyay
- 1R: Colby Edgar, Jonyrikai Walford
- 1/2T: Troy McCarthy, Ashley Howarth
- 2P: Emily Bishop, Connor Martin
- 2/3B: Bella Tulley, Caleb Griffiths

**Book Work Ribbon**

- Caitlin Grobler
- Bianca Thompson
- Emily Rake
- Chelsea McDonald
- Riley Newton
- Mekhi Lord
- Jasmine Elsayed
- Kye Sharp

**Primary**

**SD:**
- 2/3B: Jaymus Troutman, Alahna Hill
- 3L: Teoni Wynne, Aleisha Dewson
- 4N: Jordan Leslie, Haylee Whitney
- 4/5E: Jake Gurney, Connor O’Neil, Sophie Trewern & Hannah Woods from Miss Langford

**5S:**

**5/6M:**

**6S:**

Romeo winner for great story writing is Nathan Moore 1R

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This week’s assembly Friday 14th June is starting at 1:00pm for Primary.

No assembly for Infants as they will be on their excursion to the park.

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**DISCO!**

**Thursday 20 June 2013**

**Term 2 Week 8**

**THEME: Wild and Wacky!**

**Infants** - 5:30pm-6:30pm

**Primary** - 6:45pm-8:00pm

**ENTRY $2**
- Cans of Drink $2
- Hot Dogs $2
- Chocolates $1

**All proceeds to support Schools Spectacular Dance Team.**
COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

June
- Wed 12th: Whole School Sports Afternoon
- Friday 14th: Nth West Cross Country
- Friday 14th: Dubbo Instalment Due
- Friday 14th: Infants Park Excursion
- Monday 17th: ICAS Writing
- Thurs 20th: Disco
- Mon-Fri 24-28th: NAIDOC Week
- Fri 28th: Athletics Carnival
- Fri 28th: Last Day Term

Term 3
July
- Mon 15th: Staff Development
- Tues 16th: Students Return
- Thurs 18th: Photo Day

YARN—UP
Wednesday 19th June, 2013

Our next Yarn—Up meeting is next Wednesday 19th June and will be held between 9:30-11:30am. Please join us.

We will be planning and discussing ideas for Naidoc Week. This will be celebrated in our school from 24th–28th June. Please bring a plate to share.

Thank You