Principals Message
Welcome to Week 2 of Third Term. It is hard to believe that we are now over half way through the year. Last week saw a great start to the term with lots of learning going on in classrooms and lots of students playing beautifully together in the playground at break times.

It has been wonderful to walk in to classrooms this week and participate in activities with many students. All families will have the opportunity to do this next Thursday when we hold our Education Week Assembly and Open Morning, starting at 9:45am in the school Hall.

Luke Norman
Principal

School Photographs
Last Thursday all of our class, individual and family photos were taken by The School Photographer. We would like to thank all of the students and parents for the massive effort that went into getting all of our students in to their full school uniform.

This Thursday the photographers will be back again to take photos of students who were missing last week. If you would like to have a portrait of the children in your family there is still time to either order online or come in and collect a new envelope. The photographers will be back here at 9:00am Thursday morning in the hall so please ensure that if your child is having their photo taken that they must be in full school uniform.

Kindergarten in 2014
Inside the Messenger this week is an insert for Expressions of Interest for Kindergarten next year. We would appreciate it if any families considering sending their child to school with us next year complete this form and return it as soon as possible. This will give us a good indication about how many students will take part in our transition to Kindergarten program next term. It will also assist us in looking at staffing arrangements for Kindergarten for 2014 so that students and parents know their teacher well before new students start school.

OVPS Uniforms
After seeing how impressive the Oxley Vale uniform is last week during the photo shoots we are convinced that our uniform is one of, if not the best, in all of Tamworth. It was wonderful to see how proud the students were of their school when they were dressed in full uniform.

School uniform is an important part of any school. It helps students identify strongly with their peers and feel part of the whole school. It can help students feel good about the school they come from and what they do to represent it. The staff all agree that uniform is very important and we are asking all families to ensure that children come to school each day in full school uniform.

If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason parents are required to write a note to the class teacher explaining the reason. Teachers are being asked to check uniforms and also remind students that hats must be worn when anyone goes outside.
Voluntary Contributions
Thank you so much to those families who have already paid their voluntary contributions to the school. As the name suggests the payments are voluntary but they are a valuable source of funding for the benefit of the students of our school. At $45 for one student or $90 per family this is great value for the standard of education provided at our school.

If you haven’t yet paid the fees you are able to do so at school by either eftpos or cash. We greatly appreciate all of the contributions made so far, thank you.

Naidoc Products
The SRC (student representative council) in partnership with Yarn-Up will be selling Koori Kids Naidoc products at the school on Thursday 25th July at 11:25 – 12:00 under the COLA area. Be quick items include

- Beanies $5.00
- Watches $5.00
- Pencil Pack $4.00

Donna Nixon

P&C News
Girls Summer Tunics
I know it’s still cold, but you might like to think about getting an order in for a summer tunic.
Sizes 4 – 8 $55, sizes 10 – 16 $60, alterations/special requests extra $10.
Order forms at the front office or the clothing store on Fridays 8.45-10am.
The order forms have the measurements written on if you would like to check sizing.
Please come and see me if you have any questions about anything or would like to come and help.
Regards,
Jayne McCarthy
Clothing Store Coordinator

After School Learning Centre
After School Learning Centre will operate as normal this week. The junior group will run on Monday and Tuesday and the Senior group on Wednesday and Thursday. Please remember that an adult must pick up children at 4:50pm each day. We are very pleased to welcome Tom Flanders as the new tutor for ASLC this term. No doubt the students will gain lots of knowledge and encouragement from Tom.

Education Week Next Week.
Next week is one of our favourite weeks of the year, Education Week. We are planning several activities for the week and are looking forward to showcasing some of the wonderful talents and skills of the students of Oxley Vale Public School. We look forward to seeing many parents and family members come along to have a look at, and participate in, some of the activities planned. Please see the list below for details:

Wednesday: 12:00pm Combined Scripture in the School Hall (students only)
Thursday: 9:45am Education Week Assembly with student awards being presented and several items performed by classes, year groups and ensembles.
Friday:1:30pm Whole School Tabloid sports on Oval
2:30pm Kindergarten Vs Teachers & Parents in Duck, Duck Goose
2:45pm Yr6 Vs Teachers in Bin Ball
3:00pm Yr5 Vs Parents in Bin Ball

We would love to have as many parents and family members as possible come to the assembly and open morning on Thursday and also the games on Friday on the school oval.

Stage 3 - First Aid and Resuscitation training
On Thursday 1 August our year 5 and 6 students will be involved in first aid and resuscitation training. This training will be supplied by Tamworth Regional Council Pool Supervisor Mr Cameron McFarlane. The school has supported this program for the last several years. For a gold coin students are trained in basic first aid and safety techniques as well as taking part in resuscitation activities on mannequins.

School Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 14 August.
Due to the cancellation of our Athletics carnival last term the school will run with our carnival on Wednesday 14 August. To ensure that all events are completed before the Tamworth Zone Carnival on Monday 19 August we will be running some events at school in the leadup to these events. This Friday all students who are 8 or turning 8 this year as well as 9,10,11,12 and 13 yrs and want to run will take part in 200m and 800m running events on the back field of school. If time allows the 8 and 9 yrs high jump events will also be completed.
Students who do not take part will be spectators for these events beginning at 12pm. The primary assembly will take place at 10:50am in the school hall due to these changes.
**Merit Awards**

**Infants**
- KP: Christopher Robinson, Tashari Coffey
- KD: Rhiannon Downey, Amarlia Curry
- K/1M: Jack Ellis, Haley Hume
- 1E: Nicholas Strong, Chelsea McDonald
- 1R: Mia Robertson, Cooper Schubert
- 1/2T: Laila Browning, Bradley Cruickshank
- 2P: Abbey Clark, Faith Woods

**Book Work Ribbon**
- India Brazier
- Paige Washington
- Harmony Troutman
- Joe Sharp
- Beau Hancock
- Taryn Unwin
- Shaneika Dewson

**Primary**
- SD: Paul Paterson, Hayden Stokes
- 3L: Jarmarnus Geale, Charlee Marshall
- 4N: Makayla Nicholls-Daley, Adrian Graham
- 4/5E: Lily Pinchen, Amanda Rose Hall
- 5S: Flo Davidson, Isaac Hough
- 5/6M: Mark Ellis, Hayden Hopwood-Young
- 6S: Janarie Burns, Makalyn Brown

QuickSmart award goes to Kurt Waites.

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**Welcome**

Oxley Vale Public School would like to welcome 2 new families to our school this week. Dre (2P), Keith (1E) and Amarlia (KD) Curry and Mark (5/6M) and Jack (K1/M) Ellis.

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**Assembly Award Winners**

This week’s assembly Friday 26th July is starting at 12:00pm for Infants and 1pm for Primary.
**COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3**

**July**
- Wed 24th  P&C Meeting
- Mon 29th  Education Week
- Wed 31st  Combined Scripture
- Wed 31st  ICAS English
- Fri 26th  Dubbo Instalment $50

**August**
- Wed 14th  Athletics Carnival
- Mon 19th  Zone Athletics
- Fri 23rd  Dubbo Final Payment $40.
- 27th & 28th  Kinder Come & Try Day

**September**
- Mon-Tues 9-10th  Dubbo Excursion

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**P&C Meeting**

**Please Join Us**

**Wednesday 24th July**

Meeting in the staff room starting at 6:30pm