Principal’s Message

Oxley Vale truly is the best school in NSW. It makes me very proud when I hear wonderful things about students from Oxley Vale Public School. Just this week I heard a story about a young man from our school who went out of his way to cheer and support his team mates at the Regional Athletics Carnival. The way in which a community member spoke of this young man was exceptional. He not only encouraged but helped with organising the team on the day, something he was not required to do. If we could encourage students to go out of their way to be helpful to others and contribute to things that benefit more than just their wants and needs then we would truly be the best school in NSW.

I believe we have the best school anyway and it just reminds me that one person can make a big difference to others with little effort. It is easy for us all to do extra little things that can make a big difference to our school. I constantly have parents asking me how they can help at school and we appreciate that so much. I would like to thank Mr Duncan Davidson who recently sprayed our bottom oval. His efforts will benefit the students and teachers immensely. I would also like to thank our Breakfast Club volunteers for doing such a great job helping our students have a nutritional breakfast. Each of these people contribute in small ways that add up to a very special school, so thank you to everyone who does just that little bit extra.

If you would like to contribute to our school, even in a small way, I would invite you to attend the P&C meeting next Wednesday night 28th August. It is held in our staffroom at 6:30pm and is a great way to get involved. Thank you for choosing the best school in NSW for your child’s education and if you would like any more details about our P&C and how to get involved please contact the school.

Luke Norman
Principal

Oxley Live

Last Thursday many of our Primary students went to Oxley High School to view a matinee performance of “Oxley Live”. This is a showcase of the skills and talents of Oxley High students, many of whom are previous OVPS students. Our students looked magnificent in their uniforms and generally behaved well. We would like to thank all those students who attended and represented our school in such a fantastic manner. We would also like to remind families that attending excursions is a privilege. Any student who has displayed undesirable behaviour will not be allowed to attend these events.

Oxley Vale
Athletic Champions

Term 3 Week 6 20th August, 2013
Canteen News
Thank you to the parents, grandparents & carers who helped at the canteen at the Athletics Carnival last week. Thank you also to the families who baked cakes & slices for us to sell on the day.
Thank you,
Caterina Walker
Canteen Manager

CAPERS
This is your LAST CHANCE! There are only a few spots left in each CAPERS dance. Please send in your note and $30 this week if you would still like your child to be a part of this fantastic dancing opportunity.
Miss Kimberly Dawson

Stage 2 First Aid
This Wednesday our Year 3 & 4 students are lucky enough to be participating in a First Aid course. Usually, these courses are designed for older students. However, we are increasingly finding out that basic first aid skills are important for young people as well. We look forward to hearing about the lessons learned in this program.

Year 6 Transition
This Thursday our Year 6 students will again travel to Oxley High School for their final taster lesson. By all accounts the first trip was a success with students having a lot of fun and, more importantly, getting an idea about what high school will be like next year. Please remember that we expect students to attend in full school uniform and they must wear closed in shoes. This is a safety requirement and all Oxley High students are expected to wear correct footwear at school each day.

Tournament of Minds
This Sunday is the Tournament of Minds. This event is held each year to give teams of students a chance to show their problem solving skills and be creative in preparing a presentation. This year we have 2 teams entered and we wish them the very best of luck when they compete at The University of New England on Sunday. If you want a great day out and are interested in having a look at what this event entails please feel free to attend in Armidale on Sunday. You can contact the school for further information.

Police Visits for Primary
Next Monday, 26 August, Georgia Harvey, the Police Youth Liaison Officer is coming to our school to talk to Primary classes about keeping safe online, the importance of “getting along” and making good choices in life. These talks are designed to promote pro-social behaviour amongst students and have them understand how important it is to be respectful when talking to and dealing with other people. We very much look forward to Georgia’s visit and are very excited about starting a great relationship with our local police officers. If you would like further information please contact the school.

Come N Try Kindergarten
Tuesday and Wednesday next week are our “Come and Try” mornings for 2014 Kindergarten students. These mornings are designed for parents and new kinder students to look at our current kindergarten classes in action. We encourage parents to come and have a look and get their children involved in the lessons. The morning sessions will run from 10:00am until 11:30 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know our school and start getting children used to big school. We hope to see lots of parents and children on either, or both mornings.

Dubbo Excursion Medical Notes
Please remember that the Dubbo excursion for Stage 2 is fast approaching and we urgently require all medical forms returned. If you have not yet handed in your note please do so as quickly as possible to ensure we provide the appropriate level of care for your children.

PYJAMA DAY
THIS FRIDAY 23RD AUG
GOLD COIN DONATION
**Merit Awards**

**Infants**
- **KP**: Alicia Woods, Bailey Taylor
- **KD**: Miley Browning, Bianca Thompson
- **K/1M**: Harry Gill, Brooke Harper
- **1E**: Alex Bennett-Wilkinson, Kealy Gregory
- **1R**: Beau Hancock, Jack Ellis
- **1/2T**: Craig Johnston, Riki-Lee Kaye
- **2P**: Brady Hopwood-Young, Kyle Brown

**Book Work Ribbon**
- Claire Doherty
- Rhiannon Downey
- Bianca Woods
- Nicholas Strong
- Cooper Day
- Colby Jeffery
- Ella Davidson

**Primary**

**SD**:
- **2/3B**: Jimmy Logue, Kye Sharp
- **3L**: Trista Thompson, Curtis Field
- **4N**: Cody Howarth, Carla Blacklock
- **4/5E**: Lily Pinchen, Daniel Peel
- **5S**: Brittany Powell, Seth Langfield
- **5/6M**: Emily Klease, Ambrosia Geale
- **6S**: Thomas Rogers, Jasmine Webb

Our award winners for QuickSmart this week are Rosharnie Burns and Elijah Debenham.

This week’s assembly Friday 23rd August is starting at 12pm for Infants and 1pm for Primary.

**Pyjama Day to support Ronald McDonald House**

This Friday is our PJ Day. Students are encouraged to wear their pyjamas to school and bring a gold coin donation. This fundraiser is to support the riders who are raising money for Ronald McDonald House, a great charity that supports the families of sick children. Our SRC will be collecting the money in the morning and all the money raised will be made into a cheque and presented to the riders when they come to school next Thursday 5th September.

To help raise the profile of the charity ride, and to promote our school, 92.9FM will be broadcasting their breakfast show from 6:00am on Thursday 5th September the day the riders will be coming to school. We would encourage as many parents and children to attend school from 6:00am next that morning to help make the morning as fun as possible. At the end of the radio show it will be school-as-usual and into the classrooms at 9:25am. We look forward to having a great PJ Day this Friday and can’t wait for next Thursday week when the radio and riders come here to Oxley Vale Public School. Further information about this event will come home in an information note later this week.

**WESTDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

Friday 30th, Saturday 31st August Sunday 1st September, 2013

**Friday 30th August 2013**

11.25: Savoury Slices
12.00: School Centenary Opening (not official as that will be on Saturday) will include Guest speakers, Children’s arts items, cutting of cake and digging up of time capsule
1.45: Afternoon tea
2.00: Old Sports tablion afternoon - whole school

**Saturday 31st August 2013**

10:00: Official Opening
Guest speakers, Children’s items, Aboriginal dancers
11.30: Morning tea (flyasting tea)
12.30: Walking through school and classrooms and picture walk gallery
12.30-2:00: BBQ Lunch, food stalls and other stalls
Saturday Night Dinner (tickets available at school office $55.00)
3 course meal, guest speaker, entertainment, cutting of Centenary cake
Sunday 1st September 2013
Breakfast at school
Church Service in School Hall followed by morning tea and Church display

**Tickets available from Westdale Public School**

Cheques made payable to Westdale Public School
No cash available
Phone: 67607219 Email: westdale.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
**Yarn-Up**

Reminder to parents that Yarn-Up is on Wed 21st August from 9:30-11:30. Please bring a plate to share.

Thank you

Yarn-Up

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**Coming Events for Term 3**

**August**
- Wed 21st: First Aid Yrs 3&4
- Fri 23rd: Pyjama Day
- Fri 23rd: Dubbo Final Payment $40.
- 27th & 28th: Kinder Come & Try Day
- Wed 28th: P&C Meeting
- Fri 30th: Year 6 Tafe Visit

**September**
- Thurs 5th: Ride for Sick Kids
- Fri 6th: North West Athletics
- Fri 6th: Grand Friends Day
- Mon-Tues 9-10th: Dubbo Excursion

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