Pyjama Day & Ronald McDonald House Riders
Last Friday our “PJ Day” fundraiser was a huge success. Every student and teacher who took part had a great day and with all of the contributions of gold coins the school was able to raise over $340 to present to the riders when they roll into our school next Thursday morning. Please read the insert in the Messenger this week to see all the details for activities organised for next Thursday morning. We are hoping to have a great start to the day, with early risers welcome from 6am to watch the broadcast of the 92.9FM Breakfast show.

Come N Try Kindergarten
Today and tomorrow will see our Kindergarten “Come and Try” morning in our kindergarten classrooms. We would like to invite parents and new students for 2014 to our school from 10:00am until 11:00am to see how our classrooms run. This is a great chance to meet with our current kindergarten teachers and see how a kinder room operates. Please come on either morning to have a look. We hope to see you here.

Police Visits for Primary
Monday of this week we were fortunate to have Georgia Harvey visit our Stage 2 and Stage 3 classrooms. Georgia is the Police Youth Liaison Officer here in Tamworth and it is her job to work with schools and school-aged children to help prevent crime and keep our children safe. Georgia spoke to many children throughout her visits on topics such as making good choices, keeping safe in the community, informing responsible adults of any trouble and not taking the law into your own hands. We very much look forward to having Georgia back in our school very soon. If you have any further enquiries about how to get in touch with Georgia please contact the school for details.

Pick up routines
Class rooms are busy places and we are finding it increasingly difficult to pack all the learning into the times we have available. We are asking parents who pick their children up from school each day to wait for their children outside the buildings until 3:25pm. Thank you for your assistance.

Crossing the Road
We are reminding parents and children that the crossing at the front of the school is the safest way to cross the road before and after school each day. We ask that everyone use this crossing and avoid running across the road during the peak traffic times when children are being dropped off and picked up. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

Breakfast Club
We are very grateful of the work our breakfast club volunteers do each week for our Breakfast Club. It has been requested by Sanitarium and The Red Cross, our partners in providing the service, to encourage children to start their breakfast with weetbix and milk. This is a nutritious start to the day and weetbix are a better source of carbohydrates than white toast. Toast will be available to students after cereal. Please encourage your children to eat the cereal.

P&C Meeting This Wednesday
We would like to invite all parents to the P&C meeting this Wednesday night at 6:30pm in the staffroom. You can access the staffroom via the bottom carpark and come through the pedestrian gates. Getting involved in the P&C is a great way to help out the school and make connections with other families. We hope to see you there.

Luke Norman
Principal
Canteen News
The canteen needs your help!!
Fridays are by far the most busy day in the canteen which is great for the school but because it is so busy students & parents are often left waiting in line at the canteen. You can help us greatly by doing the kids lunch orders at home rather than at the counter when possible.
All you need is a pack of brown bags from the supermarket, write your child's name, class & order on the bag & pop the money inside or pay at the counter.
We also sell great re-usable lunch bags at the canteen. These can be used over & over again and will save you money on lunch bags if your family orders regularly from the canteen. They have a little zippered section to keep the money safe & another section for your child's name, class & order. Please pop into the canteen or send the money in with your child if you would like to purchase one.
Thank you to the families who already do their lunch orders at home, it really does make a difference. We would really appreciate your help making Fridays run a little smoother.

Caterina Walker
Canteen Manager

P&C News
Unfortunately due to conflicting schedules and limited ideas there will be no Father’s Day stall this year.
Suggestions and assistance are always welcome.
The next meeting for the P&C will be this Wednesday at 6:30 in the staff room.
Everyone is more than welcome to attend even if you are unable to stay for the whole meeting.
If you have a suggestion or idea and can not make the meeting you can leave a written message for the P&C at the office.
Major fundraiser scheduled for early 2014. Rainbow Race (otherwise known as a colour Run)
The P&C will need assistance to make this event happen and raise much needed funds for the school.
Committees need to be organised for the following:
Promotion                  Entries                  Health and safety
Food                      Entertainment and stalls
If you would like to be part of this great event, visit the front office and complete the volunteer form.
Yearbook orders will go home next week. The production cost of the yearbook (printing) has increased slightly this year.
To cover this cost Yearbooks will cost $20.00.
Yearbooks must be ordered by the due date as extra books will not be ordered. Delivery will be in December.
The yearbook committee provide this service to the school on a voluntary basis and receive no payments for the work completed.
If you have any photos of girls PSSA sport being played we would love to include them in the yearbook. Forward them to the yearbook e-mail at ovpsyearbook@outlook.com. We also need assistance with sponsorships for the yearbook. Can you help? Let me know on the above e-mail.

Kim Smart
P&C President

PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
On Monday the 19th of August a number of students competed in the Zone Athletics Carnival at the Longyard Athletics Centre. The students competed very well with many of them qualifying for the Regional Athletics Carnival. I would like to thank all of the children for being fabulous representatives of OVPS and conducting themselves with pride. Thank you to the many families who assisted on the day. Without your support and help the day would not have been the same. Congratulations to the following students who made it to regionals.

100m
Bridey O’Neil (8 years)    Adonia Gray (9 years)
Sarah Gill (10 years)     Bridie Martin (11 years)
Jayme-Lee Averillo (12 years)

200m
Sarah Gill (Junior Girls) Bridie Martin (11 years)
Jayme-Lee Averillo (12 years)

800m
Daniel Peel (11 years)    Logan McCarthy (12/13 years)

Shot Put
Alanna Carrick (Junior Girls)    Bailey Brown (11 years)

Long Jump
Jackhal Sullivan (Junior Boys)
Jayme Lee Averillo (12/13 years)

Discus
Paige Ingram

Relay 4X100m
Sarah Gill, Ellie Wiseman, Sherri Sands-Green and Jada Ison (Junior girls)
Jackhal Sullivan, Matthew Peel, Connor O’Neil and Jimmy Logue (Junior Boys)

School Spectacular Tickets
In November, 10 students from Years 5 and 6 will be participating in School Spectacular in Sydney.
Tickets to Schools Spectacular 2013 go on sale to the general public on Monday 26th August at 9:00am from Ticketmaster. If parents or members of our school community would like to book tickets, make sure you get in fast to secure the best seats!

Kimberly Dawson

P&C Meeting
Wednesday 28th August
6:30pm
Please join us.
**Merit Awards**

**Infants**
- **KP**: Dylan Hopwood-Young, Kirra-Lee Barber
- **KD**: Rhiannon Downey, Zander Death
- **K/1M**: Dannica Brown, Troy Bennett
- **1E**: Max Milsom, Emma Worland
- **1R**: Jeremy Thompson, Mikayla Butler
- **1/2T**: Mekhi Lord, Cameron Rake
- **2P**: Darcy Holz, Dre Curry

**Book Work Ribbon**
- **Infants**: Tashari Coffey
- **Book Work Ribbon**

**Primary**
- **SD**: Kaitlyn Davy-Darlington
  - **2/3B**: Daniel Myhill, Amity Debenham, Jayde Marshall
  - **3L**: Maddy Soles, Tarly Olsen
  - **4N**: Courtney Trembeth, Jake Booby
  - **4/5E**: Joshua Strong, Connor O’Neil
  - **5S**: Troy Smart, Fiona Field
  - **5/6M**: Hayden Hopwood-Young, Mark Ellis
  - **6S**: Broden Jobson-Grasnick, Declan O’Neil

**Principal**
- **KD**: Ashley Brown
- **K/1M**: Krystle Grazazek-Cross
- **1E**: Brianna Moss
- **1R**: Olivia Williams
- **1/2T**: Jayden Rogers
- **2P**: Ben Trembath

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**Pyjama Day**

What a fabulous sight it was to see so many students in their pyjamas at school on Friday! Students donated a gold coin and wore their pyjamas to school to support Ronald McDonald House and the ‘Ride for Sick Kids’ charity. This fundraising day was the first event in Oxley Vale Public School’s efforts to help raise money to support Ronald McDonald House.

On Thursday 5th September 92.9FM will be broadcasting live from Oxley Vale Public School from 6am-9am for their Breakfast show. There will be a BBQ breakfast and fun stalls and activities to take part in to raise more funds for Ronald McDonald House.

Every year Ronald McDonald House does a 5 day ride through Northern NSW to raise money for the Ronald McDonald Houses and Family Rooms within Northern NSW. This year the riders are beginning their ride in Glenn Innes, travelling through Armidale, Tamworth, Muswellbrook, Singleton and back to Ronald McDonald House in Newcastle. Along the ride cyclists like to visit schools to speak to children about the Ronald McDonald House Programs, Bike Riding and being safe on a bike.

Thank you to all our families for their contributions in helping Oxley Vale Public School to raise money for Ronald McDonald House.

**Miranda Langford**

**Tournament Success!**

On Sunday 25 August two teams went to UNE in Armidale to compete in the Regional Tournament of Minds challenge. The Maths and Engineering team (Declan O’Neil, Connor O’Neil, Lachlan Russell, Will Cadby, Lori Edgar, Tom Kemp and Bryce Kelly) facilitated by Mrs Charlton and the Language Literature team (Bridie Martin, Annika Sharples, Lily Christian, Sophie Trewern, Jack Williams, Kaeacia Beattie and Lucy Bowden) facilitated by Miss Langford have worked tirelessly over the past six weeks to solve a challenge question. The teams had to demonstrate their solution by writing and performing a play, designing and making all their own costumes, props and devices.

The Maths and Engineering team were successful in winning their division and are off to Sydney in two weeks’ time to compete at state level. Congratulations Maths and Engineering! The Language Literature team were awarded the ‘Spirit of Tournament’ for their inspiring team work and cooperation in the presentation of their challenge. A big thank you to all the parents and Mrs Jamieson who travelled to Armidale to support the students and staff at the Tournament of Minds Regional Finals.

**Miranda Langford**
### Yarn-Up

Our next Yarn –Up meeting will be held on Wed 4th September from 9:30-11:30am. Please bring a plate to share.

### For Sale
Naidoc pencil cases $2 each

### Coming Events for Term 3

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- Wed 28th: P&C Meeting
- Fri 30th: Year 6 Tafe Visit

**September**
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- Fri 6th: North West Athletics
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