Principal’s Message
Over the past few weeks our school has had many opportunities to shine and I am very pleased to say that our students and staff have risen each and every occasion. The Ride for Sick Kids riders and staff of Ronald McDonald House mentioned how our school had such a beautiful atmosphere and community feel. Grandparents from our Grandparents’ Day seemed very happy with the performances and manners of our students and on the recent Dubbo excursion for Years 3 and 4 the staff at every venue we attended commented on how exceptional our students were.

We are very lucky indeed to have such respectful, dedicated students to represent our school. Thank you to the students and families of our school, it is a joy to work in such a great school.

Luke Norman
Principal

NAPLAN Results delayed
We have recently been advised that the results for 2013 NAPLAN will be delayed. We have been asked to print the following statement in our newsletter to inform the community.

“On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.”

SASS Recognition Week
Last week was officially SASS Recognition Week. This was a chance for the teaching staff of our school to recognise the other very special members of our staff, our administration and student support staff. Our teacher aides, ground staff and front office staff were treated with extra special care and given a morning tea to show them how much their services are appreciated. We would like to congratulate Mrs Leanne Grinter on being appointed to the position of School Administration Manager.

Schools require more work behind the scenes than just what happens in classrooms between 9:25am and 3:25pm each day. We would like to say one last time, Thank you. Our support staff are incredible and if any parents get the chance to let our staff know how much you appreciate them, we encourage you to do so. They all work hard to support the students of our school.
**School Photos**
Group photos can now be ordered from the front office. There are photos on display of SRC, Band, Captains Year 6 and Year 6 Fun, Horse Sports and School Spectacular Dance. Please collect an envelope and return with payment to the school by the 28th October.

**Stage 2 Trip to Dubbo**
Last Monday and Tuesday many of our Year 3 and 4 students took part in an excursion to Dubbo. They were fortunate enough to visit the Western Plains Cultural Centre, the Dubbo Gaol and Taronga Zoo. It was a fantastic excursion and everyone had a great time, especially the teachers.

I would like to again mention how exceptionally well all students represented our school, it was a pleasure to take the group away. One particularly nice piece of praise was received by a volunteer from Taronga Zoo. She was an ex-school principal and over a cup of coffee she told me how she had never had a group of children be more respectful come on a tour in all her time here at the zoo. Our students had great manners, asked intelligent questions and were polite at all times.

Thank you to all the students for being so amazing on the trip. Also, thank you to the teachers who worked tirelessly, not getting to bed until midnight and then rising before 5am to get children up and ready for the activities.

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**Magpies**
It is magpie season again in the Tamworth area. We ask that children please do not upset the birds. If parents have any concerns you can contact WIRES in the Tamworth area on 1300 131 554.

**P&C**
A reminder to all parents and community members to get in your orders for the Oxley Vale Public School Year Book. There will be no more printed after the cut off date which is 30th October.

**P&C Meeting**
Wednesday 18th September 6:30pm

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**Sunrise Science**
Yes... it’s true! Sunrise loves science experiments! And to celebrate science week, we share this one with you-

**Pouncing Pepper**
* You will need a saucer of water, pepper and detergent.

**Procedure**
1. Place a saucer of water on a flat surface, a table will do, or the kitchen bench.
2. Sprinkle pepper onto the water.
3. Dip your finger into detergent
4. Tap the centre of the pepper with that finger.
5. Watch the water pounce!

**Why did this happen?**

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**Yarn-Up**
Wednesday 18th September 2013
Our next Yarn-Up meeting will be held on Wed 18th between 9:30 - 11:30.
We would like to discuss ideas and suggestions about our 2013 Deadly Day. Any brain storming ideas will be noted and appreciated.
Please join us for a cuppa and a yarn.
Thank you
**Assembly Award Winners**

**Merit Awards**

Infants
- KP: Kaitlyn Hahn, Isaiah Butler
- KD: Maggie Kemp, Paige Washington
- K/1M: Harry Pinchen, Lily Adams, Kierra Thompson
- 1E: Zac Browning, Bailey Harpur
- 1R: Beau Hancock, Toby Ison
- 1/2T: Troy McCarthy, Lane Pittman
- 2P: Paige Meek, Faith Woods

**Primary**

SD:
- 2/3B: Liam McKillop, Caleb Jenkins, William Jones
- 3L: John Renton, Teonie Wynne
- 4N:

4/5E: Troy Taylor, Miss Kelly
- 5S: Skye Marshall, Gypsy Edwards
- 5/6M: Jelena Dewson, Hayley Whitten
- 6S: Annika Sharples, Logan McCarthy

Our award winner for Multi Lit this week is Lilian McGrath.

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**Book Work Ribbon**

- Rhys Hanson
- Olivia Holz
- Tyrese Blacklock
- Max Milsom
- Mikayla Butler
- Craig Johnston
- Tristan MacFarlane.

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This week’s assembly Friday 20th September is split with infants starting at 12:00pm and Primary at 1pm.

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**Grand Finals**

On Saturday 14th Makayla, Jaymus and Jai played for North Bear against Manilla in the grand final of Under 9’s Rugby League. Koby the best player in the team scored most of the tries. We won 24-22. We were losing at half time and came back in the second half when Jaymus set up a try for Koby.

*By Makayla N-Daly, Jaymus Troutman, Jai Thompson*

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On Saturday 14th September Manilla Tigers played Kootingal Roosters in the Minor League grand final for 2013. I played for Manilla Tigers and we beat Kootingal Roosters 20-12. We played our hardest and gave it all we had and we walked away the 2013 Minor League Shield.

Manilla Tigers number 7 scored the first try, Kooty scored the next and by half time it was 12 all. After the break Manilla Tigers scored another try and he kicked the goal which mmade it 20-12. We were very proud of our team and we look forward to the 2014 footy season.

*By Jordan Leslie, Adrian Graham, Malakai Troutman.*

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**Local Sport**

**Tamworth Sports Dome** - Junior Activities Day
- 1st October 8:30am –3pm.
- For ages 7-12 year olds.
- Registration closes 27th September

**Tamworth Mountain Bike Short Course**
- Mountain Bike Riding - 9 Rounds in 9 Weeks on 9 very different
- Short Course Circuits 45 minutes and you’re done!
- For More Info Contact - Steve Mair 0428 671 017 or check out
  www.toc.asn.au

**Flippa Ball**
- Registration night is Thursday 10th October between 6.00 pm and 7.00pm at Tamworth West Pool (Scully Park). Cost is $50 per player plus pool entry and the season is during 4th Term 2013 and 1st Term 2014.
- For children aged 3-6yrs who can confidently swim 25mtr
- Please contact Jenny Taggart 0409 100 193

**Tamworth City Swimming Club**
- When: 3.00 - 3.30pm Tues 24th to Fri 27th Sept and Mon 30th Sept to Wed 2nd Oct.
- Where: Scully Pool (Don't worry it is heated)
- How: Call the Coach Nicolas Monet on 0434 805957 to arrange an assessment time.
**COMING EVENTS**

**September**
- Fri 20th: Last Day of Term

**October**
- Mon 7th: Public Holiday (Labour Day)
- Tues 8th: Students Return

**November**
- Fri 1st & Sat 2nd: CAPERS Performance
- Mon 11th: Remembrance Day
- Fri 15th: Kinder Orientation Day
- Fri 29th & Sat 30th: School Spectacular

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**P&C MEETING**

**WHEN:** 18th September
**TIME:** 6:30pm
**WHERE:** Staff Room

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