**Principal’s Message**

Last week we held our Kindergarten Presentation Assembly, it was such a fantastic way to celebrate the achievement of our youngest students. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Murray and Miss Dawson for their amazing efforts teaching kindergarten this year. Thank you to all the parents and family members who showed their support of the students by coming along last Friday. We hope to see as many parents for this week’s Year 1 Presentation Assembly.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the school year with us here at OVPS and wish you all a productive, joyous week.

*Luke Norman*

### School Planning Parent Forum

This coming Wednesday at 5pm in Mrs Ellis’s classroom we will be hosting a parent forum to discuss and gain feedback about happening within our school.

Each year we send out parent surveys to help gather information about how our school is operating with and for our families. This year however we would like to add a forum to our approach.

We are currently working on the new school plan which will be our roadmap for the next 3 years. We would very much like our families to have some input into what we do and how we do it. If you are interested in helping us set some directions for the future, sharing your hopes and dreams for the school and also for your children then please come along. Mr Norman will be presenting some information about the new school planning framework and then leading some discussions on elements of our school.

Tea, coffee and light snacks will be provided and the afternoon will only take an hour and a half. At the conclusion of this forum the November P&C meeting will be held in the Meeting room in the administration building. We would encourage people to stay for this meeting if they are interested in supporting our P&C.

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P&C Meeting
This Wednesday the OVPS P&C will be meeting at 6:30pm in the meeting room located in the admin building. All parents who are interested in supporting the school via their participation in the P&C are most welcome. We hope to see you at the meeting this Wednesday.

PBL Expo
Last Thursday Mr Norman, Mrs Murray, Miss Langford and Mrs Burke went to a PBL expo in Newcastle. The day showcased schools in the Hunter and New England regions who have been doing outstanding work with PBL. Every school that presented shared an incredible amount of resources and we are hoping to make a few changes to our implementation of PBL early next year. PBL is a wonderful program and we are very much looking forward to making it work even more successfully here at OVPS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS
This Friday 28th November will be the last day of our financial year. There will be NO receipting done after 11:30am on this day, as we prepare for the rollover of funds. Therefore we ask for your assistance in having all monies owing for excursions etc. finalised prior to Friday. Thank you.

Leanne Grinter
School Administrative Manager

Active After Schools
The Active After Schools program will be finishing this week (Week 8) for Term 4. I would like to thank all children involved and Danielle Hopwood-Young for her contribution to the program throughout the year.

Mrs S Porter

SRC 2015
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as our SRC for 2015.
Boys: Danny Davidson, Cooper Newton, Bailey Hartigan, Matthew Peel, Jake Gurney, Cooper Kemp and Jordan Leslie.
Girls: Chloe Ison, Azalea Dewson, Courtney Trembath, Tayla Childs, Piper Death, Lily Pinchen, Georgia Byrnes.
The SRC for 2015 will work with this year's SRC on Leadership skills and their speeches for Captain. Next Monday from 9:30am in the hall our SRC will present their speeches for Captaincy, before the students and staff vote. The elected Captains and Vice Captains for 2015 will be announced on Presentation Evening on the 9th of December.

Miss Langford

Library News
Golden Tickets
What an all encompassing value 'integrity' is. Students were rewarded this week with Golden Tickets to indoor sport in the hall. Lots of fun and an excellent display of cooperation and team work.

Book Club
A reminder that Book Club closes on Wednesday 26th November. Please place your order and money into an envelope clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. Orders are to be handed in at the front office.

Treasure Chest
Library borrowing has now ceased as I try to have all books returned to the library before the holidays. The Treasure Chest dip will now be awarded to the first child in each class to return all their library books. Please help your child to search out these books as soon as possible.
The first class to return all books will receive a canteen treat for their efforts.

Mrs O’Neill

School Attendance
Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. The school is required to record the reasons for any absences as a way of ensuring that students are absent from school only when they are sick or have another good reason for missing school.
If no reason has been received by the school in regards to a student’s absence within 7 days of the occurrence the absence will then be recorded as unjustified.
If your child is absent from school please contact the school, either by telephone, via the school app or a written note as soon as possible. After the 7 day period has passed the absence is automatically recorded as unjustified and can not be altered.

Swimming Scheme
Swimming is all over for another year! We all had a fantastic time improving our skills in the pool, and our water safety knowledge. The children's behaviour was outstanding and even members of the public commented on how polite they were. Certificates will be given out this week outlining where your child is at. A massive thank you to Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Trasler, Mrs S Porter, Mrs Rowe, Miss Elliott and Miss Farrell for all their organisation, effort and enthusiasm during the 2 weeks. Well done to our swim school team of 2014!

Mrs Morris
**ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS**

**Merit Awards**

**Infants**

**KP:** Jessica Pallot, Ryan Blanch

**KM:** Olivia Brooks-Young, Tryan Hughes

**1C:** Ben Browning, Dekoda Jerrett

**1E:** Mia Robinson, Ashley Howarth

**1R:** Tymain Coffey, Miley Browning

**2T:** Jasmine Hunt, Zachary Browning

**2W:** Joseph Sharp, Bridie Morris

**Book Work Ribbon**

Harper Barker

Laci Leslie

Dylan Hopwood-Young

Tayla Beattie

Max Drain

Taleea Wynne

Laura Woods

**Primary**

**K-6P:** Hayden Stokes

**3S:** Jarrah Oliphant, Dimity Webb

**3/4E:** Melany Smart, Chloe Harper

**4E:** Ethan Woods, Abi Schimann

**5M:** Adrian Graham, Cooper Newton

**5/6S:** Flo Davidson, Josh Strong

**6L:** Jada Ison, Lucy Bowden

Year 1 Presentation Assembly at 10.00am

All Year 1 parents and families welcome.

Primary Assembly 1.00pm

**Congratulations**

**Kindergarten**
One of our proud sponsors of the Breakfast Club is Bakers Delight in Tamworth City Plaza. Please support this organisation.