Principal’s Message

Value of the week: EXCELLENCE

This week in our school we will all be talking “Excellence”. This word can be applied to any, and every, aspect of our lives. At school we focus on academic improvement and achievement as well as social interactions and responsibilities. One of the most important topics we will talk to the students about is that academic excellence does not mean always getting 100% or being the “top of the class”. Academic excellence means to make progress and value how far we have come.

We ask that parents talk to their children about this value. It doesn't just apply here at school, it applies to everything we do. There is very little point in doing anything at all unless we do it to the very best of our abilities. Try to bring in aspects of home life to give your child some examples.

Excellence at OVPS is trying hard in class and outside when playing. It means listening to your teacher, thinking problems through and producing work that children know is their best. That is excellence.

Luke Norman
Principal

Pride Award

This week I tried really hard with my bookwork. I improved and my teacher said “Keep it up”, “I’m proud of you”. I also am proud of myself because I got my third merit award to go into my bronze book.

In the library on Wednesday Mrs O’Neill was also proud of the way I worked in my group to make my “proud puppet person”.

(Written by Evan Kelly)

Voluntary Contributions

At the start of every year schools send out information regarding the voluntary contributions, otherwise known as school fees. These contributions go towards providing valuable resources to assist students with their learning needs.

We are asking families to pay their voluntary contributions as early as possible to allow for planning the purchase of resources early in the year and to provide a clear financial picture for the school. We would appreciate if families could pay their contributions at the front office where either Leanne or Christine can receipt the funds.
Individual student fees are $55 and the contribution for a family of 2 or more students is $90.

We will process these funds once they have been collected and send the receipt home with your child. You are also able to pay via eftpos at the front counter.

Your support with these contributions is very much appreciated.

Clean Up Australia Day
OVPS would like to thank the members of the Oxley Vale Anglican Community Church for participating in Clean Up Australia Day and making our school more beautiful by cleaning up rubbish from the front of the school gardens on Sunday.

Year 6 Polo Shirts
We are currently in the process of organising the order for Year 6 polo shirts. We anticipate ordering them as soon as possible, so students have them for the beginning of Term 2.

We understand that parents incur a lot of expense at the beginning of the year so we are happy for you to order now and pay for the shirts by the end of Term 1.

The cost will be $33.00. Please return the order form by Tuesday 4th March. Payment is due no later than Friday 4th April.

Miss Langford

Yarn - Up
Our next yarn - up meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th March between 9.30 - 11.30am.
Please come along and share your ideas on National Sorry Day and NAIDOC week 2014.
Please bring a plate to share.

Donna Nixon

Front Office
Have you seen our new front office display and parent notice board? The parent notice board is full of general parent information, bus forms, school bell times, copies of the current school messenger, flyers and information brochures.

Sports Report
OVPS vs Tamworth South on Friday 28th in the PSSA boys cricket at the Tamworth Minor League fields.

Our team fielded first and was going well when Daniel Peel stumped the opening batsman.

After a drinks break and a couple of overs Brady Smith and Troy Smart bowled two other batsmen.

We were unlucky not to get more catches but we had a go and tried our best.

When we batted the opening batsmen were Troy Smart and Fletcher Morris. Troy faced the fastest bowlers in South and so did Fletcher. Troy got caught out and Fletcher got bowled out. Mal and Troy T batted well but Mal got caught. Troy T had to retire.

All of our batsmen got a turn and they went really well.

We all had a great day. Thanks to all the parents for cheering us on.

(Written by Fletcher Morris and Hayden Todd)

Go 4 Fun
As mentioned in the last few Messengers, the GO 4 Fun program continues today at 3:30pm in the PC lab. This program is a healthy lifestyle program for children and their parents. It runs for two hours twice a week and provides activities and education around healthy living. If you are interested please collect an information pamphlet from the front office or come along on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Life Education Van
Students at OVPS will be attending the Life education Van from Wednesday 19th March - Wednesday 26th March.

Community Messages
OVPS needs to rehome our beloved rooster. If interested please call the front office 6761 8238.

Science Experiments
On Friday 28th February class K-6P conducted a science experiment with Mrs Jamieson creating “elephant toothpaste”, so much fun was had by all.
## ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

### Merit Awards

#### Infants

**KP:** Katie Gardner, Dennis West  
**KM:** Tyannah – May Barber, Tyran Hughes  
**1C:** Claire Doherty, Caylab Cabral  
**1E:** Arlea Sands, Lily Adams  
**1-2R:** Danika Brown, Nailey Harpur  
**2T:** Maddy Higginson, Kirk Schimenan  
**2/3W:** Toby Ison, Salone Ibe

#### Primary

**K-6P:** Hayden Stokes  
**3/4E:** Maddie Soles, Troy McCarthey  
**4E:** James Mallise, Amity Debenham  
**5M:** Lily McGrath, Jack Booby  
**5/6S:** Brodie Taylor, Layla Klein  
**6L:** Brandon McManus, Hanah Griffiths

### Book Work Ribbon

- Olivia Brookes - Young  
- Levi Cullen  
- Kaityln Hahn  
- Tayla Beattie  
- Mylie Browning  
- Olivia Williams  
- Jeremy Thompson

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This week’s assembly Friday 7th March is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.

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### Combined Assembly Items

- **3/4E** performed “You Can Count on Me” by Bruno Mars  
- **4E** and **1R** performed “Proud” by Heather Small
One of our proud sponsors of the Breakfast Club is Bakers Delight in Tamworth City Plaza. Please support this organisation.