Principal’s Message
Value of the Week – Respect
This week, and also next week, students and teachers will be focussing their efforts on the value of “Respect”. Respect means many things to different people but at our school it means to treat other people in a kind and considerate way. This should apply to all people within our school grounds. Students are expected to be respectful to teachers and teachers are also expected to be respectful to the students. I would also like to add that this respect also extends to visitors to our school. Visitors such as our parent volunteers, scripture teachers, Yarn Up parents, the P&C and all parents who come into the school. If everyone acts kindly to everyone else then our school should be a happy, safe place for students to come each day and learn.
All of the values that our school upholds as important are designed to do one thing; have students ready each and every day to focus on what is REALLY important, learning. Our students get nearly 5 hours each day where they have the chance to learn new skills and knowledge and then practice them in order to get them mastered. I would like to thank all the teachers and students of our wonderful school for being respectful, showing pride in themselves and their school, striving for excellence and having integrity. I hope you all have a fantastic week and look forward to seeing what great things our students, teachers and parents can achieve as part of Oxley Vale Public School.
Luke Norman
Principal

“Excellence” in the Library
Our special celebration for children demonstrating “excellence” in their school activities, was this week a rotation of fun sports and games. The children selected by their class teachers thoroughly enjoyed their special afternoon tea in our school hall.
Meanwhile, all children are enjoying a variety of experiences in our library at afternoon tea. It is especially pleasing to see the children co - operating together as they enjoy puzzles, games, books, play dough, iPads, all in the name of fun.

Upcoming Events
Tuesday 11th March
Go for Fun
3.30pm in the PC lab

Thursday 13th March
Yarn - Up Meeting
9.30 - 11.30am

Thursday 13th March
Go for Fun
3.30pm in the PC lab

Friday 14th March
PSSA Girls cricket
In Gunnedah

19th - 26th March
Life Education Van

Friday 21st March
Harmony Day
From 10.00am
Come along and join in the fun
Harmony Day
Celebrating Indian, Brazilian, Aboriginal and Sudanese culture
Coming up on 21st March we are holding a huge celebration for Harmony Day, and we would like you all to come along! Our morning will kick off at 10:00am when our infants students will walk through the displays that classes are making about the 4 cultures that have been chosen. Primary classes will then follow to view the displays. At 11:00am we are inviting parents to join us in watching some traditional dances performed by our infants students. Following the Assembly parents are invited to view the class displays.
Following these celebrations the Year 5 and 6 students, along with staff of the University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health, will have prepared a feast for all the students, teachers and parents. The cultures we have chosen this year all have links within our school so this is a great opportunity to learn about some of the cultures of these families. Please come along and enjoy a morning of information, culture, food and entertainment with the students and staff of OVPS. See you there!

P&C News
P&C Meeting Wednesday 26th March.
A few weeks ago we had the very first P&C meeting for 2014. It was great to see some new parents turn up to get involved and we are hoping that more people turn up at the next meeting. Becoming a member of the P&C is a great way to get to know what is happening in the school, meet other families and also take part in helping make decision with and for the school. At the next P&C meeting, on Wednesday the 26th March, two new policies will be tabled for the P&C to consider before we put them in place. One is an excursion policy and the other is an updated code of conduct for visitors. If you are interested in being part of the review of these policies, or just want to see what happens at a P&C meeting, we would encourage to come along the P&C and become a member.

Parent Teacher interviews
Parent teacher interviews are currently being planned. These will be held in weeks 9 and 10 and we encourage all parents to make an effort to come along and attend a meeting about their child’s progress in school so far this year. This is a good opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and establish communication for the benefit of your child’s education. Talking to your child’s teacher is the best way to keep up to date with how your child is going at school. It also shows your child that you are really interested in what they do at school. Please look out for notes coming home this week to start booking times to meet with your child’s teacher.

Office News
REMINDER: A reminder invoice was sent out last week of outstanding Term 1 School Band Fees which are now OVERDUE. Please pay these fees promptly to the front office, thank you.

Student Portfolio Folders
Student Portfolio Folders are available for sale, to students in Stage 2 ONLY (3/4E, 4E and 3S), cost is $5.50 each. Money is payable to the class teacher.

International night is an evening of fun, food and entertainment with a smorgasbord of taste from all over the world from French crepes to Mexican tacos, pizza, pasta, the Aussie BBQ and pavlovas. A great opportunity for parents, family and the community to contribute to children’s future.

Yarn - Up
Please come along to our next Yarn - Up meeting Thursday 13th March, 9.30 - 11.30am in the meeting room. Please bring a plate to share.

University of New South Wales International Competitions
Each year students from Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate in the ICAS international competitions. This year ICAS is now open to Year 2 students (English, Science and Mathematics ONLY).
If you would like your child to participate please return permission note and money to Mrs Grinter via the school office by Friday 4th April.
ICAS Computer Skills (3-6) Tue 20th May
ICAS Science (2-6) Wed 4th June
ICAS Writing (3-6) Mon 16th June-Fri 20th June
ICAS Spelling (3-6) Tue 17th June
ICAS English (2-6) Tue 29th July
ICAS Mathematics (2-6) Tue 12th August

PSSA Girls Cricket
This Friday our PSSA Girls cricket team are off to Gunnedah to play their first game of the knockout competition. We wish them the very best of luck and can’t wait for an update after the game. We will keep everyone posted. Good luck girls!

Community News
Oxley Vale High School
International Night
Friday 14th March
6.00pm
Cost $4.00
ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

Merit Awards

Infants
KP: Myah Meek, Justin Harriman
KM: Levi Mannion, Lucas Hancock
1C: Blair Collins, Dekoda Jerrett
1E: Nataya Williams, Mia Robinson
1R: Miley Browning, Harry Gill
2T: Braiden Muller, Olivia Williams
2W: Tylarnya Geale, Cory White

Primary
K-6P:
3S: Claudia Ruthberg, Liam Klein
3/4E: Jai Thompson, Bella Tulley
4E: Aleisha Dewson, William Russell
5M: Malakai Troutman, Cody Howarth
5/6S: Brodie Taylor, Lily PINCHEN
6L: Emma Sheaves, Bridie Martin

Book Work Ribbon

Kate Gardner
Bailey Woods
Ben Browning
Taj Munro
Abbey Reeves-Britz
Saumya Upadhyay
Mikayla Butler

This week’s assembly Friday 14th March is a split assembly starting at 12pm Infants & 1pm Primary.

HELP WANTED

Oxley Vale Public School provides a “Breakfast Club” program for the students of the school three mornings a week. The “Breakfast Club” volunteers would like to have more helpers on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings, from 8.15am – 9.30am. If you would like to have more information you can contact Keith Griffiths on 0403716163.

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001, the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $1,250 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

This week’s K-6P science experiment “Exploding Lunch bags”
One of our proud sponsors of the Breakfast Club is Bakers Delight in Tamworth City Plaza. Please support this organisation.