**Principal’s Message**
Welcome back to school everyone. I hope that everyone took the time to have some fun, relax and recharge with family, there is a lot of learning to do this term and students will need their energy. Term 2 promises to be an exciting term with lots of things happening. There have been several changes over the holidays but one thing that hasn’t changed is our focus on learning. This term students from years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN assessments and students will be seeing a few changes in their classrooms. Over the holidays the teachers had some professional development in how to use their new laptops, their iPads and how both of these devices can be used on their smart boards. I look forward to seeing classes do lots of work with technology this term.

_Luke Norman_
Principal

**Staff Changes**
As previously mentioned we have had several changes at school over the holidays. Mrs Elliott was appointed to a new position as the instructional leader at Werris Creek Public School. This is an exciting new chapter in her career and we will miss her dearly. We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Kristy Morris has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal and will be taking 2W for the rest of this year. We look forward to having Mrs Morris here with us. Mrs Morris’s appointment as Assistant Principal means that we now have 3 permanent Assistant Principals for the first time since 2012.

Mr Sheaves will also be on leave for the first few weeks of Term 2 while Mr Sheaves is on leave we are excited to have the talents of Mrs Crosby and Mr Lalor sharing the class.

Also, Miss Waugh left us at the end of the term to get married. We wish her the very best and look forward to having her back as a casual teacher soon. We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Julie Blanch will be teaching KP for the next few weeks.

_Luke Norman_  
Principal

**ANZAC March**
On the 25th April we will be commemorating the ANZAC spirit of Gallipoli and acknowledging the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women. There will be a morning assembly and we will be placing our wreaths in memory of those who served.

**Upcoming Events**

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We would like to send a very big thank you to the students who attended this year’s ANZAC march. It is always a moving experience seeing how the community respond to such an important occasion. Our students looked magnificent during the march and it shows respect for both the school and the service men and women for whom we march. Thank you to the parents who brought their children along and waited so patiently to collect students at the end of the march. Also, thank you to our school captains and vice captains for representing our school at the Town Hall service after the march.

Luke Norman
Principal

Fete & Family Fun Day
Saturday 17th May
It’s not very long now until our first Fete in years and the very first colour run ever. We are very excited and hope that the whole community comes along for some fun on the day. Gates open at 11am with the colour runs starting from 12pm. There will be stalls, food, a colour run and lots of fun. See you here on Saturday the 17th May!

Golden Ticket Winners
Congratulations to all those incredible students who have clearly demonstrated the core values of “pride, integrity, respect and excellence. Your outstanding efforts were rewarded in the library on Wednesday making Easter masks. Such fun!

Mrs O’Neill

5M Science
Last Term 5M were exploring energy sources and discussing the impact on humans and the environment. Our research has emphasised the benefits of renewable sources (sun, heat, wind, water) for the future of our planet. As a final lesson we were lucky to have Matt with us to explore circuits and solar energy. Some interesting comments and observations: “I learnt a lot about electricity especially using solar energy to power a disc with an electric motor” Coop K
“I liked putting 2 batteries in the circuit to make the light bulb go really bright” Lilian
“I thought it was awesome making the circuit. I enjoyed knowing how a torch works and how the copper in the torch moves to complete the circuit” Felix

Mrs Marshall

Office News
OVPS school badges are available for purchase at the school office at $5.50 each.
A reminder that Student portfolio’s 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. Aussie Bush Camp Stage 3, Payment 1 - $80.00 is due Friday 2nd May. Payment for Term 2 Band Fee’s can be paid to the front office.

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 receive the funds. Individual student fees are $55 and the contribution for a family of 2 or more students is $90. Your support with these contributions is very much appreciated.

School Uniform
Term 2 & Term 3 students are required to wear their Winter school uniform. There will be a 2 week transition period for families.

Boys
Grey trousers or shorts, grey shirt, maroon jumper, cardigan or jacket, grey socks and black shoes, check tie (as per girls tunic) and maroon bucket or wide brimmed hat.

Girls
A grey and maroon tartan check tunic, (princess line with inverted front pleats), white blouse or skivvy, maroon jumper, cardigan or jacket, white socks or grey pantyhose, black shoes, check tie (as per tunic) and maroon bucket or wide brimmed hat.

JACKETS JUMPERS/ SWEAT SHIRTS
Maroon spray jackets and jumpers/ sweat shirts with school emblem are available for sale through the school. The P & C operates a clothing pool adjacent to the school hall from 8:45am until 10:00am on a Wednesday morning. New and used clothing is available. The clothing pool is the only place you can buy sports shorts and shirts and the school sweatshirts and jackets. School hats are available both from the clothing pool and the canteen.
Building Healthy Habits

Children are learning habits that will last a lifetime. Consider the following:

* Breakfast is important. Children who have breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.
* Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.
* Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.
One of our proud sponsors of the Breakfast Club is Bakers Delight in Tamworth City Plaza. Please support this organisation.