**Value of the Week is 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

**Touch Football**

In week 4 our girls and boys touch football teams travelled to the Gipps Street fields to compete against local schools. Both teams had a great day and should be commended on their incredible display of sportsmanship. Our girls came second overall and our boys came third. Congratulations to these incredible sportspeople. You all represented our school with great pride. Well done!

**PSSA Girls' Hockey**

Last Tuesday our PSSA Girls' Hockey Team played Ben Venue Public School in the Regional Hockey Final. Both teams played a magnificent game. Flo Davidson scored the only Oxley Vale goal in the second half, making the final score 4-1. The team were an absolute delight to train with and take away. A huge thank you to Mrs Rebecca Davidson for coaching the team and to the wonderful parents who transported students and stayed to support the team.

**Miss Langford**

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Active After Schools
A reminder that the Active After School Program runs on Tuesdays & Wednesdays starting at 3:30 to 4:40pm. Please ensure that your child is collected at 4:40pm when the program finishes.

Aussie Bush Camp
Outstanding instalments for Aussie Bush Camp need to be finalised ASAP. Wednesday 20th August is the deadline for final payments to be met.
Student information sheets have been handed out. Please return to the school ASAP.

Student Portfolio Folders
Student Portfolio Folders are available for sale, cost is $5.50 each. Money is payable to the office.

High School Transition
Last week Year 6 students participated in their first transition session with Oxley High School. Year 6 travelled to Oxley High and took part in 'Taster Lessons' with future teachers. Year 6 were divided into groups and rotated around classes and activities. Some students made delicious Chocolate choc chip cookies, others were turned into mad scientists and experimented with magnets, air and dry ice. Other students went to the Agriculture plot and interacted with an Alpaca, chickens and sheep. Some students played games in a PE session and discovered the delights of 3D optical illusions in art.
Year 6 will take part in their second Transition session this Thursday. Thank you to Oxley High School staff for hosting our students during Transition.

Dance Festival
Last week students in Stages 1, 2 and 3 participated in The Regional Dance Festival and performed in front of a crowd of hundreds at the TRECC. Stage 1 students were dressed as African animals and danced to the song 'I like to move it'. Stage 2 were 'Sports Fanatics' and performed to a remix of sport inspired music. There was also an Indigenous girls dance to the emotive and moving song 'Circle of Life'. Stage 3 dancers were very 'Happy' to dance to the Pharrell Williams popular tune.
The dancers were a pleasure to supervise and it was wonderful to see how much they enjoyed themselves. Miss Langford

NUTS & OUR SCHOOL
We have students who have severe anaphylactic reactions to nuts and nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter.

We encourage you to keep all nuts and nut products at home for the safety of our children.

P&C
All Parents, Grandparents and Guardians are invited to attend our P&C Meeting Wednesday 27th August 6.30pm Staffroom

School Office
Our school office hours are Monday to Friday 8.45 - 3.45pm. If you have moved house, or changed any phone numbers, please advise us as we need to be able to contact you in case of an emergency or if your child is sick. Thank You

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100 + pages in full colour
**ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS**

**Merit Awards**

**Infants**

**KP:** Rosie Adams, Levi Cullen

**KM:** Levi Brown, Laci Leslie

**1C:** Sean Robbins, Claire Doherty

**1E:** Phoebe Thomas-McGregor, Paige Washington

**1R:** Brae Cocking, Beau Barker

**2T:** Zac Browning, Eva Schefe

**2W:** Nick Strong, Nathan Rust

**Primary**

**K-6P:** Phillip Pryor

**3S:** Bailey Honeysett, Abby Clark

**3/4E:** Melany Smart, Connor Martin

**4E:**

**5M:** Jake Wiseman, Cody Howarth

**5/6S:** Fletcher Morris, Flo Davidson

**6L:** Troy Smart, Emma Sheaves

**Book Work Ribbon**

David Field

Tyannah Barber

Alicia Woods

Harry Pinchen

Krystle Grzazek-Cross

Riley Newton

Brianna Moss

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**This week’s assembly Friday 22nd August is a PBL Assembly at 12.00pm**

**Week 7 Infants assembly will be hosted by 2T. All welcome**
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