PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Can you believe that it is the last week of Term 1? It is amazing how quickly this term has swept by. We have had so many wonderful activities - while keeping learning at the centre of all that we do. This week is no different: our PBL assembly will recognise the hard work of students, a Tae Kwon Do instructor will teach anti-bullying lessons, and on Friday afternoon we are holding our ANZAC service.

I would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents who have made our term so successful. It is great to work in a community-based school where people go above and beyond to support our students. School will resume for students on Wednesday 27 April and our dedicated teachers will be taking part in professional learning on Tuesday 26 (the day before students return). Staff will all be at Manilla Central School, our school will therefore be closed on that day.

Finally, I would like to mention that recently we undertook a tree audit. Several of our beloved trees have been identified as unsafe and will need to be removed. I appreciate that these trees add to the charm of our school - however the safety of your children is of the utmost importance. Hopefully we will be able to continue to beautify our school so that we are able to maintain such a wonderful place to work and play each day.

Have a safe, restful and rewarding holiday. Luke Norman - Principal

HEADLICE SPOTTED!

Recently there have been several cases of head lice discovered at school. We encourage parents to do a quick check of their children’s hair regularly.

If your child has lice, treatment is simple and children who have been treated are able to return to school. Treatment information: http://goo.gl/3q0qLO
AUSSIE BUSH CAMP INVOICE CORRECTION

Parents and carers of Stage 3 students attending Aussie Bush Camp, please note:

The Aussie Bush Camp deposit is due 29 April. This invoice is for $50 and is non-refundable.

This amount was misprinted (as $90) on a previous letter.

The remaining payment instalments (each of $90) for Aussie Bush Camp are due on the following dates: 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, and 26 August.

WINTER IS COMING

You will no doubt have noticed that the nights have gotten cooler - autumn is upon us and winter is on the way. Some students have begun wearing jumpers on their way to school in the mornings when there is a chill in the air. It is time to make sure your children’s school winter wardrobe is ready, to make sure they are wearing a school uniform that fits well and looks good.

Our P&C runs a Uniform Shop for the ordering of new uniforms and a Clothing Pool which offers second-hand school clothing at reduced prices.

Some of the new items available to order through the Uniform Shop include: girls winter dresses ($60-$65), fleecy jumpers ($23) and jackets ($25), and track pants ($20-$25). Samples of the winter uniform are displayed in the office foyer.

Order forms can be picked up from the school canteen.

The P&C are looking for a volunteer clothing pool coordinator to assist with ordering, overseeing and running the clothing pool (money raised from the clothing pool is used by the P&C to fund school projects). If you are interested in this valuable role please contact P&C President Jenny Gleeson.

UNSW’S EAA BRINGS YOU ICAS

Letters were sent home last week regarding the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) diagnostic tests across a number of subject areas. These tests help benchmark, track and monitor learning progress and can help identify potentially gifted students and areas where your child can reach their full potential. Closing dates for applications for upcoming tests are: Science (Yr 2-6) 3 May; Writing (Yr 3-6) 16 May; Spelling (Yr 2-6) 18 May; Mathematics (Yr 2-6) 21 June; Mathematics (Yr 2-6) 21 June. Prices range from $8.80 - $18.70 per subject tested. Applications for the ‘Digital Technology’ test are now closed.

THE TALE OF THE SMELLY DOG

On Thursday 31 March, renowned children’s author John Heffernan visited our school to talk about books and writing. John also presented gifts of books to students as part of the Books in Homes program.

Mrs Rowsell’s 1/2R class presented Mr Heffernan with a book they had made, inspired by his work ‘Two Summers.’ Their excellent book, Nine Ways of Looking at an Australia Farm can be viewed in the school library. The following is an excerpt from it -

I feel excitement riding a bike
It's lovely feeding the poddies
“YAY” I’m on a horse
Tired from swimming in the dam

Our thanks to John for his willingness to play a part in this great program, for his inspirational presentations to our students, and - of course - for writing his books!

MOTHERS DAY STALL

“There is nothing sweeter than to see the enjoyment and satisfaction on a child’s face as they shop for a special present for mum, nanna, grandma, aunty or other special woman in their life for Mother’s Day.” (OVPS P&C)

The P&C will hold a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 6 May.

Children wishing to purchase should be sent to school with $5 per gift.
THE VIEW FROM THE SIDELINE

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Well done to all of the students who competed in and completed the cross country course last Friday. There were some very close races and tight finishes. Thank you to Mr Steele and Ms Langford for their event organisation and Mrs Levingstone for the extra work she put into setting up the course and photographing the day. Best of luck to all the students who will go on to represent our school in the Zone Carnival.

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
At Oxley Vale Public School, students are recognised each week for achieving success in a wide range of areas: from exceptional effort in their learning, to careful bookwork and presentation, to showing consideration to their peers, and being proudly dressed in their uniforms.

In Week 10 the following infants students received Merit Awards, or Book Work Ribbons -

**Merit Awards**
- Cooper Thomas-McGregor
- Lara Bedford
- Eliza Buckley
- Callen Higgisson
- Jhazmyne Watts
- Chayse Holgate
- Zak Bennett

- Emma Hill
- Levi Mannion
- Charlee Armitage
- Marlee Mannion
- Jayden Baker

**Book Work Ribbons**
- Kye Hadden
- Izaiah Croaker
- Lily Worland

- Jacob Ehsman
- Risha Pierce
- Myah Meek

**Special Award Winners**
- Romeo Amazing Author
- Sienna Dobson

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

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DECADE DAY A HIT
Decade Day last week was a big hit amongst students, who experienced dress, food and activities they’ve never seen, from decades past.

It was also a big hit for staff who got to dress up and relive their pasts!

PEEL SCHOOLS CARNIVAL
After nominations, OVPS have decided to enter an Under 10’s team in this carnival on Saturday May 7. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help.

PSSA NETBALL
Our PSSA Netball team will play their first game on Thursday 5 May against Tamworth West P.S. The game will be held at Oxley Vale P.S., kicking off at 10am, and parents and carers are welcome to spectate the match.

ATTUNGA RODEO
Colby Edgar from 3/4E will be steer riding and barrel racing this Saturday at the Attunga Downunder Rodeo.

All the best, Colby!

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK
With so many excellent runners competing on Friday’s cross country course the choice for Sportsperson Of The Week was a difficult one. Duran Graham was selected for the award after clocking a very fast time in his age race. Congratulations Duran.
WHAT IS ON FOR OXLEY VALE STUDENTS IN THE HOLIDAYS?

With the school holidays approaching many community organisations are advertising their school holiday programmes. Parents and carers are encouraged to take the information that interests them from the Parent Notice Board in the front office and to contact the community organisations directly. These include -

**Attunga Downunder Rodeo** (presented by Sibelco) is being held at the Attunga Recreation Ground on **Saturday 9 April**. Adults $15, Children $5, Family Ticket $35. Kick off at 6pm. Includes World Championship Cow Hide Drag!

**Tamworth Regional Gallery** has art and cooking classes running across the holiday period.
www.facebook.com/tamworthregionalgallery

**Lets Play Netball** is running a holiday clinic on Thursday 14 April in Tamworth. netball@letsplaynetball.com

**Tamworth Powerstation** will be firing up the only two working John Fowler steam engines in the world on **Friday 22 April**. Visitors are encouraged to drop in from 10am-10pm and witness the “old days of electricity.”