NEWSLETTER 34 – Week ending 22nd November, 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4

Active after school

Softball
Tuesdays 3.45pm to 4.45pm
(22nd Oct – 10th Dec)
Equestrian
Thursdays 3.45pm to 4.45pm
(24th Oct – 5th Dec)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 27th
Health Education
Grade 5/6

Thursday 28th & 29th
Grade Prep/1 & 2 Camp (date change)

DECEMBER

Thursday 5th
School Council
(date change)

Friday 6th
Fish & Chip Friday

Tuesday 10th
STATE WIDE
TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday 11th
Prep-4 Pizza & Movie Day

Thursday 12th
Grade 5/6 Sleepover School Council at KRC

Monday 16th
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner at KRC

Thursday 19th
School Concert

Friday 20th
Last Day of Term 2pm finish

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to say Happy Birthday to Baden and Lucy. We hope you had a great day!

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Last week we had a fantastic piano concert and we had our first mother and daughter performance in my time at the school. Well done Kellie and Rori. It is great to see the amount of musicians within the school growing as time goes on.

No Power next Thursday – please read and fill in the attached form.

Yesterday we received a letter in the mail regarding a power outage from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. This will mean that we will have to be off site for the day due to no running water and no toilet facilities. Milawa Primary School have welcomed us with open arms. This means that;

• Year 3 - 6 students will be relocated to Milawa for the entire day. It will be your responsibility to get your child to Milawa PS on the day as well as pick them up at the completion of it. I know this is a pain for all bus travellers but unfortunately it is unavoidable. Oxley teachers will be at Milawa from 8:30 am onwards. We need to know how many students will be attending on this day to let Milawa Primary know. Attached to the newsletter is a reply slip to enable us know how many students will be attending. Please return this form ASAP.

• There is also a section on the newsletter for you to complete if the Prep, 1 and 2 camp is postpone due to rain and they are relocated to Milawa Primary. Please return this form ASAP.

Prep, 1 and 2 Camp – date change

Due to the rain that has arrived today and is meant to last until Friday we have had to postpone the Prep, 1 and 2 Camp until next week, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd of November. If it rains again
next week (which is predicted) then we will have one last try the following week.

School Captain Speeches
Our school captain election speeches for 2014 will be held on Thursday the 5th December first thing in the morning. All parents are welcomed to come along and watch these speeches. Good luck to all the students running for these positions. The first 4 students (regardless of gender) will be elected as School Captain (2 positions) or Vice-Captain (2 positions).

Graduation Dinner
My second favourite event at the school is the graduation dinner that we hold at the King River Café. This year the graduation for our year 6 students will be held on the 16th December, 6:30 pm onwards. The cost of this night is $18 per adult and $10 per child, (a child is any who is still at school).

School Concert
The School Concert will be held on Thursday 19th December and start at 7.00pm. There are some wonderful acts being rehearsed around the school with plenty of student input into what they are doing on the night. Please remember that you need to bring supper to share on the night as well as a chair.

Fish and Chip Friday
The Oxley Pantry will be running a Fish and Chip Friday on the 6th December. Attached is the pricelist and order form. Thank you to Shelley for this!

Grade Prep – 4, Movie Day
The tradition started by Mrs Gardner last year has continued on this year. The year Prep – 4 students are off to the movies on Wednesday the 11th November. They will be watching Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs and having pizza in the park at the completion of the movie. A permission form will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Family Picnic – postponed until 2014
We have cancelled the Family Picnic due to how busy this term has been. We apologise for any inconvenience.

School Council
School Council has been moved backed to the 5th December due to camp being moved to next week.

Year 5 and 6 Sleepover
The year 5 and 6 sleepover will be held on the 12th of December. The students will need to bring a change of clothes and they often share a tent. Mrs Howard will organise the tents with the students in the class.

State Wide Transition Day
Our State Wide Transition day is the 10th of December when all students across the state attend either their new school or new class for 2014. Wangaratta High School is running three transition days this year from the 10th to the 12th December. The 12th happens to also fall on the year 5 and 6 Sleepover which means that the year 6 students will have plenty to share with the year 5 students when they return from their sleepover.

Finances
Thank you to all those parents that have already paid their accounts. If you have any queries please feel free to see either Jeremy or Jaye about your account or if you are worried about the amount you have outstanding we can arrange a payment plan. We would appreciate these accounts being finalized by 11th December, 2013. All payments can be made with cash, cheque or direct deposit. Our banking details are:
Oxley Primary School
BSB: 063-531 
Act: 10089185
Please note if paying by direct deposit please include family name and description of what payment is for in details.

Over the last two years we have been able to keep our school fees the same but next year there will be a small increase due to the cost of fuel, freight, etc. which has a direct influence on our excursions/cluster days/deliveries, etc. that are paid from your school fees. Oxley Primary is quite unique as we try to incorporate as many real life activities to extend our students learning outside the classroom however this does come at a cost.
Parent contributions for 2014 will be $175 per child. This money will go towards stationary ($65) as well as cluster days, arts performances, subsidizing of other extra curriculum activities ($110). Please note that this is a compulsory payment.

Jeremy Campbell – Principal
Oxley Primary School is committed to Nurturing confident, lifelong learners, in a friendly rural community.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION
Details and colouring page are attached to this week’s newsletter. Thank you to Shelley and Jason from The Oxley Pantry for conducting this competition.

NUDE LUNCHES & NUTRITION
A healthy meal at recess and lunch is important – sandwiches, salads, cheese, fruit/vegetables, yoghurt, homemade items and water are all excellent options. Try to avoid box drinks and packet snacks, which may have very high sugar/fat content. Keep food simple and appropriate for your children. Be mindful that chocolate bars, chips etc. will not allow your child to concentrate throughout the whole day. Children should only be bringing water (not cordial) in their drink bottles. We are a nut free school so it is asked that your refrain from sending any items that contain nuts with your child ie. no peanut butter.

We have noticed over the past few weeks that our rubbish amounts are going up. Rubbish is either being left on the ground or blowing through the yard out of the bins. If possible please send your child with a nude lunch (no glad wrap, chip packets, etc.). Containers are a great way of being environmentally friendly and do save on the amount of rubbish!

POWER OUTAGE DAY – Thursday 28th November

FAMILY NAME: _____________________________________________

☐ MY CHILD/REN WILL BE ATTENDING SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AT MILAWA PS.

☐ MY CHILD/REN WILL NOT BE ATTENDING SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

☐ IF GRADE PREP, ONE & TWO CAMP IS CANCELLED MY CHILD/REN WILL BE ATTENDING SCHOOL ON THIS DAY AT MILAWA PS.

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Please return this slip to school ASAP. Thank you