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**NEWSLETTER 5 – Week ending 27**\(^{th}\) **February**

### IMPORTANT DATES

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MRS BATEY’S PREP/1 REPORT
Well, I know I say it every year! But what a great start we’ve had in the Prep/1 room. And what a lot of learning has taken place in just a few weeks!
We have talked a lot about ORGANIZATION, especially
- making sure our readers are put in the box every morning before the bell,
- remembering to have a drink and go to the toilet during recess and lunch break
- returning notices and library books
- keeping our lockers and workspaces clean and clutter-free
- keeping our bag area tidy by putting belongings inside our bags
- moving quickly into the classroom as soon as the bell rings
The children really enjoyed their first music lesson with Ruth on Tuesday. They loved meeting Embie and I loved listening to their sweet singing. They have also enjoyed Italian with Lisa on Thursdays, and the Grade 1s have done some beautiful art work with Ros Capper. The Preps will enjoy their first Art lesson after the long weekend. And of course Library/Science with Mr Lawler on Mondays has been a huge hit as usual!
As an introduction to our unit on Mini-Beasts, we have started investigating insects, reading and writing about their characteristics, habitats, food and life cycles, and how they are very different to spiders. The boys have loved catching bugs for our classroom mini-beast cage, but we have had to put a stop to the wasps, bees and spiders!!!
We all enjoyed Jesse’s gingerbread boys and girls that he made for the class. They were delicious and beautifully decorated. Thanks Jesse!
And a personal thanks from me to all the parent helpers who have turned up every day to listen to the children read and to ensure that their take home readers are chosen from their appropriate level and are changed every day. It makes my day much easier and is of great benefit to the students!

MS COLLIHOLE’S YEAR 2 REPORT
We have had a busy but enjoyable start to the year. With only 10 students we are required to work closely with each other, I am seeing a great amount of teamwork and discussion around students work. There has been a focus on the winter Olympics with the 2/3/4s to start the term, students have enjoyed this and on Wednesday had their own Winter Olympics which was a lot of fun! Students have been working on building their reading and writing stamina, which is growing by the day. This week I have seen the students more motivated in terms of the prestigious clean yard - GO GRADE 2! I am looking forward to the rest of the term. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help with reading and will take these offers up later in the term-beginning of second term once we have fully established our classroom routines.

PRINCIPALS REPORT
Well done to all of the students at Oxley Primary School who recently completed the Wangaratta Marathon. What a fantastic way
to spend a Sunday morning, improving your health and wellbeing. You have inspired us all to enter next year which has included many of the staff and parents. Well done! A special mention to Layla Williams who finished second in the 2km run.

Tomorrow is come dress as ‘I want to be day...’ so I thought that it would be appropriate that I wrote about the goals and aspirations that we have at Oxley Primary School for each and every student that starts and successfully graduates to high school.

Our vision at the school is being, ‘Committed to Nurturing Confident, Lifelong Learners in a Friendly Rural Community’, and I can confidently say that we are all committed to making sure that we achieve this vision with our students.

As a staff we discussed this further at the beginning of 2013 and discussed what we need to do to make sure that our students are committed to being lifelong learners and that the school is a friendly and caring environment. We came up with the following key points,

- We continually provide feedback to our students about their academic progress as well as reinforcing positive behaviour,
- We develop a hunger and desire to keep learning through engaging activities,
- We as a staff model a strong desire to keep learning,
- We expose our students to the global community and make them aware that they are a global citizen,
- We allow our students to work in different groups to promote teamwork and tolerance of different people,
- We model and allow the students efficient time to practice their skills,
- We include real life activities within the classroom environment,
- We reinforce the school values often at school,
- And we develop our student’s ability to socially interact in a confident manner.

We believe that if we can get all of these things right then we will be able to help every student at Oxley Primary School reach their potential.

Taking responsibility for your own learning is another major component to enable students to reach their potential and this means that students need to be organised (take their homework/reader home each night) and practise areas that they would like to improve in. But if you are willing to practice then in most cases you can achieve anything that you want.

A great example of this is the three boys who successfully rode their unicycles to school on Tuesday. Having had a discussion with the newest member of the unicycle club, Baden, he discussed with me the difficulties that he faced when starting to learn to unicycle but through persistence and cycling from pole to pole he was able to build up his skill level. This reinforces that through practise and determination we can achieve our goals.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Attended to today’s newsletter is a timesheet for parent/teacher interviews. Please come and see us if you haven’t secured a time yet. Open communication between the parents and teachers is an extremely important part of our philosophy at Oxley Primary School.

Netball
Please find information attached to the newsletter about the local netball competition in Wangaratta for Primary aged students. Thank you Renee for helping to coordinate this.

Pancake Day
Pancake Day will be next Tuesday 4th March. All students will be able to have a pancake as part of their recess snack.

Working Bee
Please pencil into your diaries on Friday 14th March a working bee directly after school. We
are hoping to paint the boys and girls toilets, clean up the garden and spread some soft fall under the playground. Please bring along any gardening equipment that you have or shovels to help spread the soft fall.

Somers
A reminder to all parents who have a child attending Somers Camp, if you could please pay the cost of this camp then this would be greatly appreciated as the school as already sent a cheque off for this camp.
Please come and see me if you need to set up a payment plan.
Once Wendy from Appin Park sends me the final correspondence for the camp, I will forward it on.
Jeremy Campbell – Principal
Oxley Primary School is committed to Nurturing confident, lifelong learners, in a friendly rural community.

PFA UPDATE from President Pam
A big thank you to Kate Byvoet –Mullins, Jean Box, Bec Hernandez, Helen Taylor, Renee Fraser and Kelly Mc Donald for supplying the home made food for our first fundraising event for the CARN community meeting at the Oxley Hall on Tuesday night. This event raised $200 for Oxley School. Please support the fundraiser meat raffle organized by Tony Hughes. Tickets are available in the front foyer of the school and the meat raffle will be drawn at our community BBQ on the 27th February.
Our next fundraiser is the hot cross buns supplied by Baker’s Delight and with every 1 dozen hot cross buns ordered they will give a $3 bread voucher to be used in store.

FRIDAY SINGING CLASS
If you are in Grades P-4 and love to sing come and join the Friday Singing Group. 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm for anyone interested. Learn how to sing while having FUN! These classes are run by parent volunteer Rachel Rockett.

PARENT FEES
Thank you to those parents who have paid their fees in full and those who have made payment plans with Jaye. Parent fees for 2014 are now due. They are $175 per child, per year. This money goes towards books, pencils, cluster days, arts performances, end of year activities, etc. We are happy to except this money in stages throughout the year and would be happy to speak with any families in regards to setting up a payment plan i.e. $40 per term, $10 per week via internet banking. We are also requesting $25 per family for employment of a gardener. This is to eliminate the need for families to go on a mowing roster. There will be major excursions; camps and swimming that are a separate cost during the year. All payments can be made with cash, cheque or Direct deposit.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN
All parents that are involved in reading, school camps, bike hikes, etc. within the school are required to have an up to date working with children check. Forms can be collected from the post office. This is free of charge as you are a volunteer of the school.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
This term we have had to make a change due to one of our coaches being unavailable so we have Robyn Denyer doing Calisthenics session and Kristie Vearing running a hockey session. Hockey training will run on Tuesdays from the 11th February, between 3.45 pm and 4.45 pm. Calisthenics will run on a Thursday from the 13th February, between 3.45 pm and 4.45 pm. Permission forms will need to be completed and can be collected from the office or Helen in OOSH.
We need more students to participate in this program to keep it going, so please encourage your child to join if they are interested.