MEAT RAFFLE No. 2
Due to the great success of our first meat raffle and raising $84.60 profit we are holding another one. Tickets are available from the school office and the winner will be drawn on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April. Tickets are $1.00 or 3 for $2.00. Thank you again to Tony Hughes for organising this fundraiser. Bruce said the meat was delicious and winners are grinners!

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Monday
A reminder that Monday is a public holiday and that this is a student free day. There will be no OOSH available on this day.

SNOW ROAD SPORTS 2014
A reminder to parents that this year’s Snow Road Sports are fast approaching. They are being held on Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April at the Appin Park Athletics Track. Come along and cheer on Oxley PS to what could be a win for the blue team! This year there are more schools involved. We will require parent helpers on the day to help with events, first, etc. A roster will be in the next newsletter. Parents will be required to get their children to the park and collect them on the day.

PRINCIPALS REPORT
What a busy 2 weeks we have had with the parent BBQ last week, come dressed as who you want to be day, delicious pancakes being served on Tuesday, school photos and parent/teacher interviews last night and again tonight. Well Done

A huge congratulations to our school leaders who organised the ‘I want to be day’ last week. It was incredibly successful with a total tally of $189.50 raised on the day. This day was well supported by Leticia, Sienna and
Callem’s initiative to make cupcakes to sell on the day. Well done everyone!

**Thank You**

I would like to thank all of my staff that have either organised or taken the time to meet with all parents over the week to discuss the progress of your child. I know that it is greatly appreciated from the entire Oxley Community, so thank you.

I would also like to thank Jaye and President Pam again for the organisation of our BBQ last week and it was great to see so many happy students, running around with huge smiles on their faces. A special thank you to Tony Hughes who organised the meat raffle and Fia, Kellie, Jean and Bruce who helped cooked the BBQ and everyone who helped clean up the plates. Sorry if I have missed anyone.

Once again on Tuesday we held another successful Pancake Day that had everyone smiling and licking their lips. Thank you Helen and Wayne who organise this event each year as well as Deb, Pam and Kate who all pitched in to help on the day.

**It’s Not Ok to be Away**

School attendance is a hot topic at the moment in education and is being splashed around the media. The Victorian Education Department has developed the slogan that ‘It’s Not Ok to be Away’, which stresses the importance that school attendance is an extremely important part of your child’s education.

I have attached the brochure put out by the department and I encourage you to take the time to read about the importance of attendance on your child’s academic progress.

**Spelling Program**

On Tuesday night at our staff meeting we refined and improved what we are doing with our spelling program.

At Oxley we aim to have a word study session for 10 – 15 minutes every day.

Within this word study session we;

- Concentrate on a core list of words for each year level, eg. days of the week, month, most used words, etc
- Focus on particular strategies or patterns within words,
- Look, Pronounce, Cover, Write and Check the word.

If you are interested in the core list of words that your child is working on to support them at home, feel free to call in and get them of your child’s teacher.

**School Sores**

We have had a couple of reports of school sores over the last week so I thought it would be appropriate to attach an information sheet about what school sores look like, how they can be treated and when your child can return to school. Please read through the attached information sheet.

**Easter Raffle**

Once again we are holding our traditional Easter Raffle and ask for each family to supply an item of chocolate for this raffle. Items can be placed in the basket located in the foyer. All chocolate eggs and bunnies will then be put together in to a number of different raffle items. Attached to today’s newsletter are raffle tickets for the raffle which can be sold for 50 cents a ticket. Please come and see us if you need more tickets. Fingers crossed that you buy a winning ticket!

Jeremy Campbell – Principal

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**ITALIAN AT OXLEY PS**

What the students have learnt for term 1...

Xavier: Italy has 3 active volcanoes that could blow up at any time. One of them is in the
ocean and people live there. It's called Mt. Stromboli.
Addisyn: we have been learning facts about Italy... like Italy could fit into Australia around 25 times.
Fraser: today we learnt how to sing "twinkle twinkle little star" in Italian. We decorated stars with shiny silver paper.

Here's how the song goes:
Brilla brilla piccola Stella
dimmi dimmi cosa fai.

Sopra noi tu scintilli
e nel cielo brilli brilli.

Brilla brilla piccola Stella
dimmi dimmi cosa fai.

Maddie: we have been counting to ten in Italian.
Uno due tre Quattro cinque sei sette Otto nove dieci
Callem: we made an Italian flag and stars.
Ava: Italian is fun.
Sacha: we have been learning lots of different interesting things about Italy.
Zac: we get to play tombola which is Italy's version of bingo.
Tyler: we have been learning heaps of numbers from 0 to 100 ( zero a cento) and beyond .

Teagan: I’m really good at Italian because I had an amazing Italian teacher at my last school...it was Lisa!!.

All of the children have been enthusiastic and have gotten back into learning the Italian language. Bravo a tutti! Lisa Gardner

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.

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE – WE ARE REPRESENTED!
This year Shania Hamilton in Grade 5 is raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation and dying her hair as part of the World’s Greatest Shave. Shania is taking donations now, they can be made at the school office where there is a little triangular blue box. This shows great initiative and maturity. Well done Shania and good luck!

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.

Moyhu CFA needs more people to join in their fun games! If you are interested please see Olivia (in Grade 6) and she will explain all the details to you!
I WANT 2 BE DAY