NEWSLETTER 8 – Week ending 21st March

IMPORTANT DATES
TERM 1

MARCH
Monday 24th  
Art – Seniors

Tuesday 25th  
Music
AAS - Calisthenics

Wednesday 26th  
Art – Juniors
School Council & AGM

Thursday 27th  
Italian
AAS – Hockey

Monday 31st  
Library/Science
2015 Prep Gathering
2.45pm to 3.30pm

APRIL
Tuesday 1st  
Blueearth/Music

Wednesday 2nd  
SNOW ROAD SPORTS

Thursday 3rd  
Italian

Friday 4th  
Cluster Day at Whorouly
LAST DAY OF TERM
2.30pm Finish

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday to Makayla Tobin. We hope you have a great day!

HOT CROSS BUNS
A reminder that forms are due back tomorrow. Please get them in ASAP. Buns will be available for collection on Thursday 3rd April after 3pm.

SNOW ROAD SPORTS 2014
Important reminder to parents that this year’s Snow Road Sports are fast approaching. They are being held on Wednesday 2nd April at the Appin Park Athletics Track. Come along and cheer on Oxley PS to what could be a win for the blue team! You are more than welcome and encouraged to come dressed in school colours for this event.

We have randomly added names to the time table this year however please let Jeremy know if the time slots don’t suit you. If your name isn’t there and you can help on the day, please also see Jeremy.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Thursday night football tonight and the mighty cats are playing, I thought that it might be worthwhile putting this photo in the newsletter this week of Lenny and Judd Campbell wearing their Geelong jumpers. Go cats!

Annual Report

Next Wednesday I will present the Annual Report at our Annual General Meeting. This report is broken into 3 sections; achievement, engagement and wellbeing.

I thought that I would include into today’s newsletter what I have written about each of these 3 sections.

Achievement

Oxley Primary School’s achievement is similar to that of the state average in both areas of English and Mathematics.

Our NAPLAN 4 year trends are slightly above the state average with the exception of the numeracy in the year 5 level which is at the state average.

Our NAPLAN relative growth data, year 3 results and year 5 results, demonstrated a particular strength in the numeracy area for high growth with 33% of students in this band. Overall 75% of our students demonstrated medium to high growth in all areas apart from writing which is a focus for our Annual Implementation Plan in 2014.

Our AIP outlines the following 6 key areas of focus for Oxley Primary in 2014 based around student learning;

- Explicit teaching and modelling of the writing process as well as ongoing feedback to individual students to improve and move each student’s capacity to write.
- A clear understanding from all staff of what best practice looks like when setting up the protocols within your room, explicit teaching of concepts and how to provide effective feedback to all students.
- Improved data of both students performing below the expected level and also above the expected level with a minimum requirement of a one year growth within the National Curriculum.
- Trialling student led conferences and portfolios which will be supported by the use of Individual Learning Program goals.
- ICT being used regularly across all year levels within the classrooms to engage and extend the students.

Engagement

Oxley’s Student Attendance was slightly better than the state average with attendance rates at or above 93% across all year levels. As a whole all our students love coming to school and are engaged in their learning.

Oxley Primary School uses a wide range of avenues to engage the students from a variety of extra-curricular activities, specialized programs that include Italian, science, library, music, Blue Earth as well as through to the incorporation of iPads into the classrooms.

Excursions and incursions attended in 2013 to take what the students have learnt in the classroom into the real world included; the Young Leaders Conference in Melbourne for our school captains, 4 cluster days throughout the year, a visit to the Ned Kelly Museum, the Snow Road Sports, Life Education Van, Bike Education Week, a bike ride to Milawa with the year 5 and 6 students, the planting of trees and shrubs alongside the school building, bike hike for the year 5 and 6 students to Myrtleford, excursion to the Melbourne Zoo, year 4, 5 and 6 inter-school sport on Fridays, six transition days for our 2014 preps, ACMA presentation for children on cyber bullying, a skiing excursion, a year 3 and 4 camp, swimming at the YMCA pool in Wangaratta, year 5 and 6 camp to Canberra, health education lessons for the year 5 and 6 students, a prep, 1 and 2 sleepover, a Remembrance Day ceremony at the Oxley Park, a grade 5 and 6 sleepover, graduation for the year 6 students and our end of year concert.

Wellbeing

Oxley’s students are happy students and feel that they are part of what happens at school which is strongly backed up by the attitudes
to school data which is of a higher level when compared to the schools of similar socio-economic and proportion of non-English speaking families.
The whole school approach to both attendance and developing student attitudes means that all students are engaged with all facets of school curricular and develop effective working relationships with their teachers. I believe that this is a real strength of the school and the teachers are to be congratulated for this.
For students to be connected to the school the process starts in the prep years and we work extremely hard on making sure that the preps have a smooth transition.
We have a clear set of school values and set extremely high expectations that all students achieve this. Our year 6 leaders play a major part in running each weeks assembly and discussing issues around the school as well as rewarding positive behaviour.
Our AIP outlines the following key area of focus for Oxley Primary in 2014 based around Student Engagement;
Continue to embed the school values into each classroom as well as in the playground which is supported by our Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy. Programs such as ‘Blueearth’, Restorative Practices’ and ‘Bounce Back’ will be used to support the teachers with strategies in these areas.

Enrolments for 2015 and 2016
We have had a number of phone calls regarding 2015 enrolments and I have been informing everyone to have your child enrolled as soon as possible as we are having a playgroup session for this group hopefully before the end of the term and also another 2 sessions during term 2. This will give them a fantastic opportunity to get to know each other before they start next year and also for their transition days in term 3 and 4. If you currently have a child who will be enrolling for next year please spread the word.
We will have the first 2015 Prep gathering on Monday 31st March at 2.45pm until 3.30pm.

Somers Camp
A reminder for Somers Camp and parents visiting day.....

Eastlink will be closed on Sunday, 23 March due to the Melbourne Iron Man event running the cycle section on the road. Please find an alternate route.

School Council and AGM
School Council will be next Wednesday 26th March. We will be holding our AGM and regular School Council meeting of the new board. This meeting will start at 7:30 pm. There is some homework that I’m still chasing from a lot of members from our last meeting.

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

SEAL PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHT
Wangaratta High School are now confirming the following dates for the selection process for our Select Entry and Accelerated Learning Program at Wangaratta High School (Year 7 2015): *Thursday 1st May – Compulsory SEAL Program Information evening 6.30pm for all student applicants for Year 7 2015 (current grade 5s may also attend).
*Friday 16th May – Applications are due in
*Tuesday 27th May – Selection Test 9am-12.30pm

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families that have donated towards our annual Easter raffle. It would be great to get some more prizes so please keep them coming in!

MEAT RAFFLE No. 2
Tickets are available from the school office and the winner will be drawn on Wednesday 2nd April. Tickets are $1.00 or 3 for $2.00.

ATTACHMENTS
Please find attached to this newsletter permission forms for the Snow Road Sports and Cluster Day. There are no charges for these events. Please return completed notices to your child/rens classroom teacher. Thank you.
3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders
Easter Specials and Promotion!!!
Snack Special: (available at recess only)
Fresh hot cross bun, warmed with butter $1.50
Lunch Special:
Chicken Schnitzel Burger $3.50

Promotion:
Every online order goes into the draw to win a $25 lunch order voucher. Drawn 2nd April
Orders must be online at www.3rdlittleduck.com.au
(payment can be via paypal, credit card, direct debit or cash)

OPEN DOOR
OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE
61 Burke Street, Wangaratta 3677
Open Door Neighbourhood House offers a licenced Occasional Child Care facility that is safe and secure with qualified staff. Sessions run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 1pm during the school term.
All children aged between 6months and school age are welcome to attend.
$25 per session with Health Care Card
$30 per session with no card
Please call (03) 5721 9175 for more information and to secure a place for the future.