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NEWSLETTER 11 – Week ending 24th April, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2

APRIL
Friday 25th ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 28th PUPIL FREE DAY – Teachers PD with Kaey Cobbin
Tuesday 29th Blueearth AAS – Karate

MAY
Thursday 1st School Council 7.30pm
Fundraising Meeting 7pm
Italian
Monday 5th ART – Seniors
Tuesday 6th AAS – Karate
Bike Education Trailer
Wednesday 7th ART – Juniors
Bike Education Trailer
Thursday 8th Bike Education Trailer
Italian
AAS – Skateboarding
Water Incursion
Bike Education Trailer
Monday 12th LIBRARY/SCIENCE
2015 Preps Playgroup
Tuesday 13th NAPLAN TESTING
Blueearth AAS – Karate
Wednesday 14th NAPLAN TESTING
Thursday 15th NAPLAN TESTING
Italian
Friday 16th Grade 5/6 Bike Ride to Milawa
AAS – Skateboarding
Monday 19th ART – Seniors
Tuesday 20th AAS – Karate
Wednesday 21st ART – Juniors
Thurs/Fri 22/23 GRADE 5/6 BIKE HIKE

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY and PUPIL FREE DAY
A reminder that TOMORROW Friday 25th is a Public Holiday. There will be no school on this day. Monday 28th April is a Pupil Free day as the staff will be having a professional learning day with Keay Cobbin.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday this week (and over the holidays) to Ava Byrne, Jess Elkan, Lily Mullins and Ella White.

2015 PREP PLAYGROUP
Our first Playgroup for 2014 was a great success! It was fantastic to see our future students arrive and leave with smiles on their faces. Thanks to Bec for her help on the day. The next Playgroup will be held on MONDAY 12th May, 2014.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

A huge welcome back to everyone and it was great to see so many smiling faces on the first day. This means that everyone is refreshed and ready for an exciting term 2 ahead. Thank you to everyone that has replied regarding our next fundraiser. Please find below a roster as it stands. We need a lot more people to be able to commit to this day. A yes or no will be given on Tuesday...
afternoon so please let us know if you are able to help out. Thanks to those of you who are unavailable but are able to help out in other ways.

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Oxley Primary School was a very busy place over the break with many students attending our vacation care program. Helen and Bec are to be congratulated for the fantastic job that they do not only running the vacation care program but also the OOSH program each night. We are very lucky to have both of them at Oxley Primary School. Well done! I would also like to thank Deb White who spent many hours painting the boys and girls toilets over the break as well as Franco Corsini and his apprentice Leticia who spent 2 days testing and tagging all of the electrical equipment within the school. Thank You!

**Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day – 28th April**
We have a Pupil Free day on Monday, 28th April at Glenrowan Primary School. The entire staff across the cluster will be working with Keay Cobbin again. This session will look deeper into *explicitly teaching* the following 6 traits of writing. These are:

**Ideas**
- The Ideas are the main message, the content of the piece, the main theme, together with all the supporting details that enrich and develop that theme.

**Organisation**
- Organization is the internal structure of a piece of writing, the thread of central meaning, the pattern and sequence, so long as it fits the central idea.

**Voice**
- Voice is the writer coming through the words, the sense that a real person is speaking to us and cares about the message. It is the heart and soul of the writing, the magic, the wit, the feeling, the life and breath.

**Word Choice**
- Word Choice is the use of rich, colourful, precise language that communicates not just in a functional way, but in a way that moves and enlightens the reader.

**Sentence Fluency**
- Sentence Fluency is the rhythm and flow of the language, the sound of word patterns, the way in which the writing plays to the ear, not just to the eye. How does it sound when read aloud? That’s the test.

**Conventions**
- Conventions are the mechanical correctness of the piece and include five elements:
Two simple activities that you can do at home to encourage your child to write are;

- Encourage your child to write at any opportunity that arises. This helps them see the need for writing and why it is important that you can correctly structure your sentences and spell. This may include any of the following activities; a list for shopping, a letter/email to a family member, stories, cards on special occasions, a diary, etc.
- Model yourself as a writer and share with your child what you have written. Turn off the TV some nights or on a Sunday and get everyone in the family to write for 20 minutes and share what they have written. You all might write about the adventures of a pet you have in the household or a recount of the camping trip that you have just been on.

**Term 2** is a fantastic term at Oxley and there are many extra curricular activities for the students to look forward to, which include;

- **Tuesday 6th – 9th May:** The bike education trailer will be here for the week and the students are asked to bring in their own bikes. This is one of the best weeks of the year at Oxley Primary School and an incredibly important week for our students as many of them are already currently riding the bike paths around Oxley or will be in the future. Please bring your child’s bike in on the Monday of this week. The bikes need to be checked at home before they come to school, making sure that both the front and back brakes are working. Please also make sure that your child has their own helmet and that this fits them correctly.
- **Friday 9th May:** A visit from North East Water who will cover a range of topics from ‘Where is water in the world? to ‘Water Issues across the World’.
- **22nd – 23rd May:** The year 5 and 6 students head off on their annual Bike Hike overnight camp to Bright. Mr Shaw will be sending out further information about this.
- **28th May:** Our captains and vice captains will be attending the leadership conference in Albury.
- **30th May:** This term our cluster day will be at Whrouly Primary School and we will be watching Cinderella which will be performed by Opera Australia.

**Active After School**
This term we have karate (Tuesday) and skateboarding (Thursday). Karate will be starting next week however skateboarding won’t be starting until the 8th May. Stefan has asked me to put the following requirements in the newsletter and a for all parents to sign the attached SbA 2014 Hub Membership form if your child will be attending the skate board sessions.

- Maximum is 16 participants.
- Girls should wear shorts or pants (sports uniform).
- Joggers would be preferred but not necessary.
- Due to the size of protective gear preference is to be given to the older students, again this is not a necessity.
- Please distribute and collect the attached waivers prior to commencement. The Waiver form must be completed and signed by every participant/guardian and returned to me before we commence (on the day is fine).

**Extended Break**
If you’re travelling over this extended break please make sure that you drive safely.

**Jeremy Campbell**
“Committed to nurturing confident, lifelong learners in a friendly rural community”

**Update 3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders:**
Welcome back to term 2! In the attached flyer see details of our menu changes and the term 2 specials which we welcome back some old favourites, mini pizza’s for lunch ($3.00) and choc truffle balls ($1.50) for snack.
Also in the coming colder months we will be looking to run some soup days so keep watch on the website and the newsletters for details. Thanks Annie www.3rdlittleduck.com.au

**EASTER RAFFLE**
Thank you to all the parents and members of the community that supported our Annual Easter Raffle. This year $259.20 was raised and there were lots of happy faces with most prizes being won by the students. Well done everyone!

**AROUND OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**GRADE 5/6 PRESENTATIONS**

**STUDYING THE ANZACS**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Select Entry and Accelerated Learning Program (SEAL) – 2015 Year 7 intake. A program for Gifted, Talented & Highly Able Students.

- Challenging, fast paced program.
- Differentiated curriculum.
- Like-minded peers.

Selection criteria includes attendance at information evening, compulsory entry test, parent/teacher nominations & interviews.

**Compulsory Information Evening for all 2015 applicants**
Thursday 1st May at 6.30pm
High School Performing Arts Centre
Access via Edwards St car park
Grade 5 & 6 students interested in applying for 2015 must attend. Find out more about the program. Meet our students
Application forms will be available on the night.
Apply before Friday 16th May
Entry test Tuesday 27th May 9am-12.30pm.
SEAL Program Coordinator 5723 0500

**Galen Catholic College Year 7 2015**
Information Evening 7th May 7.00pm in the Max Fletcher Auditorium. To book a tour please go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
MISSING DOGS
BLACK AND WHITE BORDER COLLIE & MALTESE X SHITZU.
BOTH MICRO CHIPPED & REGISTERED.

MUCH LOVED FAMILY PETS, OWNERS DESPERATE TO BE REUNITED. PLEASE CALL - KATRINA 0403282972.