IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 2

Some dates to add Haw players and ride to Milawa

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

Friday 9th
Water Incursion
Bike Education Trailer

Monday 12th
LIBRARY/SCIENCE
2015 Preps Playgroup

Tuesday 13th
NAPLAN TESTING
Bluearth
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

PRINCIPALS REPORT

I hope everyone had a very enjoyable long weekend with their children. Last Friday was a very important day in Australia. Anzac Day now goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. The teachers throughout last week reinforced with the children the meaning of why we have ANZAC day and the importance of this day.

Mrs Farrell walked through Mr Shaw’s room the first day back and thought that a bomb had gone off. This is the environment that Mr Shaw had wanted to create with all of his students hiding away in their bomb shelters and completing their work. These shelters were so effective that at one stage on returning to the classroom Mr Shaw could not

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.

BIKE EDUCATION WEEK

From 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 next Monday and we will store them in the shed for the 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Zac Parker. We hope you had a great day.
see or hear a single student as they worked away on their stories.

Below is a poster of the work completed by the year 5 and 6 students who sent letters home from their trenches at school.

Tips for Home

We have such a wide range of activities that we complete now at school which means that it is a very stimulating and engaging place to be. This week I have decided to include some tips that you can do at home to assist your child with their reading.

Reading

I love this quote by Dr Seuss and believe that it is very true.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

It is very important that reading is seen as something that is not only important at home but it is also enjoyable. This can be demonstrated as simply as you reading your favourite books to your child each night when they go to bed.

Some tips to help at home include;

Agree on a set time each night / morning that your child is going to read to you and sit to this. Children really enjoy routine and they will end up reminding you that it is time to read.

Complete any sight words that they may have each night with them.

When your child reads to you, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:

Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
Look at the picture, what word makes sense?

What letter does it start with? What sound does the letter make?
What letter does it end with?

It’s also important for you to show your child how you read every day for different purposes, for example: recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs, and websites.

Book talk is an important part of reading. Chat about the book before, during and after reading and really encourage your child to talk about their ideas and ask questions about the book.

Here are some questions you can ask at different times before, during and after reading the book:

What would you like to read about?
Would you like to choose a book you know?
Look at the cover – what do you think this book is about?
How could we work out these tricky words?
What do you think is going to happen next?
What was your favourite part of the book?
Who was your favourite character in the story? Why did you like that character?
If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be?

Visit your local library or school library to select and read books together.

Draw or paint pictures about the scenes or characters.

Explore words using a dictionary.

Talk about what authors and illustrators do.

Point out important things about a book – for example, the front cover, the spine, the contents page, or the title.

Two computer based programs that we use at school to help engage and extend our students are Ziptales (year 3 – 6) and Reading Eggs (years Prep – 2). The websites are as follow;

  (username: oxley password: oxleyyps)

Enjoy reading with your child.

National Family Reading Month

May is National Family Reading Month and as part of this initiative attached is information on how you could win $250 worth of book vouchers. It is as simple as reading 10
minutes every day in May to be in the chance to win.

**Missing Lawn Mower**
We are missing one hand pushed lawn mower. I believe that someone may have borrowed it but can’t remember exactly who that was. If you have it could you please let me know.

**Year 6 T-Shirts**
We are counting down the days until the year 6 t-shirts arrive. Unfortunatly their has been a printing problem which has been out of our control. We thank you for your understanding on this matter.

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

- Term two will see our grade 2, 3 and 4’s participate in an integrated topic “Earn & Learn” that will focus on different careers and skills around earning, saving and spending money. One of the key ideas of the program will be exposing students to a wide range of available professions and how these have developed over time.
  
  In order to provide an engaging program Mr Porter and Ms Collihole are requesting parents join us to share your experience in the various fields. There is a separate note attached to the newsletter that you need to return if you can help out.

- 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’.

- 16th May: Year 5 and 6 students will be riding down to visit the students at Milawa Primary School as practise for their bike hike the following week. Information and permission forms will be sent out by Mr Shaw so keep an eye out for these.

- 15th May: I am going to take the year 3 and 4 students in to visit the Hawthorn players who will be in town. I am looking for one or two parent volunteers to attend this excursion with me. Permission forms will be sent home with your child.

- 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 started this 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).

Jeremy Campbell
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**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
A Mother’s Day Stall will be held at the school on Wednesday 7th May.
If you would like to buy your mum something special please bring along some money.
There will be items for sale ranging from $1.00 to $5.00. Please do not send any more than $5.00 and make sure that the money is in an envelope with the students name on it.
Thank you to Pam for organising the stall this year.

**STICK FOR ROZ**
Could all senior students please bring a stick for art this week. It is needed for your masterpieces!

**PIANO LESSONS**
Piano lessons continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Please help your child to remember their books on the correct days.
Tuesday lessons – Abby, Rori, James, Emily, Andrea & Julia
Wednesday lessons – Sienna, Nicole & Lucy

**3rd Little Duck Lunch Orders: Mondays and Fridays**
Welcome back to term 2!! 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

**AROUND OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**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 16\textsuperscript{th} May  
Entry test Tuesday 27\textsuperscript{th} 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