IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 3

**JULY**
- Thursday 17th: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 18th: Grade 2/3/4 Art Gallery Visit
- Monday 21st: Library/Science
- Tuesday 22nd: Music, Blueearth, Finance Meeting
- Wednesday 23rd: Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday 24th: Baseball Clinic Incursion
- Friday 25th: OLC Grade 4-6 Sports at Barr Reserve, National Plant a Tree Day
- Monday 28th: ART 3-6
- Tuesday 29th: AAS Athletics 3.45 – 4.45pm
- Wednesday 30th: AAS Tennis 3.45 – 4.45pm
- Thursday 31st: School Council – date change – 7:30 pm

**AUGUST**
- Friday 1st: OLC Grade 4-6 Sports at Barr Reserve
- Monday 4th: Library/Science
- Tuesday 5th: Music, Blueearth
- Wednesday 6th: AAS Athletics 3.45 – 4.45pm, AAS Tennis 3.45 – 4.45pm
- Friday 8th: OLC Grade 4-6 Sports at Wangaratta High School
- Monday 11th: ART 3-6
- Tuesday 12th: AAS Athletics 3.45 – 4.45pm

To view the events that are being held for the entire term at Oxley PS go to our website at: [http://www.oxleyps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.oxleyps.vic.edu.au/)

**OXLEY KIDS NEWS**

**BIRTHDAYS**
Happy birthday this week to Layla Williams, Brodie Zanin and Alyssa Tully. We hope you had/have a great day!

**OLIVIA’S FUNDRAISER – Last day of Term**
This is the article that was seen in the Wangaratta Chronicle for Olivia’s fundraiser. Olivia would also like to thank everyone for their support and she raised exactly $365.50!

**OPS helps the Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs Australia**

Oxley Primary School students were lucky enough to have a visit organised by Olivia Cavicchiolo, a Year 6 student at Oxley PS as part of her fundraiser on the last day of term to raise much needed funds for The Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs Australia.

Olivia is friends with Travis and Ashley Andrews who are working closely with the CSTDA to help with their Autism. Currently they are working with Bella the Labrador that helps them with everyday life and she makes them very happy.

Steven Cavicchiolo and his dog Ivy from the CSTDA spoke with students about his role within the organisation and demonstrated how well trained even a puppy can be in regards to helping people who are need of the service.

Estella Hernandez, Year 1 put the visit down in her words – This morning Steven came to our school to teach us about a Labrador called Ivy. She is a dog. She is a therapy dog. She relaxes people so they don’t get stressed and when Steven put a little crumb of biscuit on his hand, Ivy followed Steven. Ivy is a very good dog.

As part of the fundraiser students wore casual clothes, ate hot dogs and cupcakes and raised over $300. Ivy was a big hit with the kids! Congratulations Olivia on taking the initiative to help others in need!
PIANO
Abby passed her Grade 1 exam with an A for the piano. Congratulations Abby from all the staff and students of OPS and Heather!

UP COMING EVENTS FOR THE STUDENTS
ART GALLERY VISIT
The year 2, 3 and 4 students are visiting the fourth biennial *Petite: Miniature Textiles* exhibition at the Wangaratta Art Gallery tomorrow. This exhibition goes from strength to strength, with artists from around the country participating in this project, displaying contemporary textiles that are no larger the 30x30x30cm. It should be a lot of fun and I look forward to looking at some of the photos from the exhibition when the students return tomorrow.

PLANT A TREE DAY – Next Friday 25th July – YEARS PREP - 3
This year we have registered with the 2014 Schools National Tree Day. We will receive 100 trees that we can plant around the school grounds to do our bit in looking after the environment. If you are available and would like to join the students in planting a tree on this day everyone is welcome. We will be planting from 9am onwards. If you have a spare hand spade at home it would be great if you could send your child along with it on this day. Bunnings have also asked if they can join us and have generously donated shrubs and plants to fill out a new wildlife space at the back of the school. This is part of the Planet Ark initiative. Thank you to both groups for their very kind donations.

OLC SPORT – YEAR 4 – 6
The year 4, 5 and 6 students have inter school sport on Friday 25th July, Friday 1st August and Friday 8th August (which also includes a Wangaratta High School Transition Day)
We have hired two basketball courts, one indoor soccer field and 6 racquetball courts. This means that we will be running the following sports; basketball, indoor soccer and squash.
The sports will be held at the BARR Reserve from 1.15 - 2.45pm. Permission forms are attached to this newsletter.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
This year we will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart. Students have received their forms and Jump Off will happen on Friday 12th September. Keep posted for more information!

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL
The 2 sports we are running as our Active After School program this term are athletics and tennis. These sports will be held on a Tuesday (athletics) and Wednesday (tennis) night from 3:45 – 4:45 pm.

ANGLESEA CAMP – YEAR 5 - 6
A second letter and medical forms were handed out today in regards to the Anglesea camp. Please return the medical forms by Friday 8th August.

SNOW TRIP
An expression of interest form was sent out on Tuesday. This form is due back tomorrow so that we can calculate final costing as well as the number of days that we will be going up. If you would like to attend the ski excursion with the students please let us know and we will endeavour to take up as many parents as we can.

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION
EMA – August 2014
Education Maintenance Allowance Part 2 is due to come in August.
If you applied in March there is no need to reapply. If you have a new concession card and would like to apply please see me for forms. I must have these forms back by the end of the week.
Please note EMA will not be available next year. This is the last payment.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION – new information – Year 5 - 6
Please find attached to this newsletter, a Parent Consent Form for Special Religious Instruction. There is an information sheet also attached with all the details on this program. RI at Oxley PS is only offered to students in Years 5 & 6.

MUSIC AND RUTH
We are very lucky to again have Ruth come in and volunteer her time to teach the students music this term. Ruth is also involved with the Ostinato group that will be performing at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre on Sunday 20th July from 2.30 to 4.00pm. If you are interested bookings can be made at www.wangarattapac.com.au

PRINCIPALS REPORT
What a fantastic term 3 we have planned for all the students at Oxley Primary School. A huge thank you to all the parents that were in last night for Parent/Teacher interviews and those who are in tonight to discuss the progress of your child and ways that you may be able to support your child at home.

I would like to welcome Mrs Howard back to the school for term 3. Ana will be teaching the year 5 and 6 students while Mr Shaw is on leave. Ana was with us for the entire second semester last year and brings a wealth of knowledge across the curriculum from teaching at a variety of schools over her career as well as an enthusiastic and contagious attitude towards teaching.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bec and Helen for the manner in which they ran another engaging and exciting holiday program which was fully booked out. We are very lucky to have Bec and Helen running this program at the school.

Half way through the year and it is probably a good idea to re-visit the expectations that we have within our school.

The shared expectations of the school and community are designed to promote the following values in and out of the school:

Respect:
Showing respect at Oxley Primary School is when:
* We actively listen with our eyes and ears and follow instructions,
* We use our manners and are fair to others,
* We have a positive attitude and always try to do our best.

Care:
Caring at Oxley Primary School is when:
* People treat you the way you would like to be treated,
* You look after the schools and other people’s property,
* We look after the environment.

Honesty:
Honesty at Oxley Primary School is when:
* You do something wrong, you own up to it and it makes you feel relieved,
* You self-umpire in games,
* You are true to yourself and don’t try to be someone else.

Responsibility:
Being responsible at Oxley Primary School is when:
* You complete the tasks you have been asked to do,
* You take care of others and their property,
* You are reliable and trustworthy to be counted on,
* You take control of your own actions / the way you act.

Excellence:
Excellence at Oxley Primary School is when:
* You put in lots of effort into everything you do,
* You keep the school clean and tidy,
Our behaviour is always of the highest standard.
We act from what we think not from our emotions.
We therefore expect everyone that enters the school to uphold these values written by the students and the teachers.

Our school uniform is also an important aspect of our shared expectations and we ask all parents to make sure that they send their child to school in the correct uniform. I believe that it is a great advertisement for the school, (whether we are on an excursion or I’m showing prospective parents around the
school), to see all students in the correct uniform. Uniforms can be ordered from the school and these order forms can be picked up at the office or from Steers in Wangaratta.

Parents and Friends
Our next Parents and Friends meeting is Wednesday 23rd July from 7:30 pm onwards. Pam has been running an excellent meeting with a great spread of nibbles as well as a drop of the local wine. Everyone in the community is welcome!

Enrolments 2015 & 2016
We are currently actively promoting Oxley Primary School in the community and are looking at confirming any prep enrolments for next year as well as in 2016. We currently have 10 preps enrolled for 2015.
If you know of anyone still looking for a school for their child then send them in for a tour.
I have had 2 parent emails come through yesterday after a parent had recommended our school, so please keep spreading the word.

School Council
There has been a School Council change of date to Thursday 31st July. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

Bush Dance
Due to such a hectic term our bush dance will now be held during the final term. I will let you know the exact date once I know it.

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

3rd LITTLE DUCK LUNCH ORDERS
This term we will be having some winter warmer seasonal specials and there are a couple of changes to the menu (Calippo’s are off the menu for the winter term, will be back in term 4 and chicken tenders price has slightly increased due to a change in supplier however they are a larger size)
There are 2 snack specials: Chocolate truffle balls x 3 for $1.50 remain and a new one of a bag of crunchy noodles with chicken seasoning also $1.50
For lunch we have a yummy pumpkin soup with a bread roll for $3.00 and the chicken schnitzel burger with lettuce and mayo for $1.50.
Finally coming soon we will introduce SUSHI as a seasonal special onto the menu in Spring – watch the space for the types and price!!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
Enrolments for 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten in 2015 are being taken at the following Kindergartens - Appin Park, Christopher Robin, Glenrowan, Moyhu, Violet Town, Wangaratta West and The Hub. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the North East Regional Pre School Association (NERPSA) web site www.nerpsa.com.au, collected from the Kindergartens or NERPSA. Forms need to be returned to NERPSA, 1 Handley Street, Wangaratta 3677 by Friday 25th July, 2014.
Positions still available.

Hi Kids!
Thanks for joining your schools Jump Rope for Heart team. Together, we can have fun and help others. Your school Jump Off day is coming up soon so get skipping. Simply ask family and friends to help you raise money for a great cause! Why not try to use the internet to get sponsors. It’s fun! Log on to www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart and follow the directions! All you need to do is Click, Flick and Skip!

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