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NEWSLETTER 28 – Week ending 10th October 2014

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IMPORTANT DATES

In our special newsletter there was a Calendar of Term 4 dates. Each fortnight these dates will also appear in the box above. Please cross check these dates for any changes. Additions and changes so far are:

- 24/11 – Science Expo in the afternoon, more information will be sent out closer to the date by Mr Lawler,
- Swimming only 6 sessions,
- Prep, 1 and 2 sleepover will be held on the 4/12,
- The School Council dinner will be the 4/12,
- The year 5 and 6 sleepover will be on the 11/12.

Thank you Jaye.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday this week to Jessica Rice and Emma-Kate Vincent who celebrated their birthdays in the holidays and to Harry McDonald for tomorrow. We hope you had/have a great day!

BUSH DANCE – Important
Saturday 18th October
6pm onwards
Oxley PS Community Centre
LIVE BAND: Bush Telegraph
MEAL SUPPLIED
BYO DRINKS
$50 Family or $15 Adult & $10 child

There will be a PFA meeting TONIGHT at 4pm to discuss and allocate jobs for the lead up and evening. Please get behind them and support this night.

Please come along and invite your extended family and friends and make it a real community event for the school. So far the response has been small and if we do not get the numbers this night may not go ahead.

Numbers are required ASAP so please see Jeremy if you can make it!

SWIMMING 2014

This year we are holding our Swimming Program at YMCA, Barr Reserve in Wangaratta. Dates are included in the Important Dates. Lessons will run from 12.30 pm to 1.10pm. Students will leave OPS at approx. 11.45am and return at 1.45pm. Students are required to bring bathers and a towel to these sessions. Travel will be by bus. Attached to this newsletter is a permission form for these sessions. This year we have 6 sessions. The cost for this year’s swimming program is $50.00 per student. Payments are being accepted now.

HEADLICE/NITS

The wonderful “head pets” seem to have made a return over the holidays with the weather warming up. Please make sure to check your child/ren’s hair over on a regular basis. Thank you.
CLUSTER DAY – Term 4
This term’s Cluster Day is being held at Carraragarmungee PS on Wednesday. Please make sure students are in full school uniform and runners as there will be Bluearth games on this day. Students need to take a hat, drink bottle, snack and cut lunch. Attached to this newsletter is a permission form that needs to be returned by Tuesday next week. The charge of $15 for this event is covered by school fees.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL – Term 4
AAS starts back in week 3 (Tuesday 21st October). This term we are lucky to have Cricket on Tuesdays from 21/10 to 16/12 at 3.45pm to 4.45pm and Soccer on Wednesdays from 22/10 to 3/12 at 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

This program is free and a great way for your child to enjoy the wonderful weather that Oxley offers while getting fit and healthy after school. Students will receive a serve of fruit before the program starts.

PRINCIPAL REPORT
A huge welcome back to everyone for fourth term. It is always a very busy term for the teachers which means there are lots of exciting activities organised for the students. Yesterday I spent the morning listening to our Foundation students (Preps) reading their readers and I am constantly amazed by the growth that the students in Prep make throughout the year. This is because of a combination of reasons however I want to congratulate Mrs Batey for the job that she does in this room. She is an extremely dedicate and knowledgeable teacher who always gives the students at Oxley Primary School a flying start. Well done Mrs Batey!

Affirmations Board
Next week we will start with our affirmations board which is located next to the office. Students will affirm each other, parents or teachers for great behaviours they see around the school grounds. These behaviours will be based around our school values of honesty, responsibility, care, excellence or respect.

At the end of the month all nominations will be placed onto our website, with the best two acts/behaviours (nominated by the school leaders) receiving a $5 voucher from the Oxley Pantry.

RESILIENCE EVENING FOR PARENTS
Monday 20th October at 7pm
Resilience is one of the best life skills that we can have in life and depending on what is happening at any particular point in time can depend on our resilient threshold. If you are resilient you are able to cope reasonably well with difficult situations and things that go wrong and then ‘bounce back’. Throughout life children will need skills and attitudes to help them to bounce back. They will encounter everyday challenges such as making mistakes, falling out with a friend, moving house or school and losing a sports competition. Many will also face challenges such as adapting to family break ups, a stepfamily, the illness or death of a family member, or being bullied.

After talking to some colleagues in Melbourne and Geelong they have all recommended a presenter that they have recently had at their schools and said that their students, staff and parents gained a lot from hearing him talk. We have been lucky enough to secure Hugh Van Cuylenburg on the 20th October for both a staff professional development and also a parent professional development session. As we are holding this event as a cluster event we have decided to hold it at Milawa Primary School as it is central to all cluster schools.

The presentation will start at 7pm and go for approx. 1 hour & 40 minutes. Parents are asked to bring a plate of supper to share.

Jeremy Campbell
Principal
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ROTARY CLUB OF MILAWA OXLEY
Community Bonfire
Saturday 25th October at St Paul’s Anglican Church
Market Stalls and kid’s activities from 5pm
Gold Coin Donation
We need your pruned dead blackberries, wood, anything that will make a good fire (no tyres) for more details call John Davis on 0410 482 640