NEWSLETTER 29 – Week ending 17th October 2014

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4

October
Saturday 18th  OPS – Bush Dance
Monday 20th   ART 3-6
Tuesday 21st  SWIMMING at YMCA
Arts 22nd    AAS – Cricket
Thursday 23rd SWIMMING at YMCA
Friday 24th   SWIMMING at YMCA
Tuesday 28th  Blue Earth
AAS – Cricket
Wednesday 29th SWIMMING at YMCA
Thursday 30th SWIMMING at YMCA
Friday 31st   SWIMMING at YMCA

November
Saturday 1st  Oxley Bush Market Fundraiser
Monday 3rd   Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4th  MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 5th AAS – Soccer
Camps
4th December  Year P-2 Sleepover
10th – 12th December Year 3 & 4 Camp
11th December Year 5 & 6 Sleepover

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday this week to
Jack McDonald. We hope you had a great day!

PIANO CONCERT
This term we will be holding our Piano Concert on Wednesday 22nd October at 2pm. Everyone is welcome!

EVENTS FOR THE STUDENTS
SWIMMING 2014
Swimming starts on Tuesday!!! Students will leave OPS at approx. 11.45am and return at 1.45pm. Students are required to bring their bathers and a towel in a separate bag to these sessions. This year we have 6 sessions. First week – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Second week – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The cost for this year’s swimming program is $50.00 per student. Payments are being accepted now.

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.

EVENTS FOR PARENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY
SCHOOL COUNCIL
School Council is tonight, 7:30 pm.

BUSH DANCE – This Saturday!
Thank you to everyone who is coming along and supporting this fundraiser. We will be running some raffles throughout the evening so please bring along some change. Donations so far have come from Adventure Camping, The Oxley Pantry, $30 meat tray, 2 dozen eggs from Melissa Costello Free Range Eggs and a $20 Marvillas Restaurant and Bar voucher. Thank you to Tony Hughes and Veronica Retallack for collecting our raffle items.
If you are available to help with setup this will start at the shed on Saturday from 1pm. It is not too late to come! Details are as follows:
Saturday 18th October 6pm onwards
Oxley PS Community Centre
LIVE BAND: Bush Telegraph
MEAL SUPPLIED BYO DRINKS
$50 Family or $15 Adult & $10 child
RESILIENCE EVENING FOR PARENTS
Monday 20th October
7pm
Milawa Primary School
Please bring something to share for supper
It would be great if everyone could at least send along one parent representative to this evening.
Below is some feedback that Hugh has received from other workshops he has completed. I have also attached his flier to the newsletter.

Parents
"Just wanted to let you know how inspirational and amazing the session was last night. It was such an eye opener and really made me stop and think about what really matters. I will definitely try and adopt this approach at home as I am sure it will make us grateful for the things we have and make us really think about the things that matter rather than stress about insignificant things."
Karen, parent,
Boroondara Park Primary School

Teachers
“It was really refreshing to hear some ‘real’ and ‘powerful’ stories to gain some perspective in our work on student engagement. As well as sharing a smile and a laugh together, Hugh led our staff to another level of thinking in regards to personal, team and student engagement strategies, ones that we will be embedding in our work”
Richard H Crawshaw
Team Leader
Travancore School Parkville Campus

Universities
"There are no other programs out there teaching Positive Psychology in school like this one"
Associate Professor Lea Waters Scholes,
Director Mater in School Leadership
Melbourne University

Step Back Think
The people at The Resilience Project designed and facilitated our anti-violence program which has been rolled out Victoria wide. They have reached over 2000 students and have had extraordinary results. By drawing on the latest research around behaviour change and using a dynamic and engaging presentation style, they have ensured that their program is a must for schools wanting to address anti-social behaviour."
Sophie Rowe- CEO Step Back Think

BUSH MARKET 2014 – Saturday 1st Nov
Thank you to everyone who has returned their forms with availability to help out. The roster at this stage is below. There are still a lot of spaces to fill so please let us know if you can help on this day.

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<td>8am-10am</td>
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<td>10am-12pm</td>
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PRINCIPAL REPORT
Writing
This term the entire school and cluster is looking at the genre of poetry as part of our writing units of work for the first 6 weeks. This will allow both the students and teachers to share strategies of teaching poetry as well as actual samples that the kids have written. A perfect example of this is Mrs Batey inviting the year 2 students into her classroom this morning to listen to some of the poems that her students have written. I have included a few samples of these poems below.
As part of the work that each class will be doing on poetry are also holding a poetry competition for each year level. We hope to
make a school book/newspaper of all these poems and send out to the entire community.

Affirmations Board
There have been a number of students who have nominated their peers for outstanding behaviour / good deeds over the first 2 weeks of term 4. These nominations will be placed on our website with two winners receiving a voucher from the Oxley Pantry for the outstanding act of October.
Anyone within our community can nominate a student, parent or employee of the school on this board by simply coming in and writing on a sticky label and placing this label onto the board. Well done to all of the students that have already been nominated.
Energy Grant

The school successfully received a $10,000 grant through the Department of Education to hopefully improve the energy efficiency at the school as well as the education of sustainability.

I have included an outline of the grant application below.

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<td>(this will only be administration costs as a parent has volunteered to do this)</td>
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<td>Replacement of lighting</td>
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<td>(we would like to replace the fluro lights currently in the old part of the building)</td>
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<td>Teacher PD Professional Learning</td>
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<td>(Our science teacher will need to complete a Professional Development session in relation to sustainability through the CSIRO)</td>
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<td>Installation of Skylights</td>
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<td>(currently we don’t have any insulation on the end portable at the school however we have found tinting paint that we can use on the walls and roof to insulate it)</td>
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<td>Learning and Teaching Resources Purchased</td>
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<td>(resources will need to be purchased to support the unit of work around sustainability and time given to the science teacher to plan a unit of work).</td>
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<td>Purchase of 4.5 or 6 Star appliance</td>
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<td>(The school will put forward $1000 towards this grant).</td>
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Pupil Free Day

Please note that we will be having a report writing day on the 3rd November. This day will be a pupil free day.

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