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NEWSLETTER 37 – Week ending 12th Dec, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES - TERM 4

December
Thursday 18th  Christmas Concert
Friday 19th  LAST DAY OF TERM – 2:30 pm finish Crazy Hair Day

January
Wednesday 14th  Move the School Day
Thursday 29th  First Day of Term 1, 2015

EVENTS FOR THE STUDENTS

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday this week to our December babies, Mrs. Batey, Jo Brown and Eva Siperki. We hope you had/have a great day!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The School Concert will be held TOMORROW NIGHT, Thursday 18th December and starts at 7pm. We would like to start at 7pm so please make sure students have arrived by 6.50pm. Everyone is welcome, grandparents, friends, aunts and uncles. Please remember to bring supper to share on the night as well as a chair.

CLASS PARTIES
It is tradition that all classes will have an end of year class party. This year they will run in conjunction with crazy hair day. The students will have a sausage sizzle lunch. Cupcakes and icy poles will be available for a fundraiser the year 6 girls have organised.

FINAL ROLL CALL.......

LEYLA  BEHRENDET
JOSEPH  BROWN
OLIVIA  CAVICCHIOLO
TYLER  CURRIE
JESSICA  ELKAN
SACHA  FRASER
TEAGAN  FRASER
ISAAC  HALES
TYLER  LAWFORD
BRANDON  LOWE
EMILY  MCDONALD
LEAH  NOLAN
AMY  OBRIEN-MARTIN
LEIGHTON  REGINATO
JESSICA  RICE
ALYSSA  TULLY
SEAN  PATTON

Thomas Leask will also be leaving us in 2015 as he will be joining the Flying Fruit Fly Circus.

Good luck to everyone for 2015 and don’t be strangers. We love it when pass students call in to see us.

PRINCIPAL REPORT
It has come to that time of year to look back and reflect on the number of accomplishments that we have had throughout the year as well as taking the time to thank the many people who have helped out in so many ways, across so many areas.

Milawa / Oxley Community Award
This year we have had many students pitch in and help out across many activities within the community. This has meant that our regular Community Award has been incredibly hard to judge. We have a number of students who are linked to fire brigades, sporting associations as well as having many students playing such an active role within our school and upholding our values of Honesty, Responsibility, Care, Excellence and Respect. We have also had the following students who have displayed fantastic initiative and have organised specific fundraisers throughout the year, with one specific fundraiser leading to me having all of my hair shaved off on the last day off school. Well done to the following students for the efforts that you have done in raising funds for a number of worthy causes;

**Shania Hamilton**
Shania dyed her hair, purple, to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

**Olivia Cavicchiolo**
Organised a special guide dogs day at the school where her brother came into talk about training seeing eye dogs and also organised a special lunch for all the students.

**Lily Mullins and Andrea Uebergang**
Both these girls participated in the Relay for Life event and sold their annual cupcakes on the AFL Grand Final weekend.

**Leah Nolan, Tyler Currie and Alyssa Tully**
Held a special lunch for Footy Colours Day to raise funds for the Relay for Life event.

**Zac Parker**
Shaved his head for the Australian Cancer Council.

**Thomas Leask, Baden Ryan, Harry McDonald and Leighton Reginato**
Unicycled from Oxley to Wangaratta to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

**Zac Parker, Sacha Fraser, Teagan Fraser and Tyler Currie**
Organised many activities and thanked many people throughout the year as their role as School Captains.

**Jessica Rice, Jessica Elkan, Leyla Behrendt and Emily McDonald**
Organised a fundraiser for the last day of term to go to OPS for the 2015 students. They will be selling cupcakes $1.00 and icy poles 50 cents each on the last day of school.

**Farewell to Our Families**
I think the longer that I am here the harder it gets every year to say farewell to the families that leave us at Oxley Primary School. As I mentioned in my speech on Monday night at our Graduation night, you have all enriched the education and lives of many of the students, staff and parents in our community through the participation of a wide range of activities.

On behalf of the community, thank you for everything that you have done over many years and thank you for helping shape the wonderful culture that we have at Oxley. Good luck for the years ahead and don’t be strangers, I would love to hear how 2015 goes for you and your family. You will all be missed.

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- We came Runners Up at the Snow Road Sports – Go Oxley!
- Term two saw our year 2, 3 and 4’s participate in an integrated topic “Earn & Learn” that focussed on different careers and skills around earning, saving and spending money,
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• The year 3 and 4 students visited the Hawthorn football players who were in town,
• The year 5 and 6 students headed off on their annual Bike Hike overnight camp to Bright,
• Our captains and vice captains attended the leadership conference in Albury,
• Term 2 cluster day was held at Whorouly Primary School and we watched Cinderella which was performed by Opera Australia,
• We had a strong group of students participate in the cross country in town with Xavier Laverty winning his age group,
• A visit to the art gallery for the year 2, 3 and 4 students to visit the miniature exhibition,
• A baseball clinic for the 3, 4, 5 and 6 students,
• National Plant a Tree day which allowed us to plant over 100 plants in the nature reserve at the back of the school,
• Cluster sport for the year 4, 5 and 6 students during term 3,
• Skiing excursion for the year 3 to 6 students,
• Year 5 and 6 camp to Anglesea,
• Jump Rope for Heart day was ran in September,
• Our third term Cluster was held at Oxley Primary,
• We ran up to 8 playgroup sessions and transition days for our preps this year,
• Term 4 cluster day was at Carraragarmungee. Blue Guru performed,
• We ran 6 sessions of swimming in at the BARR Reserve.
• We held another successful Remembrance Day ceremony with Milawa Primary School,
• The year 5 and 6 students had their annual sleepover,
• The year 3 and 4 students visited Sovereign Hill camp,
• We ran another successful Graduation dinner to for the year 6 students,
• A fantastic Prep, 1 and 2 sleepover and
• Our Annual Christmas concert for the entire school. This year we are having a slight change to our concert with an 80’s theme and 1 dance per class which will be supported by 2 school items.

**Farewell and Thank You**

Finally I would like to thank Ms Collihole for the job that she has done over the last 2 years.

I have watched Rebecca grow and refine not only her teaching skills but also her capacity to communicate to parents as well as her capacity to organise a number of events within the school. Rebecca’s organisational skills and her classroom management are second to none and she is going to have a very successful teaching career. Thank you Bec on behalf of all of the students, community and staff and we wish you all the best for 2015.

**Camps**

A huge thank you and congratulations to Mr Porter, Ms Collihole and Mrs Batey and the students who either slept over at the year Prep – 2 camp a fortnight ago or went away on the year 3 and 4 camp last week. The students were incredibly well behaved at both of these events and the organisation of both camps were exceptional!
2015 looks to be an extremely exciting year for everyone involved at Oxley Primary School with 71 students enrolled for next year and almost 4 full time classroom teachers.

We will also be running all of our regular specialist classes that include Italian (Lisa Gardner), Music (Ruth), Art (Cate Geard), Library / Science (Mr Lawler) and Blueearth which will run a leadership / mindfulness program for all of our year 5 and 6 students.

If you are talking to anyone over the break and they are looking for a school for 2015 feel free to put our name forward.

I also have my eye on 2016 with 7 enrolments currently on our list. Please spread the word over the Christmas break that we will be encouraging all prep enrolments for 2016 to enrol as early as possible. We have included fliers into the reports this year for everyone to pass onto a friend or to be placed into a letter box of a family who have a child that might be of school age.

NFA Awards

Congratulations to all of the students listed for their outstanding efforts in Mathematics this year. They have all received awards for passing their NFA.


Reports

I would like to thank and congratulate the teachers on all their efforts with our reports to finish the school year. I believe they have all done an amazing job in completing such wonderfully written reports.

Teachers have analysed and been very explicit with our use of data (both informal and formal) to make judgements based on facts. We are accountable to the system we work in to provide our students with AusVels standards and as a school we work tirelessly to make sure this is accurate.

What we also do is strive to ensure we acknowledge the growth in students at this time of the year and this is where we find our greatest joy as educators in seeing the breadth of steps our students take with their learning.

Our approach to reporting is best summed up by an article by Patrick Griffin an educational researcher working at Melbourne University: There are no year level expectations in a series of achievement standards. No one is at, on, above or below expectations. Every student is simply at a level of development defined by what learning is developmentally appropriate. This approach enables differentiated and targeted teaching to occur.

It is imperative we know our students points of achievements or better known as dots! What is more important however is we as educators and parents understand that learning is forever and we all learn at different rates and what Griffin describes as developmentally appropriate.

I encourage you to look pass the A (12 months ahead of where they need to be), B (6 months ahead of where they need to be), C (at the right level for their grade), D (6 months behind where they need to be) and E (12 months behind where they need to be) marks and read the comments that the teachers have made about your child and what is their next step of learning in the classroom.

Have a safe and enjoyable time with your family over the Christmas break.

Jeremy Campbell – Principal

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OXLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
2014 CONCERT ORDER OF EVENTS

WELCOME TO COUNTRY – Sacha Fraser
ALL STUDENTS – NATIONAL ANTHEM
CHOIR – Presenter

SPEAKERS
*PRINCIPAL – Jeremy Campbell – Teagan Fraser and Zac Parker
Presentation of Awards
Milawa and Oxley Rotary Club
• Academic Achievement Award - ???
• Citizenship Award - ???

Rachel’s Singing Group

Julie Haddrell Award
In memory of Jaye’s mother who passed away in 2012, there are two awards given out annually for a girl and boy in years Prep – 2 who have performed to the highest standard in the literacy and numeracy areas of the curriculum.
• Academic Girl - ???
• Academic Boy - ???

*SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Helen Taylor

Rachel’s Singing Group

*YEAR 6 PRESENTATION – Peter Shaw – Ana Howard to present the certificates. Also the announcement of the new captains for 2015

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Tyler Currie – Thank You for Coming

CAROLS WHOLE SCHOOL - Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Santa Arrives: 9:00 am
Carols in the Park

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st 2014

MILAWA COMMUNITY PARK
(behind Milawa Hall)
(alternative venue – Milawa Hall)

7:30pm START
Sarah Pitcher
Sarah Lockwood
Laura Watson
Billie Taylor
Claire O’Connell
Trevor Hourigan
Denise O’Keefe

Wangaratta’s Sing Australia Group
Featuring Tom & Patsy Routledge
Special guest Pete Denahy

Special appearance by Santa and friends!!

Candles, food, drinks and raffle tickets available for purchase on the night from 7pm.
Sausage sizzle - Berrylicious Ice Cream
Christmas Raffles drawn with loads of prizes

B.Y.O chairs and rugs

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