IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

Attached to this newsletter is a term timetable outlining all of our exciting events for term 1 for both the students and their families. Please keep in mind that some of these dates may change and an updated version can either be found on the Oxley Primary School app or our website.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to the 2015 school year and I must say how great it was to see so many students come through the front gate with huge smiles on their faces, looking forward to the 2015 school year. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who also dropped in to see their child’s classroom teacher or who attended the assembly and morning tea. We hope that you continue to attend the many assemblies that we have throughout the year. Our assemblies are held on Monday mornings from 9:00 am – 9:20 am.

2015 looks to be a very exciting year for all the students, staff and parents. We have 4 classroom teachers, an excellent specialist program and a huge shade sail over the sandpit as well as the removal of the shelter shed which has opened up the school grounds considerably.

It was a very busy break in terms of setting up for the school year this year and I believe the school is looking the best that it has ever looked. I would like to do a general thank you to everyone who helped over the break from selecting the colour of the carpet for the year 5 and 6 classroom through to tearing down the shelter shed to open up the school grounds. There are a number of people that I would particularly like to thank for their work over the break and they include:

- Pam Bertalli for her continual maintenance of the school grounds, particularly the grass on the entrance around the sandpit area. Your efforts over the break were well and above the call of duty of a parent, thank you Pam,
- Brad Currie who met me early one morning over the break and left late
the same day after tearing down the shelter shed (with the help of Pam),

- Bruce Uebergang who got the ball rolling by taking off the roof of the shelter shed,
- Jake and Sally Hackett who took all of the wood from the shelter shed to dispose of,
- Shaun Ablazej our ICT technician for climbing under the school building and reconnecting some of our computer points,
- Lyn Gleeson our cleaner for the amazing job that she has done in and around our school.
- The Pegler Family for the use of their trailer.

I would like to welcome our new preps to Oxley Primary – Lily Byrne, Sidney Costello, Jedda Driscoll, Grace Gehrig, Alice Hill, Charley Miller, Eamon Mullins, Cooper Vincent, Letitia Williams, Kade Jackson as well as Shelby Francis (grade 2), Detroit Francis (grade 4), Zoe Baguley (grade 3) and Alannah Baguley (grade 5).

We also welcome a number of new families to the Oxley Community – Meghan and Ross Gehrig, David and Lysa Baguley, Kelly and Brett Jackson, Angella and Brett Francis. I’m sure you will love everything this wonderful school has to offer.

We will have a more detailed newsletter next week once we have all had a chance to settle in.

Jeremy Campbell – Principal
Oxley Primary School is committed to Nurturing confident, lifelong learners, in a friendly rural community.

PREP STUDENTS
Preps will be attending school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Wednesdays off until after the long weekend. This means that they will start attending Wednesdays at school from the 11th March onwards.

BIRTHDAYS OVER THE BREAK
Happy birthday to the following students that celebrated their birthdays over the Christmas break: Logan McDonald, Eli Smiles, Shania Hamilton, Jesse Parker, Jack Parker, Charlie Hernandez, Tiana Williams and Addisyn Miller.

OUR STAFFING FOR 2015
I would also like to welcome our staff back to the 2015 school year. They have all had fantastic holidays as well as being extremely busy over the recent weeks organising for the start of the year. We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated staff. Thank you to you all.

Prep – 1
Mrs Batey is an exceptional teacher with a wealth of knowledge across all curriculum areas. Her classroom as always is looking amazing and very inviting for all our new students. We are very lucky to have her at Oxley.

Year 2/3
Mr Porter will be our year 2 and 3 teacher and always develops an excellent rapport with his
students. Mr Porter posted out a letter over the break to all of his students which showed excellent initiative. Well done Mr Porter.

**Year 3 – 4**

Nadia Tuccitto joins us from Parkwood Green Primary School. She has been teaching for 5 years at Parkwood Primary (beginning as a graduate) and luckily enough for us has decided to relocate back to Wangaratta. Nadia has already fitted in extremely well to the staffing profile of not only the school but also the cluster.

Nadia will be with the year 3 and 4 students from Monday to Thursday and I will be in the year 3 and 4 classroom on Fridays.

**Year 5 – 6**

Mr Shaw completes our teaching profile at the head of the school with the year 5 and 6 group. Mr Shaw is an expert teacher in its very literal meaning and he develops all students within his classroom for the transition to High School.

**Support**

Mrs Farrell will once again be employed in 2015 (4 days a week up until lunch for the first 15 weeks) to support the students from Prep – 3 in literacy. We are very grateful Rosie for all of the extra work that you do around the school also, thank you.

**Specialist Programs**

Once again in 2015 we will be offering all of the specialist programs that we had in 2014 which are; Art, Italian, Blueearth and Music (starting term 2).

**Support Staff**

Jaye Miller is our excellent business manager who works tirelessly for the school in a number of roles. We have been extremely lucky this year that Jaye has been flexible with the days that she works to suit the school so that we have someone in the office on a Friday while I am teaching.

Rebecca Davern (Integration Aid in the year 5 and 6 room on a Monday and Friday) and Helen Poidomani (OSHC Coordinator) complete our entire staffing profile at this stage. Both Bec and Helen are quality people who run a quality program within the school and we are extremely lucky to have them.

We have an open door policy at Oxley Primary school so if you have any questions please feel free to call in and talk to me or arrange a time that suits your classroom teacher to talk to them.

**PARENTS and FRIENDS MEETING**

Our first Parents and Friends Association meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 5th February in the staffroom after school at 7:00 pm with pizza and wine being supplied. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new parents in our community and have a lot of fun along the way. Please come along as it will be a fun night and more of an opportunity to mix and mingle and meet parents from within our community.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

The next school council meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February, at 7.30pm. This meeting will be with the members from last year’s school council.

More information regarding School Council will follow next week.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

There is a change with this program and we are waiting to see what happens with the funding for Active. I will let you know when I find out.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Welcome back to a new year of After School Care at Kid Bizz. Important information for parents: After School Care runs from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm for parents/guardians that require care for their children after school hours. If you require this service please notify the school prior to end of classes. Bookings are essential and are taken via the phone or in the school office. If you need to cancel your booking, please notify by 3.00 pm or fees will still apply. If a student is not collected by bus time 3.50pm, they will be brought into After School Care and fees will apply. Fees for 2014 are as follows: 1hr = $7.50 and 1-2.5hrs = $15.00. This will decrease according to your CCB.

**UNIFORM**

If you require any new items of uniform please see me for an order form. I will be placing an order next Thursday. Thanks Jaye
TISSUES
Thank you to all the parents that donated tissues to their children’s classroom last year. We are asking all parents to send a full box of tissues with your child next week. Boxes will be distributed to classrooms as required. Thank you.

HELP - NUTS
We are heading in the right direction and appreciate everybody’s assistance in reaching our goal of making Oxley Primary NUT FREE or as nut free as we can get! Please continue to cut out any nut products that you send with your child to school – this includes peanut butter. We also ask you to stress the importance that your child doesn’t share their lunch with other students due to the many allegories that we are now aware of in our society. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

LUNCH ORDERS
Little Duck Catering 4 Kids
Mondays and Fridays – starts next week
The food is nutritious, delicious and there are lots of homemade items to be enjoyed.
This is how it works:
• Orders can be placed online (www.3rdlittleduck.com.au) the night before or students can bring in money and their order in a brown paper bag or envelope on the day.
• There will be a box located on the small white table in the foyer where these orders can be dropped as students arrive at school.
• Orders will be collected on the morning of our allocated days (Mondays & Fridays)
• Lunch orders will be delivered back to school in class tubs.
Attached to this newsletter is an order form. Order forms will also be kept in close to the money box in the foyer.

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