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**NEWSLETTER 4 – Week ending 20th February**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**NEXT WEEK**

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| Monday 23rd | ART – seniors  
Save something from Landfill – project brief to be sent home.  
Expo on the 5th March with more info to follow. |
| Wednesday 25th | NO PREPS  
ART – Juniors |

**MARCH**  

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**BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to the following students and teachers that celebrate their birthdays this week: Dylan White and Ms Tuccitto. We hope you have a great day!

**MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERS**

On Tuesday we started BluEarth with a different look. One week our resident BluEarth expert, Brandon Ryan, will be taking the students with his trusty sidekicks (our year 6 leaders) and the next week the captains will actually be running the lesson with my assistance. This week we had our first week of the captains running the lessons, with all lessons going exceptionally well.

Here are some words from our leaders Abby Pegler and Baden Ryan explaining what BluEarth means to them.

BluEarth is a fun, learning physical activity. It helps explain that being healthy is good, but you also have to have fun! It is important to teach the young ones that your health and wellbeing is extremely important to a happy life.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Bush Dance – Welcome Back**

Hopefully everyone has put Saturday the 21st of March in their diaries for the Oxley Community Bush Dance which will be run by the Oxley Primary School. This event was a fantastic family night last year and we hope to build it into an entire community bush dance each year.

This year the students will be participating in two lead up dance sessions with Bush Telegraph who will be playing live on the night.

As part of the night the students will also be making pizza’s to share with their family and friends in our new pizza ovens, thanks to a successful grant allocation to the Rural City of Wangaratta. Peter Siperki (our resident pizza expert) will be conducting cooking lessons with the students at school to make the pizzas for the night.

**SNOW ROAD SPORTS 2015**

This year’s Snow Road Sports are fast approaching. They are being held on Tuesday 17th March at the Appin Park Athletics Track. Parents will be required to get their children to the park and collect them on the day. More information will be included in next week’s newsletter.

This year we are able to order school t-shirts for parents. We believe if would be a great site if we had all our parents in a t – shirt. They are $32 each. Please see Jeremy next week if you are interested.
Two tickets to this event have been sent home today in an envelope with the idea that hopefully every family will come and will also bring another family along. This event is really aimed as a family event and the kids all had a ball last year. YEEEHA!

Enrolments
I have had 3 family inquires about enrolments this week in regards to both this year and also for 2016 and 2017. Please let people know that we are accepting enrolments for this year as well as for 2016 and 2017.

Whole School Unit of Work
Going home early next week will be a project brief for all students from prep - 6 (with our Prep and 1 students already completing some examples at school with their buddies, see below).

As part of our Waste Not Want Not Unit students need to give an everyday item around their house a second life instead of throwing it into landfill.
We will have an expo of all the wonderful inventions on the 5th March from 3.10 pm – 4:00 pm.
Here are some creations from the year Prep and 1 room as examples of what can be created.

Affirmations Board
Nominations for February include:
Grace Gehrig – Logan was hurt and Grace was really concerned and ran and got a teacher. Well done Grace from Rori M, Lucy & Julia
Charley Miller & Alice Hill – for picking up papers. From Mr Campbell
Jesse Parker – for picking up rubbish. From Sophie, Sienna & Addisyn
Shania Hamilton & Alannah Baguley made signs for our recycling project and no one asked them too. From Layla
Mrs Batey did yard duty for Mr Campbell because he was so busy. From Jaye
Mikala Hackett used her initiative to put new toilet signs up from Rori M & Leticia

School Council
We had a very productive School Council last week and are lucky to have such a dedicated team on the council.
Matt Fraser has stepped down from his role on the council due to Gemma now attending Wangaratta West Primary School. Matt and Renee have been great contributors within our school community over a number of years and on behalf of everyone I would like to thank them for everything that they have done to support the school and hope that they continue to call back to any future events.
With Matt stepping down it means that we have 1 vacant position on our School Council available to the community. Please come and see me if you are interested in joining our School Council.
Qualities that we look for in our school council members are;
• All school councilors need to respect other members’ opinions AND support and uphold all council decisions
• Parent members bring expertise and views to council on behalf of the whole school community
• DEECD members bring educational expertise and views to council on behalf of the whole school community

Our timetable to elect a new School Council for 2015 will be:
Thursday 12th February – Notice of election and a call for new nominations
Friday 27th February – Closing date for nominations
If we require a vote:
Monday 2nd March – Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed
Friday 6th March - Close of ballot
Thursday 12th March – New School Council meeting and AGM.

Thank You
I would like to thank Jamie Hill for his work in putting concrete slabs down for our air conditions over the break. Thank you Jamie.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Attached to today’s newsletter is a timesheet for parent/teacher interviews. Open communication between the parents and teachers is an extremely important part of our philosophy at Oxley Primary School.

Netball
Please find information following about the local netball competition in Wangaratta for Primary aged students. A few parents will be required to help coordinate this.

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

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.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (OOSH)
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 the school by 3.00 pm. 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 2015 are as follows: 1hr = $7.50 and 1-2.5hrs = $15.00.
This amount is the full charge. If you are eligible for CCB this amount will decrease dramatically, most parents pay no more than $5.00 per session which includes a healthy snack. Please see Jaye, Bec or Helen if you would like any further information, for them to work out exactly how much you will pay or an enrolment form.

ART FOLIOS
Year prep, one and two students were lucky enough to take home their art folders from last year. If these are not full could they please come back to school to put all this year’s wonderful pieces in to.

Thank you Ros – ART teacher

2015 FEES
Student fees for 2015 are now due. They are $175 per child, per year (or $44 per term). This money goes towards books, pencils, cluster days, arts performances, end of year activities, etc. We are not increasing the fees this year and we are also happy to except this money in stages throughout the year and would be happy to speak with any families in regards to setting up a payment plan i.e. $44 per term, $10 per week via internet banking. We are also requesting $25 per family for employment of a gardener. This is to eliminate the need for families to go on a mowing roster. There will be major excursions; camps and swimming that are a separate cost during the year.
I have had some parents approach me in regards to expected costs for 2015. I have given an estimate of what each year level will be below to help organize your year. Please note this is only an approximation:
*Year Prep, One & Two $260.00 (Weekly payment plan 40 weeks of $6.50)
*Year Three & Four $520.00 (Weekly payment plan 40 weeks of $13.00)
*Year Five & Six $680.00 (Weekly payment plan 40 weeks of $17.00)
All payments can be made with cash, cheque or Direct deposit. Our banking details are:
Oxley Primary School
BSB: 063-531  Act: 10089185
Please note if paying by direct deposit please include family name and description of what payment is for in details ie. Miller Fees

Thanks Jaye
Dear Parents,

This year we are again running Parent / Teacher Interviews during term 1 to enable parents to touch base with their child/ren’s classroom teacher(s). We are hoping these interviews will give you an opportunity to introduce yourself to your child’s teacher and pass on any information that you feel the teacher needs to know about your child/ren. These interviews are optional and you may feel that there is no need to see your child’s teacher yet, it is entirely up to you.

Your Help
We are asking you to come with two areas that you believe your child has gone well in during previous years at school/kindergarten and an area that you would like to be a focus for the first term. For this reason the interviews will only be 15 minutes in length as the main focus for them is for you to tell your child’s teacher information that you believe they need to know.

The teachers have been focussing on building strong relationships with their students over the first four weeks and making sure that they have all their classroom rules and routines established for the children. They will start formal assessing next week to pinpoint your child’s current level of understanding across all curriculum areas and will then be working on how to developmentally move your child forward.

Foundation parents
Mrs Batey will be available on this night if your would like to meet with her. We have a majority of siblings in Foundation this year so she will not be holding a Foundation Introduction session. For new families please book a time to see Julie.

If you would like to see your child/ren’s teacher please fill in the attached timetable and send it back to school tomorrow. Times will be given on a first in best dressed allocation. We will send home a confirmation letter next week.

Kind Regards,

Jeremy Campbell
Principal
### PARENT/TEACHER/CHILD INTERVIEWS – Wednesday 11th March

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PO Box 830, Wangaratta, 3676
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ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on 23 February 2015 commencing at 7pm

Closing date for Committee Nominations is 23 February 2015
All committee positions will be vacated and expressions of interest to join the committee are encouraged

Enclosed:
Committee Nomination Form
Annual General meeting Agenda
Draft amended WNA Bylaws

WNA Bylaws
• The Committee have been working on the WNA Bylaws during the year and they will be presented to Annual General meeting for ratification
• Copies will be available on website after AGM and all teams are encouraged to read them

JUNIOR COMPETITION 2015

Junior Competition commences: Saturday 18 April 2015

Registration: Thursday 19 March 2015 5.30pm - 7pm
Thursday 26 March 2015 5.30pm - 7pm

Fees
Player $87 (NV $47 + WNA $40)
Non-playing Junior Umpire or Coach $52 (NV $47 + WNA $5)
Non-playing Senior Umpire or Coach $72 (NV $67 + WNA $5)

Senior: Born on or before 31.12.1997
Junior: Born between 01.01.1998 to 31.12.2004

• New for 2015
  • Individual Netball Victoria membership ONLY now payable at the following web address: http://vic.netball.com.au/nvregistration via PayPal then attach copy email as proof of membership to your Registration/Indemnity/Consent form
  • WNA membership must be paid at Wangaratta clubrooms by cash or cheque
  • Direct deposit will not be available for payment of 2015 membership fees
NETSETGO PROGRAM

Netball Australia has created the ANZ NetSetGo MyNetball portal for parents to register their children in the Wangaratta Netball Association 2015 NetSetGo programs. All NSG players must be registered before participating in either program.

Offline payments can be received at Wangaratta clubrooms with a completed Registration/Indemnity/Consent Form and membership fees paid by either cheque or cash.

Please provide copy email as proof of payment to your Registration/Indemnity/Consent form.

NetSetGo Online registrations open between 1 March to 22 April 2015 at http://www.netsetgo.asn.au

NET TIER 1 5–7 year olds (Friday evenings) (Born between 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2010)

Tier 1 program commences: Friday 1 May 2015 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Fees for Tier 1: $87 (NV $47 + WNA $40) (includes participant pack)

SET TIER 2 8–10 year olds (Saturday mornings) (Born between 1.1.2005 to 31.12.2007)

Team Registration: 19 March 2015 and 26 March 2015 5.30pm - 7.00pm

Tier 2 NetSetGo competition commences: Saturday 2 May 2015

Fees
Player (includes participant pack) $87 (NV $47 + WNA $40)
Non-playing Junior Umpire or Coach $52 (NV $47 + WNA $5)
Non-playing Senior Umpire or Coach $72 (NV $67 + WNA $5)


Team Registration forms, Individual Registration Forms and competition dates including further details on registration will be available at Annual General meeting.
Seasons for Growth

Student Support Services along with Good Grief are excited to announce that the Seasons for Growth Children and Young People’s Program and Seasons for Growth Adult Program facilitator training will be presented in the Wodonga area in early 2015.

Training dates: The Children and Young People’s Program and Adult Program facilitator training will be presented on 10th and 11th March 2015.

Venue: Wodonga Senior Secondary College 78-126 Brockley Street Wodonga. The training will be held in the two front rooms.

Time: 8:45am- 4pm

Cost:

- Young people’s program $460 (including a light lunch)
- Adult program $550 (including a light lunch)

Registration: To register for this training go to the Good Grief website and follow the prompts https://www.goodgrief.org.au/

Children & Young People’s Program

*Seasons for Growth*® is a small group loss and grief education program. The Young People’s Program aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people (aged 6 -18) who are dealing with significant loss or change including the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, the experience and aftermath of natural disaster and moving house or school as well as many other life changes and losses.

Small groups of 4-7 children work with a trained adult Companion (facilitator) who supports the children to have a say and learn new ways to think about and respond to the changes and losses in their lives. Children learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief, and build their understanding and communication, decision making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group.

The *Seasons for Growth*® Young People’s Program is a structured eight week program filled with peer-to-peer learning opportunities - time to talk and listen as well as take part in activities including drawing, music, art, journaling, roleplays and stories. A celebration session and two follow up ‘reconnector’ sessions complete the program, and each session explores an age appropriate concept, for example “I am Special” and “Feelings”. The story of the seasons is used to explain the cycles of life, including change and loss, and provides a valuable metaphor for children to explore and understand their own story.

The *Seasons for Growth*® Young People’s Program has five levels;
Primary school

- Level 1: 6-8 year olds
- Level 2: 9-10 year olds
- Level 3: 11-12 year olds

Secondary School

- Level 4: 13-15 year olds
- Level 5: 16-18 year olds

Adult Program

The Seasons for Growth Adult Program is a loss and grief education program which aims to build resilience and promote the social and emotional wellbeing of adults as they adapt to changes in their lives. These changes may be as a result of death, separation, divorce, unemployment or other major loss experiences.

'Grief' in the Seasons for Growth program is understood as a difficult and complex time of hurt (sadness, anger, fear, confusion, guilt) that is a normal and natural response when change and/or loss occurs in life. Participants explore this interpretation of grief with a trained 'Companion', within a seasonal framework based on Worden's tasks of grief.

The Seasons for Growth Adult Program consists of two separate elements:

- Understanding Change, Loss and Grief (3 hour seminar)
- Exploring the Seasons of Grief (4-8 session small group program)

The Understanding Change, Loss and Grief seminar is designed for use in a wide variety of workplaces and community settings where groups and individuals are seeking to deepen their general understanding of the nature and impact of change, loss and grief on their lives or in their workplace.

The Exploring the Seasons of Grief small group program creates a safe space for participants to 'have a say' in confidential, peer groups of 4-7 adults, and provides them with a chance to learn and practice new ways of thinking and responding to the hurt in their lives. The program supports participants to learn about the personal impacts of change, loss and grief, whilst developing skills in communication, decision-making and problem-solving to help restore self confidence and self-esteem.