NEWSLETTER 7 – Week ending 13th March, 2015

IMPORTANT DATES
MARCH

NEXT WEEK
Thursday 12th
School Council AGM & Meeting
Monday 16th
Library/Science
Tuesday 17th
SPORTS DAY
Thursday 19th
Start Smart
Friday 20th
Hot Cross Buns Orders due back
Saturday 21st
OXLEY PS Bush Dance
Monday 23rd
ART – Seniors
Tuesday 24th
Wash out day for Sports
Wednesday 25th
ART – Juniors
Friday 27th
LAST DAY OF TERM

2.30pm finish
Collect your Hot Cross Buns

APRIL
Monday 13th
First Day of Term 2

Happy Birthday to the following student that celebrated his birthday this week: Eamon Mullins. We hope you have a great day!

MODIFIED NETBALL TRAINING (Ages 8-10)
If your child/ren is interested please see Pam. Payments ($87.00) can be made online or given to Pam before 16th March.

SATURDAY NETBALL – Year 5’s
If you know anyone interested in playing Saturday netball, our Year 5 students are in need of a few extra team mates.

AFFIRMATIONS BOARD
Well done to our first two winners of the Affirmations Board for 2015. Alice Hill and Charley Miller won the month of February for caring for the school and cleaning up the yard in their first 2 weeks at the school. Super job girls!

MESSAGE FROM PARENTS & FRIENDS
BUSH DANCE
Please get behind our Parents and Friends and purchase some tickets for the upcoming Bush Dance. You can pay on the night. Hardcopy with information has gone home today.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this year’s Easter Raffle. There are lots of great prizes to be won. If you need some more tickets to sell please see the office.

HOT CROSS BUNS
Forms are due back next Friday. Buns will be ready for collection after 1pm on the last day of term.

SHANIA’S SHAVE FOR A CAUSE
Hi, my name is Shania and I will be semi-permanently colouring my hair for the World’s Greatest Shave in March. $200 is my goal and I need your help to get there! Thank you for your kind donation!!!!!!

PRINCIPALS REPORT
School Council
A quick reminder we have School Council tonight from 7:30 pm.

Marmungan Sports
The school sports are only 5 more sleeps away and Mr Shaw, Mr Porter and his team
have been working extremely hard in preparing Team Oxley. Well done Mr Shaw and Mr Porter. As part of this wonderful day we need volunteers to help out with both the distance running events and also the discus. Please fill in the paperwork that has gone home today if you can help out. We need to fill these spaces by Monday.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter the sports are being held on Tuesday 17th March at Appin Park Athletics Track. Parents will be required to get their children to the park before 8:45 am, (8:30 am if you child is competing in the 800 m), and collect them on the day. The day will conclude at 3:15 pm.

Going home today is also the program for the day, please note that Springhurst Primary School are running the canteen on the day and items available are in the booklet. Thank you to Jaye who has prepared the program.

Well done to Addisyn Miller and Shania Hamilton who won the naming competition and logo respectively for the sports. Two very creative and lateral thinking students, well done girls!

**Mrs Batey**

The benefit of being a rural school Principal is that I still have the ability to participate in many of the activities around the school and am part of all the students learning.

On Tuesday’s, I participate with our leaders in the Bluearth program at the school which I look forward to every week.

There is one class and classroom teacher though that I want to make comment on how well she has settled her students for the beginning of the year. Being the Foundation/1 teacher at any school is never an easy job as you transition a new group of kinder students into the school but I must say that Mrs Batey has got all of our students in the Foundation / 1 class off to a flying start this year both academically and socially.

Mrs Batey has been doing this for many years and the effect that she has on our students sometimes cannot be measured. This morning I had a passed student in my office signing paperwork to participate in work experience at the school and when asked what she wanted to be when she left school she confidently said she would like to be a teacher. There was a follow up question of why she had chosen that career, which she also confidently replied with the answer; Mrs Batey had inspired her to be a teacher.

Well done Mrs Batey! Keep up the great work!

**Bush Dance**

A reply slip for the bush dance has gone home today. You can pay on the night as all we need to know for now are the numbers for catering purposes. Tickets for each Oxley Primary School family are $40.

Peter Siperki has had the pizza ovens firing and we have sampled freshly cooked scones and pizza from the oven over the last 2 weeks which have been delicious. Tomorrow all students will be learning the bush dances with the band from 2:00 pm onwards, feel free to come in and participate if you are around.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Well done to all of the Oxley PS staff for taking the time over both this week and next week to talk to parents within our community about their children. As I moved from classroom to classroom last night I noticed a
lot of rich conversations about learning as well as laughter which was great to hear. Thank you to all the parents who also came in to meet their child’s classroom teacher as it demonstrates to both the school and to your children that you value the education that they are getting and you are also wanting to be part of the wonderful journey that they are on.

**OOSH (After School Care)**

I want to take the opportunity of thank both Helen and Bec for the role that they play in our out of school hours program every day. This program is an extremely important part of the school because they run such a range of exceptional activities that the students can participate in. Forms to enrol your children can be picked up from the office and if you are chasing a spot in the vacation care program over the break please call in and see us at the office.

**REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AT OXLEY PS**

On Thursday 5th March, the students of Oxley Primary School held an expo for the community to show people the 3 R’s (Reduce, reuse and recycle) and explain the importance of the Waste Not Want Not scheme. We showed the community that it does not only help the environment, but can be lots of fun too!

How do we really prove that we understand this?

Well, from pencil boxes and birdhouses to Christmas trees made of wine bottles, everyone had a great time inventing something new from an object that would have otherwise been thrown away. Although we had lots of fun during the making of this expo, the real message to everyone is:

Waste Is Not Wanted!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Written by Shania Hackett, Yr. 6 Oxley PS.

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**Jeremy Campbell – Principal**

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

**PIANO**

All piano lessons will be on Thursday 19th March next week, due to the sports on Tuesday. Please make sure piano students bring their books on Thursday. Thanks, Heather

**2015 FEES**

Thank you to all of the families that have started or outright paid their fees. Expected costs for 2015.

* 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)

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**3rd Little Duck Easter Special !!**

Additional snack special of a warm hot cross bun with butter for $1.50. This can be ordered online at www.3rdlittleduck.com.au or just added on your paper order!

The Wangaratta Dragons Hockey Club is having another come and try evening. This being Tuesday March 16th from 4.30 – 5.30pm at the Bill Eaton Oval on Appin Street, Wangaratta. All ages welcome equipment provided.

**WHOROULY AUSKICK 2015**

**Ages 5-12**

**Venue:** Whorouly Recreation Reserve.  
**Time:** 9:30am – 10:30am  
**Starting Date:** Saturday 18th April  
**Registration and payment ONLINE ONLY at** www.aflauskick.com.au  
**Contact:** Brad Skahill 0428547315 or Andrea Skahill 0429101915