NEWSLETTER 17 – Week ending 12th June, 2015

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| **JULY** |
| Monday 13th | FIRST DAY OF TERM 3  |

| **PUPIL FREE DAYS / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS** |
| Monday 3rd August | Cluster PD - Pupil Free  |
| Monday 2nd Nov | Report Writing Day  |
| Tuesday 3rd Nov | Melbourne Cup Day  |

**BUS TRAVELLERS – LAST DAY OF TERM**

School finishes at 2.30 pm and buses will run 1 hour earlier as well. So you will arrive home one hour earlier than usual.

Happy birthday to everyone that is celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope you had/have a great day.

**PIE DRIVE 2015**

A reminder that orders are due back TODAY. Pies will be available for collection from OPS on Friday 19th June. Thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser.

**PLAYGROUP – Oxley’s Future Students**

If you know of anyone who has children starting school in 2016 or 2017 please let them know that our next playgroup session will be held TOMORROW, Friday 12th June from 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm and everyone is welcome! Thank you

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

**Cross Country**

A huge congratulations to our cross country team who competed in at the zone cross country championships last Friday. They all did a wonderful job with Lee Hughes and Xavier Laverty both making it through to the next stage. Well done boys and good luck!

CROSS COUNTRY - By Lee Hughes

On Friday last week I competed in the Cross Country. There were about 120 kids that ran in my race. We had to run 2kms from the Barr Reserve, past the YMCA pool and then up past three concreted posts and then past a gate, around the gun club and then we came back around some trees and around again. We then went around the oval and we finished at the four green sticks. I came 8th in my age group and go to Broadford for the next level.
Writing

Over the first semester there have been a number of fantastic pieces of writing planned, drafted, revised, edited and published. I have been in the very fortunate position that I have been able to teach across all year levels and have seen first-hand the wonderful work that the students have done.

The Department of Education have created a fantastic resource that I have sent home with every family today that outlines 201 different ways that you can help with your child/ren’s learning at school. There are many practical hands on activities that you can do in day to day life that not only educational but are also fun.

Below are a few samples of published pieces of writing from the semester across all year levels.

To whom it may concern,

How would you feel if someone came through and destroyed your home? Can you imagine that happening to you? Well if you find that horrible that is what you are doing to many Sumatran animals. Palm oil is an edible vegetable oil. To get palm oil you have to cut down palm trees. Cadbury I need you to say NO to palm oil. Do you even care about animals? So prove that you have a heart by not using palm oil.

Why would you even consider using palm oil in your products? Palm oil comes from palm trees and by cutting them down you cause deforestation. This means sooner or later there will be no Sumatran forest. This would not do any good for anyone or anything. You only want to make more money. If you did not use palm oil a lot of the Sumatran animals would not be at as higher risk of extinction. That is just one of the reasons I would like you to ban palm oil.

Do you want to cause deforestation? Or do you want a species to become extinct? Is chocolate more important than animals? Change the ingredients and stop using palm oil.

Yours sincerely, Addisyn Miller

Dear Mum and Dad,

Do you want to see me happy? Having a sleep over with my mates would do this. We would have a good time if you let me have a sleep over.

I will clean my room for a week. This would mean that it would be nice and clean for when I have everyone over. I will behave and my guests will behave. I look forward so much to the sleepover. I will have a blast.

The boys and I will have a bubble bath and we will get dressed into our warm PJ’s in the bathroom.

You might say I’m not old enough yet but I have slept over at Jaden’s and Keahn’s house. This proves that I can do it and I’m old enough to have friends over.

Finally, I look forward to my sleepover.

Love, Jobe Currie

Mrs Batey

Mrs Batey will be back next week and I know all the students are looking forward to having her return.

She is keen to have her reports finished and conduct interviews this term so it will be business as usual.

Mrs Batey will however be taking the first two weeks off next term to spend with her family.
and will then be back refreshed and ready for the remainder of the year. I have already asked Mrs Francis to come in for these two weeks so that the students continue on with the great learning that they have already done throughout the first semester.

ART

Our wonderful Art teachers have organised an exhibition at Wangaratta Tourist Information Centre with many student pieces from Oxley Primary school on display. If you are in town please call in to see the wonderful work that all the students across the cluster have done.

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

YEAR 5 & 6 NEWS

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
On Wednesday 27th May the captains and vice captains went to the Albury Commercial Club to learn about leadership. We learnt about how to make a plan, to lead and realise you don’t need a badge to be a leader!
We also learnt about standing up for ourselves and others, standing up for opportunities and doing what is right.
By Rori McDonald & Baden Ryan

THE BIG BIKE HIKE!!!!
The year 5/6’s went on their annual bike hike which was enjoyed by everyone, teachers, parents and kids. As well as riding from Beechworth to Myrtleford we stopped at the Beechworth Lolly Shop, the Bakery and then Everton for lunch.

On the second day we rode from Myrtleford to Bright stopping at Eurobin for morning tea and then lunch at the park in Bright. Thank you to Pam and all the other parents for helping cook such delicious tucker, snacks, brekkie and lunch. Cheers to all the parents for using their time to come along and ride with us. Also thank you to Mr Lawler for riding with us on such short notice!
By Leticia Box-Corsini

AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON!

Eamon and Cooper give me some cheeky smiles!

Stevie and Jada are busy at work!

Ms Tuccitto talks FRACTIONS with the year 3 & 4’s
COMMUNITY NEWS

School Holiday Classes at Pangerang
(Primary School Aged Children)

SEWING – CREATE YOUR OWN CUSHION
Make a cushion for your bed or chair and then use bead, button or embellishments to glue on and create your own unique look.
Date: Monday 29th June  Time: 1-2.30pm  Cost: $20.00

WINTER CRAFT
A fun couple of hours creating autumn and winter craft
Date: Monday 29th June  Time: 10-11.30am  Cost: $15.00

FUN WITH BEADS
This class is just a casual one where children can come along and make beaded jewellery. The beads, wire, elastic etc is all supplied
Date: Monday 29th June  Time: 1.00-2.30pm  Cost: $15.00

WINTER CROSSWORDS, WONDERWORDS & PUZZLES
Great fun for those who love doing puzzles
Date: Tuesday 30th June  Time: 11-12.30pm  Cost: $15.00

KNITTING & CROCHETING with ladies from the CWA
Bring along your needles and wool and let the ladies give you some tips and help with either learning to or increasing your skills in knitting & Crocheting.
Date: Tuesday 30th June  Time: 10am – 12.00 noon  Cost: $10.00

KIDS COOKING
Come and make Hot chocolate & Pita Bread pizza then enjoy eating
Date: Wednesday 1st July  Time: 9.30 -10.30am  Cost: $10.00

In this class we are creating Penguin cookies & Meatball Subs, then sampling of course
Date: Wednesday 1st July  Time: 11.00-12.00 noon  Cost: $10.00

YOGA
This class combines the stretching & vitality of yoga with the calming & tranquility of meditation
Date: Thursday 2nd June  Time: 10.30-11.15am  Cost: $10.00

ZUMBA
Great chance for the kids to have some fun dancing and getting some exercise, great music and movement
Date: Thursday 2nd June  Time: 9.30-10.15am  Cost: $10.00

KIDS DANCING
– Fairy Bop
Music, games and fairy dance. Fun and imagination for the younger children (ages 5-7)
Date: Thursday 2nd July  Time: 9.30-10.30am  Cost: $10.00

– Jazz/Hip Hop
A fun class for children to come and learn some basics, learn some rhythm and enjoy the music (7yrs & over)
Date: Thursday 3rd July  Time: 11.00-12.00 noon  Cost: $10.00

Book now as numbers are limited.
Courses must be paid with enrolment forms completed before end of term
“This program is an empowering journey to the Heart of your Parenting, a program where everyone wins.”

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“This course has given me the confidence to break the mold and be the best parent I can be. That has nothing to do with what my own parents did or didn't do. It has helped me think outside the square of conventional parenting and set a challenge for myself to develop my own style, own something that can bring out the very best in my children. I'm excited to watch my young children grow and develop into confident, intelligent and independent adults that have proud family values.” – Renae

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T.)

AMANDA COULTHARD
empoweringall@outlook.com
0438 522474

NEXT COURSE DATE

Wednesday 24th of June, from 6 - 9pm.

8 weeks of 3-hour sessions
Places limited
Tea & Coffee provided

The Parent Effectiveness Training program:

- Encourages resilience, problem solving, strong self esteem and leadership qualities in children.
- Teaches valuable listening skills, so your children open up and feel understood.
- Enables parents to get their own needs met respectfully and without resistance.
- Shows you how to parent without the use of rewards and punishments.
- Teaches a problem solving model to deal with inevitable family conflicts so nobody loses.
- Helps create a climate that greatly reduces stress and tension within the home.
- Prevents you being ‘fed up’ as a parent when your children become teenagers.
You are warmly invited to an exhibition of your children’s art work on NOW until 30 June at Wangaratta Tourist Information Centre.

Relax, stand back & notice the bigger picture, the minutest of detail, and most importantly, join us in celebrating our students’ art making.

We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate
Invitation
NAIDOC Celebration Day
Sunday 5th July 2015, 10am – 1pm
Wangaratta High School, 235 Edwards Street
(in the event of wet weather this event will be held indoors)

Activities include:
- Welcome to Country
- Flag raising ceremony
- Artwork competition display and judging
- Live entertainment – ‘True Country’ Band
- Free BBQ Lunch, tea, coffee and hot chocolate drinks
- Cultural displays and interactive activities
- Children’s activities – face painting and artwork
- Stall holders promoting products and services
- Victoria Police and other emergency services displays
- Free health checks
- Free raffle for Aboriginal artwork

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