Happy birthday to Alice Hill and Bradley Bertalli that have celebrated their birthdays. We hope you had a great day.

GO SHAKERS!
Every Saturday we play netball at the Barr Reserve. Our team is called the Shakers. We have girls from Chisholm street, Oxley and Edi Upper primary's. So far we have not lost a game. This Saturday we are playing Power Players on court 3. Please come and watch us. From Lily Mullins

PUPIL FREE DAY
A reminder to parents that Monday 3rd August is a Pupil Free Day. Staff will be attending a Cluster Professional Development course on this day. OOSH will be available on this day for any families needing the service. It will run from 8 am to 6 pm.

PIANO LESSONS
Anyone interested in their child starting piano lessons, please call Heather Miles on 5726 9384. Lessons are held at Oxley PS during class times or after school.

RORI’S DANCE CLASSES
Rori McDonald one of our school captains will be running dance classes for any interested students. Every Friday for Year Prep – 3 students and every Wednesday for Year 4-6 students. You can come along and join in from 1.15pm til 2.pm (during lunchtime). The dances will be performed at the end of term 3 for everyone to see! Boys and girls are welcome so go along and learn how to dance with Rori! Congratulations to Rori for organising such a great healthy activity for lunchtimes.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSION FUND
Thank you to all eligible families that returned your CSEF forms last term. All applications have been successful and we will receive funds early in August. Payments are $125 per year per student. This money will be allocated against your child/s camps for 2015.
THANK YOU MRS FRANCIS
We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Francis who has replaced Julie Batey while she has been on leave. The students have been very settled and we have seen some great learning in the classroom this fortnight including the Prep/1 students building their skip counting skills using a Scootle learning object.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
Helping your child with their writing
This week I have decided to focus on the area of helping your child at home with their writing as many of the students are currently writing about something in class that they are an expert in. The topics range from unicycle riding to the television program Doctor Who. I look forward to publishing some of these pieces in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Writing and reading are part of every aspect of your child’s life and while children do lots of literacy based activities at school (e.g. writing, reading, handwriting, phonics), there are lots of ways that you can support your child at home.

General Tips and Ideas
The basis of all good writing is healthy discussion. Writing depends on knowing lots of words and being able to join them together in interesting ways.

Encourage your child/ren to:
- explain a game or activity
- describe a person, place, picture or thing
- retell stories
- talk about things they have done e.g. visits, day at school - encourage detail
- predict what might happen next in a story, TV programme or sequel to a film
- play word games
- Be a reading model and read to your child (e.g. stories, poems, factual information such as timetables, magazines, newspaper reports, letters, emails, adverts, instructions) – discuss the ways authors use words to shape their ideas.
- Be a writing model and encourage your child to write alongside you for real purposes e.g. shopping lists, birthday/Christmas lists, labels, invitations, thank you letters, emails to friends, postcards, cards for relatives, scrap books of holidays/hobbies/special events, diaries, posters for real events, short stories or poems for family members, menus, texting, bedroom or house rules.
- Have an exciting selection of writing materials available e.g. a range of pencils, pens, coloured crayons, writing icing, writing soaps for bath time.
- Praise your child for trying and don’t dwell on mistakes. Focus on content and enjoyment of writing for fun and for purpose.

Bringing up great kids
We still require parents to attend the Bringing up great kids group program that is being offered at Everton PS. This is a free program that will run this term for 2 hours over a 6 week period. Time and dates are flexible so if
you are interested please see Jeremy. Details are attached to this newsletter.

Parents and Friends

Last night our Parents and Friends Committee held a joint meeting with Milawa Primary School to work on some combined fundraisers with the purpose of drawing money from outside the school as well as extending our support group.

There are a number of social functions as well as events coming up during the second semester that will benefit Oxley Primary School and directly the students at the school. Please help out where you can and also get along to the social functions to mix and have some fun.

School Council

School Council will be next Thursday 30th July, 7:30 pm. I look forward to catching up with all the councillors.

Cluster Day

This term Cluster Day was held at Oxley PS and we were lucky enough to have Philip Green come and discuss Aboriginal Survival Technology. Philip inspired the imaginations of our students while they learnt about animals and traditional technologies used by indigenous people across Australia and around the world. Following are pieces written by Zac Mullins, Zoe Baguley & Emma-Kate Vincent ...

ONCE SNAKES HAD LEGS

One hot morning a baby snake was born. But one thing was wrong, he had legs. So they named him Lizasnake. Lizasnake went to find other snakes just like him. He found one and asked him what is your name? My name is Lizasnake said the snake. WOW! Are you really a snake? Yes! Want to be friends? OK. Lizy and lizasnake were friends. They both liked adventures so they went around the desert, they even climbed Ayres Rock.

WHY DOES IT RAIN?

It rains because the clouds get angry, upset and they cry. It rains because we need it. All animals need it like whales, walrus and fish. All people need water. We need water because it helps us stay hydrated.

Skiing

Our skiing program is scheduled for this term on **Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th of August** and to help with arrangements a form was sent home on Tuesday to allow parents to indicate the days students would be attending the skiing program.

The program runs for 2 days (Thursday 13th & Thursday 20th of August) and will cost $40 (last year $74) per child for first day and $120 (last year $156) if your child attends both days however the total cost will depend on the number of students attending both days. We will try to keep the cost to an absolute minimum. The cost for each adult will be $100 per trip which includes transport, hire of ski equipment ($56) and trail pass.

The costs have been kept low this year thanks to the work of our excellent business manager who successfully received funding from Active School to subsidise the program. Please note that these costs have been calculated with all students attending therefore may change when we have confirmed numbers.

More information has been sent out today in regards to skiing.

Students are asked to bring their clothing (from list given out) in on Tuesday (28/7). Don’t worry if you are missing a few items we have some extras at school and can put a call out for the rest!

Parent Opinion Surveys

Surveys will be going home next week so please read the information that is enclosed in your envelope and return to school next Thursday 30th July. These surveys are confidential and will be forwarded to the department on Friday 31st July.

Jeremy Campbell – Principal

Oxley Primary School is committed to Nurturing confident, lifelong learners, in a friendly rural community.
The Trivia Night is going to be held at Oxley Primary School.
Thanks to Marty Tobin and Sam Miranda for again giving Oxley PS the opportunity to do the car parking for their upcoming event. Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd August will see up to 800 cyclists compete in the Sam Miranda Tour of the King Valley over 3 days and they usually bring support staff and vehicles as well, which means lots of visitors and lots of cars! Last year we raised $1100 in what was a very easy fundraiser and this year the competitors have almost doubled. To achieve this goal we need you, our volunteers....... no experience necessary! We will supply you with a lovely hi-vis vest and instructions on where to stand and that is pretty much it.

Below is a roster that we need to fill so please put down a time that you can help. Next week we will be filling the time slots with families drawn from a hat that have not completed the first roster. All monies raised will go towards your children’s learning and experience at OPS so please get involved, you might even have some FUN!

**SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST**
06:30 – 12:30 (arrival of majority of riders, teams, media, spectator’s vehicles)

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**SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST**
08:00 – 14:00

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**LADIES WINERY TOUR – Important Information**
Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest in the Ladies Winery Tour for 2015, we hope this to be the first of many! We look like we will be able to fill a coach so we will be travelling in style.

Dates have been thrown around at our meeting and it has again has been changed due to 5th September being Father’s Day weekend, 15th September being Ovens Murray Grand Final and 3rd October being AFL Grand Final. We are trying to get everyone there so.........the dates we are going to try are **Saturday 29th August or Saturday 28th November**. Everyone who is interested please email/see me before next Thursday and I will confirm which date we will run with in our next newsletter, this will be the set date. The cost will be around $60 per head and include your bus, morning tea and lunch at Tuileries in Rutherglen (this will decrease if we fill our 57 seater bus). This will hopefully see us raise well over $1000.
BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS program uses the concept of mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance their interaction with their children. Parents will be provided with an understanding of children’s brain development, with a focus on their emotional development and reasoning abilities, and reflect on how this may influence their parenting approach.


The expected outcomes of the program are –

- Understand the origin and nature of your parenting style.
- Understand the messages you give to and receive from your child
- Identify and respond to the needs of your child
- Build a positive, respectful relationship with your child
- Source information and support for yourself in your parenting role.

The course runs for two hours over a six week period. The course is facilitated by qualified Upper Murray Family Care Child and Family Services Practitioners.

“Evaluation of the program has reported a significant reduction in parental stress; a decrease in family conflict; significant increase in parental confidence and very high levels of satisfaction with the program.”

Enrolments for 3 and 4 year old Kindergarten in 2016 are being taken at the following Kindergartens - Appin Park, Christopher Robin, Glenrowan, Moyhu, Violet Town, Wangaratta West and The Hub. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the North East Regional Pre School Association (NERPSA) web site (www.nerpsa.com.au), collected from the Kindergartens or NERPSA. Forms need to be returned to NERPSA, 1 Handley Street, Wangaratta 3677 ASAP.
PUBLIC TRANSPORT WANGARATTA
I am contacting you to let you know about an important feedback phase to help resolve regional transport issues. Congratulations to the State Government for including community consultation in the Regional Network Development Plan process.

This commitment was made during a meeting between Member for Murray, Dr Sharman Stone, Public Transport Victoria (PTV) CEO Mark Wild and myself in February. We insisted that community consultation had to be included in the formulation of the Plan.

Indi residents have a number of ways to provide feedback to the Regional Network Development Plan. I encourage you to take part in this community consultation to give PTV a clear picture of what is needed to improve our regional transport services.

A survey can be filled out at the PTV website and comments made on a discussion forum. Feedback is being accepted until September 11, 2015.

Three public workshops will be held in Indi next month. Registrations can be made online.

Regional Network Development Workshops
Benalla - Monday August 10 - 5-7pm - Benalla Performing Arts & Convention Centre

Wangaratta - Tuesday August 11 - 5-7pm - Wangaratta Turf Club

Wodonga - Wednesday August 12 - 6-8pm - Wodonga TAFEspace, Strategic Planning Room

In the last sitting week of the winter session in Parliament, Dr Stone and Ms McGowan met with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Warren Truss. The meeting focused on solutions for the rail service in northern Victoria. Working in partnership with all levels of government and service providers is crucial in solving the issues on the northern line. Improved rail services will be a stimulus for regional development and train users in the northern region deserve better.

Regards
Cathy McGowan

King Valley Community Memorial Hall Inc.

Trash & Treasure
WHITFIELD HALL - Sunday, 9th August 2015
9am - 1pm

Tea, coffee, nibbles available for a GOLD COIN

Stall Cost = $5.00
(Set up from 8am)
Stall holders must provide their own tables and chairs.

For stall bookings or information call
Pam 0407 853 043 or Ange 5729 8344

DONATIONS of items for the "Hall-stall" can be collected by
Contacting Ange - all proceeds from this stall are
For our Hall upkeep and maintenance