PREP, ONE & TWO CAMP
The students are having an amazing day so far and the tents are still standing, mind you if the wind settles we will be very happy! Thank you to all the parents that came along this morning and set up tents and got their children settled for what will be a very exciting night. Parents of Prep, 1 and 2 students are reminded about the BBQ tonight which kicks off at 6 pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and a chair!

VISION PORTRAITS
The date has arrived so get your smiles on! There are still some appointment times available so get online to book, it’s not too late. $15 is all it costs and you will receive a framed photograph taken on the day. $15 from each booking goes direct to OPS. Thank you to Kate for organising this event.

PRINCIPALS REPORT
As I write this report the school is a buzz due to a number of exciting activities taking place. Yesterday we had the Prep -2 Student Led Talent Show and today we have the year 3 – 6 students performing. There will be a full report in next week’s newsletter about this. Well done to everyone involved in organising this event. It was a lot of fun! We also have the Prep – 2 sleepover tonight which is one of the most anticipated and exciting events for the year. Please remember that we have a parent BBQ tonight (6:00 pm) so come along and catch up with everyone in the community.

Happy birthday this week to Hamish Laverty. We hope you have a great day!
Canberra Camp

Canberra camp is always one of the best camps you can go on as a student and this year didn’t disappoint. There were 16 smiling faces that disembarked from the mini bus last Friday afternoon, talking about all of the amazing experiences that they had just covered in the last 3 days.

I would like to take this opportunity to officially thank Mr Shaw, Jean and Carlie who made sure that all the students had a terrific time while they were away.

Following the very successful trip to Canberra for our 5/6 class, it is important to recognise the contribution of the Australian Government in supporting all our students to attend this. Our students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to us now that the excursion is completed.

Graduation Dinner

This year the graduation for our year 6 students will be held on Monday 14th December, 6:30 pm onwards. Adults (15 years and over) are $19, Children $10. Graduating students are being paid for by the parents and friends association.

Cyber Safety

Next Tuesday the 1st of December (6:30 pm) a parent information session on Cyber Bullying / Cyber safety will be held at Glenrowan Primary School on behalf of the OLC.

As a Cluster we held a similar presentation two years ago. Parents who attended in 2013 gave very high praise to the presentation and felt that the information they received was highly valuable. Things move very fast in the IT/Social media world, so it is essential that we as parents also keep up to date with the latest trends. I urge all parents to attend this presentation so you can be better informed and help your children stay safe online.

Jeremy Campbell - Principal

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

PIANO NEWS

On Thursday 3rd December at 2pm there will be a short piano concert at school. Many of the students are playing film themes so we will be playing “Spot the film”. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Rori and James who achieved excellent results in their recent piano exams:  
Rori – Grade 2 – 84 Credit  
James – Grade 1 – 88 Honours

SCHOOL SORES – IMPETIGO

This week we have been notified of a student having school sores – Impetigo. Below is information on this condition.

Impetigo is an infection of the skin. It is often called 'school sores', it is very easily spread, but with care spread can be reduced. Impetigo can occur on healthy skin but it often happens when the skin has already been damaged by a scratch, bite or a disease affecting the skin such as eczema or chicken pox. It is more common in hotter months. The sores can be anywhere on the body, but are often on the face near the mouth and nose, or on the arms and legs. Impetigo may start with a blister or a group of blisters. The blister bursts leaving a patch of red, wet skin which weeps. The spot usually becomes coated with a tan or yellowish crust, making it look like it has been covered with honey. There can be small spots around the first spots, spreading outwards. They are usually itchy. The sore takes about 1
to 3 days to develop after contact with fluid or crusts from a sore.
The sore is spread when the sore is itchy, and children scratch it, spreading the infection to nearby skin or to other parts of their own body.

When can children return to school or child care? Children can return to school or child care after treatment has started and the sores are completely covered with a watertight dressing.

How can impetigo be prevented? Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and always use their own towel and facecloth. Cut your child’s nails short and encourage them not to scratch scabs or pick their nose. Keep injured areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of any bacterial infection, including impetigo. Always wash your hands after touching sores or scabs and use gloves if possible when treating infected children. Keep children with impetigo away from other children for the period of exclusion. This is until antibiotic treatment has commenced and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing.

FINANCES 2015 & 2016
At this time of the year we sit down and work out the budget for 2016 and as part of this process we need to finalise outstanding accounts that you may have at this school. Over the next week accounts will be sent home with outstanding monies owed for camps/excursions as well as/or school fees and a voluntary family gardening fee. Thank you to all those parents that have already paid their accounts. If you have any queries please feel free to see either Jeremy or Jaye about your account or if you are worried about the amount you have outstanding we can arrange a payment plan. We would appreciate these accounts being finalized by 11th December, 2015. 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.

Oxley Primary is quite unique as we try to incorporate as many real life activities to extend our students learning outside the classroom however this does come at a cost. Next year we are increasing the fees to allow for an ICT area.

Parent contributions for 2016 will be $200 per child. This money will go towards stationary ($85) as well as cluster days, arts performances, subsidizing of other extra curriculum activities ($70) and ICT ($45).

Please note that this is a compulsory payment.

In the first few weeks of term 1, 2016 Jaye will give an estimate as to what expenses there will be throughout the year. A payment plan can then be set up. Many parents have taken up this offer and found it much easier to pay smaller amounts on a regular basis than try and find hundreds for camps, etc. and pay as one large amount.

SCIENCE EXPO AT OPS
Mr Lawler and the students will showcase their Science skills in an expo for all the younger OPS students. Parents are welcome to come along at 2pm for an hour on Monday 7th December.

THERMOMIX & BARREL RAFFLE
First Prize – THERMOMIX T5 valued at $2,089
Second Prize – 10 Litre GEHRIG Wines Filled FORTIFIED Barrel valued at $395
Third Prize – KING RIVER Café Voucher to the value of $100.

Tickets are $10 each and there are only 500 tickets to be sold!

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket in the Thermomix raffle or can take some along to your workplace to sell please see Jaye or Helen. Tickets are available from the Office. Winners will be drawn on Thursday 17th December at the school concert.
KIDZ BIZZ (OOSH) CHRISTMAS WEEK

Service Open
Monday 21st
8am-6pm
Tuesday 22nd
8am-6pm
Wednesday 23rd
8am-6pm
Thursday 24th
8am-3.30pm EARLY CLOSE XMAS EVE

Xmas Activities - Arts/Crafts, Activity sheets, Cooking, Games, Movies
General Activities- Indoor/Outdoor Games, Arts/Crafts, Board/Card Games

Bookings: poidomani.helen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Helen 0424 808 860  Bec  0435 936 686

Holiday program for January 2016 holidays will be emailed by 10th Dec 2015
Please note that the Vacation Care program will resume on Monday 11th January.

BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETION

If you are interested in entering the Bunnings colouring completion the pages are located in the office foyer on the table.
Once finished they can be taken to Bunnings and left at the front desk.
The winners will receive a $50 Bunnings voucher!
Good luck everyone and happy colouring.
CHRISTMAS SPECIALS
And Vouchers to be won!!

Christmas Specials Start Monday Nov 30:
3 Christmas shortbread biscuits $1.50
Cherry Ripe Slice $1.50
Cheese and Bacon Mini Pizza $3.50

5 x $20 vouchers to be won - orders must be online and will be drawn the last week of school. (Mon 14th)

Try our new seasonal berry and yoghurt bowl available to order for either recess or lunch $2.50. Our lunch special of the chicken schnitzel burger or a sweet chili chicken wrap are also still available as is the raspberry muffin!!

Orders can be placed online at: www.3rdlittleduck.com.au (payment can be via paypal, credit card, direct debit or cash) or placed into the lunch order box located at the front desk by 9am.

Don’t Forget Healthy Rice paper rolls!!
Chicken Teriyaki Roll GF $2.50
Vegetable (Avocado)Roll GF $2.50
Motor Neurone Disease Family Fun Day Fundraiser

COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR A FAMILY DAY OUT @ KING GEORGE GARDENS WANGARATTA VICTORIA BETWEEN 11-4PM ON SATURDAY THE 19TH DECEMBER.
FREE ENTRY
THERE WILL BE LIVE MUSIC BY DJ JUDD MULLINS
RAFFLES, SAUSAGE SIZZLE/COLD DRINKS, MND MERCHANDISE
FACE PAINTING, GAMES FOR THE KIDS
RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT 3PM ON THE DAY
ALL PROCEEDS MADE ON THE DAY WILL GO TOWARDS MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL WENDY NEATE (03) 57224224
Celebrate Christmas with

OSTINATO
The Wangaratta Based Community Choir
at its
Concert
Sunday 6th December, 2015
2.30pm - 4pm

at the
Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
The Choir will be accompanied by Glenise Williams on The Steinway
Ruth HillNoble is our charismatic Musical Director

Please join the Choir after the concert for a cup of tea/coffee and Christmas cake.
(Gold Coin Donation)

Tickets - Adults - $12, Children/Students - $6

Bookings:
Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre
Edgars Newsagency
www.wangarattapac.com.au