Happy birthday this week to Lily Byrne. We hope you had a great day!

**LIBRARY BOOKS**
If you have any library books at home, please return them to Mr Lalwer no later than next week. He will be stocktaking before the end of the year. Thank you.

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**
On Thursday 12th November we had our “jump off day” to help raise funds for the Heart Foundation.

Jump rope for heart encourages participants to live healthy and active lives through physical activity.

A big thank you to my able helpers who organised and ran our jump off day - Lucy Rocket and Andrea Uebergang for all their hard work and well done to all that joined in on the day. This year we will be donating $260.85 to the Heart Foundation.

**VISION PORTRAITS**
A HUGE thank you to Kate Byvoet-Mullins for being the organiser of this event. I have seen some of the lovely family photographs that were taken and will hold a special place on many a mantel over the Christmas period.

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**
Well done to all the leaders who organised the Talent Show last week for the year Foundation to 2 students on the Wednesday and then for the year 3 to 6 students on the Thursday.

The smiles on all of the students as they performed their acts were priceless and it was great to see a few hidden talents were exposed over both days.

**Foundation, 1 and 2 Camp**
Another extremely successful Foundation, year 1 and 2 camp and I would like to thank all those involved in making sure that the sleepover was a fantastic experience for all of the students. Well done to Mrs Batey and Mr Porter.
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and grandparents who came along to the BBQ on the night of the camp. It was so terrific to see so many families at this event, especially future enrolments running around.

School Council

Last night we had our School Council dinner at the King River Café to finish up the year. I would personally like to thank all my school councillors, Helen Taylor, Bruce Uebergang, Warwick Philpott, Pam Bertalli, Cam Miller, Jo Currie, Veronica Retallack, Anthony Lawler and Peter Shaw for their commitment to help drive the school throughout 2015. You are all incredible passionate and supportive members of the school and should be proud of all your efforts this year.

Last night was formally Helen Taylor’s last night as School Council President however I will invite her back to open our AGM next year. I read out the following letter to thank her on behalf of the community for the manner in which she has led the School Council over many years either as a member, vice-president or president.

Dear Helen Taylor,

Your family commenced its journey at Oxley Primary School on the 29/01/2004 when Darcie started at the school. Darcie was then followed by Tate and Abby, with Abby completing her final year in 2015.

Community spirit is something that you are extremely passionate about and I know that Oxley Primary School as well as the entire Oxley Community has benefited greatly from not only your involvement but your entire families involvement in many events.

Currently in education we talk about developing the whole child so that they are not only academically strong but also resilient, confident community members. This is something that you have always been extremely passionate about and the direction that you have led our School Council over the last two years has always had this in mind.

Pancake Day, Year 5 and 6 Bike Ride, Snow Trips and the School Disco are a number of events that you have not only supported but pushed over your time at the school because you know that these extra-curricular activities are loved by the students and staff.

Personally you have supported the school on many occasions through your own business as well as supporting students so that they could participate in sporting competitions on the weekends without wanting any recognition. This act speaks volumes of your character Helen.

You have also demonstrated to yourself and your family that you are never too old to learn and have tackled the fear of public speaking head on as School Council President. Abby and Darcie would like me to include that you once left Abby behind at a School Disco, believing Wayne had taken her home and that you are generally late due to your hectic life of supporting so many people.
Thank you Helen for all your wonderful leadership, support and assistance over many years at Oxley Primary School. You should leave the school with a huge smile on your face knowing that you have made it a better place to be.

**Concert**
The school Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} December and will start at 7.00pm. The staff, students and parents have been busy choreographing their dances and I’m sure you will really enjoy the night. Please feel free to invite grandparents, aunts and uncles on the night.

Please remember to bring a long a chair for the night as well as supper to share with the wider community. You may also be asked to join the stage at the end to dance with your child/ren, so wear your dancing shoes!

**Year 5 and 6 Sleepover**
The year 5 and 6 sleepover will be held on the 10\textsuperscript{th} of December. The students will need to bring a change of clothes and they often share a tent. Mr Shaw will organise the tents with the students in the class.

**State Wide Transition Day**
Our State Wide Transition day is the 8\textsuperscript{th} of December when all students across the state attend either their new school or new class for 2016. Wangaratta High School is running three transition days this year from the 8\textsuperscript{th} to the 10\textsuperscript{th} of December. The 10\textsuperscript{th} happens to also fall on the year 5 and 6 Sleepover which means that the year 6 students will have plenty to share with the year 5 students when they return for their sleepover.

**Graduation Dinner**
This year the graduation for our year 6 students will be held on Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} 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.

Jeremy Campbell - Principal

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

**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 11\textsuperscript{th} 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 7\textsuperscript{th} December.
MAJOR RAFFLE

1ST PRIZE   THERMOMIX T5
The world’s smallest, smartest kitchen! Includes home delivery demonstration
Valued at $2089

2ND PRIZE   10 LITRE JOHN GEHRIG FILLED FORTIFIED BARREL
Valued at $395

3RD PRIZE   KING RIVER CAFÉ VOUCHER
Valued at $100

TICKETS ONLY $10 EACH
Limit of 500 tickets to be sold
For tickets contact Oxley Primary School on 5727 3312, email oxley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER
At the Oxley Primary End of year concert

5 tickets = 1 in 100 chance of winning!
Winners will be notified by phone and will also be listed on the Oxley Primary School newsletter.
Delivery of Thermomix may take between 2-8 weeks.
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 COMPETITION

If you are interested in entering the Bunnings colouring competition 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
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
SYM SUCCESS FOR YOUTH THROUGH MUSIC

MIKE WATERS AND BILLIE TAYLOR
PLUS 15 LOCAL STUDENTS

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE MATTHEW ROGERS (UNIFIED) / NICK COOPER (MUSIC VICTORIA) / TEEN CHALLENGE

SUN 6TH DEC.

JOHN GEHRIG WINES RUTHERGLEN

12 - 3PM / FREE ENTRY, FULLY CATERED & LICENSED EVENT (NO BS) / BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - 0427 819 276

60 STUDENT PERFORMANCES / 3 EVENTS / 8 SPECTACULAR WINERIES / 8 GUEST SPEAKERS FROM TOURING ARTISTS, MAJOR GOVERNMENT & NON GOVERNMENT MUSIC INDUSTRY BODIES / SUPPORTED BY LOCAL INDUSTRY / STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY, SECONDARY, STATE & PRIVATE SCHOOLS / LOCAL MUSIC SHOPS SPONSORING BRAND NEW GUITARS FOR STUDENTS TO PERFORM WITH / FREE ENTRY, FAMILY FRIENDLY, LICENSED & CATERED EVENTS / PROMOTING YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY / GIVING REGIONAL YOUTH & FAMILIES ACCESS TO MAJOR MUSIC INDUSTRY BODIES / PROMOTING MUSIC TO REGIONAL YOUTH / COVERING 8 REGIONAL SHIREs – GREATER SHEPPARTON, MOIRA SHIRE, BENALLA RURAL CITY, STRATHBogie SHIRE, WANGARATTA RURAL CITY & THE INDOGO SHIRE