IMPORTANT DATES

February

9th – 12th Year 5 and 6 Camp
18th Parents and Friends – Wine and Pizza Night
25th Welcome back BBQ

March 1st Cluster Day to Whorouly Primary School

Happy birthday to the following student/s that celebrated their birthdays this week: Jack Parker.

BUNNINGS BBQ – Fundraiser
A huge thank you to everyone who helped out last weekend at the Bunnings BBQ and also organised everything behind the scenes before the event, we had a very successful day selling out of all of the sausages that we had. We made a profit of roughly $600.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Interview with a Foundation student and a Year 6 student
Over the course of the first term I am going to interview our new Foundation students as well as our Year 6 leaders. This week we have Greta Day as our foundation student and Dylan White as our year 6 leader.

What was something you were looking forward to this year Greta starting school?
I didn’t know what school was going to be about so I didn’t really have something I was looking forward to.

What has been the best thing about school so far?
Playing with my friends. We have been playing dinosaurs.

What was something you were looking forward to this year Dylan starting school?
The Queenscliff camp which is next week.

What has been the best thing about school so far?
Not getting in trouble in the first week and also running the school assembly.

Both Dylan and Greta have made great starts to the school year which I think you can tell by the huge smiles on their faces. In fact, all students are to be congratulated on the start they have made to the school year. Well done everyone!

Readers
A great part of the culture at Oxley Primary School is our parent helpers with readers in the morning. We have a strong philosophy of listening to the students read their readers each day so that they are confident at home to read them to you as their parents. It is also a great opportunity for you as parents to participate in your child’s learning.
If you can assist in listening to readers in the morning please come in and see either one of the classroom teachers or myself. Thank you in advance for helping out, it is greatly appreciated.

Before School
Parents and students are reminded that school does not officially open until 8:10 am, however our very dedicated staff will be on the grounds before this time and there are a couple of families who have already made arrangements with myself to drop their children off at 8:00 am. Please do not drop your child off if you haven’t seen a staff member.
Please note that my car and Mr Shaw’s cars will be in the school all of next week as we will be on school camp.

Bike Riders
It is fantastic to see so many students riding to school already and I encourage them to take advantage of the great weather while we have it.
Please remind your children to ride straight to school and straight home and not to stop to talk to anyone that they don’t know.
Please also make sure that any students that are in the junior part of our school ride to school accompanied by an adult.
Keep up the great work on being healthy, active and happy!

Year 5 and 6 Camp
A reminder note will be going home on Monday about our year 5 and 6 camp.
Please make sure all students have their own bedding with includes a pillow and pillow case.
I have heard many positive reports about Camp Wyuna and with fantastic weather forecasted for next week we are sure to have a sensational time.

Camp Wyuna
Camp Wyuna is ideally located at the entrance of the coastal town of Queenscliff at the heads of Port Phillip Bay on the Bellarine Peninsula, only 30 minutes from Geelong and 1.5 hours from Melbourne. Set amongst the natural dune scape is the newly reconstructed Camp Wyuna on 5 acres. A unique setting surrounded by magnificent natural and historical resources. Camp Wyuna enjoys direct access Port Phillip Bay foreshore along a 50 metre walking track over the sand dunes and is in view of Swan Bay. Its proximity to the many attractions and activities in Queenscliff means you are walking distance from everything.

Activities
Activities the students will be participating in include:
- Mountain bike riding,
- Boogie boarding
- Marine and Freshwater Discovery Centre,
- Sand sculptures,
- Beach games.
We will hopefully be back from camp on Friday somewhere between 3:30 – 4:00 pm.

Shared Values

Four years ago I read a book titled ‘Any Given Team’ which was written by Ray McLean. I chose to read this book because it focussed on the key elements in creating successful organisations as well as the fact that Ray had worked extensively with the Geelong Football Club. There were a number of take home points for me from this book, however the main one was that every successful organisation has a key set of values that they stand by and implement on a daily basis. This is no different for a school and we are extremely lucky at Oxley that our families and students already have many of these values embedded into their lives.
The shared expectations of the school and community are designed to promote the following values in and out of the school:

Respect:
Showing respect at Oxley Primary School is when:
*We actively listen with our eyes and ears and follow instructions,
*We use our manners and are fair to others,
*We have a positive attitude and always try to do our best.

**Care:**
Caring at Oxley Primary School is when:
*People treat you the way you would like to be treated,
*You look after the schools and other people’s property,
*We look after the environment.

**Honesty:**
Honesty at Oxley Primary School is when:
*You do something wrong, you own up to it and it makes you feel relieved,
*You self-umpire in games,
*You are true to yourself and don’t try to be someone else.

**Responsibility:**
Being responsible at Oxley Primary School is when:
*You complete the tasks you have been asked to do,
*You are reliable and trustworthy to be counted on,
*You take control of your own actions / the way you act.

**Excellence:**
Excellence at Oxley Primary School is when:
*You put in lots of effort into everything you do,
*You keep the school clean and tidy,
*Our behaviour is always of the highest standard.

We therefore expect everyone that enters the school to uphold these values written by the students and the teachers.

Our school uniform is also an important aspect of our shared expectations and we ask all parents to make sure that they send their child to school in the correct uniform. I believe that it is a great advertisement for the school, (whether we are on an excursion or I’m showing prospective parents around the school), to see all students in the correct uniform. Uniforms can be ordered from the school and these order forms can be picked up at the office.

**School Council**
This year we have a total of 4 parent members who are up for re-election (Warwick Philpott, Kate Byvoet – Mullins, Pamela Bertalli) with one member stepping down (Helen Taylor) and 1 DEECD member for re-election (Anthony Lawler). I am currently looking into whether Jo-Anne can stay on council now that she is both a parent and staff member. This means that we at least 1 maybe 2 vacant positions on our School Council available to the community.

Our timetable to elect a new School Council for 2015 will be:

**Thursday 5th February** – Notice of election and a call for new nominations

**Friday 18th February** – Closing date for nominations

If we require a vote:

**Monday 3rd March** – Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

**Friday 6th March** - Close of ballot

**Monday 21st March** – New School Council meeting and AGM.

**Student Wellbeing**
There is a mountain of research to suggest that our physical health has a significant impact on our mental health. In particular exercise, sleep and hydration.

Over the last few years we have worked with Hugh van Cuylenburg from the Resilience Project who has completed a number of workshops with both the parents and students.

Last week I saw a challenge they were sending out to all schools and the students for the next 7 days. They were challenging students to:

- Commit to 8 hours of sleep a night,
- Drink water regularly throughout the day, not just when you are thirsty as it is too late,
- Exercise for a minimum of 20 minutes everyday.

Good luck with the challenge everyone.

**Next week:** helping your child with their reading, our staff and the school timetable.

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

**WANGARATTA MARATHON**
Sent home today as separate flie today is information about the Wangaratta Marathon.
If you enter your child please link them to the Oxley Primary School team.
Forms are due back next Monday the 8th February.

MICHAEL AND HEATHER
We are extremely lucky to have the services of both Michael and Heather at the school who offer private guitar and piano lessons. If you’re interested in your child learning either the guitar or the piano you can contact either Michael or Heather on the below numbers.

Michael (guitar) 0447 617 880
Heather (piano) 57 269 384

FOUNDATION STUDENTS – WEDNESDAYS
A reminder to parents that Foundation (Prep) students do not attend WEDNESDAYS for the first 6 weeks of school so that they can have time to rest and enjoy their transition to primary school. They will start back full time during week 7 (Monday 7th March).

HELP - NUTS
We are heading in the right direction and appreciate everybody’s assistance in reaching our goal of making Oxley Primary NUT FREE or as nut free as we can get! Please continue to cut out any nut products that you send with your child to school – this includes peanut butter. We also ask you to stress the importance that your child doesn’t share their lunch with other students due to the many allergies that we are now aware of in our society. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Welcome back to a new year of After School Care at Kid Bizz. Important information for parents: After School Care runs from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm for parents/guardians that require care for their children after school hours.
If you require this service please notify the school prior to end of classes. Bookings are essential and are taken via the phone or in the school office. If you need to cancel your booking, please notify by 3.00 pm or fees will still apply. If a student is not collected by bus time 3.50pm, they will be brought into After School Care and fees will apply. Fees for 2016 are as follows: 1hr = $7.50 and 1-2.5hrs = $15.00. This will decrease according to your CCB.

UNIFORM
If you require any new items of uniform please complete an order form that is located in the office foyer communication station. We will be placing an order next week.

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund
Please find attached information regarding this government incentive for all school aged students that are eligible.

3RD LITTLE DUCK – LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders will again be available courtesy of 3rd Little Duck starting on Monday. Our days for orders are Mondays and Fridays. For all our new families you can make an order online at www.3rdlittleduck.com.au or place an order in the container located in the foyer at school. Please see Jaye or Bec if you have any questions. Specials are included with this newsletter.

FINANCES 2016
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.
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.

TISSUES
Thank you to all the parents that donated tissues to their children’s classroom last year. We are asking all parents to send a full box of tissues with your child next week. Boxes will be distributed to classrooms as required. Thank you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING (PFA)
Our first Parents and Friends Association meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 18th February in the staffroom after school at 7:00 pm with pizza and wine being supplied. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet new parents in our community and have a lot of fun along the way. Please come along as it will be a fun night and more of an opportunity to mix and mingle and meet parents from within our community. This is an adult’s only event.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Above are a couple of photos of all the smiling faces during the first week.