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NEWSLETTER 5 – 26th February, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH
1st Cluster Day to Whorouly Primary School
2nd NO FOUNDATION Students
3rd Welcome back BBQ
9th Foundation students start full time this Wednesday
11th OLC PD DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY
14th LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
15th MARMUNGAN Athletics Sports Day
21st AGM School Council
24th Last Day of Term – students finish at 2.30 pm on this day

Happy birthday to the following student/s that celebrated their birthdays this week: Dylan Retallack and Miss Tuccitto.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
A reminder that Monday 14th March is the Labour Day public holiday. There is no school or OOSH on this day. Enjoy your long weekend!

WELCOME BACK BBQ: INFORMATION NIGHT
CHANGE OF DATE – NOW Thursday 3rd March
We hope to see all families attending with the information night starting from 5:00 pm. The night will generally run until the sun goes down, so don’t stress if you can’t make the information session.

Meat and bread will be supplied by the Parent & Friends Association and it would be appreciated if all families A-L could bring a dessert to share and M-Z a salad. Please keep in mind that we do have students with nut allergies. We will be running our first Meat Raffle for 2016 so please bring some change and you might win the prize! We hope to see you all there.

OLC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY
A reminder that Friday 11th March is a Pupil Free Day and there will be no school. If you need to organise out of hours school care OOSH will be open from 8am-6pm. Bookings can be made by phone Helen 0424808860 or by email poidomani.helen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au. Early bookings appreciated so as to enable us to organize staff.

MARMUNGEN SPORTS ON FOLLOWING PAGE

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Interview with a Foundation student and a Year 6 student
This week we have Jasmine Uebergang and Eli Smiles selected as the students to be interviewed.

What was something you were looking forward to this year Jasmine when starting school? Playing in the playground.

25/02/16
What has been the best thing about school so far Jasmine? Reading. I love reading.

How are you feeling about being in year 6 Eli? The challenging work that Mr Shaw gives me.

What is something that you really appreciate about Oxley Primary School? The fun activities that you get to do, for example, the camps.

Pizza and Wine Night
Thank you to everyone that was able to come along for a great night. A huge thank you to Meghan Gehrig and the Gehrig family as well as La Cantina Winery (Jean and Franco Corsini) for their donation of wine for the evening. The Hollywood’s Pizzas were also delicious, so thank you to Peter and Wendy Siperki.

School Council
We are currently looking to fill two vacancies on our School Council with our AGM to be held on Monday the 21st of March. The School Council is an incredibly important part of the school and represents the views of all the community to support the running of the school so that every child reaches their potential. Qualities that we look for in our school council members are;

• All school councilors need to respect other members’ opinions AND support and uphold all council decisions
• Parent members bring expertise and views to council on behalf of the whole school community
• DEECD members bring educational expertise and views to council on behalf of the whole school community

It is important that if you take up a position on the school council you commit to making all of the meetings.

Our meeting schedule for the year is as follows:

1. School Council Meeting, 4th February
2. AGM – 21st March
3. School Council Meeting, 21st March
4. School Council Meeting, 25th April
5. School Council Meeting, 6th June
6. School Council Meeting, 25th July
7. School Council Meeting, 5th September
8. School Council Meeting, 17th October
9. School Council Meeting, 21st November
10. School Council Dinner, 28th November

Year 6 Camp Photos

Jeremy Campbell - Principal
Oxley Primary School is committed to Nurturing confident, lifelong learners, in a friendly rural community.
MARMUNGEN SPORTS 2016

This year’s Sports are being held on **Tuesday 15th March** at the Appin Park Athletics Track. To our new parents this is an amazing day full of fun, laughs and lots of sport! Students are required to wear their sports uniform (polo shirt, shorts, runners and hats) and will compete in a variety of athletics events throughout the day. Parents, family and friends are invited AND ENCOURAGED to come along and support this wonderful day (lots of blue and cheering would be great). A reminder that parents are required to get their children to the park before 8.45 am and collect them on the day. The day will conclude at approximately 3.15 pm. GO OXLEY!!!!!

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

We are writing to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.

At Oxley Primary School we have a lock in and a lock procedure as well as an off-site evacuation point if we did need to leave the school for any particular reason. The off-site evacuation point is Sam Miranda. In next week’s addition of the newsletter I will attach a flier with what will specifically happen if we were to experience an emergency at the school.

Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.
If you have any questions please contact the school.

MESSAGE FROM PARENTS & FRIENDS — HAPPY EASTER

Easter Raffle
We will again be running our annual Easter raffle. For all our new families this is a very successful raffle we run every year at this time and each family is asked to donate Easter Eggs (or bunnies, etc.) as prizes to go into our hampers for our raffle. Tickets will be sent home next week and students are asked to sell them to family and friends for 50 cents a ticket. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of the term. All donations can be left in the staffroom. Thank you.

Hot Cross Buns
We are again running our Hot Cross Buns Drive. Order forms went home early in the week. Orders forms are due back to school no later than 16th March and buns can be collected on Wednesday 23rd March. If you are available on this morning to help bag orders please see Jaye or Jeremy. 6 packs are $4.50 with $1.50 from every pack sold going direct to the school.

UPCOMING Fundraising
The year has started and our past success has seen us be the first group to contact for two upcoming catering events. Both events happen to fall on Saturday 30th April but we hope that we will be able to do both as they are Oxley and require the same food/drinks.

The first is a Clearing Sale at Parker’s and Dan Parker has suggested us to help raise funds for the school. This will be a stall with maybe a BBQ, sandwiches, slices, tea and coffee.

The second is the Shepparton Car Variety Bash which is morning tea at the Oxley Hall for 100-150 people.

Both events will require homemade goods such as slices, biscuits, sandwiches so even if you are not available on the day a donation of baked/made goods will be just as important.
If you can help please see Jaye next week and we will put a roster in the following newsletter. This is a great opportunity and will see the PFA being able to continue to support our camps and excursions as well as many other activities at OPS. So far this year the PFA have already subsidised the Year 5 & 6 camp saving parents $50 per student.

**2016 ESSENTIAL ITEMS LEVY AND CAMPS & EXCURSIONS**

I have had some parents approach me in regards to expected costs for 2016. Please note this is only an approximation:

*Year Prep, One & Two $260.00
  (Weekly payment plan 40 weeks of $6.50)*
*Year Three & Four $520.00
  (Weekly payment plan 40 weeks of $13.00)*
*Year Five & Six $680.00
  (Weekly payment plan 40 weeks of $17.00)*

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 ie. Miller Fees

**LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SOME FAMOUS FACES THIS WEEK……..**

**VOXPOP**

**Oxley Primary School students were asked, what is your favourite thing about summer?**

*Austin Morris, Foundation Student*
Christmas time and going on holidays.

*Greta Day, Foundation Student*
Swimming in my pool and the river because I can swim underwater now.

*Shelby Francis, Grade Three*
Going surfing on a surfboard at the beach with my family.

*Eamon Mullins, Grade One*
Being boiling hot and not having to wear jeans because mine are all tight.

*Jada Ryan, Grade Two*
Swimming in the pool at home with my brothers and sisters and having a pool party for my birthday.
### MARMUNGEN SPORTS DAY HELPERS NEEDED - Tuesday 15th March

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At Oxley Primary School we use computers and iPads to support the variety of concepts that our students are learning each day. Many of the programs that we use at school allow the students consolidate what they have learnt or even enhance their understanding of a concept.

Each term we are aiming to provide an update of the programs that we are using at school that you can either access from home on your computer or via your iPad by downloading the app.

**IPADS / TABLETS**

**MATHLETICS**

Mathletics is a world-leading e-learning resource, including highly engaging curriculum-aligned content, live fluency activities and targeted adaptive practice – coupled with powerful teaching resources, diagnostic testing and assessments.

At Oxley Primary School we use the Mathletics program to reinforce concepts that your child is learning in the classroom. Each child has a unique username and password that they can use at home to get onto the program. The Mathletics app can be downloaded for free through the Apple App store.

See your child’s classroom teacher to get your child’s unique username and password.

**PM ECOLLECTION**

A new app that we are currently trialing is the PM eCollection app. This app gives us access to 200 levelled PM readers for focused reading groups at school and it will also be great if your child leaves their reader at school. Each PM eCollection eBook is completely redesigned for iPad compatibility, though retains the same pedagogical underpinnings as the original PM Collection.

Purpose-built features to enhance students’ experience with the PM eBooks include:

- audio support - students tap to hear a word, swipe down to hear a page
- My Words - students touch and swipe a word to add it to their My Words list
- ability for students to record their own version of the PM eBook
- edit text function
- draw and add notes to PM eBooks.

Username is currently ops1 with a password of ops 1, with numbers from 1 through to 20 being able to be used.
SMILING MIND

Smiling mind is a free app based meditation program developed by a team of psychologists. This style of mediation is commonly used in the treatment of stress, resilience, anxiety and depression. We are currently using this program to allow students a short mental break and time out from their busy lives. Many have described feeling refreshed and clear headed after our meditations.

Smiling mind is available as a free application on your mobile phone or tablet. smilingmind.com.au also has a detailed description of what the program includes.

COMPUTERS

SUNSHINE ONLINE

Sunshine Online offers every child the very best of animated and interactive learning in literacy and maths!
Sunshine Online makes learning to read fun and engaging for all children, from beginners through to independent readers.
The website features:
  - Over 550 levelled e-books and 1000 interactive activities and games that focus on phonics, comprehension, fluency, spelling and writing.
  - Maths stories and activities to help children learn essential early maths concepts and skills.

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MOBILE PHONES

SKOOLBAG

Skoolbag is the ultimate school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, school timetables, parent sick note forms, school documents and much more. No more lost paper in school bags! You can download this onto your phone from the play store.
**WANGARATTA TABLE TENNIS**

2016 AUTUMN COMPETITION

Muster Nights: 2nd & 9th of March, Juniors 5:30 p.m., Seniors 7 p.m.
Free Come ‘n’ Try, Learn, Registration and Grading.
Juniors Ages 7 to 15, All New and Past Players Welcomed.
Junior Comp Starts: 16th of March at 5:30 p.m.
Senior Comp Starts: 16th of March at 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Industrial Building, Wangaratta Showground.
(First building on the left side as you enter the main gates).

For further information call
Robert (Seniors): 0407228280, Andrew (Juniors): 0498954081.

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**Mini Roos**

Saturday Soccer Competition

Boys and girls welcome - 5yrs - 15yrs

Muster Day: 20th February 9am - 11am
Muster Day: 27th February 9am 11am
Season Commence 5th March.

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Mini Roos Registration
NOW OPEN online
NEW registration process for 2016
To register log onto
www.miniroos.com.au
Select ‘find a place to play’ then
select Wangaratta South Wang Reserve.
Full instructions are on our website
www.wangarattacityfc.com.au
Payments are made online at time of
registration via Credit Card.
Registration enquires please email:
registrar@wangarattacityfc.com.au
All participants must attend a Muster Day
to collect welcome packs and
confirm registration.
Body Confident Children & Teens
Information for Parents & Community Members

Every year, since its inclusion in 2006, body image has been one of the top three areas of personal concern for young people
(Mission Australia, Youth Survey)

Locally supported by

What: An interactive presentation focused on how to better support children and/or teen’s body confidence during puberty and adolescence.

Topics covered include:
- Background on body image and importance of prevention
- Brief overview of eating and body related issues and warning signs
- Key influences on body confidence
- Importance of role modeling positive body image and healthy behaviours
- Understanding ‘Fat Talk’ and handling ‘stuff’ they say
- Awareness around behaviours that increase or decrease body satisfaction
- Referral and support information
- Please note, this session does not cover dealing with fussy eaters

Date: Monday, 7th March, 7 – 8.30pm
Venue: Baarmutha Function Centre, Balaclava Road, Beechworth
No cost involved but bookings essential

To book online: thebutterflyfoundation.org.au > Education > For Parents
More information: helen.bird@thebutterflyfoundation.org.au 02 8456 3908

Butterfly acknowledges the support of

CRIPPS FOUNDATION
Dove self-esteem project
VICTORIA State Government
Butterfly Education
When: Sunday March 6th. 9am-12pm.

Where: Oxley Memorial Park Playground.

What to bring: Drink bottle, hat and gloves.

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AFTER THE CLEAN UP.
Come and help Clean Up the parks, walking tracks and the streets of our wonderful town.

For more info: Ph Dianne 57273623
HIGHLAND DANCING CLASSES IN WANGARATTA
When: Mondays
Where: Girl Guide Hall, Ryan Avenue
Time: 4.30-5.30pm
Cost: $7.50
Contact: Suzanne 0408 005 584

Bonjour!

G’Day, Mate!
Create the perfect connection between French and Aussie cultures by hosting an exchange student from France.

From mid-May why not show your support and invite a friendly 15-17 year old French girl or boy to become part of your family for a short-term duration?

A French ‘big brother’ or ‘big sister’ in the family provides fantastic fun and learning, especially with helping to learn French as a language other than English.

Join us as a volunteer host family to an interesting student and create international understanding and help change lives and outlook.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please call us NOW on 1800 500 501 or email us at scceast@scce.com.au Web: www.scce.com.au

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info@gettingthere.net.au
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Make change happen, volunteer!