From the Principal's Desk,
Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our final term for 2014 the staff and students will be working on end of year assessments as well as covering the Term 4 curriculum. It is important therefore that all students attend every day and on time. Each student who is late disrupts the learning of not only themselves but each child in the class when they come into the room and lessons and routines have already commenced. During week 1 we had 120 students late for school and in week 2, 182 students. Any student who arrives after 9 am is late and needs to go straight to the office for a late note. If they go to their class instead their teacher will send them to the office which will cause a further delay and disruption.

Thanks to all those parents who are ensuring their children are dressed in full school uniform including a hat and appropriate footwear. Please remember to visit the lost property on the Admin verandah if you have lost items of clothing.

As you would have noticed our gardens have had a recent makeover and a huge thanks goes to the P & C for their help, Mrs Jurisic, Mr Campbell and Stage 2 for the vegetable garden and Mr Glenn Lawson our relieving General Assistant who has devoted hours to making our playground more attractive and maintaining our playgrounds.

Please note that Swim School will commence in Week 7. We have secured extra sessions this year to allow us to take more students and have restructured the program so the children have 2 lessons per day over a 5 day period. This has greatly reduced the cost for parents. **If your child can not swim 50 metres and is in Year 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 please consider this program.** If the cost is prohibitive please come and see me for assistance as we want to do all we can to prevent the risk of drowning for all our students.

Regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal

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### Calendar Term 4

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Notes sent home this fortnight:
School Swimming Scheme Interest
Pete the Sheep – Kindergarten, Years 3 & 4

Have you returned?
School Swimming Scheme Interest note
Pete the Sheep permission note

Kindergarten 2015
If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 we are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments. Please come to the office to pick up an enrolment form for your child.

Eftpos Facilities Available
We now have Eftpos facilities available at Oxley Park Public School.

Pedlars’ Day
It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate chocolate bars for Pedlars’ Day. Could you please drop off the chocolate bars to the office by Monday 24th November, 2014.

University of NSW Competitions
The following students will be receiving certificates for their involvement in the University of NSW Competitions on Friday 24th October at 2pm in the Primary Assembly held in the hall.

English: Abdullah Mohd Ali, Tyler Hawke, Lachlan Pabian, Jarrad Van Der Meulen, Junsung Choe
Maths: Kyan Grima, Abdul Alayed, Mhac Dolores, Abdullah Mohd Ali, Ryley Saurine, Matthew Gregory, Hannah Chappelow, Blake Degiorgio, Emily Payne, Samuel Tint, Jarrad Van Der Meulen, Junsung Choe, Joshua Romero
Writing: Junsung Choe, Jarrad Van Der Meulen, Lachlan Pabian
Spelling: Abdul Alayed, Mhac Dolores, Abdullah Mohd Ali, Tyler Hawke,Jye Tuite, Blake De Giorgio, Samuel Tint, Lachlan Pabian, Jarrad Van Der Meulen, Junsung Choe, Klarisa Delipetar, Lucie Hing, Joshua Romero

Curriculum Corner
Pete the Sheep

Don't forget our excursion to the Parramatta Riverside Theatre on Thursday, 30th October. Students in Kindergarten, Year 3 and 4 will be watching the children's musical presentation of 'Pete the Sheep', a new production based on the well-known Australian picture book. Travel to and from the venue will be by bus from school, leaving at 11.00 am and returning to school before 3.00 pm. The total cost will be $25.00.

This is a terrific opportunity for the children to experience live theatre. We'd love to see as many children there as possible. Remember that money and permission notes are due by next Wednesday, 29th October.

Show and Tell

K Yellow has been working hard to independently write letters of the alphabet using a consistent size, shape and slope. Here is some of their bookwork on the letter “f” for “fantastic!”

By Afya

By Sarah
K Green have been creative writers during their ‘free writing’ time. Using a picture stimulus, students compose imaginative and informative texts. Last week students composed imaginative texts on ‘The Lion’.

3B have been studying the topic ‘First Contacts’. As part of this unit, they have been investigating the everyday life of a person who sailed on the First Fleet and lived in the early colony. This has also included Aboriginal perspectives.

P&C News
Next meeting will be on Monday 27th October, 2014.
For your convenience when your child is absent from school please complete the note below and return to your child’s teacher

ABSENCE EXPLANATION NOTE

STUDENT’S NAME …………………………………………….. CLASS …………………………………

DATE OF ABSENCE ……………………………………………………………………………………

REASON ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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PARENT/CAREGIVER’S NAME ……………………………………………………………………….

SIGNED ………………………………………. DATE …………………………………………………

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Swim School is returning for 2014
Don’t miss out! Limited places!

When: Weeks 7 or 8 in Term 4
Cost: Price is greatly reduced at only $50.00 per child. This includes 2
      lessons per day for 5 days ($20.00 saving from last year)

Venue: Ripples Leisure Centre

Staff Members with CPR training: Mrs Hodges and Mrs Murphy

Additional Information: This program is available to all students in years 2 to 6. To reserve a spot in this swimming school program return the note below or call the office with your child’s name and class.

Mrs Hodges and Mrs Murphy
Swim School Coordinator

Mrs Annett
Principal

Swim School Interest 2014

Please return to the office by 8th October 2014

I would like to reserve a spot for my son/daughter……………………………………
of class……………. to participate in the Swim School Program.

Signed ________________________ Date__________________________

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