From the Principal’s Desk,

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday I had the very great pleasure of seeing our Ballroom Dancing teams competing in the Sydney West Championships. These students were great ambassadors for our school and participated with a great attitude, trying their best but making sure they enjoyed themselves. Dancing can be quite a challenge and for our students to perform so competently and confidently is a huge credit to themselves and their dance teachers, Mrs Borg and Miss Ingram. Thanks also to the parents who supported this program and those who were able to attend. We even had some very proud grandparents from Ballina watching on with pride.

Please note the events coming up in the last few weeks of term. This week we have the Discos on Thursday and the P & C Santa Photos from 3 – 5pm. Santa will be here in the library and parents can come and take their own photos for a gold coin donation.

Many of our students are keenly rehearsing for the Talent Quest which is in its second year. Mrs Sciberras has been inundated with entries this year and parents will be invited to attend the finals on December 12. Our Talent Quest has two purposes, the first is to provide students with the opportunity to display a skill or talent which they may not have the opportunity to showcase in regular class and the second is to provide some respite for our students from the heat in the playground as we approach summer. Our hall is now fully air conditioned and the sound system has been upgraded, so move over X Factor, Oxley Park Talent Quest is here.

Our Group 1 swimmers are progressing extremely well by all accounts and have been blessed with fantastic weather. Lets hope it holds out for all those in Group 2 commencing their lessons next Monday.

White Ribbon Day is on next Tuesday, 25th November. It is a very significant reminder to all members of our community to stand up and make sure that we promote respectful relationships and refuse to condone violence against women and children. This year I would like to invite some of the Dads, Step Dads, Uncles, Grandfathers and big brothers of our students to come and join me in a brief ceremony to demonstrate that the Oxley Park community respects the women and children in our homes, school and wider community. If you would like to participate please contact the school office on 9623 1375 (no public speaking involved).

Regards
Delphine Annett
Principal

Notes sent home this fortnight:  Have you returned?
Year 6 Signature Bear  Year 6 Signature Bear order form
Swim School Group Allocations Group 1 and Group 2
## Calendar Term 4

### Week 7
- **Nov 20**: Preschool Blue vision screening
- **Nov 20**: Christmas Mufti fundraiser and Disco
- **Nov 20**: P & C Santa Photos
- **Nov 20**: Pre-school to visit K Blue

### Week 8
- **Nov 24**: Swim School Group 2 commences
- **Nov 24**: Pre-school to visit K Red
- **Nov 25**: White Ribbon Day
- **Nov 26**: Year 6 Pedlars’ Day
- **Nov 27**: Pre-school visit K Blue

### Week 9
- **Dec 3**: HS Orientation Day Year 7 - 2015
- **Dec 4**: Koori Yarn Time
- **Dec 5**: Final Superstar Presentations

### Week 10
- **Dec 8**: Presentation Day
- **Dec 9**: Pre-school Yellow Graduation
- **Dec 10**: End of Year Concert
- **Dec 11**: Pre-school party
- **Dec 12**: Gold Movie Day – Glenbrook Theatre

### Week 11
- **Dec 15**: Pre School 2015 Orientation sessions
- **Dec 16**: Pre School 2015 Orientation sessions
- **Dec 17**: Year 6 Farewell

### 2015
- **Jan 26**: Australia Day
- **Jan 27**: School Development Day – staff only
- **Jan 28**: Students return - Year 1 – 6
- **Jan 29**: Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
- **Jan 30**: Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
- **Feb 2**: Kindergarten commence full days

### PEDLAR’S DAY

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

Annual Pedlar’s Day is on NEXT WEDNESDAY 26th NOVEMBER
Do some chores at home and earn some money to spend at Yr 6’s Pedlar’s Day. Stalls and activities galore like Trash and Treasure, Haunted House, drinks, water bombs, 30 second Scare Test and more. Prices range from 50c to $2. Come along and support Yr 6 with their last big fundraiser.

See you there!

### DISCO

**Come along to our last disco for 2014.**

**When:** Thursday, 20th November (Wk 7) **NB: Amended date**

**Where:** Hall

**Time:** K-2 1pm – 2pm  
3-6 5 – 6.30pm (please note earlier finishing time)

**Tickets:** On sale in the morning only (Wk 7)  
K-2 $3  
3-6 $5

**Dress:** Christmas clothes

### P&C News

Next meeting will be on Monday 24th November, 2014. Everyone welcome.

Please don’t forget that the P&C have their Santa photo’s on Thursday 20th November. So bring your own camera and take your children’s photo with Santa for a $2.00 donation. This will be in the school library from 3pm until 5 pm.
Ballroom Dancing

Yesterday a team of students from Stage 2 and 3 represented Oxley Park at the Sydney Dance Sport Championships. It was a fantastic day with an outstanding display of teamwork, skill and behaviour by the students of Oxley Park.

We had 7 couples qualify for the Semi Final and 3 couples qualify for the Grand Final in their event. Zac Richardson and Lily Marr placed 4th overall in the Australian Barn Dance and Ayden Mundy and Megan Naylor placed 3rd overall in the Gypsy Tap.

Congratulations to our team and thank you to all parents and carers of these students for your ongoing support.

Miss Ingram and Mrs Borg

Show and Tell

KYellow and KGreeen have been learning about being a ‘Road Smart Kid!’ as part of their Road Safety learning this term. They brainstormed some ways grown-ups can help keep them safe.

- Crossing at the zebra (pedestrian) crossing
- Show us how to be safe near roads
- Hold our hand when buses and cars come
- Drive slowly near schools
- Be safe – keep an eye out for kids!
- Slow down when the people are crossing at the zebra crossing

*By KYellow*

- Holding our hand when we cross the road
- Listen for sirens, cars, traffic
- Let us out of the car on the footpath side
- Drive carefully and slowly
- Check for us before you leave the driveway
- Check my seatbelt before you drive

*By KGreeen*
4H have been composing a range of informative and persuasive texts in Writing. Here are some of their pieces on ‘People should be fined for not recycling’.

People have been polluting and not recycling for years and I say this has to stop!!! Recycling is beneficial, effortless and great for the environment. I think people should start getting fined for not showing their efforts towards recycling. My first reason is that if we don’t recycle our biodegradable (which means that it will break down) products, if you like playing at the park or kicking a ball at the nearest footy stadium, well guess what, you can forget about it!! Why? is the question you may be asking. Well I’m going to tell you. If people don’t start recycling more, in about 30 years the world won’t look much better than a dirty swamp.

My second reason is that it is unfair if 90% of people in the world do recycle and 10% don’t recycle because recycling benefits everyone. Did you know that some jumpers are made out of PET bottles? Sure you didn’t! I know it takes a long time to put everything in different bins. Well in the end it’s beneficial for everyone. If you don’t recycle maybe you might not get that jumper off eBay because there is no more PET bottles to get it custom made.

My third reason is that if you don’t recycle you are going to have to pay more money to get the unrecycled trash off the roads, off the park, out of the gardens and out of your backyard. Do you really want to have to pay probably about $20,000 a year?

By Jye

Would you like it if you had to live next to a tip? I know I would not. You won’t be able to go anywhere. Everyone should do their bit and recycle. I definitely believe that people should be fined for not recycling because it is beneficial, effortless and helpful.

My first reason is that if we had no recycling we would have over crowded tips which will lead to sporting clubs with rubbish on them. This is because things like plastic bottles don’t break down. That is why recycling is so important.

My second reason is recycling PET bottles can be used to make clothes, life jackets and hats. This is helping the world to make new things from old things and that’s why recycling is so important to the environment.

My last reason is that it is unfair that some people do anything they like but other people do by the rules and recycle. But at the end of the day it helps everyone. So you SHOULD RECYCLE!!

After reading I hope you agree with me.

By Cain

Are you thinking about recycling someday? Or are you sticking to chucking all your rubbish in the bin? Well think wisely. Recycling is good and bad for us human beings and I’ll tell you why.

First of all recycling is good for the environment. Mainly because if you recycle, you can help the community make new things like clothes, pillows, furniture and much more. These things can be made by using PET bottles. That’s why recycling is so important.

On the other hand, if you chuck your bottles in the bin you add another step in polluting the environment. Soon enough, the dumpsters will be full. Eventually, people will start disintegrating your rubbish and dig holes to put the rubbish underground so eventually, you might be standing on rubbish!

Secondly, on the positive side, if you recycle, it’s a good thing. Why? Because obviously recycling helps the environment and the community.

But on the other hand, if you don’t recycle and other people do, it’s unfair to the other people who did the right thing. So if everyone recycles the things they need to recycle and if everyone chucks the things they need to chuck, everything would be the same and it would be fair to people.

So choose wisely if you should recycle or not. I hope I changed your mind!

By Christina

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

STUDENTS NAME ……………………………………………..  CLASS …………………………………

DATE/S OF ABSENCE ………………………………………………………………………………

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

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

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

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