From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close next week our staff is busily preparing semester 1 reports to send home on June 27. Parent teacher interviews are planned for the beginning of term 2 and booking sheets will be sent home with the reports. I encourage you to make some time with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress to date and to set new goals for the remainder of the year.

Next week we farewell Robyne Harrison who has been working in partnership with Oxley Park Public School in her role as Community Officer with Mission Australia. Robyne has been instrumental in collaboratively planning and organising many of our community events such as Koori Yarn Time, Pacific Islander Days, NAIDOC Day, Playgroup, Christmas concerts, Dads and Blokes Day activities as well as bringing Ruby Roo into our school. I am sure you will join me in wishing Robyne all the best in her new role and thank her for all the work she has done for our students and the school community.

We also have some exciting news for Mr Powter and his wife who welcomed a baby girl into their family last Tuesday. Mother, Baby and doting Dad are doing well.

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy, Miss Romeo and Mrs C Hawkins who have all been appointed as permanent teachers to Oxley Park Public School. They have all made valuable contributions for our students and having them here in a full time capacity is great news.

NAIDOC Day
Thanks to everyone involved in our NAIDOC Day celebrations yesterday. It was wonderful to have Uncle Wes and Uncle Greg here to perform the smoking ceremony and talk to the students about their experiences. A special thanks to our visitors and community members who donated their time and shared their stories and talents with our students.

regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal
ESL Parent Meeting
All ESL Parents (English as a Second Language) are invited to a parent morning tea on:
DATE:    Friday 27th June
TIME:      9am to 10am
TOPIC:   2014 NAPLAN
          ESL at Oxley Park Public School in 2014
VENUE: Library
          Toddlers welcome and morning tea is provided. Any queries please see Mrs Konarew

Notes sent home this fortnight:     Have you returned?
Stage 3 Australian Colonies in History     PSSA Permission Note
Stage 3 Milson Island Camp Update
Pulse Choir Rehearsal
Festival of Instrumental Music Opera House Performance
Greg Alexander Shield

Calendar

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Curriculum Corner
Our class teachers have been working with our literacy consultant to develop their Accelerated Literacy program for Term 3. In the last week of term they will also spend a day with their stage group to develop their Mathematics, Science and Writing programs.

Show and Tell

6H

Dear Diary
September 1876, I woke this morning and ate my damper and tea, and went to wash my face and get a drink. When we got back to the shed we started work. We worked for about 1 hour and I sheared about 15 sheep and we got called to have breakfast.
After breakfast we got back to work. A couple of hours later someone called out spell-o, so everyone went and had a smoke and a cup of tea. Once we had our spell-o we got back to work. After 5 minutes the temperature started to go through the roof.
A little while later I accidently cut the sheep and I had to go find the tar boy, When I found him we went back and stopped the blood flow, but I accidently forgot to mark my tally. When I found out that I hadn’t marked my tally I realised I was too late. Someone came and had already started to count the tallies but I remember I couldn’t write it down or I would get in trouble. So I lost 10 shillings.
Then it was time for dinner. After dinner, we had to tell stories to each other. I then went to bed. Today I earnt 20 pounds and I put it in a jar under my bed. Bryce Keens

By Joshua Stevenson
Dear Cristal,
This new life is not what I thought it would be. But I’m getting through it. We need the money so this is the only thing I can do that pays a good amount of money.

Today I woke up and looked out the window. A winter breeze hit my face. A good note for the day. The days go on forever. I went and got my tea and damper. “2 sugars I see”, said old Bob. He’s an old timer and has taken me under his wing. “Sheared 182 yesterday”, said old Bob. A new record I heard.
I’m in station 25 right smack bang in the middle of all the 50 stations. And MAN is it noisy. All you hear is “Tar Boy, Tar Boy, Tar Boy”. Old Bob is in station 23. And let me tell you. You NEVER hear him, silent as a mouse he is. But after work he is one of my best mates.

Off to breakfast now. I go and sit next to old Bob. “How was the morning Andy” He asked. “It was good, got 20 sheep and only 1 Tar Boy”, I said. “BACK TO WORK MEN”, Yelled Sir Willem Parker. “Well, see you at Dinner”, said old Bob. “See you later mate”, I replied.

We walked back to our stations. Next thing you hear is a huge BANG of thunder. “Oh great, this again”, I said. This weather is common in Mudgee and not helped that it is the middle of winter. “Yes 38 sheep and no Tar Boy” I said. “DINNER”, yelled Sir Willem Parker.

I eat my dinner. “Hungry I see”, said old Bob. “Yeah, because I didn’t eat a lot at Breakfast” I replied “I see” said old Bob. “BACK TO WORK MEN”. And back to the stations we went.

I sheared 45. That’s a good note. So I have my evening meal. And head off to bed.
Oh Cristal, I miss you so much. Please show the kids, Annie and James. I will be back soon.

Kind regards, Andy, your loving husband.

Discovered letter from Australian shearer Bob Liscensie, 1819

Dearest Crystal,

I woke up this morning missing you more than ever. I still cannot believe I’m gone from you for another 3 months. Well anyway this morning Jack and Clarice as always got their whistles and blew them both right in my ears. Those 2 don’t have brains. The walk to the shed this morning was less painful than every other day. Once I got my warm tea and damper I was set. After that I started working my butt off like always. Anyways I thought I could beat Jack in his 150 sheep in an hour challenge. Sadly half of them got cut by the clippers so I only got 75 done. It took my tar boy hours to clean the poor things up.

Once the other men finally got in, I had already done 20 more sheep after my 20mins, 75 sheep tarboy cleaned up. It took that long because I was still sad from poor Franky’s lice disease. I had to do 5 more sheep, a dinner was, was a piece of wet dirty damper in a 75 degrees, cow manure smelling cave.

After dinner, I went back to the barn and got 300 more sheep done in 2 hours so that brought me to a total of 400 sheep in the day. Then I had supper. I had to hit the sack so I started writing this letter. I miss you Crystal. See you soon.

Sincerely,
Bob Xoxo 1819
PS check the door in three days I’m coming home

By Hayley Richardson
2A have been trying hard in Literacy. They have been practising their handwriting to form letters correctly with a consistent slope, size and shape.

By Daniel

By Caleb

By Tiannah

By Abdulallah

Sydney West Dancers

Our Stage 3 dancers recently performed in the Sydney West Dance Festival on 2 nights. Their performance, “The Cape” was choreographed by Mrs Turner and Miss Ingram.