Dear Parents,

We are quickly approaching Education Week and would like to invite all our parents, carers and community members to come and visit our open classrooms and activities next week. Please check the timetable in the newsletter for times and information.

Parking around the school continues to be an issue at peak times. I would like to remind parents to supervise students closely on footpaths and watch for cars entering and exiting driveways. It is also important to utilise the crossing in Adelaide Street where we have an RTA crossing supervisor. Unfortunately our application for another supervisor in Sydney Street was unsuccessful this year. It has been noted that many parents are now using the cemetery car park which has caused some concern on a few occasions when a funeral is taking place as those attending have not been able to park on the grounds. Please refrain from parking at this venue.

Our Stage 3 students are having a great time at Milson Island Camp and will return on Friday at 3pm. If they are running late we will post and update on the school app. If you have not yet downloaded this free app please follow the instructions provided on page 4.

In the next few weeks, we are planning on conducting a couple of community focus groups where we invite a range of parents from Preschool to Year 6 to discuss what is working well in the school and the programs they really value and what needs to be modified or changed. Participants will be randomly selected and invited to attend, if however you would like to be part of those forums please leave your name at the front office. The groups will be led by Ms Chris Brooker who is a retired principal, currently employed to work in a large number of schools. All comments made in the group will be confidential and collated as a group response. We are hoping this input from parents will assist us in revising our Vision and Values statement and our 3 Year Strategic Management plan.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten Dance group who performed at Mt Druitt Westfield on Monday. They were fantastic chickens and loved performing to their admiring audience.

Regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal

P&C News

The P & C are running a 5c drive to raise money for new sporting equipment to be used in the playground at lunchtime, can you please start collecting as many 5c pieces as you can. They can be returned to the school canteen on Wednesday 27th August marked with the child’s name and class. The first Infant and Primary class to raise the most money will receive a free paddle pop from the canteen. So start collecting and help your class win this prize.

The P & C will be holding a father’s day stall in September. We are asking for donations, if you can make a donation for the stall please drop the items off at the canteen between school hours until the end of August. All donations greatly appreciated Some ideas are: Face washers, men’s hankies, soap, shaving cream, men’s deodorant, men’s shampoo and conditioner etc.
## Calendar Term 3

### Week 4
- August 5 Education Week open day
- August 5 Koori Yarn Time
- August 8 Pre-school vision screening (Blue Group)

### Week 5
- August 11 Life Education lessons commence
- August 12 Pre-school vision screening (Yellow Group)
- August 14 Pulse concert at Opera House all day

### Week 6
- August 19 Life Education concludes
- August 21 District Athletics
- August 22 District Athletics

### Week 7
- August 28 Disco Infants - 1pm to 2pm
- August 28 Disco Primary - 5:30pm to 7:30pm
- August 29 Father’s Day assembly K – 2 - 11:30 to 12:30

### Notes sent home this fortnight:
- Life Education Australia
- Active After School notes

### Have you returned?
- Life Education permission note

### Show and Tell

4P are studying the text ‘The Twenty-Seventh Annual African Hippopotamus Race’ by Morris Lurie. During Visual Arts they painted a hippopotamus running in a river. Here are some of the artworks created by Helena, Elyzah, Matthew and Alyssa.
Kindergarten Yellow have been working very hard in Writing. They have been learning to write informative sentences to compose factual texts. Here are our texts about “Ducks”.

Ducks can swim. Ducks have web feet. Ducks have lots of feathers. Afya
Ducks are rainbowie. They have two legs. They go quack. Ducks like to swim in the water. Ducks like to eat two worms. Ilayda
Ducks can quack. They have beaks. Ethan
Feathers are all over ducks. They eat bread. Ducks can swim. Brooklyn
Ducks they swim. They have feathers beaks web feet and they can fly. Angel
Ducks are little and they do lots of quacks. They like weeds. Ducks have beaks. Boy ducks like girl ducks. Janis
Ducks like to swim in the water. Kunishka
I love ducks. Ducks go quack. Ducks eat bread and they lay eggs. Cassandra
I am a duck. I like other ducks. I have my own little duck. Hannah
Ducks have feathers. Ducks have web feet. I like ducks. Ducks are friendly. Nele
Ducks can fly. Ducks go quack quack. They have web feet. They are little. Ducks swim in the water. Sarah
I like ducks. I like to feed them. They eat bread. Jamie
Ducks have web feet and they are friendly. They can swim and they can fly. Ashleigh
I like ducks. They swim. Salem
Ducks have feathers and beaks. They like to swim in water. Daniel
Ducks are eating weeds in the water. Maxxwell
I like ducks. A duck is friendly. A duck eats worms. Here is a duck. Ciara
Ducks have feathers. Ducks have beaks. Ducks have web feet. Ducks are friendly. I like ducks. Ayden
Ducks put their heads underwater. Mustafa

Library News

Book Fair
Oxley Park’s annual book fair is on again. It will be held in the library during Open Day on Tuesday 5th August from 8:30am-3:30pm. Book prices start at $1.50 and range to $14.00. The average prices of the books are $5.00. Students will be invited to the library this week to have a look at the selection and will bring home a wish list of their books. Students have been told that it is a wish list and not all wishes come true. All students and parents are welcome to visit the fair.

Miss Manwaring
Teacher Librarian

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge is coming to a close. All students reading records need to be completed and given to Miss Manwaring by 22nd August, 2014. Congratulations to those students that have already completed the challenge. All students in Primary classes that complete the challenge are invited to write their name on the Premier’s Reading Challenge window located inside the library.

Oxley Park P.S. Open Day – Tuesday 5th August

This year we will be encouraging parents to get involved in school activities with their children. The day will proceed in the following order:

10am – 11am Parents join their students to participate in school activities. This is time for you to be actively involved in a lesson with your child. Looking at books and their work will be in the 11.30 session.

    Kindy will be working on Craft activities
    Years 1 & 2 will be working on Art and Craft activities
    Years 3 & 4 will be participating in outdoor games
    Years 5 & 6 will be working on Art activities

11.00am – 11.20am The school P & C will be holding a morning tea for parents. Parents are welcome to have recess with their children.

11.30am – 12.10pm Classrooms will be open for parents to have a look at your child’s work in the classroom or take your child over to the book fair in the library.
12.20pm - 1.10pm  Parents are invited to watch student performances in the hall. The following groups will perform on the day.
Recorder group, Kindy Dance, Senior Dance, 3-4 Choir, 5-6 Choir, Junior Dance
The day will finish at approximately 1.10 and students will then participate in normal classes for the remainder of the day.

Primary Athletics Carnival
The primary athletics carnival was completed last week in glorious weather. The students got to participate in many field and track events and displayed fair sportsmanship regardless of the activities they competed in. The sports house captains enthusiastically lead the “War Cries” and encouraged their team mates to participate in as many activities as possible.
Students who came first or second in their events will be entered into the St.Marys District Athletics Carnival. The field events will be held on Thursday 21st August and the track events will be on Friday 22nd August. Both days will be held at Blair Oval.
Congratulations to all the students who participated on the day. It was fantastic to see a large number of our Junior boys and girls competing in so many activities. It was also positive to see parents volunteering to help out in some of the field events.
When the point score was added up the Blaxland team secured the House win for Athletics in 2014. This was followed by Sturt in second place, Hume in third place and Cook in fourth place.
Mr Campbell

To download the app go to the app store and search oxley park
When prompted the user name is community
The password is oxleypkps
In the set up process you will be asked to select the year/s your students are in. If you select all you will receive messages which are not relevant and this may become a nuisance, it is suggested you only select the relevant year/s of your children.
You will also be asked to allow push notifications. You need to allow this so we can send messages from time to time. For example, if an excursion is going to be late returning to school we can send a notification and give you a more accurate expected time for arrival. If an event is cancelled or changed we can send a message immediately as well as sending reminders for significant events.
You will be able to browse the calender, download newsletters and view photos. More information will be accessible on our website which can be accessed from the hyperlink on the home page of the app.