From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the rain we have had a very productive fortnight and have some special events planned for the next few weeks. Our choir were fantastic as they joined the combines regional choir for the PULSE concert at the Sydney Opera House in Week 5. It was a long day and night for Mrs Bayssari and the students but well worth it to perform in this amazing venue.

More performances are coming up for many of our students at the Colyton Showcase Concert at St Mary's Band Club on Tuesday 2nd September. Our teachers and students have been rehearsing regularly to complete their dance routines, learn their choir and musical pieces and organise costumes etc. A special thanks to Mrs Murphy and Miss Romeo for coordinating the concert and ensuring everything is well planned, including booking the busses for rehearsals, printing the programs and providing the tickets and notes for parents.

Last week our Years 3 – 6 students met Helen Williams, who is a research scientist at Westmead Hospital. She is going to be working with our school to help our students learn more about what a scientist does, such as the variety of inquiry and experimental methods used to conduct research.

Unfortunately the rain has caused a couple of postponements this week. The District Athletics carnival had already been postponed last week. It was scheduled for this Thursday and Friday but with the current forecast this looks unlikely.

Yesterday the weather also meant that Mr Powter was unable to take our Stage 2 Rugby League teams to the Royce Simmons Shield. An additional date for the carnival will be advised soon.

Note that details will be available on our school app as soon as they come to hand.

Please note our Father's Day event has changed slightly. Instead of the assembly we have decided to hold a community breakfast for Father’s Day followed by our P– 2 sports Carnival. I am sure the sun will be shining for this special day so put it in your calendar and come along for breakfast from 8:30am and stay to help us out with some games afterwards. Races will be held after recess and we would love you to join us for these as well.

I continue to get complaints from parents regarding other parents who are parking and stopping illegally on and near the pedestrian crossing in both Adelaide and Sydney Street. It really is up to all of us to obey the signage around the school and ensure the safety of all students not just those in our immediate family. The police have informed me they will be making random checks in both the morning and afternoon so please, find a park a little further away and enjoy the exercise with your child.

Regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal
Oxley Park School Newsletter

Calender Term 3

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Notes sent home this fortnight:
Stage 1 Wild Life Sydney Zoo – Darling Harbour
Colyton Showcase
Kindergarten - Golden Ridge Animal Farm – Dural

Have you returned?
Stage 1 Wild Life Sydney Zoo note
Colyton Showcase permission note
Golden Ridge permission note
District Athletics permission note

Curriculum Corner

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

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.

Kindergarten Excursion
A reminder that the Kindergarten Excursion to Golden Ridge Animal Farm, Dural is on the 12th September, 2014. It will be a great day and we are hoping that your child is able to join us. If you haven’t received a note please see the ladies in the school office for a new note.

Colyton Showcase
Students at Oxley Park Public School will have the opportunity to perform at the Colyton Showcase on Tuesday 2nd September 2014. The following groups will be participating:

- Stage 2 Dance Group- Mrs Hodges
- Stage 3 Dance Group- Miss Ingram
- 3-6 Dance (Boys Hip Hop)- Mrs Borg
- 3-6 Instrumental Group- Mrs White
- Combined Choir- Miss Honeysett

Further information will be provided in the upcoming week.

Pulse Choir Photo’s
Library News

Book Parade

On Tuesday 16th September 2014, Oxley Park will be holding the Book Parade. Students are encouraged to participate in the Book Parade by doing one of the following.

- Dress as a character from a fiction book or the subject of a non-fiction book.
- Create a poster of a book advertising the book.
- Create a mask to wear during the parade
- Create a diorama of a scene from a book. A shoe box is perfect for this.

Parents and friends are warmly invited to share this experience with those that are dear to them. The parade will commence at approximately 9:30 am and should conclude at 11am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has ended for 2014. Congratulations to those students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 for completing the challenge. Many of these books were read during school and library lessons. Certificates should arrive at school close to the end of the school year.

Special congratulations to those students in Year 3 – Year 6 that completed the challenge by reading 20 books on the Premier’s Reading Challenge independently. Those students wrote their names on the window inside the library in an acknowledgement of their achievement alongside of being acknowledged in this newsletter.

Congratulations to

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Borrowing Ladder

This year students have been encouraged to borrow and read a book from the school library. When students have borrowed 5 times their name is placed on the borrowing ladder located inside the library. Many students have achieved this.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the students that have borrowed on a regular basis and have moved beyond borrowing more than 15 times.

Congratulations go to

KY- Sarah
KG- Blake, Jack, Arsh, Rema, Elizabeth, Hunter, Brooklyn
KR- Annabelle, Dominick
KB- Zainab, Noah, Brayana, Roma, Isaac
1H- Wyatt, Ava
1I- Chantelle, Tyler, Tobias, Fletcher, Ava
1R- Kiara
2A- Daniel
2I- Rana (38)
3B- Amber
4P- Diana (22)
6H- Josphin, Paul, Peter

Students need to bring a library bag so they can borrow. Library bags are available to purchase from the front office, otherwise an Aldi bag or pillowslip will work.

Look forward to seeing more students borrowing and reading over the next 2 terms.

Miss Manwaring
Happy Reading
Playgroup
Playgroup is on every 2nd Wednesday on even weeks. The next playgroup meeting is on Wednesday 3rd September, 2014.

P&C News

Reminder 5c Drive
This is a reminder to keep saving your 5c pieces to help your class win a free paddle pop. Your 5c pieces can be returned to the school canteen up until Friday 29th August 2014.

Father’s Day Stall
The P & C are holding a Father’s Day stall on Thursday 4th September, 2014. Gifts range from $1.00 to $10.00. Please note that the children will come up to the stall with their class to buy the gifts. If you would like to donate any items for the stall they can be dropped off at the canteen.

Feedback
The P & C meetings are a good way to find out what is happening around the school as Mrs Annett does a Principal report and answers any questions that you may have. It is also good to come along and have your input on what you would like to see happen, such as fundraising ideas or any concerns you may have. If your question cannot be answered there on the spot at the meeting, it will be taken into account and answered as soon as possible, either by the P & C committee or Mrs Annett. The P & C meetings are held on the last Monday of every month in the school hall at 2pm and all are welcome to attend. If you cannot attend the meetings you can still have your say by putting your concern or ideas in writing in an envelope marked P & C and hand it in at the front office or at the canteen. You can also hand it to Rebecca Joy the P & C President and it will be read out at the meetings and dealt with. Please remember to always put your name on these letters as so we know who to send the answer back to. We love to have parent’s feedback on any concerns they may have and hope to see some new faces at our next P & C meeting.

Next meeting will be on Monday 27th October, 2014.

Mums Pink Breakfast
The P & C will be holding a Big PINK Breakfast for breast cancer, on Wednesday 15th October 2014. You can come along to the school and have breakfast with your child/children. Time will be 8.00am to 8.45am. There will be cereal, strawberry milk and pancakes available on the day. All we are asking for is a gold coin donation, with all money raised going to the Breast Cancer Foundation. We hope to see you all there on the day and thank you for your support. If you can't make it to the breakfast, but would like to donate to this wonderful cause you can send in your gold coin donation to the Office marked P & C Breast Cancer Donation. We will also have pink ribbons for sale at a cost of $2.00 each from the 13th October 2014. If you wish to purchase one of these do so from the canteen.

Family Portrait Day
Please note that the family portrait date has changed from 25th October 2014 to Saturday 8th November 2014. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused but it was out of our control. If you are one of the families that put your name down, we now can give you times for you to have this done. All you need to do is send back the slip below along with your non-refundable $15.00 deposit and a time card will be sent home with your child and an SMS will be sent with this time to your phone. Thank you for your support. All money raised will be going to the school to buy sporting equipment for the children to play with at lunch time.
Please note that if you didn't put your name down for this day and would like to have your family portrait done there are spots still available. All you need to do is send the slip below back with your money to the school and your name will be added to the list.
Please send back in an envelope marked P & C Family Portrait

Family Name: _______________________________              Phone no: _______________________
                  mobile no: ________________________
child’s name: ________________________________             Class: __________________________

I have enclosed my non-refundable deposit of $15 dollar, I wish for my time to be sent to my child.

Canteen News
The P & C would like to thank all the parents that have supported the canteen over the year through ordering their children’s lunch or giving them money to spend at recess and lunch time. With this support we are one of the lucky schools that have a canteen that is open five days a week.

We would also like to say that with your support we were able to donate money to the school to buy plants for the school front garden area, which will make our school feel more welcoming to all.
Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Thank you
P & C Committee

Show and Tell

3B have been studying 'Plants in Action'. We have been busy conducting investigations to learn about the stages in the life-cycle of plants. We are proud to share our efforts and the knowledge we have learnt through composing visual, written and digital texts.

What does a plant need to grow?
It needs water, sunlight, soil, nutrients and food

What can you tell me about plants?
There are many different kinds of plants like roses and Venus Flytraps. I also noticed it takes time to grow a plant.
By Aiden

What does a plant need to grow?
Soil, water and sunlight

What can you tell me about plants?
The seed starts off as a seedling and after they get the amount of stuff it needs, then it gets germinated.
By Amber

What does a plant need to grow?
A lot of sunshine, water and soil

What can you tell me about plants?
The roots stay in the soil. The stem keeps the flower in place.
By Patricia
2H have been learning about ‘Minibeasts’ through their study of “Schoolyard Safari”. They have been composing informative texts using the information they have learnt about a range of living creatures. Here are some of their texts:

**The Spiny Leaf Insect**  
*By Stephen*  
Spiny leaf insects are phasmids. Phasmids are generally insects that eat leaves or sticks.  
Lives: the spiny leaf insect lives in the bush  
Protection: the spiny leaf insect camouflages in trees  
How it moves: the spiny leaf insect moves slow  
What it looks like: the spiny leaf insect looks like a stick

**The Millipede**  
*By Chloe*  
The insect has sharp claws and moves slowly. It has 100 feet. It eats leaves. It likes to dig in the dirt. It is a millipede. It has eyes and ears and a pink back.

**The Katydid**  
*By Paige*  
It sings in the evening. It lives in branches and on leaves. It eats leaves, flower’s fruits and many plants. I am green and 1 to 5 inches long. It flies in the air.

**The Millipede**  
*By Caitlin*  
The millipede is a long insect.  
It sort of looks like a snake.  
I have felt one before. It felt bumpy.  
The millipede lives on Earth.  
It has thousands of legs.

**The Millipede**  
*By Monique*  
A millipede eats food scraps.  
The millipede burrows to protect itself from the enemy.  
It lives in dirt.  
A millipede looks like a long worm but longer.  
A millipede moves like a cockroach but with lots of legs.
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 ........................................