From the Principal's Desk,

Dear Parents,

The end of Term 3 is fast approaching and it has been a busy one. This week we had Nicholas and Riley from Stage 2, Minna and Lauchlan from Stage 3 representing us at the Premiers Spelling Bee at Cambridge Park PS. Well done to all particularly Minna who made it through to Round 3 and Lauchlan who made it to round 5.

Last week we had our Stage 2 Rugby League teams compete at the Royce Simmons Shield with one team making it to the semi-final.

80 students performed at the Colyton Showcase last Tuesday evening as part of our choir, dance groups and recorder ensemble. It was a great evening of entertainment.

A number of people have bought to my attention the fact that some of our students and parents are using language that is not acceptable at Oxley Park Public School. Our school rule “Be Respectful” requires all staff, students and parents to refrain from swearing and to speak politely to all members of our school community. This includes on the school grounds and at any time people are representing our school.

Next week we will be holding our Book Character Parade on Tuesday 16th September. Parents are welcome to attend and watch the parade of interesting characters and displays.

Thanks to all the Dads and other visitors who joined us for the Father’s Day Breakfast last Friday. It is always great to come together as a whole school community. Our P–2 sports carnival started off well with a wide variety of activities and lots of parents involved. Unfortunately the rain interrupted the day and the age races will need to be rescheduled for next term.

We would like to thank the P&C for donating the sausages to the school for the Father’s Day Breakfast. It was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to our District Athletics team. They were very successful this year and there are now 11 of our students that have been selected to attend the Western Sydney Regional Athletics Carnival. More details are included in this newsletter.

Our lucky prize draw will occur again on the last day of Term, Friday 19th September. Each term we have been providing prize draws for students who attend school every day and are punctual, students who are involved in Check in Reading, students who have received Superstar Ribbons and students who have achieved Mathletics awards. Students need to be at school for the draw to receive a prize.

Regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal
Calendar Term 3

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

Have you returned?
- Stage 1 Wild Life Sydney Zoo note
- Golden Ridge permission note

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.

Curriculum Corner

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.

P&C News
Next meeting will be on Monday 15th September, 2014.

Canteen News
Thankyou to all the children that participated in the five cent drive, we raised a total of $361.00. Every child that participated in the five cent drive received a paddle pop.

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. Breakfast will run from 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 please 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.

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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 and I wish for my time to be sent to my child.

Show and Tell
My Buddy and Me

6H enjoy spending time with their buddies from K Blue and K Green and are currently working on a buddy booklet where they share things about themselves – likes, dislikes, favourite tv shows, colours, food. They get to help their buddies do find-a-words and work out eye colour, hair colour and other interesting facts about each other. The senior students are quite amazed at how clever their buddies are with many knowing their address, phone number and birthday.
Mrs Hawkins says that she enjoys watching her class engage in such a caring and supportive way towards their buddies. Wednesdays are Buddy Days!
This term K-Red has been learning how to write procedures. Our favourite procedure that we have followed and written so far has been 'How to make Fairy bread.' We had lots of fun, even though we didn't find any fairies to make the bread!
We hope you like our writing samples and photographs. Thanks, KRed!

Brooklyn - KRed

Zariyah - KRed
What's been happening in Preschool

Preschool has been very busy throughout Term 3 exploring, discovering, creating and problem solving. We are lucky to have Mrs Pat and Mrs Di visit and share with us Aboriginal Dreamtime stories and in Term 4 we are hoping to visit Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Education centre. We spent time cooking pikelets and making healthy banana milkshakes. Together we went to visit Healthy Harold in his Life Education van learning about staying healthy and Echo the Eastern Water Dragon came to visit from Penrith City Council to talk about sustainability. Preschool have enjoyed exploring our new fairy garden complete with our own fairy door!! The children have come to their own conclusions as to why they can't get through the fairy door themselves, some believing it's because they are much bigger than a fairy! We are very lucky to have Preschool parents share some of their special talents with all the children.
District Athletics Carnival
The St Mary’s District Athletics carnival was held on Monday 1st September at the Blacktown International Sports Park. Oxley Park P.S students represented our school with pride and achieved some outstanding results. The OPPS team came fourth overall and we have a record number of students who have qualified for the Regional Carnival on Wednesday 10th September.

The following students will be representing the St Mary’s District at the regional carnival:

Ngahuia – Junior Girls relay, 200m,100m
Jada – Junior Girls relay
Elyzah – Junior Girls relay, Discus
Sophie – Junior Girls relay, 100m
Klarissa – 800m
Solo, Lannery, Moanalei – Shot Put
Jarrad – High Jump
Nicholas – 100m
Favour – 200m,100m, Long Jump

Mr Campbell

Royce Simmons 7-a-side Rugby League Knockout
This year OPPS were able to enter two teams in the Rugby League Knockout competition. Our “A” side played four games and won two of those games.

Our “B” team qualified in the final of their competition and were lucky enough to become the “Runners Up”. Overall, the OPPS students participated in the right spirit and showed great sportsmanship. Thankyou to the parents who helped by providing transport for the day. It is a pleasure to take OPPS students to Knockout Competitions.

Mr Campbell

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

SIGNED  ..........................................................  DATE  .................................................................