From the Principal’s Desk

Welcome back to all our families after the Christmas / New Year break. A special welcome to our new families both in Kindergarten and across the school. It was a wet start to the year but the children were still smiling including our new Kinders who started their formal education journey yesterday and today. If these students continue to year 12 they will graduate from High School in 2027! We wish them well on their journey. Most of our students have had the opportunity to use our new multi purpose court and Area 3 sandpit. Due to the rain the other equipment is not yet completed but should be ready next week (fingers crossed).

As a welcome back we have organised a fun family event on Wednesday 18th February with the boys from Bushwhazee visiting the school. This is a free event for the students throughout the day and all parents are welcome to attend the concert / bush dance. Please see the details included in the newsletter for more information.

My goal for the students at Oxley Park Public School this year is to provide every student with one year worth of learning by the time we close our doors in late December. We have an enthusiastic and professional team of teachers and additional support staff beyond the regular allocation by the Department of Education and Communities. The staff willingly participate in Professional Learning to continually improve their teaching. What we need from the students to fulfill this goal is their attendance at school every day the doors are open. Last year our students had a total of 5,210 whole day absences. In addition we had numerous partial absences with up to 40 students arriving late for school some mornings. In 2015 staff will phone parents if a student is away from school more than 1 day and written notes must be submitted to the school following every absence. We will again have some incentive programs to encourage the students to attend however we really need the support of all our parents. Where possible please organise family holidays during the school breaks, make sure your child goes to bed early and has a regular routine each morning to ensure they are at school between 8.30am and 9am and only keep your child home if they are unwell. As attendance will be monitored weekly by our Home School Liaison Officer it is advisable to obtain a Doctors certificate for illness related absences of more than 2 days. I will provide you with more information regarding incentive programs and data throughout the term and thank you in advance for your commitment to have your child at school every day.
We have yet to form our final classes for 2015 so will post the list of teachers and classes in the next newsletter when new enrolments are finalised. We have had several staff changes with Mr Powter, Miss Hampton and Miss Honeysett all moving on to new schools in 2015. They each made valuable contributions to the school over the years and will be missed by staff, students and parents and we wish them well in their new roles.

Regards,
Delphine Annett
Principal

Calendar Term 1

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<td>Parent Teacher Interviews commence</td>
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Notes sent home this fortnight:
Active After School Stage 1 and Stage 3
School Swimming Carnival Note Yrs 2 – 6 (8 Yrs & above)

Have you returned?
Active After School Stage 1 and Stage 3

What is Bushwahzee???

On the 18th February 2015 Oxley Park students will take part in Bushwahzee throughout the day, where they will learn traditional bush dances and songs. Students are asked to dress in bush dance mufti for the day (jeans, shirt or t-shirt and boots or joggers). There will be an evening performance in Area 1 starting at 6pm which we would love all of our families to attend. Come dressed in your bush dance gear ready to enjoy a night of sing-a-longs and dances. What better way to start of the school year than with a get together. This event has no charge to students or their families. Our P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle from 5pm. The cost is $2.50 for a sausage sizzle and $2.00 for a drink, so bring along all the family and join us for a great night of fun.

Class Requirements
Your child will require the following items:

- **Kindergarten**
  - Paint shirt / Art Smock
  - Hat
  - Craft items such as egg cartons (no toilet rolls please)

- **Years 1 and 2**
  - Paint shirt / Art Smock
  - Hat
  - Optional:
    - Pencil case
    - Enclosed sharpener
    - Eraser

- **Years 3 and 4**
  - Enclosed sharpener
  - A4 homework book
  - Paint shirt
  - Red and blue pens (Year 4 only)
  - Donations of egg cartons, butter containers and old magazines

- **Years 5 and 6**
  - Blue, black and red pens
  - Enclosed sharpener
  - A4 homework book
  - Optional items: textbooks, wind-up crayons

Please ensure that all of your child’s items including jackets and jumpers are clearly labelled.
PBL.........Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Oxley Park Public School we have 3 school rules.  Be Respectful ............... Be Safe .............. Be a Learner

The expectation of all students is that the rules are followed in all areas of the school and when representing the school at sport, performance activities or on excursions.

Positive behaviour is recognised in the following ways
*Super Star awards which lead to bronze, silver and gold ribbons
*Cared You Being Good cards; classroom cards can lead to receiving specially marked pencils (K-3) or pens (4-6)
*Merit awards which are presented at our weekly assemblies.
We look forward to sharing the positive achievements of each child throughout the year.

P&C News
Next meeting will be on Monday 16th February, 2015.  All parents most welcome to attend.

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 ............................
## Positive Behaviour for Learning

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<td>Keep hands and feet to myself</td>
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<td>Be cyber safe by:</td>
<td>Stand in line</td>
<td>Walk in the library</td>
<td>Always walk on the concrete</td>
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<td>Report problems to the teacher</td>
<td>Walk in the classroom</td>
<td>not sharing my password</td>
<td>Wait patiently</td>
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<td>Be in the right place at the right time</td>
<td>Follow teachers instructions when using equipment</td>
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<td>Walk in the library</td>
<td>Play sensibly with my friends</td>
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<td>Use all equipment the correct way</td>
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<td>Be honest</td>
<td>Listen to teacher's instructions</td>
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<td>Treat books with care</td>
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<td>Respect other people and their property</td>
<td>Follow instructions of all adults</td>
<td>Respect others' right to learn</td>
<td>Put books and other equipment back where they belong</td>
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<td>Clean up after myself</td>
<td>Raise my hand to share in discussions</td>
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<td>Be a polite listener</td>
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<td>Help my peers</td>
<td>Follow prefects' instructions</td>
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<td>Remember to check the buddy bench for new friends</td>
<td>Be an active listener and participant</td>
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<td>Speak politely to others</td>
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