From the Principal

Today our students have enjoyed the Bushwahzee workshops. Parents and carers are invited to come along TONIGHT for a sausage sizzle from 5pm and Bush Dance / concert from 6pm.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have ensured their child attends school everyday and on time. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our students are now enjoying the sandpit and play equipment in Area 5. As a Work Health and Safety concern we do ask that parents ensure school age and preschool children do not access the equipment before and after school when there is not teacher supervision, tempting as it may be.

A concern was raised at our first P&C meeting this year about the safety of our students crossing both Sydney and Adelaide Streets. Parents are reminded to take particular care and to abide by the no stopping zones as these provide vision for the children and other motorists approaching the crossings. Road safety is taught by parents and teachers however children can at times be impulsive and we rely on the adults around to be aware and protect all students.

Next week our teachers are hosting meet the teacher / goal setting interviews. I urge all parents to take the opportunity to attend these meetings and work with your child and teacher to collaboratively set some goals for your child's learning this semester.

Regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal

Calendar Term 1

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Notes sent home this fortnight:
OPPS Anzac Research Team Stage 3
UNSW competition entries. Yrs 3 – 6

Have you returned?
OPPS Anzac Research Team Stage 3

School Photographs
We are having school photographs for all classes, Pre-School through to Year 6, on Wednesday 25th March. Photos are once again being taken by 'The School Photographer'. Please make sure you get a copy of the payment envelope with this newsletter to get an overview of all the options available.

Sibling photos are offered once again, with envelopes being made available in the school office. Sports and Performing Arts photos are being taken later in the year.
Curriculum Corner

Kindergarten children have made a great start to their educational journey at 'big school!' They had a fantastic first day meeting new classmates, making lots of friends, participating in fun activities in the classroom and playing many different games with their peers at lunchtime. Their first day was a great success and we are all looking forward to 'learning and growing' together!

Year 1 have been learning how to be 'efficient' problem solvers in Mathematics. Here are some of their recordings of number combinations to ten, twenty and thirty after reading the text 'One is a snail, ten is a crab'.

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
*Caught 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.
Oxley Park Public School APP
To download our FREE 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 for 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 calendar, 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.
OPPS Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic day we had at Mt Druitt Swimming Pool yesterday. Lovely weather, great students, helpful staff and supportive parents.

For the first time in a while everyone from 8yrs to seniors was invited to participate and chose to either race or take part in the fun novelty events. There was plenty of cheering from the grandstand throughout the day and the students looked awesome in their house colours.

Ribbons will be awarded to students who were the fastest three competitors in their event. Some students may have won their race but there may have been other heats in that event. In this case, the fastest times from all of the heats are ranked and only the top three fastest will be awarded a ribbon. If you have any queries, please speak with either Mrs Borg or Mrs Hawkins.

A huge thank you to our wonderful time keepers who worked tirelessly all day. Thank you also to our great OPPS staff at the carnival, students taking photos or helping with place judging, staff in our office and those assisting back at school. Mostly, thank you to you, students. You made us all very proud with your behaviour, attitude and support of each other throughout the day.

Ribbons will be awarded during Friday's assembly on 27th February at 2pm.