From the Principal

I would like to share with you some of the learning I experienced last week as I walked around the school. In 2/3M I saw students working in groups and independently on Reading activities, I saw 1H having a lovely time at fitness building up their strength and coordination on our new climbing equipment. In Music with Mrs White I saw and heard compositions developed, played and recorded by small groups of children from 4/5S. They combined rhythms and melodies using a variety of instruments. In Mrs McDougall’s art room I watched KS students learning about primary colours and diligently filling in shapes with each of the colours before mixing to see the results. I also saw 5D participating in personal fitness testing using the XO laptops to time and record their results for a variety of tasks. In sporting news congratulations to Lannery 6J making it into the Opens and Koby 5D who make it into the 11’s for the 2015 St Marys Rugby League Teams. This is just a snapshot of what goes on in our classrooms every day and I am very proud of the work our teachers are doing to engage our students in quality teaching and learning.

Another aspect I see in the school on a regular basis is the meetings teachers hold, both formally and informally to share their ideas and lesson plans with each other. Last week some of our primary teachers met with Miss Bennett our Deputy Principal to examine the progress of our students on the Numeracy Continuum. This tracking is being done in all classes to help teachers identify students strengths and areas of need.

We look forward to welcoming all our grandparents this Friday starting with morning tea in the hall at 10.30. Please see the details below.

regards,

Delphine Annett
Principal

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Notes sent home this fortnight:
Year 6 Polo Shirt order form
Harmony Day Note

Have you returned?
Polo Shirt Order form
2015 University of NSW competitions permission

Grandparents and Harmony Day Celebrations
Always a highlight on the Oxley Park calendar for Term 1 is the annual celebrations to commemorate Grandparents Day (for Seniors Week) and Harmony Day, occurring this year on Friday, March 20. This year is no exception, and we have planned a full schedule again for 2015:

10.30 Grandparents morning tea in the hall
11.00 Enjoy recess with your grandchildren
11.30 Classroom visits across the school
12.10 Infant’s Grandparents Assembly
1.10 Bring a picnic lunch to share with your children
2.00 Primary Grandparents Assembly

Grandparents Day Display - Friday 20th March
For our Grandparents Day display in the hall this year we are putting together a collection of photos of grandparents, students with their grandparents or students with any other older significant person in their lives. We want to emphasise the important role that older people play in the lives of our children, our families, the school and the broader community. Please bring any of these Grandparents’ Day photos to the front office, and we’ll make sure they’re looked after before our display. Come in and enjoy our Harmony Day displays on ‘Buildings Around the World’ and our Grandparents Day photos in the hall. We’d love to see you there!

Library News
Book Fair
Oxley Park Public School is having a Scholastic Book Fair on Friday 20th March from 8:30am until 3:30pm in the Library. Students throughout the week will have the opportunity to write a wish list. Purchases can be made on the day either cash, credit card or eftpos. If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, Scholastic has provided a receipt number for parents to purchase the books online and write the receipt number in the place provided on the back of your child’s wish list.

Scholastic offers the opportunity to order any books that have already been sold, when you arrive at the book fair. If you would like to order a book please see the ladies at the payment table. All ordered books must be paid for on the day.

We will be conducting a survey on the Book Fair compared to the previous Book Fair provider. This survey will be located in the first newsletter in Term 2. The feedback from this survey will guide future book fairs at Oxley Park. Please take the time to fill in the survey and voice your opinions.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
The Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015 has begun. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are not required to read the book themselves; they are able to experience the book through someone reading it to them. Students in these years need to experience 30 books between now and August. All books that students borrow from the library with a green sticker is a Premier’s Reading Challenge book chosen for their age.

Students in Years 3-6 are required to read the books themselves. They will borrow books with an orange stick if in Years 3-4, and books with a yellow sticker if they are in Years 5-6.

Students can either collect a paper reading record from the library or they may log onto the Premier’s Reading Challenge site through their portal, and complete the record online.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Manwaring in the library.

All students that complete the challenge will write their names on the recognition window in the library and receive a certificate from the Premier of New South Wales.

Borrowing
I would like to thank parents that have supplied a library bag for their child so that they may borrow and enjoy reading at home. If you are unable to purchase a library bag, pillow slips and strong plastic bags work well.

This year all students that borrow 10, 20, 30 and 40 times within the year will be acknowledged through a certificate and prize. Certificates will be presented to the students during the library lessons; however students that have borrowed 30 and 40 times will have their certificates presented at a recess assembly and a copy of their certificate will be placed on the Borrowing Wall of Fame, located in the library. We would like students to borrow on a regular basis and they are able to swap their books during lunchtimes on Tuesday- Friday.

If you have any questions please see Miss Manwaring or Mrs Cott.
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.

Mathletics
Earlier in the year, all students took home a log-in card for Mathletics. Each newsletter, we will keep you updated with student achievements based around the Live Mathletics component. This is a fun, competitive feature of Mathletics where our students can verse other students from around the entire world, at speed and accuracy of mathematical facts.

The leader board will be updated each fortnight. Let’s see whose names can appear in our Oxley Park Mathlete leader board!!!

Mathletes of the fortnight
1. Braedon T.F  5/6H **Leading the way!!!!!!!!!!!!**
2. Amber E  4/5S
3. Daniel M  3/4C
4. Aushor W  4H
5. Ryley S  5D
6. Arsh H  1R
7. Hooria H  4H
8. Ryan B  3/4C
9. L’Keyah H-W  3B
10. Koshin K  2R

Well done to our Mathletes!! Who will be our leaders next newsletter?

P&C News
The P & C will be running an Easter raffle again this year, donations of Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the canteen before the 20th March. All money raised is going towards buying new maths and reading equipment for our school. If you are ordering Easter buns the orders need to be returned to the school canteen by Wednesday 4th March. The order can be picked up from the school canteen on the Tuesday 31st March. Parents just a reminder that school photos are coming up and if you need new shirts we recommend that you come in and order them before next week so we can guarantee that they will be available. The next P&C meeting AGM is Monday 30th March, 2015.

Curriculum Corner
Look at our new 'be respectful, be safe, be a learner' pencils and pens. Students who obtain 15 Caught You Being Good cards will receive a pen or pencil. Pencils are for students in years K-3 and pens are for students in Years 4-6.
District Swimming
Another excellent day was spent with our representative swimmers at Mt Druitt Pool Friday, March 6. 25 students from OPPS competed in the St Marys District Swimming Carnival with pride, determination and consistent support of each other. Miss Bennett and Mrs Hawkins were extremely proud of their efforts. A special thank you to Ryan Keymes and Emily Payne who were our photographers throughout the day in between their own events. A huge congratulations goes out to Nicholas Borg for being selected to represent the District at Homebush last Monday in Jnr 50m backstroke as well as Chelise Kita and Elyzah Allan for both being selected in 10yrs 50m freestyle. The students swam to the best of their ability and should be very happy with their efforts.