

Oxley Park Public School

Learning Together for the Future



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From the Principal's Desk



What a wonderful, busy few weeks we have had since returning to school for 2024. Our students have settled well into the rigor and routine of high-quality teaching and learning. Our teachers hold the highest expectations for teaching and learning which is evidenced by their commitment to Quality Teaching Rounds as our vehicle for professional learning. This program is a high-impact, evidence-backed professional development process that makes a significant difference for teachers and students. As educators it is vital that we keep up to date with the latest research informing our practice and pedagogy.

School plan updates: We are in the beginning stages of developing our strategic school plan for the next four years. The focus areas for our school plan will be on lifting the attendance of students in our school, increasing student Literacy and Numeracy outcomes and maintaining a dedicated focus to improving wellbeing for our students and staff. Over the coming months consultation with staff and community will help shape our four-year plan. Keep an eye out for talking tents at our upcoming Easter Hat parade and Harmony Day events where we will be seeking your input into what is working well at our school, what you would like to see done differently and if you had a magic wand what would you wish for.

Excursion:

I love seeing our students out and about at excursions and events that add value to learning beyond the classroom. This week our senior student leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day event in Sydney. Thank you to Miss Grace and Mr Roberts for taking our students. Thank you to our wonderful students who represented our school with pride.

PSSA Representative Trials: Thank you to the many students who recently tried out for Representative PSSA sports teams. Congratulations to Johnny, Haven, Chase, Kruz and Lincoln.

Congratulations to Oliver, Toby and Chase selected to represent Oxley Park Public School at the St Marys PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival.

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Kim Smith
Principal





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Welcome back to 2024

We want **every student to be at school every day**, because every day and every minute of learning will have a big impact on your child's learning and social wellbeing. As we commence our 2024 school year, we remind all parents & carers of the following legal obligations (under the Education Act 1990):

- All children must commence school by age 6.
- Parents/carers of children from Kindergarten to Year 6 must ensure their children attend school every day.
- Parents/carers must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's official records.

We realise that, on occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease (medical certificates may be requested)
- having an unavoidable medical appointment.
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday.
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by either:

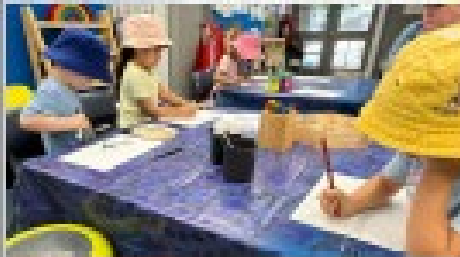
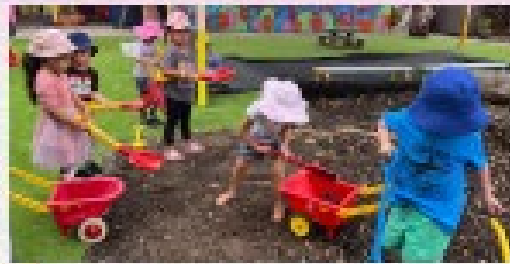
- Providing an explanation electronically using the Sentral parent portal.
- Contacting the school office or advising your child's class teacher on Class Dojo.

Should you have any attendance questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher, as we remain absolutely committed to helping support your child to love learning and love coming to school every day.

David MacVean

Mr David MacVean
Deputy Principal

PRESCHOOL



Our Preschool children have settled well into their new learning space, showing the confidence to explore independently. We have been focusing on certain areas of the classroom each day such as bike/scooter safety and expectations, bathroom etiquette and quiet room expectations. The children have responded well to direct instruction mixed with demonstrations of the expectations and are even starting to remind others how to make positive choices.

Our sensory table has proved to be a huge hit with most children. We provide containers/spoons/squirty bottles, sand/dirt/leaves/sticks with dinosaurs and flowers with water, colours and sparkles. These experiences have developed the children's sharing and turn taking skills, fine motor control as well as providing a sensory space for the children to explore, creating volcanoes has also been popular!

Children are enjoying investigating cause and effect.

We value and welcome family input into our Preschool. If you have any ideas about our educational play based program, please feel free to speak to Mrs Bennett or Ms Osborne so we can try to incorporate your suggestions.



Kindergarten

Look at us learn!!

What's been happening?



We love school!



We have had a great start to Kindergarten. They have been Mathemagicians to locate patterns in the environment, talking about numbers, gardening, cooked with the produce we harvested, visit the farm, investigating, writing words with familiar sounds and making lots of new friends!

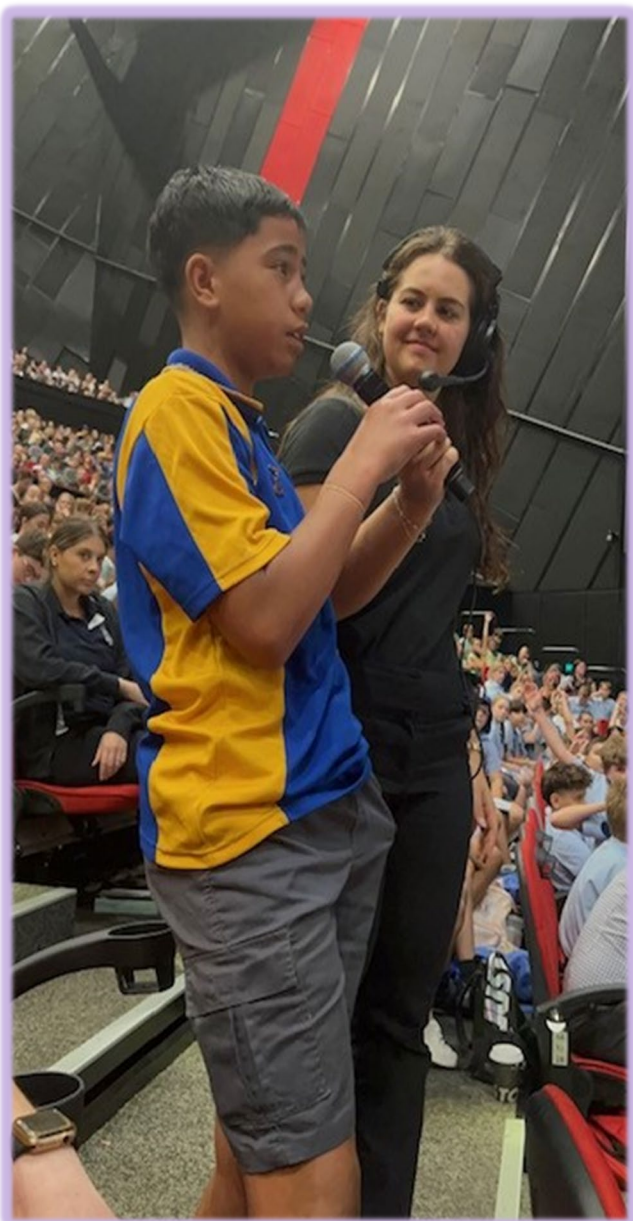


2024 National Young Leaders Day

This week our 2024 school leaders attended the National Young Leaders Day. The National Young Leaders Day is the largest and longest running leadership event for primary and intermediate school students and aims to develop student leadership and help student leaders influence and inspire others.

Our leaders had the opportunity to listen to many guest speakers and hear their stories of resilience, persistence and perseverance. Guests included the author of 'Macca the Alpaca' and 'Worst Week Ever' Matt Cosgrove and Australian cricketer Stephen O'Keefe. One lucky Oxley Park student even got to wear his Baggy Green!!

All students enjoyed the early morning train trip into the city and learning about how they can continue to grow as a leader.





St Marys District PSSA



On Friday 16th February, selected Oxley Park PS students who play sport at a high level were asked to trial for St Marys district PSSA teams. These students trialled against all the other schools in St Mary's in a hope of being selected to go and compete at the Sydney West Carnival.

We are proud to acknowledge that the following students will represent St Marys in the upcoming Sydney West Carnival.

Johnny – Under 12's Rugby League and AFL

Haven – Girls Touch Football

Chase– Under 11's Rugby League

Kruz - Under 11's Rugby League

Lincoln - Under 11's Rugby League

Oxley Park Public School wish them all the best of luck for their upcoming carnivals and know that they will represent the district and their school with pride.



Stage One

12K, 2A, 2L,

2S & 23B

The students in 12K, 2A, 2L, 2S and 23B have had an exciting start to the term with lots of learning and investigations, as well as new laptops for our Year Two students to use to support their learning. Each class is settling into their new routines well and are on their way to being SUPER LEARNERS in 2024!

Watch this space as we grow our brains with lots of new knowledge, skills and information!



