

Oxley Park Public School

Learning Together for the Future



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Term 1 Week 9

28th March, 2018

From the Principal's Desk



Touch Footy Gala Day

On Monday 26th March 39 students attended the PSSA League Tag Gala Day, Thank you to Mrs Borg, Mrs Lindsay and Mr Fitz for your organisation and care of our sports people. The behaviour of the students who attended is a credit to them and also to the school. Thank you all for representing our school makes me a very proud principal.

Students in the spotlight

On the weekend several of our students marched in Sydney representing St Demetrios Church in Oxley Park and also Yanni Georgas Greek Dancing school. I love hearing and sharing good news stories about our students. Congratulations to the students for your time and efforts out of school.



Dogs on School Grounds Policy

Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted onto the school grounds. Even if your dog is on a leash they are still not permitted into the school.

Parking on Adelaide Street

You may have noticed in front of the school there are less parking spaces as the council erected another no standing zone sign, this is to assist the crossing supervisor to have clear vision of oncoming traffic.

Please use the crossing safely and wait to be crossed by the crossing attendant. Please do not walk out onto the crossing unless directed to do so. We all want the same thing to keep all our students safe.

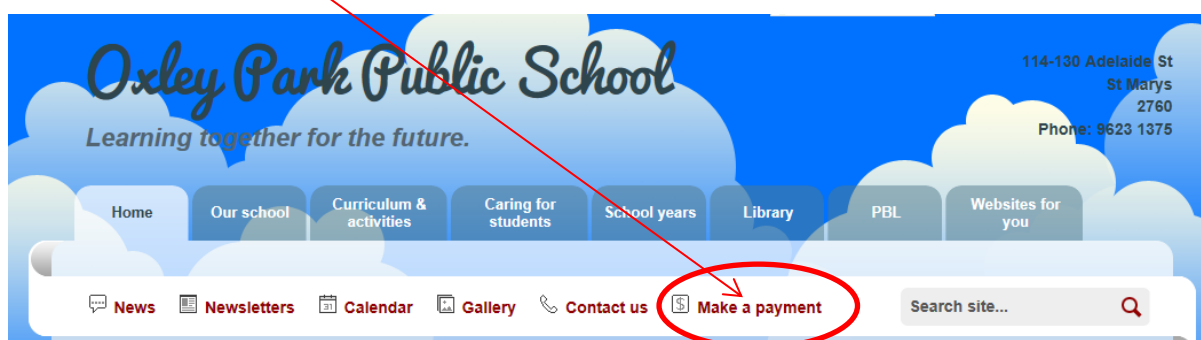
Working together in partnership for Quality Education
Kim Smith Principal

Office News

Office Payments

Make Online Payments as of Monday 19th February 2018

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. An instruction booklet went home with students to help parents make online payments. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)



Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the Office on 9623 1375.

Changes to the daily collection of your children

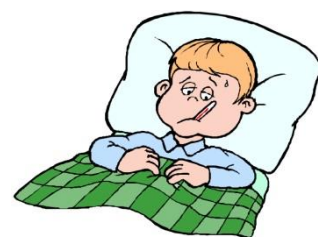
As the school office is at its busiest between 8.30 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 3.00pm, we would like to encourage parents/carers to make plans **prior** to school in regards to changes in pick-up arrangements. Whilst we recognise that at times there can be some unexpected changes in after school arrangements for students, can you please try and minimise calls by pre-organising where possible, with students. At times, the office is inundated with calls and messages needed to be given to students often with only a few minutes notice.

The wellbeing and safety of students is our paramount concern and we do not want to risk messages not being received or unavoidable confusion.

Sick Notification

If you know your child is unwell and will not be attending school there is no need to ring the school. Please send an absence explanation note to the teacher on your child's return. Absence Explanation notes can be found in the office on the Whole School Note wall.

In addition, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they have recovered.



Permission Notes



Could you please ensure you write your child's first name, last name and class when you complete permission notes. It is time-consuming for office staff to have to work out which child a note belongs to if only a first name and no class have been written on the note.

A reminder too that when returning permission notes for excursions, camps, and any school activities for which a permission note is sent home, a separate permission note is required for **each** child. This is a departmental legal requirement.

Permission notes are to accompany payment (when required) and placed in an envelope and placed in the "money house" in office. If you are paying by cash, cheque or eftpos please write on the envelope your child's first name, last name, class, what the payment is for and the amount enclosed. Please enclose correct payment and permission note

Student/Family Information Sheet, Student Asthma Record and Scripture note

If you have not yet returned your Student/Family Information Sheet, Student Asthma Record or Scripture note for 2018, please do so **as soon as possible**.



Thank you for your support

Karen Curcuruto
School Admin Manager (Rel)

P&C Easter Raffle

Oxley Park P&C are holding an Easter Raffle which will be on the 29th March at the Easter Hat Parade, we are kindly asking for donations of Easter products to make up hampers as prizes. Donations can be left at the school office, which would be greatly appreciated.





Coles Sports for Schools program

Oxley Park Public School is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools program, which started on Wednesday 7th February and finishes on Tuesday 3rd April.

Coles has supplied more than 20 million dollars' worth of equipment and sports gear to more than 7,800 schools across Australia.

Please get involved and start collecting your Coles vouchers to help OPPS earn sports equipment.

For every \$10 you spend at Coles you receive one sports for schools voucher.

Drop them into the collection box in the office or at the Preschool.

EAL/D Community Time

All EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) families are encouraged to use the community time from 9am-9.30am on Mondays to ask any questions or seek help on anything to do with education @ OPPS. Come to Mrs Konarew's room in Block F or ask at the office. Mrs Konarew EAL/D teacher

Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House is seeking the support of us to continue to provide services and opportunities to families in need. The exciting thing about this is your support can win you a \$4000 FAMILY HOLIDAY! Your child will be bringing home a Stewart House envelope then all you need to do is fill in your details and add at least \$2 and return it to the school. As you may be aware we have had Oxley park Public School families benefit first hand from these services and we truly value all the hard work they do at Stewart House.

Spider Fundraiser

A big thank you to all families for supporting our fundraiser. We raised just over \$1000 (WOW!!!) which will go towards the purchase of costumes and instruments for performing arts group.

A special mention must go to our AMAZING office ladies and Mrs Jurisic for their tireless efforts in making this happen. They were absolutely inundated with orders so we thank them for all that they do.

The Performing Arts Committee

Harmony Day!

Put it on your calendar- Wednesday, 11th April, 2018.

Just a reminder that Harmony Day will be in the last week of this school term on Wednesday, 11th April. All families are welcome to attend the assembly at 11.30am in area 1.

We are looking for families to support the day by:

- Supplying food for an International Table
- Letting us display any cultural artefacts for our International Museum
- Performing for our International Concert

Please see Mrs Konarew or see the ladies in the front office.

Harmony Day, Every Day! -#HDED

HARMONY DAY POSTER COMPETITION

We invite all interested OPPS students to enter this competition and show their caring, compassionate natures through artistic expression.

Open to ALL Primary and Secondary students across NSW and ACT

THEME: Growing Together in Harmony

Entries should reflect one or more of the following principles:

- Our society is made up of different people from different backgrounds.
- While we are unique, we all share the goal of wanting to live together in harmony, peace and understanding. We must respect others religion, gender and race.
- We must not accept hate, violence or unfair treatment of any person or group.
- We must strive to give all Australians equal opportunities and assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are proud to be Australian.

Closing Date

Entries close on Friday 6 April 2018, with winners announced in June 2018.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to those students whose posters best illustrate an innovative approach to the "Growing Together in Harmony" theme. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Please visit <http://movingforwardtogether.org.au/harmony-day-poster-competition> for details and how to enter.

Please see Ms Dugdale if you have any further questions.

Australian Museum Excursion - Stage two

We saw a Hobbit (Homo Floriensis). This species lived in Indonesia around 190,000 years ago and are not our ancestors. Hunter McKillop-Davies 34A.



Daniel Lyons said "This has been the time of my life! 34J



This is a persuasive text from 34A

Come to the Australian Museum because you will learn something. The Australian Museum is full of interesting, awesome and factual information about animals. However, there are many other exciting things to see such as minerals and history. Go to the Museum its better than the zoo! You get to see lots of bones.



"This is the best day EVER!"
Ethan Brown
34R.





Oxley Park Public School
Parents & Citizens Association

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Become a Canteen Volunteer

**If you can help one day a week
to prepare and serve school meals,
please let us know.**

**Profits from the Canteen are used to
purchase equipment needed for the school.**

Any questions, comments or feedback, please go to www.tiny.cc/oppspc

Oxley Park Public School – Canteen Volunteers

Yes, I _____ [name] am able to volunteer at the school canteen.

I would welcome a phone call from the Canteen to discuss my availability.

I can be contacted on _____ [mobile].

Thank you for your assistance. Please return this to the Canteen or School office.

From The Inside Out: Recognising Anxieties in Children 9 - 12years

TOPICS

- What's normal and what's not
- Types of anxiety in children
- When and how to get help
- Strategies to support children and young people experiencing anxiety

DATE: Thursday 5th April 2018

TIME: 6pm - 8pm

VENUE: The Hub - Mt Drutt (Ayers Gove, Mt Drutt)

WHEN LITTLE PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH BIG EMOTIONS, IT IS OUR JOB TO SHARE OUR CALM, NOT JOIN THEIR CHAOS.

This is a FREE event

To register please contact

JUNAYA FAMILY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

02 9621 3922

SPACES ARE LIMITED

About Dr Amanda Mullin - Director Mindworx Psychology

Dr Amanda Mullin, MAPS, FCCLP, is a Doctor of Clinical Psychology, with extensive and specialist training in Clinical Psychology. She has worked with a wide range of clients in private practice, and completed specialist training at the Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health, a world leading research clinic which specialises in understanding the causes of anxiety, and developing highly effective treatments for anxiety disorders.

JUNAYA
Family Development Services

Mission Australia Families NSW Playgroups

During the School Term
Oxley Park Public School

Located in the School Hall
Every Fortnight 9.15am — 11.15am
Starting Wednesday 14th of February 2018

Come and meet new friends at playgroup. A great way to start your morning with lots of fun activities for you and your children to do!



Bennett Road Public School
Starting 9.15am—11.15am
Mondays 16th of Feb 2018

St Marys Public School
Wednesday 21st of Feb 2018
Fortnightly 9.15am—11.15am

St Marys South Public School
Starting 9.15am—11.15am
Friday Starting 9th of Feb 2018

Playvan—Penrith City Council
During School Terms 9.30am
Wednesday @ Claremont Meadows
Fridays @ North St Marys

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For More information, please call Liana on 0475 977 770 or 02 4727 3026.

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Your invited to: Roxys Easter Party !!!

Saturday 31st March
Admission = \$5 per child

10:00am to 3pm
*** Unlimited time on the jumping castle**

*** drink for your child**

*** Popcorn for your child**

*** photos with the Easter Bunny**



All admissions donated to the

Luke Priddis Foundation

(helping kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders)

Raffles –

We have 4 prizes so far (and more may be coming) – to win one of the prizes buy a ticket (\$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5).

- Four Seasons Beauty (pedicure or manicure)
- Catch Hair Design (\$50 gift voucher)
- Catch Hair Design (\$75 hair care pack)
- Sweetest Scents and Jewellery (candle package)

Tickets available from Roxys place or the Luke Priddis Foundation (in High Street, Penrith)

For more details –

- Check out Roxys facebook page: (Roxys_the_Dinosaur)
- Or see you there: the corner of Dalton Street & Carpenter Street, Colyton)

Term One Calendar Oxley Park Public School 2018



Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Jan/Feb	29 th Staff Development Day	30 th Students 1-6 return BEST START KINDERGARTEN	31 st	1 st	2 nd
2 Feb	5 th Kindergarten students begin. Sports In School (SIS) 9.30am P&C meeting	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
3	12 th Sports In School (SIS)	13 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES	14 th PHOTO DAY 3.30PM SWIMMING CARNIVAL	15 th	16 th
4	19 th Sports In School (SIS)	20 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES	21 st 4.00 pm MEET THE TEACHER BBQ	22 nd	23 rd
5 Feb/Mar	26 th Sports In School (SIS)	27 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES	28 th	1 st	2 nd DISTRICT SWIMMING
6	5 th Sports In School (SIS) 7pm P&C meeting	6 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES	7 th	8 th SRC VALUES ED INCURSION	9 th
7	12 th Sports In School (SIS)	13 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES SUPERSTARS	14 th	15 th CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL	16 th
8	19 th Sports In School (SIS)	20 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES SUPERSTARS	21 st	22 nd STAGE 2 EXCURSION - Museum	23 rd Fundraiser CAPA group selling spider drinks
9	26 th Sports In School (SIS) 7PM P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	27 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES SUPERSTARS	28 th	29 th 9.15 AM EASTER HAT PARADE AND EASTER RAFFLE DRAW	30 th PUBLIC HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY
10 Apr	2 nd PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	3 rd WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES SUPERSTARS SRC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY	4 th	5 th BACK UP CROSS COUNTRY DAY	6 th
11	9 th Sports In School (SIS)	10 th WHOLE SCHOOL TUESDAY MORNING ASSEMBLIES SUPERSTARS	11 th HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY	12 th ANZAC ASSEMBLY 11.30AM	13 th LAST DAY TERM ONE



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