

# Oxley Park Public School

Learning Together for the Future



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Term 1 Week 3

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

## Welcome to term one.



Welcome back to all our families and welcome all our new families to Oxley Park Public School. It was such a wonderful sight to see last Wednesday and Thursday when our Kindergarten students finished their first day of school. Thank you to all the parents/carers for your support in waiting for the children to be dismissed from their classrooms a few at a time for the safety of all children.

## Class changes

The beginning of the school year can often present with challenges when creating classes, our classes reflect current enrolments and need to be flexible enough to cope with increasing and decreasing enrolments, luckily for us our enrolments have increased, we have 100 kindergarten students and currently have over 580 students. Final enrolment numbers were submitted to the Department of Education last week. I thank you for your understanding and patience with changes that have occurred. If you have any concerns or questions please come and chat with me.

## Meet the Teacher BBQ

Next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February we invite all our families to attend our Meet the Teacher BBQ afternoon. The purpose of the afternoon is to meet your child/ren class teacher. All the stage teachers will meet together at different times to accommodate families.

There will be a BBQ cooking from around 3.45 pm and we invite you to come and have a bite to eat.

The combined stage meetings will be as follows

4.00-4.15pm - Early Stage One – Kindergarten families, meet in area 3 for a combined update then visit the learning spaces.

4.15-4.30pm – Stage1 families, meet in Area 3 for a combined update then visit the learning spaces

4.30-4.45pm – Stage 2 families, meet in Area 6 for a combined update then visit the learning spaces

4.45-5.00 pm – Stage 3 families, meet in Area 6 for a combined update then visit the learning spaces

Each teacher will prepare an information handout and this will be provided to the families that attend. Extra handouts will be available from the classroom teachers and will be uploaded on the school app and the website.

## School Photos

Next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February is our school photo day. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform which does include black shoes (these do not have to be school shoes, they can be black or dark coloured joggers). The school office does not accept or hold any photo money. The teachers will collect the students envelopes on the morning of photo day and hand this to the photographers. The photo order envelopes have been sent home, you can pay by cash or credit card via the envelope or online.

Every student in the school will be photographed. Please be prompt to school that day as the photographers have over 580 student and 60 staff photos to take.

## School Carpark Driveways – No Pedestrian Access

Please note the signs at the front of both the school driveways clearly state **NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS**, please do not walk your child along the driveway to enter or exit the school.

## Road Safety/Bike – Scooter Safety

Please as a timely reminder could I ask that you chat with child/ren about walking, riding bikes and scooters to and from school in a safe manner. At school we make it a priority to teach Road Safety lessons, however these lessons would benefit by being reinforced by you in the home.

We appreciate your support in delivering and reinforcing the message of Road Safety.

Below is some websites that help reinforce the message.

<http://www.kidsandtraffic.mq.edu.au/pedestrian-safety/>

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

## Changes to Scripture/ Special Religious Education(SRE)

New procedures came into effect this year with regards to scripture/SRE, a note will be sent home this week with more information and also requesting that you indicate a religious education preference. Please be aware that this note needs to be returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible in order to make the appropriate arrangements for SRE.

*Kim Smith Principal*

Working together in partnership for Quality Education



**Kia Ora and Welcome back**

### **Kia Ora**

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! I have had the great pleasure of meeting many new families who have moved into our community and have enrolled their children at Oxley Park. Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our existing families! It's great to see so many smiling faces back at school.

## **PROGRAMS**

We have a couple of new programs running in the school this term.



"We are the change"



**Rap 4 Change** are working with our Stage 3 students delivering an Empowerment Program, developing student's self-worth, confidence and overall wellbeing. This is being run with Mrs Borg every Tuesday and is aligned to the PDHPE Syllabus – Personal Health and Development.

**Fit Futures** are in our school this year running the Physical Education component of the PDHPE Syllabus while various teachers participate in Quality Teaching Rounds. Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be participating in fundamental movement skill development over the course of the term each Thursday.

Mission Australia are running a play group every second Wednesday in the school hall beginning Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb from 9am. Please bring your little ones along, all are welcome.

### **FUNDRAISER**

There will be a Spider ice-cream fundraiser on Friday of week 22<sup>nd</sup> February that will be run by our amazing Creative Arts teachers in order to raise funds for dance costumes. Spider drinks will be on sale during lunch.

I look forward to a great term and can't wait to see all the great learning happening in classes.

Rose Narouz  
Deputy Principal

### **School Photos**

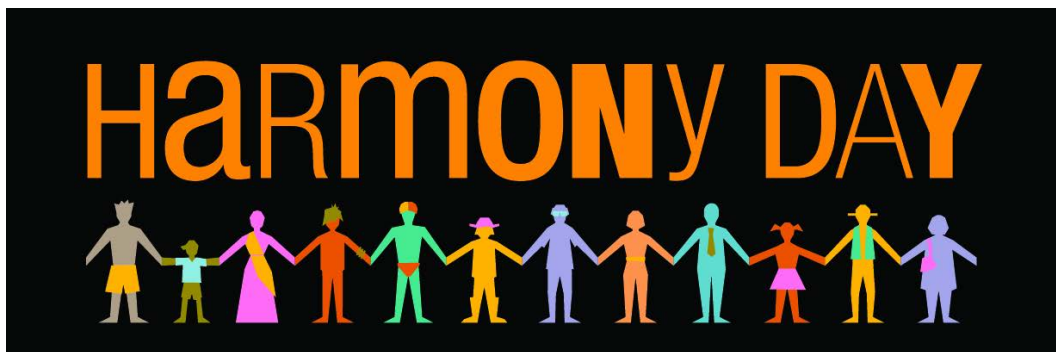
School photos will take place on **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.** All students are asked to wear summer school uniform. Please see the front office for any information on payments. These payments go directly to the photographer and online payments are encouraged. Family photos will also be taken on this day. Group, Year 6 and other special photos will be taken in Term 4.

### **Harmony Day**

The school will be celebrating Harmony Day on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, March.** We are looking forward to celebrating with the community. Families are welcome to attend a breakfast, our concert and visit the classrooms.

Food will be served in classrooms this year. If you would like to donate multicultural food for Harmony Day please send it to your child's class on the day. The museum will operate in the hall. All items will be handled with care.

If any member of your family or cultural community would like to perform for our Harmony Day concert we would love to hear from you. This includes children, family members and friends. Keep the date! Remember, 'Everyone Belongs'!

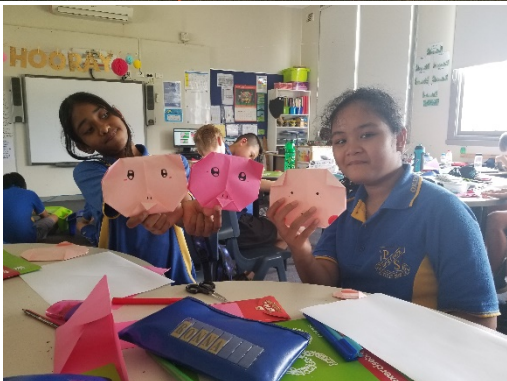




## Stage 3

# HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR FROM S3A

Did you know that it was the Lunar New Year on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February? S3A were getting into the festive spirit this week by folding pink paper pigs. Mrs Alberto then surprised everyone with lucky red pockets filled with chocolate gold coins as traditionally parents would give their kids money for



Did you know 2019 is The Year of the Pig? People born this year are said to be optimistic, gentle, easy going and organised.





## Stage 2



WELCOME TO S2A -  
Mrs Alba



By Cairo Paku-Chau

S2A have been very busy learners. Working on lots of writing and mathematics. We are having fun decorating our classroom and getting to know each other. Also, we have been talking about having a growth mindset and how we can "bump up" our efforts and become awesome learners.

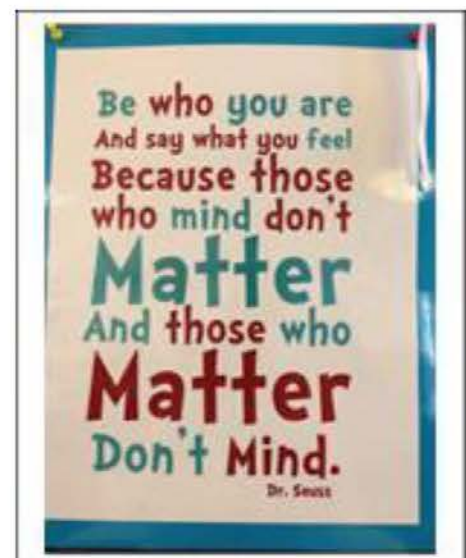
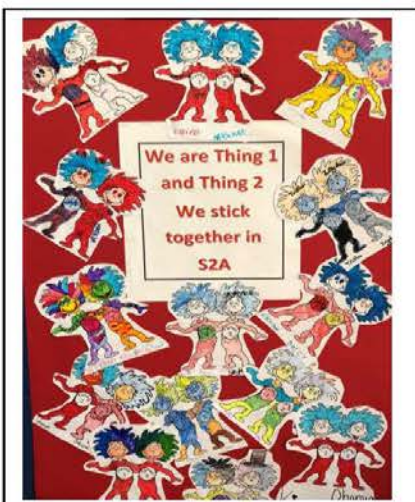
**BUMP IT UP**



Visual Art: We have been getting our Picasso on!

Monday 27th February 2019  
Imaginative Text  
The Cat in the hat came to school with today. Because he beat me in chess 6 times so he came to school. But now <sup>no</sup> buddy can see him but me so I went to class he was following me to class like a <sup>stranger</sup> with a hat.  
Before school I had something in the kitchen hearing. On the window I hid <sup>all</sup> way. I looked around the corner and I <sup>saw</sup> a cat I said to the cat <sup>what</sup> are you doing here. I said but he said, do you know who I am? he said, I'm the Cat in the hat. So I see it's fun. <sup>excellent</sup>  
Smith, later  
He <sup>likes</sup> to play on chess and I won 2 times. He said he would he even beat me on my favorite game taggo. He won at all the games so he said, can I go to your school. he said and I said yes so that is the story of the cat came to school. The end.

Our door signs





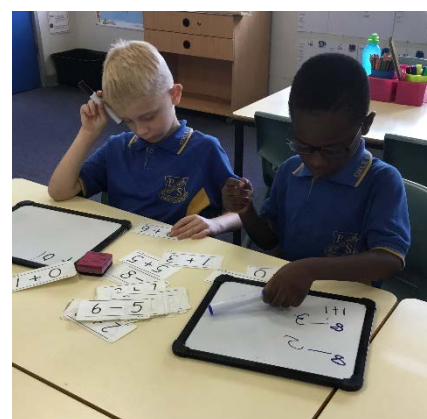


## Stage 1

# Welcome Back from S1B...

We have been very busy in our new class with our teachers, Mrs Siejka and Miss Romeo.

We have been getting to know each other, participating in a variety of Maths experiences and learning new skills in Literacy.

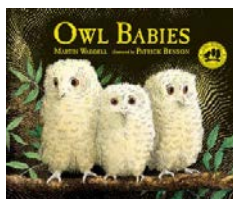




# Kindergarten

## Welcome Kindergarten 2019!

This week we have welcomed our new Kindergarten students and their families throughout five Kindergarten classes! Everyone looks wonderful in their new uniforms and have settled in well. We are looking forward to seeing these students grow, learn and explore throughout the year.



## Exciting things are happening in KM!

In KM, Mrs McManus and Mrs Murphy have loved meeting their new students and getting to know them. We have been learning a lot about our new school by going for adventure walks around the school to find out what is in each area, learning about how we take care of our belongings in the classroom and playing and interacting with each other and remembering each other's names. We have read some exciting books about starting school including First Day by Andrew Daddo, Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. These books have taught us about what to expect at big school, dealing with separating from our parents and also how we are all different, special and unique in KM!

Here are a few photos of our first week of school.





# Peer Support 2019

Oxley Park Public School is excited to be launching a Peer Support program school wide this year! The program is unique in its peer led approach empowering young people to support each other. It is this model that makes the program sustainable across the school.

The Peer Support Program provides opportunities for students to attain the following outcomes:



The program will commence in term 2 and will be implemented from week 2-9. The module that we will be focusing on is called Relationships: Keeping Friends. The stage 3 students will be training as Peer Support Leaders and Deputy Leaders to organise and manage groups of students in mixed groups from Kindergarten to Stage 2. Teachers will also be supervising the groups. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Peer Support Team

## Family Information Session

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 9am  
In the school library

### Presenting: The Family Referral Service

The Family Referral Service (FRS) brings together families, support services and community resources in the area to find the best support for our children and families. Get an insight in to what FRS can provide you and your family in the way of support and resources.

**Don't miss out! RSVP at the office today!**



# SCHOOL CROSSING SAFETY INFORMATION



The School Crossing Supervisor (Gary) is responsible for the safety of everyone that uses the school crossing between 8:15 to 9:15 in the morning and 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon.

Please ensure that you wait for the supervisor to move to the centre of the crossing as he ensures that vehicles have stopped. The supervisor will then indicate that is safe to cross.

It is also important to note that other safety measures are in place to ensure that users of the crossing are safe and these are:

1. Bikes and scooters are to be walked across the crossing.
2. No running on the crossing.

Do not use the **NO STOPPING** areas near the crossing to drop off students as this hides the oncoming traffic to the supervisor.

This information is supplied to parents to ensure that your children and you are safe when using the crossing in the above times.

## Office News Office Hours – 8.30am – 3.30pm

### 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

### Payment Date Reminders

#### Closing dates:

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
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Deposit of \$100 due – Stage 3 Camp  
1<sup>st</sup> Instalment \$80.00 – Stage 3 Camp  
Final instalment \$80.00 – Stage 3 Camp  
\$25.00 Stage 1 Excursion – Sydney Aquarium



The permission notes are available from the front office from the Whole School Note wall. Could you please ensure you write your **child's first name, last name and class** when you complete permission notes.

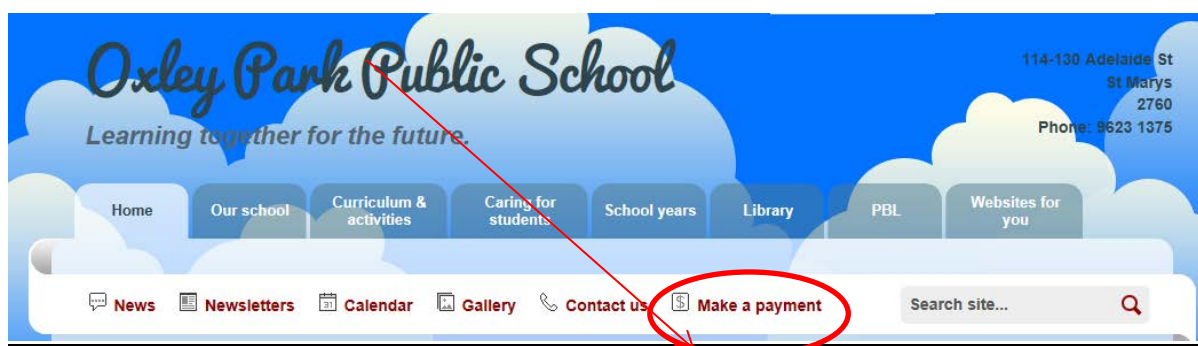
Please complete **one permission note per student**, this is a departmental legal requirement. Cash, cheque, eftpos and online payments can be made for the above activities.

### Dates to remember:

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30pm Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00pm Meet the Teacher BBQ
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	District Swimming – Selected students
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Stage 1 Excursion – Sydney Aquarium
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April –	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Stage 3 Camp - Outdoor Education Gosford Centre
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Hat Parade

## Office 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 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.

## Office Payments cont'd

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

Thank you for your support.

**Karen Curcuruto**  
**School Administration Manager**



Days: Thursdays  
Time: 10.00am - 1.30pm  
When: 28th Feb- 4th **April**  
2nd May-4th Jul y  
Venue: TAFE Kingswood Campus,  
12-44 O'Connell St, Kingswood

FREE TRADE IN  
HAIRDRESSING



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Limited child care  
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## Term One Calendar Oxley Park Public School 2019

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Jan/Feb	28th Public Holiday	29th Staff Development Day	30th Students 1-6 return  <i>BEST START KINDERGARTEN</i>	31st  <i>BEST START KINDERGARTEN</i>	1st  <i>BEST START KINDERGARTEN</i>
2 Feb	4th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY <i>BEST START KINDERGARTEN</i>	5th  <i>BEST START KINDERGARTEN</i>	6 <sup>th</sup> Kindergarten students begin.	7th	8th
3	11th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9.30am P&C meeting	12th	13th  3.30PM SWIMMING CARNIVAL	14th	15th K-2 Assembly 12.20pm 3-6 Assembly 2pm
4	18th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	19th	20th PHOTO DAY 4.00 pm MEET THE TEACHER BBQ	21st	22nd  Spider Drinks Fundraiser
5 Feb/Mar	25th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	26th	27th	28th	1st K-2 Assembly 12.20pm 3-6 Assembly 2pm District Swimming
6	4th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	5th	6th	7th	8th
7	11 <sup>th</sup> WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	12th	13th	14th	15 <sup>th</sup> K-2 Assembly 12.20pm 3-6 Assembly 2pm
8	18th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	19th	20 <sup>th</sup> HARMONY DAY Special Assembly/OPEN CLASSROOMS	21 <sup>st</sup> K-2 Incursion	22nd K-2 Incursion Election on Saturday
9	25th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Grafitti Ed Incursion stage 3	26th	27th	28th  Stage 1 Aquarium Excursion	29th K-2 Assembly 12.20pm 3-6 Assembly 2pm
10 Apr	1st WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
11	8th WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Stage 3 CAMP	9th  Stage 3 CAMP	10th  Stage 3 CAMP	11th  Easter Hat Parade	12th SRC MUFTI DAY LAST DAY TERM ONE