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Term 3 Week 10 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022

From the Principal's Desk



**End of Term Three** 

Well, here we are at the end of what has been a very busy and rewarding term. I would like to start by acknowledging the extremely dedicated and hardworking staff that love and care for our students each and every day. This term has been like no other in terms of sickness and changes to classes due to our daily struggle securing replacement staff. But our staff on the ground have been flexible, adaptable and productive in engaging with often last-minute changes with a never ending focus on improving teaching and learning. To our amazing students THANK YOU! You have

also endured many changes – some good and some not so good but at the end you have shined as our motto says – *Strive to Achieve*. This term has certainly provided many opportunities for us all to strive to achieve. In saying that I would like to thank the executive team who manage the daily running of the school alongside me – I am appreciative as always for your commitment, care, and leadership of our wonderful school. And last but not lease thank you to the families and community for your ongoing support and patience this term.

This term we said farewell to Mrs Monica Dwyer - on behalf of the staff, students and community we wish you all the best. Thank you for your commitment to our school over the past nine years, thank you for your service to Public Education for nearly 20 years. We wish you the very best as you embark on a new chapter in your career.



We would also like to wish Miss Ashley Greene all the very best with her upcoming wedding to Mr Bourne. Have a wonderful wedding – wishing you both all the blessings as you start your new life together and return to us next term as Mrs Bourne.

#### Attendance really does matter as does your feedback

How absolutely wonderful to see so many students achieving excellence in attendance. As a focus area for our school, we are staying strong to ensuring that children come to school everyday as this is where the love of learning begins. Our previous Tell Them from Me survey data from students always reflects to a high standard that our student's sense of belonging and advocacy is high at our school. Students love our teachers and feel safe and happy at school. Could I please ask all families to also share your feedback via the surveys as the information is used to guide us in our future directions. https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/oxleypark2022

Wishing all our families, students and staff a safe and happy holiday – Term four resumes on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October for ALL students and staff

## Attendance Matters Week 5 Individual Winners!





Congratulations to the Week 5 Individual Winners

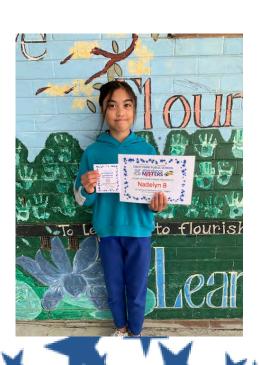
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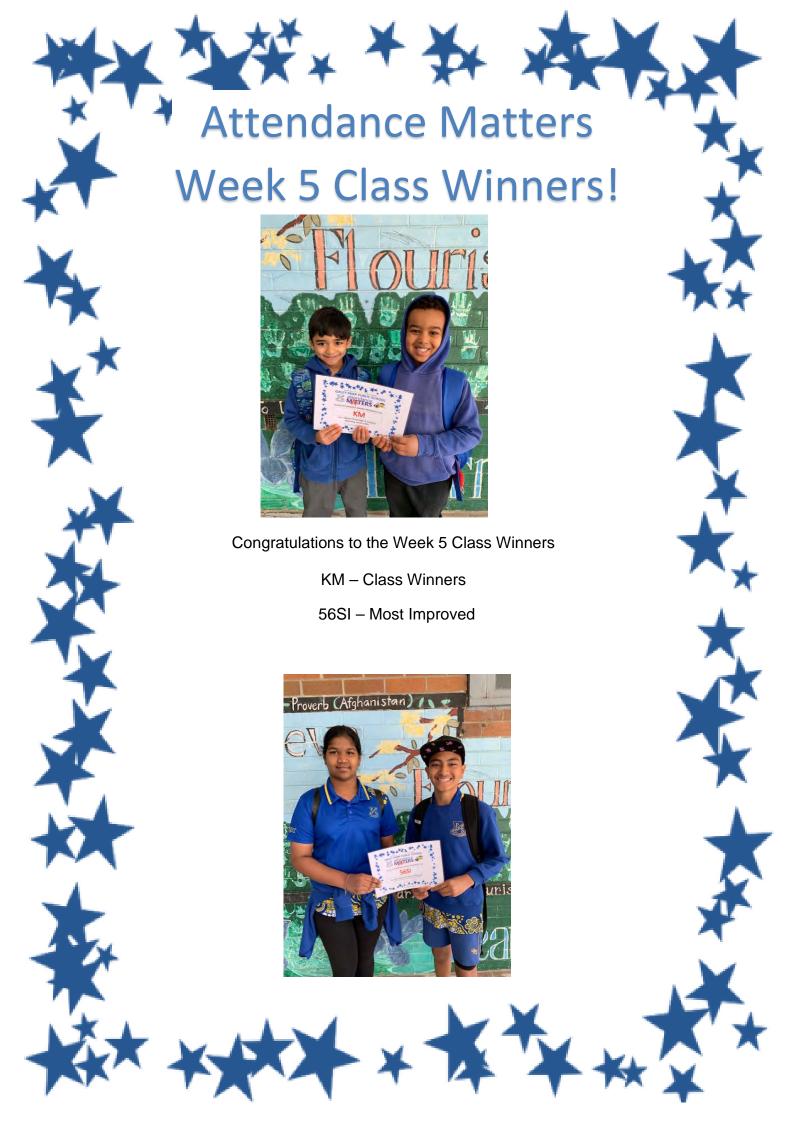
S1 - Vaoloa 12WS - Treat box

S2 - Marlie 34M - Canteen voucher

S3 - Nadelyn 56SC - Treat box













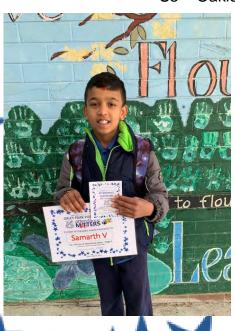
Congratulations to the Week 6 Individual Winners

ES1 - Finley KP - Prize box

S1 – Abdoul 12WS – Canteen voucher

 $S2-Samarth\ 34M-Showbag$ 

S3 - Oakley 45G - Canteen voucher











Congratulations to the Week 7 Individual Winners

ES1 - Ayleen KG - Showbag

S1 - Tiana 12C - Treat box

S2 - Heavan 23L - Showbag

S3 - Iyla 56R - Canteen voucher







# Attendance Matters Week 8 Individual Winners!





Congratulations to the Week 8 Individual Winners

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S1 - Aliannah 12H - Showbag

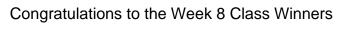
S2 – Jessie 34L – Prize box

S3 - Janya 56A - Showbag









12C & 12D - Class Winners

12WS - Most Improved









Congratulations to the Week 9 Individual Winners

ES1 - Rafi KG - to be confirmed

S1 – Aaleyah 12C – Prize box

S2 – Alaria 34M – Canteen voucher

S3 - Adriel 45G - Prize box







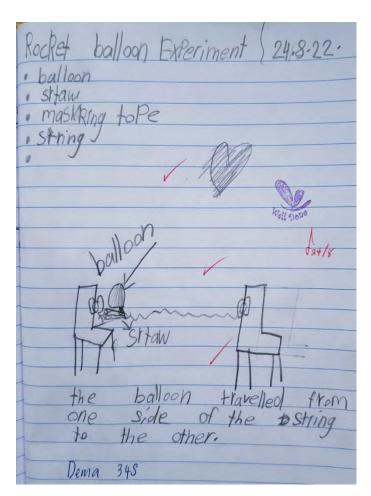


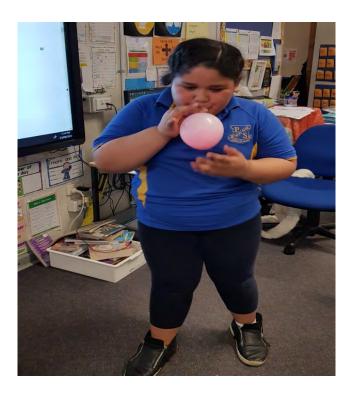
#### <u> 34S</u>

#### **Science**

This term, in science, 34S have been learning about forces. Children had fun doing rocket balloon experiment. They explained how the balloon travelled from one end to the other end of the string. They also predicted what would happen if the straw were bigger or smaller during the experiment.



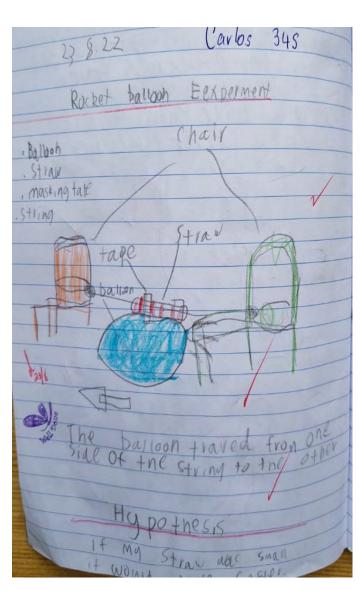


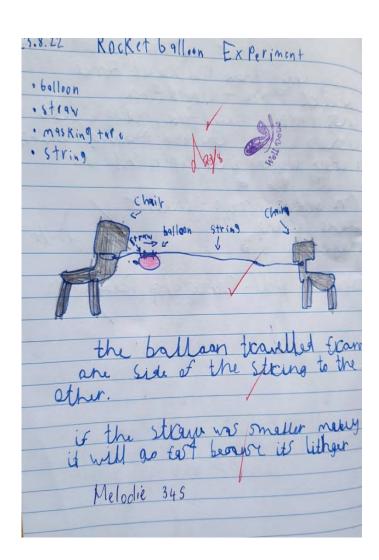




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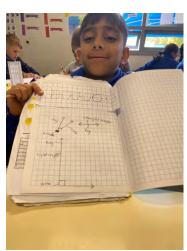
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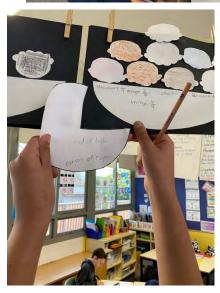


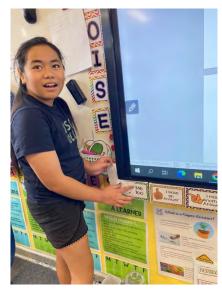


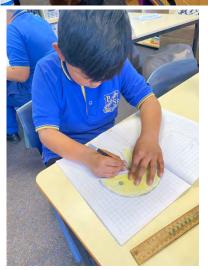












In 34A, students have been learning to identify and sort angles in mathematics. We made our own angle eater and used it to find objects that are right angles, objects smaller than right angles and objects bigger than right angles.

We then constructed the different types of angles and labelled them.

#### 34A continued

What happens when you drop a slinky? Do the two ends meet before falling to the ground? In science, 34A have been busy researching and finding answers to the above question plus many more as they explore and experiment with different types of forces around us. We experimented with balloon rockets and enjoyed locating magnetic objects within our environment.

















## Science with Slinkies in 34W

34W had fun experimenting with slinkies to find out what happens to an outstretched slinky when it is dropped. The results couldn't be seen through normal observation, so iPads with slow motion cameras were used to see what resulted.

They first hypothesised on what could happen, and not many predicted that the top of the slinky would retract back to the base, which remained motionless in midair, and only when the slinky was back to its original shape did it begin to fall to the ground.

This experiment demonstrated that the force of the slinky outweighed the gravitational force of earth.



#### 34W continued

During Geography and English, 34W have been researching Australian landmarks. We decided to create artwork depicting The Three Sisters, located in the Blue Mountains.







The students enjoyed the learning and had the opportunity to explore many different places and appreciate the cultural significance of each place.











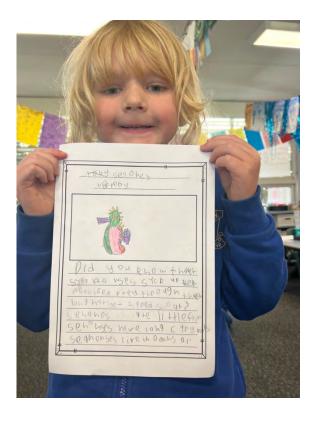




In week 8, 12H's Crunch 'n' Sip photo won us a tray of watermelon! Yum!







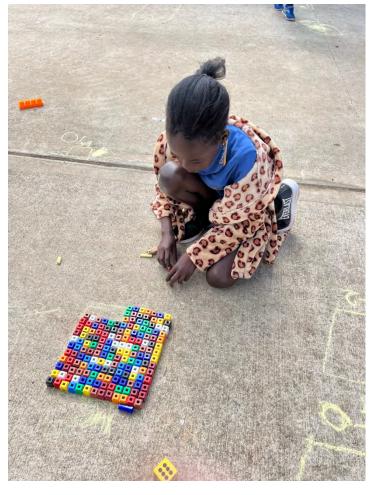
We have also been doing some **amazing** informative writing about seahorses!

Did you know that they can use one eye to look forwards and one eye to look backwards at the same time?

We love when our math lessons are outside. We have really enjoyed exploring 'area', 'volume' and 'capacity' in math!



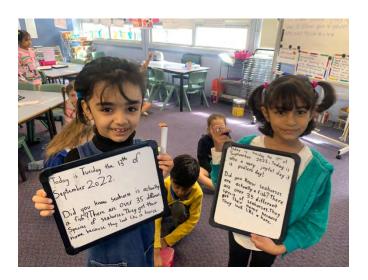




## 12C

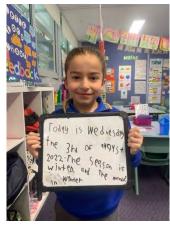
Stage 1 has been busy at work! We are absolutely loving our writing unit all about sea animals. This term 12C has been focusing on the steps of writing, in particular editing and revising. We practice daily with our morning whiteboard work searching for things that 'don't look right, don't sound right and don't make sense'. We have been learning all about jellyfish! Did you know that the stinging cells on a jellyfishes tentacles are called nematocysts?

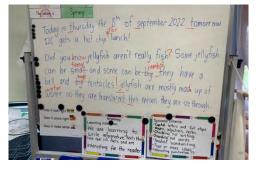
12C are on their way to being published writers. We have also created some magical jellyfish artworks inspired by artist Tamara Phillips.

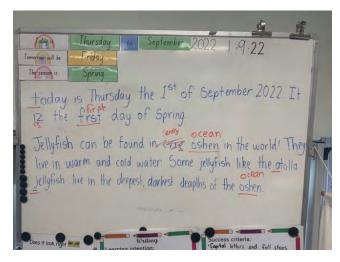


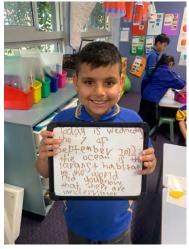


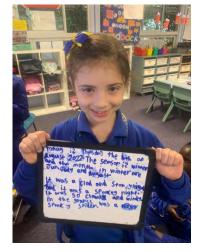


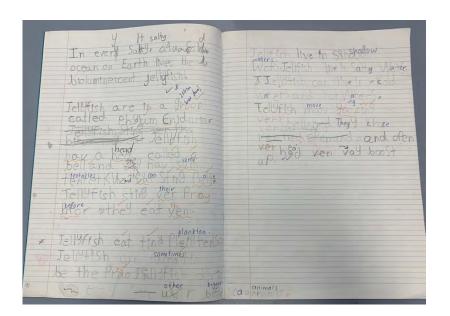


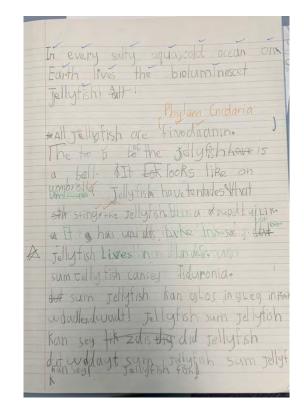




















#### Kindergarten

KP

We have had a wonderful Term 3! In KP we love our writing lessons! We have improved so much and are so proud to show you our work!







We have also been enjoying our time in our new garden and sandpit area.





We are really clever and can count by 2's!











We have been learning about volume and capacity.

We discovered that these two containers hold the SAME amount of water even though they look so different!



We love painting and creating.















We have fun picking vegetable from our garden and then using them to cook in the outdoor kitchen.

#### **Athletics Carnival 2022**

OPPS students had the opportunity to be part of 2022 Athletics Carnival at Blair Park oval. Children aged 8 years and older were able to participate in several events throughout the day. Field events included discus, shot put, high jump and long jump.

Track events included the 800m, 200m 100m and the 4X100m relay.

Congratulations to all participants and cheers to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters.

A big thank you to all teachers, parent helpers and students who assisted Stage 2 teachers in organising the successful event this year.







#### **Zone Athletics Carnival**

The students of OPPS enjoyed themselves at the Zone Athletics carnival in Week 8. They were respectful and represented the school with pride. The days consisted of mostly waiting around for each event, which required a lot of patience, but the students took the opportunity to entertain themselves and socialise with each other.

We had some make it to Regional Carnival; Lachlan, Haven, Margaux and Ailexah-Faye all getting through. The very best of luck to these students, we know you will be representing our school with pride. We also had some amazing competitors winning their heat during the two days, and although not being able to qualify it was an amazing effort and one they all should be very proud of. A special thank you to Mr Roberts and Mr Fitzgerald for their amazing assistance throughout the two days. It takes a great team to make these events a success and they certainly did that.







### **Public Speaking**

Students from 3-6 participated in the Public Speaking competition earlier this term.

All participants gave great speeches and our judges had a really hard time choosing our winners.

We have 4 students who will go on to represent Oxley Park at the finals in Term 4.

Congratulations to our finalist

Year 3 Keyshia 34G

Year 5 Indu 56M

Year 4 Aaradhya 34G

Year 6 Javeria 56M





## MADANG GUDYUNGS NEWS

Madang Gudyungs translates to 'Brave Bees' in Darag.
It is the name of our newly formed Jnr AECG.

What is a Jnr AECG?

A Jnr AECG is a Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group made up of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students aged 10 years and over.





#### Why do we have a Jnr AECG?

To ensure Aboriginal Cultures are represented and embedded throughout the school environment and curriculum.

To empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through real and active participation in school decision-making.

To provide a platform for Aboriginal student voice.

To advocate for Aboriginal Education.

#### INTRODUCING OUR JNR AECG LEADERSHIP TEAM

President : Amelia Vassallo Vice President : Allira Payne Secretary : Indiana Crawford

A word from the President;

Hi my name is Amelia Vassallo and I am the President for the Junior AECG at Oxley Park Public School.

Our Jnr AECG is called Madang Gudyungs which means Brave Bees in Darag. At our meeting I asked our Aboriginal students what they want to have at our school and they came up with Didgeridoo classes for boys, learn how to play clapsticks for girls and Aboriginal dancing. We would also like Aboriginal murals around the school and to learn Darag language.





#### COMBINED JNR AECG MEETING UPDATE by Allira & Indiana

We went to Kimberwalli for a combined Jnr AECG meeting with other Aboriginal students from other schools. Uncle Wes did a smoking ceremony and told us stories about shooting stars. We all talked about things that are important to us and our culture. We talked about having Aboriginal cooking classes, learning how to play the didgeridoo and having Aboriginal designs in our school shirts. We all voted for a name for the

Combined Jnr AECG and we voted for the name Madang Gurung which means 'Brave Children' in Darag language.

Our Jnr AECG will continue to meet every 5 weeks to discuss how we can ensure student voice is heard and we are meeting the needs of all students in our teaching and learning programs.



#### News from the Library.

#### **Book Fair**

A huge thank you to all the students, parents, friends, and teachers that supported the annual Book Fair. As a result of your support, we have \$2533 to spend at Scholastic over the next year. The money raised will purchase books and equipment that will support students learning and/or their love of reading. Thank you, we could not have done it without you.

#### **Toy Testing**

In 2021, Oxley Park was chosen to test 8 educational toys for The Just Kidding Magazine. Due to events that occurred in 2021, the toy testing was placed on hold until this year. Students from 3/4G, 2/3L, 5/6SC and 5/6A, were selected to be testers and shared their thoughts on the toys being tested. Some of the toys included a Kidzlab Crystal Mining and Kidzlab Magnet Science, Crystal growing kits and Curious Universe Kits.

A huge thank you to 3/4G, 2/3L, 5/6SC and 5/6A for your dedication in completing the toy testing as well as past and present Library monitors.

Students will be bringing home the Just Kidding Magazine in coming weeks, keep an eye out for Oxley Parks Educational Toy reviews and photos.





























#### **Book Parade**

Oxley Park will be hosting a Book Parade on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 starting at 9:15am in Area. Parents and Caregivers most welcome.

Students can choose one of the following themes as the basis for their costume.

- Favourite book
- Book character
- Hero or champion from a book

For the parade, each child is asked to choose a theme and do **one** of the following things.

- Dress up as a book character,
- Design and wear a mask, so they look like a book character or hero,
- Make a sandwich board or a poster advertising a book.

#### **Community News**

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs Konarew was invited to the Penrith City Council Celebration Awards to witness Veronica Nou, our local Sydney Street pharmacist being presented with a 2021 'Making a Difference- Community Service Award'.

Veronica has made an outstanding contribution to the Oxley Park community. She and Chaplain Enoch started 'The Good Connections' project to support lonely, isolated, or disengaged members of the community, Veronica supports the Mum 4 Refugees charity and has been an inspiring guest at the council's Refugee Week and International Women's Day events.

Veronica has maintained strong ties with the school with her Stage 3 pen pal project for community members and she has addressed parent and student groups on several subjects. During Covid she tirelessly set out to provide health care and vaccinations for all in the community.

Congratulations, Veronica from Oxley Park Public School staff and families.



## P&C News



The P&C presented Miss Mitchell with two cheques, one for Yr 6 farewell and the other for PBL end of year awards.

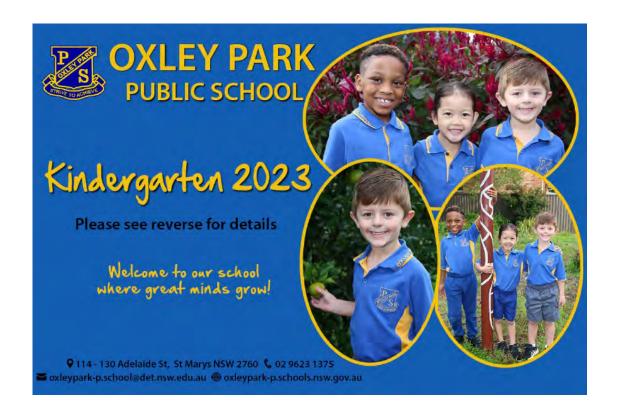




Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote on our new school dress







#### **Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation**

Tuesday 23rd August, 2022 - 9:00am Morning Tea with the Principal

(Kindergarten 2023, Parent Information session)
2:00pm Afternoon Tea with the Principal
(Kindergarten 2023, Parent Information session)
6:00pm Light Supper with the Principal
(Kindergarten 2023, Parent Information session)

Stay and Play sessions: 9:00am -10:00am Monday 17th and 24th October, 2022.

2:00pm - 3:00pm Wednesday 26th October and 2nd November, 2022.

Stay and play with your child and discover what happens at Oxley Park Public School. Each visit you will explore somewhere new!

Drop and Play sessions: 9:00am -10:00am Wednesday 9th, 16th and 23rd November, 2022 and

2:00pm - 3:00pm Monday 14th and 21st November, 2022.

Sign your child in with a teacher and let them discover what a kindergarten classroom is like, whilst you visit the Outdoor Learning Cafe' for any questions you need answering.

Join Kindergarten for a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday 30th November, 2022 at 9:30am.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions

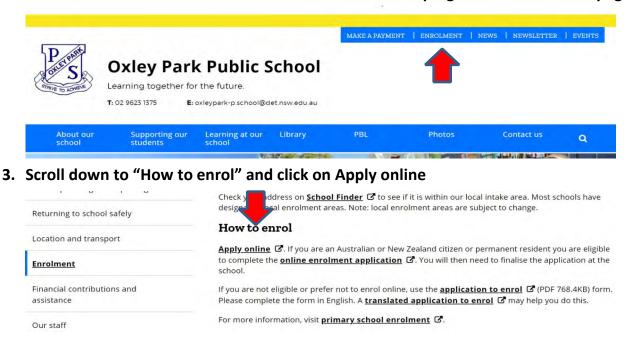
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#### **KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2023**

Is your child starting Kindergarten next year? If yes, please go ahead and complete the easy online enrolment application.

- 1. Head over to our school website: Oxley Park Public School
- 2. Click on the ENROLMENT tab which is located on the top right-hand side of our page.



- 4. Complete the required information for your child's enrolment and include any supporting documents.
- 5. Email your documentation to <a href="mailto:oxleypark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">oxleypark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a>
  - Birth Certificate
  - Immunisation History Statement Issued by Medicare
  - Proof of residence Residential Address Check 100 points (please see next page for more information)
  - Health Care Plans (ASCIA Plan/Asthma Plan), if applicable
  - Court Orders, if applicable
  - Citizenship/Visa Documentation ie. Citizenship Certificate or Visa Grant Notice, if applicable

Please note: No Online Enrolment will be accepted without the above documents

6. Our office ladies will be in touch once this process has been completed with more information.

#### Residential Address check for the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools

Document showing the full name of the child's parent		Points
1.	Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents)  1.1. Council rates notice  1.2. Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or rental board bond receipt  1.3. Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to	40
	occur within the applicable school year	
2.	Any of the following 2.1. Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months	20 each
	2.2. Centrelink payment statement showing home address     2.3. Electoral roll statement	
2	2.3. Liectoral foil statement	15
3.	Any of the following documents 3.1. Electricity or gas bill showing the service address* 3.2. Water bill showing the service address* 3.3. Telephone or internet bill showing the service address*	each
	3.4. Drivers licence or government issued ID showing home address*	
	<ol> <li>Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address</li> </ol>	
	3.6. Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance policy showing home address	
	3.7. Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and any supporting information or documentation of this.	

<sup>\*</sup> up to three months old

<sup>\*\*</sup> Bank Statement showing current residential address and up to three months old will be accepted by Oxley Park PS and will carry 15 points.

## Oxley Park Preschool





#### Are you looking for a high quality preschool for your 4 year old?

At Oxley Park Preschool, we cater for children the year before they start kindergarten. We have qualified and experienced Early Childhood staff who create a loving and nurturing environment for children to grow. Our preschool program fosters the development of the whole child and provides high quality leaning programs focusing on investigative play. We are an 'exceeding' rated service who goes above and beyond the requirements of the National Quality Framework.





Check the Oxley Park Public Schools Facebook page for updates.

Enrolments are now open

Contact Oxley Park Public School on 9623 1375 for more details.



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