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Term 3 Week 10

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From the Principal's Desk



Thank you, Mrs Jurisic

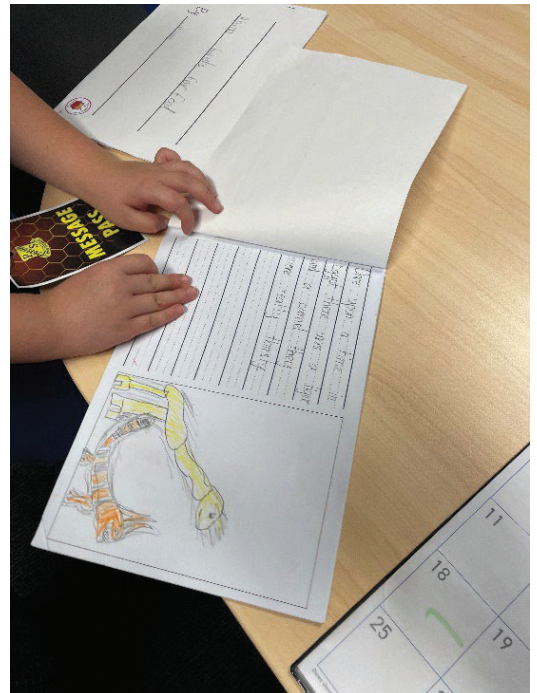
I just wanted to spotlight Mrs Jurisic who along with Mr McNally make our school the amazing place it is. Mrs Jurisic is always quick to lend a hand and she is busy sewing large curtains for our outdoor COLA in preparation for Year 6 graduation and our end of year performing arts showcase.

Work is underway with Area 1 to improve the lighting and sound system.

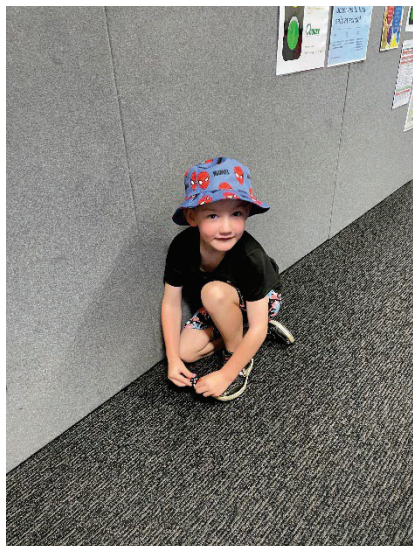


Celebrating learning

What a joy listening to Year 1 students read me their narrative writing. Super Learners at their best – Congratulations and thank you for sharing your writing with me.



Mathematics stars in Preschool



What an absolute joy to have a visit from our littlest learners in Preschool. Cooper and Brayden came to show me how absolutely amazing they are at counting using dice, not only are they counting the dots but holding the biggest number in their heads and counting on!!

What a super treat to witness the early development of number sense in our preschool students. Thanks, Miss Osborne, for sharing the joy of learning.



Sporting superstar Haven



Congratulations to Haven in Year 6 who represented Sydney West in the Primary Rugby Union Girls 7s team. I received this letter of commendation for Haven and wanted to share in the achievements and congratulations for Haven. We are very proud of your efforts.

Dear Mrs Smith,

Good morning,

I write to you regarding the involvement of Haven in the Sydney West Representative Team at the NSWPSA Primary Rugby Union – Girls 7s, held 9 and 10 September.

I thought it imperative to pass on the results of the championship alongside how well Haven conducted herself across the two days.

Haven showed tenacity, strength and determination throughout each game across both days of the championship. Her sportsmanship and ability to pick

herself up after a setback is commended. Haven's leadership skills helped support the team improve as rugby union players, as she watched, observed and identified areas of where the team could improve, without singling team members out. Her encouragement lifted each player to perform to their best, which in turn boosted the overall spirit and fight of the team.

We played nine games in total – six on Day 1 and three on Day 2. At the end of Day 1, Sydney West had placed third in our pool, with 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

Day 2 saw Sydney West beat Sydney North, coming from a 10-0 deficit, to win 10-25. A loss to Mackillop, 30-10. And finally, a heart stopping win against Hunter with a try in the last play, to secure a bronze medal, 20-15.

I would like to commend Haven on her efforts and sportsmanship as she was an integral part of our team, her efforts and phenomenal results from the NSWPSA Primary Rugby Union – Girls 7s Championships.

Kind Regards,

Peita McGoogan

Sydney West PSSA Primary Rugby Union – Girls 7s Manager

Congratulations Vedika

Vedika successfully made the Greater Western Sydney Junior Drama Ensemble. The group performed at the Lennox Theatre for the Lights UP Drama Festival in Parramatta this month.

We are very proud of your efforts in the performing arts.



Pedlars Day success

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students for what was a fantastic effort in preparing for the Year 6 fun day that is called Pedlars Day. People often ask what that means. The word Pedlars relates to olden days where people peddled their wares – or sold their products on the back of their bicycles. We love the history that Pedlars Day represents and the joy it brings to the Year 5 and 6 students who design the sideshow alley, donate items in their fundraising efforts for the Year 6 farewell and graduation. Each year Pedlars Day is a huge success but takes a lot of organisation – Thank you to the Stage 3 teachers and staff for supporting the students with their ideas, project based learning, leadership and love of learning.



Inspire Arts Challenge

What a wonderful experience for our dance groups who performed at the Inspire Arts Challenge eisteddfod. Our Junior Dance group earned first place. Stage 2 and 3 Combined Dance Group awarded third place. Our first time ever Cheer Pom received Highly Commended.

Thank you to the students, staff and families who supported these performers. I am beyond proud of our students for their participation, dedication and abilities. Thank you, Mrs Borg, for seeking out opportunities for our creative and performing arts students to thrive.



Long Service Leave 'Sayonara'

In Term 4 I will be taking two weeks long service leave to travel with my family to Japan. In my absence Mr David MacVean will be the relieving Principal and Mrs Leanne Ritchie will relieve as Deputy Principal.

On behalf of all the staff we wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

School returns for all students on Monday 14th October.
There will be no Monday morning assembly in week 1.
Superstar ribbons will continue from week 2 onwards.

Working together in partnership for Quality Education
Kim Smith Principal

Spring is here!



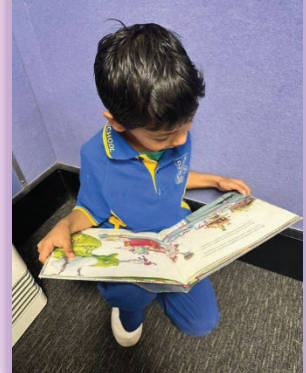
The changing seasons offers a great time for our preschoolers to explore and learn. As they see the changes around them, they are naturally primed to know more about the world around them. Often in Spring we see many insects attracted to new plant growth and beautiful fragrances fill the air as flowers begin to bloom. We have been focusing on the changes that occur during Spring, longer days, warmer weather and greener plants and trees.

Together we have explored bugs and insects, identifying different types of beetles, bugs and insects, even searching for them in our preschool! We have experimented, created, explored and discovered new and interesting facts! We have experimented with scented playdough and used colour to change the look of flowers and plants. We have noticed and explored flowers in our garden, becoming artists and creating our own still life flower portraits. We look forward to continuing our learning and exploration next term!

If you have any ideas you like to educational play-based program, please feel free to speak to Mrs Bennett or Ms Osborne so we can try to incorporate your suggestions.

Kindergarten

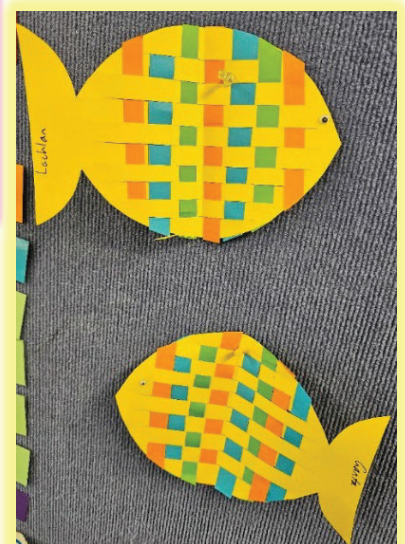
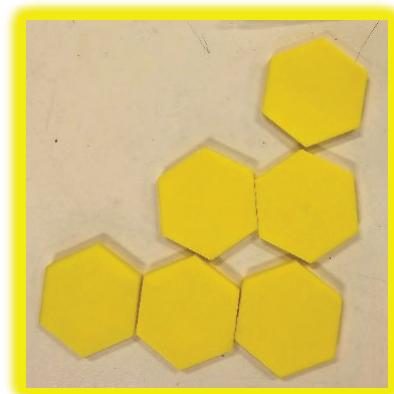
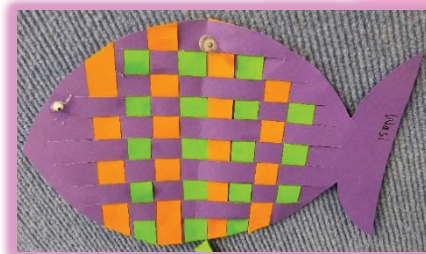
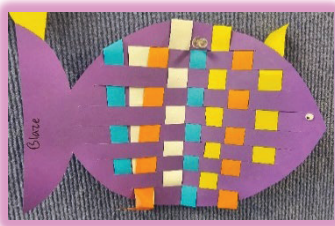
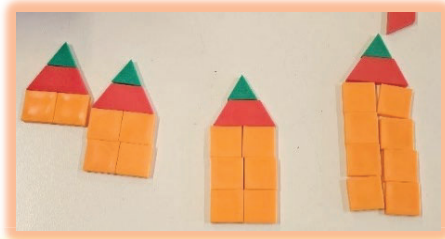
Kindy have been developing their love of reading by visiting the school library. They have been learning how to choose books, take care of them and return them on time. They have even designed their own library bags in Art.



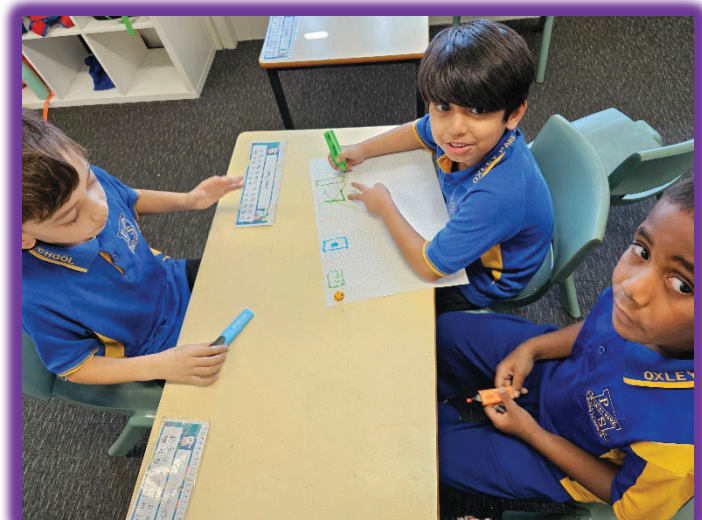
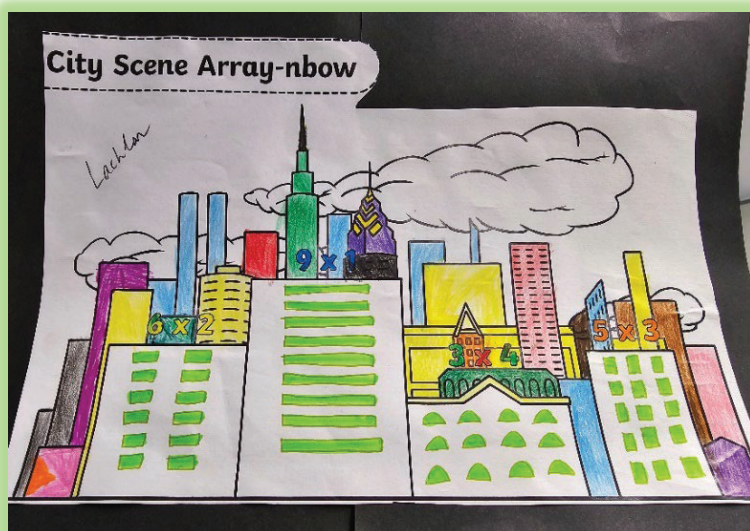
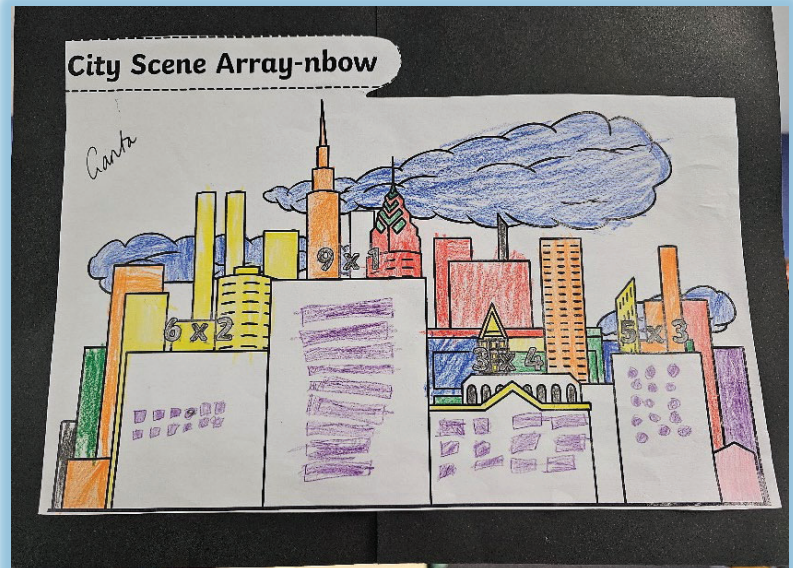
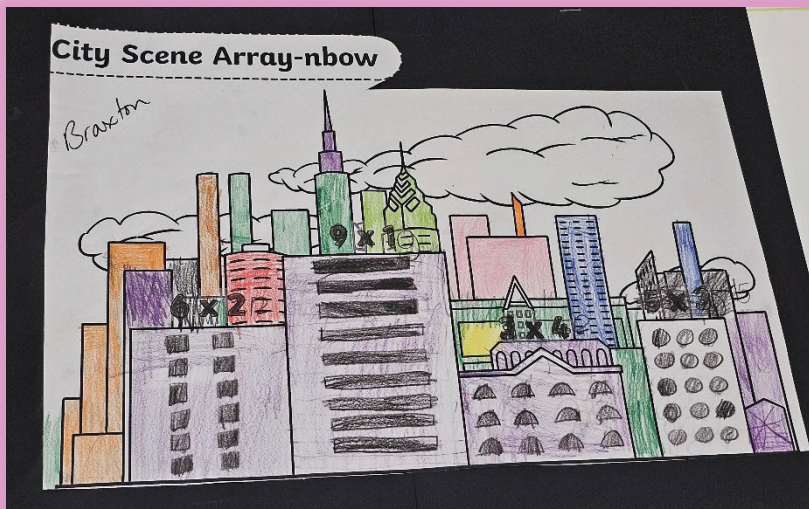
Stage 1- 1/2K

PURPOSEFUL PATTERNS

Over the last few weeks students in 1/2K have been developing their knowledge, understanding and skills in patterning. We have discovered that there can be translating patterns, shrinking patterns, growing patterns and patterns within number charts.



We even found patterns in our arrays when we looked at multiplication and area, using grid paper. PATTERNS are everywhere!



YEAR 3

ZOOSNOOZ

Year 3 had the best time away on camp in week 7. We arrived in the early evening to meet the camp guides and immediately went on a night time safari on our way to dinner. We saw a tree kangaroo, the giraffe and were able to put our things away in our tents.

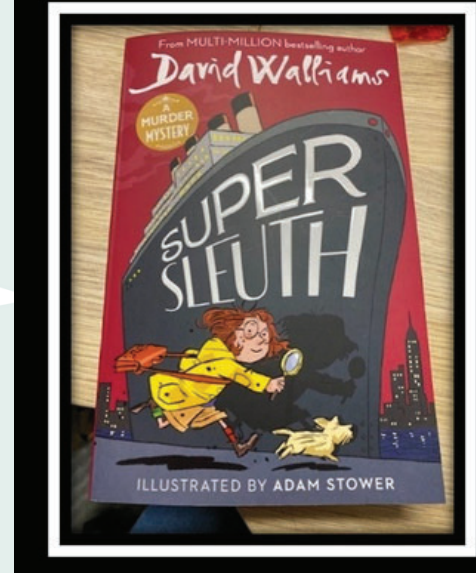
After dinner we went to see the sleeping tigers and the elephants before visiting the learning centre where those brave enough got to handle snakes and lizards. We loved sleeping in our tents hearing the monkeys, seals and lions all night long. In the morning after breakfast it was back to the learning centre where we visited the desert and rainforest rooms, they were amazing!! We then took a tour of the zoo and had the best day checking out all the animals.

We had a blast on ZooSnooz!





David Walliams



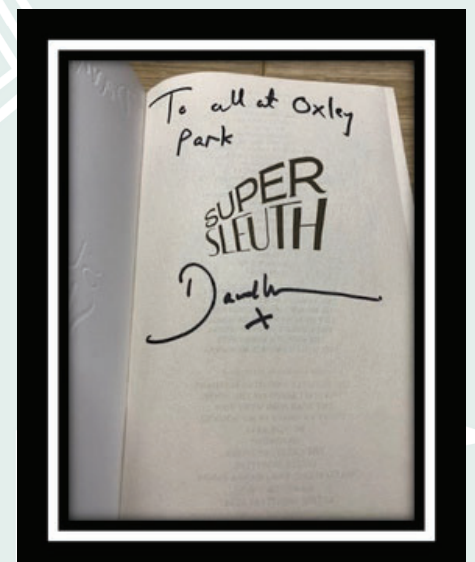
On Saturday 7th September, Georgia from 5MG was lucky enough to attend an event with author David Walliams. Georgia travelled by train with her mum and grandmother to the Darling Harbour Theatre inside the International Convention Centre, Sydney. David spoke to his audience, telling them about his childhood, inspiration for his books and discussed in length the origin of his first book 'Boy in a Dress'.

Georgia and her family donated the newest signed book authored by David Walliams to Oxley Park Public School, along with the poster advertising the event.

Georgia and her friend Ilariah helped Miss Manwaring setup a display of all the books in the library written by David Walliams.

All these books can be borrowed.

If these books excite you, please come and do the Five Finger test to check.



OPPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



On Wednesday week 5, Oxley Park students from years 2-6 participated in our annual Athletics Carnival at Blair Oval.

It was great to see nearly 400 students participating in all the events and having a great time!

All the Sports House Captains and Vice Captains did an amazing job in cheering on their house groups and leading everyone in chants.



THE WINNING HOUSE ON THE DAY WAS...

STURT

OPPS RECORD BREAKERS

JUDE - 8-10 YRS 800M

EVA - 8-10 YRS 200M

VAN - 9 YRS 100M

TYE - 8-10 YRS DISCUSS

HAVEN - 11 YRS LONG JUMP

DESTINY - 8-10 YRS DISCUSS

DAWSON - 12-13 DISCUSS

MADLAINE - 12-13 SHOT PUT





ST MARY'S ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

ON THE 12TH AND 13TH OF SEPTEMBER, SELECTED STUDENTS REPRESENTED OPPS AT THE ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL. THERE WERE SOME AMAZING RESULTS ON BOTH DAYS AND ALL STUDENTS REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL WITH PRIDE AND CHEERED EACH OTHER ON ALL DAY.



Chase

A big congratuations to Chase who was announced as the 11 yrs boys age champion on the day



SPORTING SUPERSTARS



Johnny has recently participated in the National carnival for U/12s Rugby League. Johnny was fortunate enough to captain NSW to a series tie with Queensland.

Johnny also recently spent the week in Wollongong, where he represented Sydney West in Rugby Union.

JOHNSON

AGE

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SPORT

**RUGBY LEAGUE
RUGBY UNION**



Haven is an extremely talented athlete who represented Sydney West in Touch earlier this Year.

She has also been selected into the Sydney West Rugby 7s side which are competing this week.

Haven also recently broke the 11 Years girls long jump record at our school athletics carnival and was named 11's girls age champion.

HAVEN

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SPORT

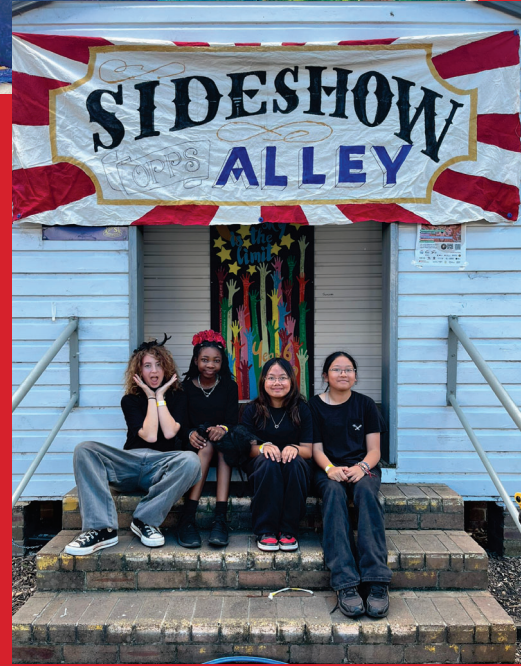
**TOUCH FOOTY
RUGBY UNION
ATHLETICS**

2024 ANNUAL PEDLAR'S DAY

On Wednesday 25th September students at OPPS participated in the 2024 Annual Pedlar's Day fundraiser hosted by Stage 3 students!

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO SUPPORTING THE YEAR 6 FAREWELL







ON BEHALF OF STAGE 3 WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS EVENT!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



On Tuesday 27th August, the President of Madang Gudyung, Draven, attended the Pemulway AECG meeting. Draven delivered the Acknowledgement of Country to over 60 school Principals, Directors, teachers and Aboriginal Education Officers.

Draven also spoke to the AECG about what is happening in Aboriginal Education at Oxley Park Public School and shared details of our NAIDOC week celebrations.

**DEADLY JOB
DRAVEN**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT OF **BLUE DAY**

for

Xaviah



Our fundraiser raised \$1000

**All money raised has been donated
to Bear Cottage in Xaviah's honour.**



Bear Cottage is a very special place..

Bear Cottage is the only children's hospice in NSW - a very special place that's dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting conditions. Families who care for a child with a life-limiting condition often do so around the clock for many years. Their vision is to be as far removed from a hospital environment as possible. Bear Cottage is set up to provide excellence in paediatric palliative care 24 hours a day, and their affiliation to The Sydney Children's Hospitals Network means they have access to some of the best medical resources in the world.

Xaviah and his family spent lots of time at Bear Cottage throughout his 2.5 year battle with Brain Cancer. Bear Cottage was their home away from home and it provided a safe haven for his family to be together whilst Xaviah received the care he needed from his doctors and nurses.

Oxley Park Public School is saying THANK YOU to Bear Cottage on Xaviah's birthday for the love and care they provided for him.

2025 Expressions of Interests for Preschool are now open!

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 learning programs focusing on investigative play. We are an 'exceeding' rated service who goes above and beyond the requirements of the National Quality Framework. For more details or to request an expression of interest pack contact Oxley Park Public School via our school office or on 9623 1375 / email oxleypark-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



2025 Kindergarten – Enrolments are now open

Please apply online via our School Website. (see attached information for how to enrol online)

When enrolling online, please ensure you attach or email the school the following:

Birth Certificate

Immunisation statement issued by Medicare

100 points of residential ID