

# Oxley Park Public School

Learning Together for the Future



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Term 2 Week 5

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## *From the Relieving Principal's Desk*



I just wanted to say a huge **THANK-YOU** to all of our amazing students, parents/carers and families for continuing to support our wonderful school of awesome little learners. I really value meeting and greeting as many of you as possible at the school gates each day. If you ever have any questions or concerns about any school matter, please contact the front office.



## STAGE 3 CAMP INFORMATION EVENING

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, we had a huge turnout of parents/carers to our yearly Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) camp information evening. Just as the library was overflowing with people on the evening, the session also was full of all sorts of helpful information including: travel arrangements, itineraries, and camp packing lists. Mr Roberts explained the importance of labelling all clothing/equipment and narrated the bliss that teachers experience on the last day of camp when students have been taught how to roll up & pack their own sleeping bags, as this can take some considerable time otherwise. Special thanks to one clever parent who shared her trick of packing an extra pillow case that allows kids to pack up their sleeping bag without all the stress of trying to fit it back into that tiny, little, puny, itty-bitty, microscopic bag they normally come in (thanks Mrs Bristow 😊).



Thank you to our wonderful team of Stage 3 teachers (Mr Roberts, Miss Curcuruto, Mrs Galea, Miss Luker, Miss Mitchell, Miss Chambers, Mrs Barry and Miss Chatterton) for all their efforts in presenting the evening, as well as preparing for the camp. Although camps can be a bit of a 'red-eye' experience in terms of sleep for teachers, they are a wonderful opportunity for students to develop independence, responsibility, confidence, social skills, friendships, as well as learning and making life-long memories.

A copy of the presentation has been sent out via School Bytes to all parents/carers of campers.

## ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS



Thanks to all our determined students (and our parents for doing the hard leg work) that attend school each and every school day. Please don't forget the importance of being at school on time, as learning starts at 9am each morning. Although I know that traffic and parking around our local streets can be very tricky to navigate (especially during peak times), it is still important to do whatever you need to in order to have your children 'in line by 9'.

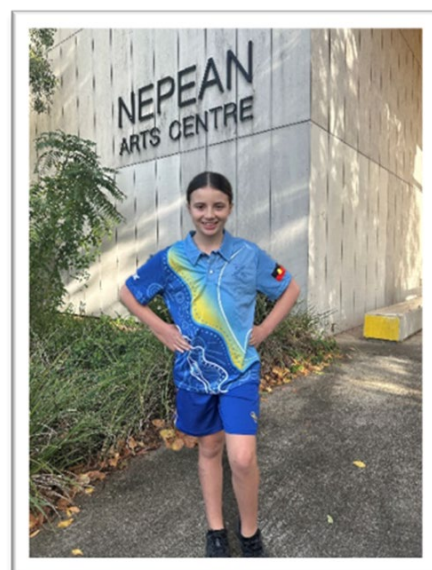
A reminder that all students who have an attendance rate each term of at least 95% will receive a special 'honorary' attendance superstar, which also goes towards our whole school superstars and ribbons PBL system. For students who have an attendance rate of at least 95% for

the school year will also be invited to choose a free ice-cream treat from our Mr Whippy ice cream van that visits us at the end of Term 4.

## CONGRATULATIONS EMMA B.

### 'Greater Western Sydney Dance Ensemble'

A special congratulations to the very talented **Emma B (from 4H)** who was successful in her recent audition for the elite Greater Western Sydney Dance Ensemble. Emma was one of only 22 students chosen from right across Western Sydney (that's all the way from the Blacktown area to the lower Blue Mountains). Emma will perform at the Synergy Dance Festival this month and also at the State Dance Festival later in the year. What an amazing achievement from an amazing talented and respectful student. Well done Emma!



## CONGRATULATIONS MALAKAI L.

### 'Super Sporting Achievement'

On Sunday 4th May 2025, it was a special moment for our very own Mr Chris Longhurst as he had the pleasure to present **Malakai L (from 4M)** with many sporting awards for his personal achievements throughout the 2024-2025 cricket season. Malakai was presented on the night with the prestigious Emu Plains Cricket Club 'The Hally Award' for Under 21s Wicket Taker of the season with an impressive 29 wickets. Congratulations to Malakai on his wonderful sporting prowess in cricket and on this amazing achievement!



## EAT YOUR HEART OUT PICASSO, WE HAVE RAAIFA!

I am thrilled to recognise and congratulate one of our very talented Year 5 students, **Raaifa H (from 5C)** on her outstanding watercolour artworks. Raaifa's creativity, attention to detail, and beautiful use of colours have truly impressed her teachers. Her pieces are of such a high quality that they would not be out of place at all in a professionally illustrated children's book. With such an artistic flair, Raaifa is already showing the potential of a future illustrator. Although the world has produced many famous artists such as Picasso, da Vinci, and Monet, we are very proud to have our very own 'Raaifa' who is just on the beginning of her artistic journey. Raaifa has been selected to represent Oxley Park Public School at an upcoming 2 day Art workshop and exhibition. Well done Raaifa!



## **NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY**

Students across Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are currently completing a survey in their classes known as the **'NSW Public Schools Survey'** (NPSS). This annual survey is anonymous and asks students about their experiences at school including their sense of belonging, teaching practices and engagement. It provides us with another way to hear and value 'student voice' in all that we do, and how we do it here at OPPS. This new survey replaces the old 'Tell Them From Me' survey. Please note that this new survey will only roll out to students this year with further surveys for parents and teachers coming in 2026.



## **Road safety**

### **Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools**

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about any school matter, please don't hesitate to contact the school or come in to see me. Thanks kindly,

*Working together in partnership for Quality Education*

**David MacVean - Relieving Principal**



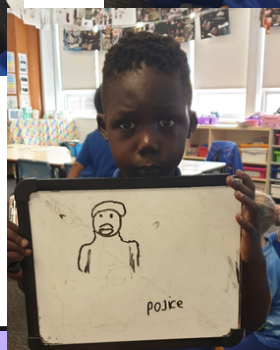
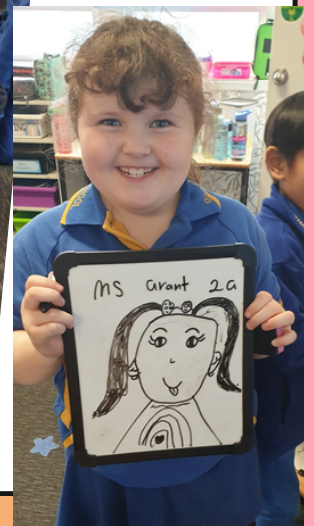
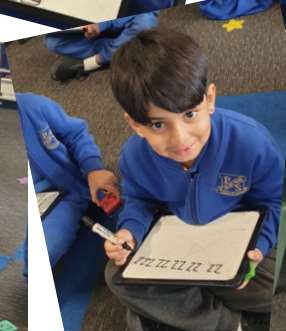
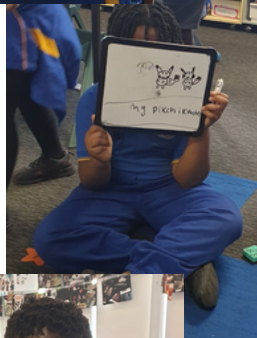
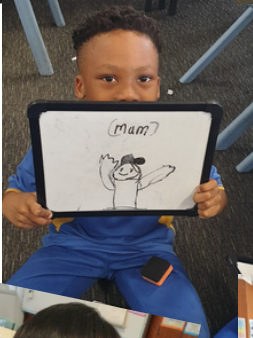
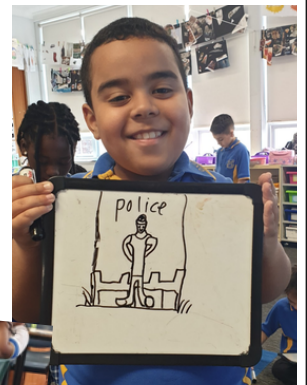
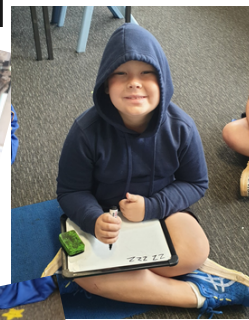
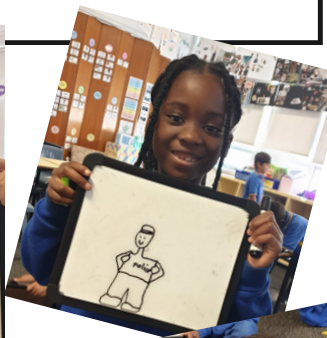
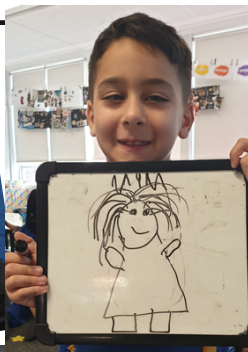
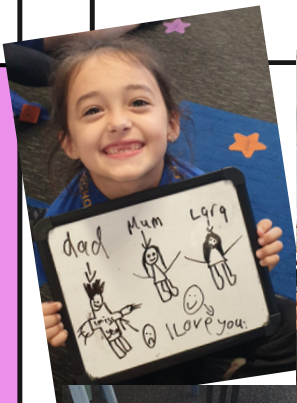
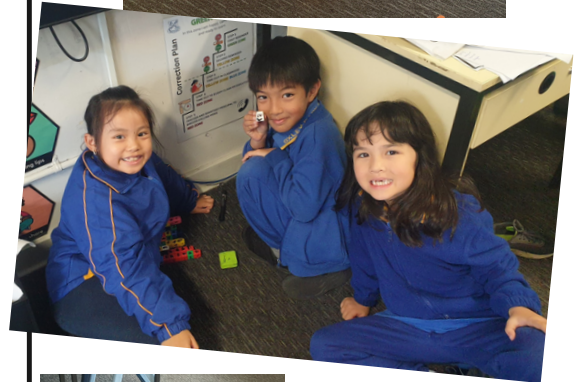
# STAGE 1 2G

## TERM 2

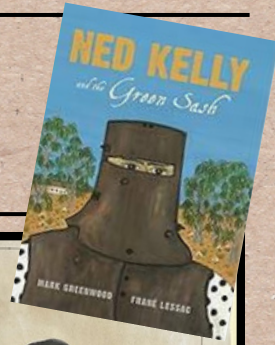
We have made a great start to term 2 in 2G. In spelling we are practicing our diagraphs to spell some tricky words. We have learned lots of new facts about animals and we can write our own information report about an interesting animal.

In mathematics we are practicing creating equal groups and looking at different ways to make halves.

Our health unit on resilience has us looking at who our safe people are.



# 3F LEARNING

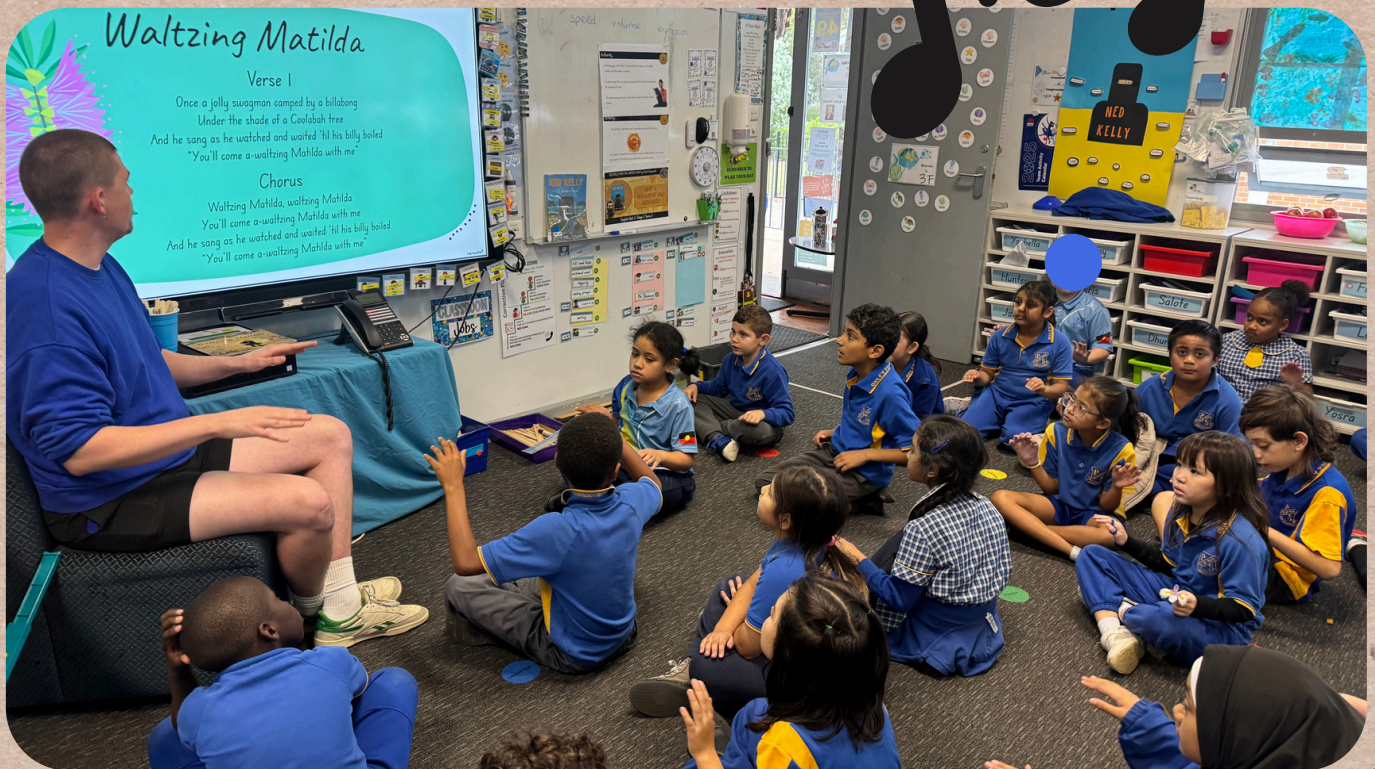


## NED KELLY STUDY!

This term, 3F have been diving into the fascinating story Ned Kelly and the Green Sash as part of our English and history learning. We've been exploring the life and legacy of Ned Kelly and his gang, uncovering important moments from Australia's past. Check out some of the amazing work we've created and the fun we've had along the way!



# WALTZING MATILDA



## FAREWELL AND THANK YOU, MR MAHONEY!

We were delighted to have Mr Mahoney join us in 3F for his teaching practicum. During his time with us, he led engaging lessons that inspired our Ned Kelly artworks and Wanted Posters, and even taught us how to sing Waltzing Matilda!

We thank Mr Mahoney for his contributions and wish him all the very best in his future teaching career.

## WET WEATHER BRINGS FUN AND GAMES AT RECESS AND LUNCH



# Biggest Morning Tea For Cancer

On Monday, 12th May members of the schools student leadership and the Year 3-6 Choir helped contribute to Morris Advice and Care Pharmacy's *Biggest Morning Tea*.

The choir entertained with a number of songs and the leadership group sold raffle tickets and handed out information pamphlets.

It was great to be part of such a giving community event.





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Course

# INTENTIONAL MUMS



A Six (6) week learning  
platform for MUMS

Register using  
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Value centred learning , designed  
to enhance our skills and  
knowledge as we nurture and  
raise our children.



## Some of the Topic Highlights :

- Mum the nurturer
- Nurturing through various stages
- Recognising and avoiding obstacles on the way
- Celebrating Masculinity and Femininity



Every Tuesday starting, 10th June 2025  
from 08pm - 9:30pm

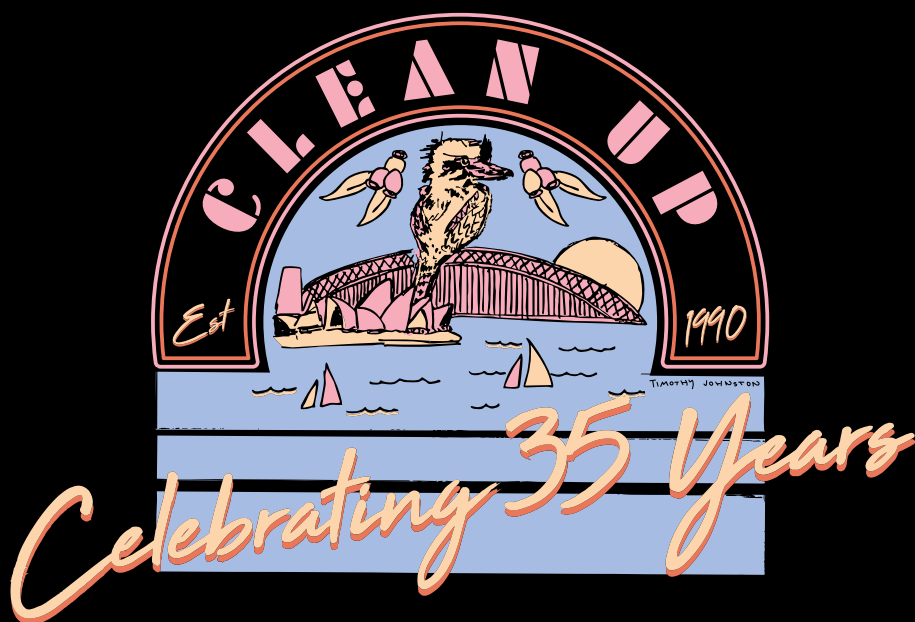


Zoom details to be shared upon registration.  
for more info email : [emakuthi@gwfc.com.au](mailto:emakuthi@gwfc.com.au)

# THANK YOU

## FOR SHOWING UP, YEAR AFTER YEAR

As we mark 35 years of Clean Up Australia, we sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to a cleaner, healthier country.



This certificate recognises your continued commitment and valuable contribution to Clean Up events.

*Pip Kiernan*

Pip Kiernan, Chair  
May 2025

