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Term 2 Week 10

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From the Principal's Desk



It has certainly been a busy few weeks this term. I have been relieving as Director and Mr MacVean has been leading the school in my absence. As always, he does a fantastic job as the principal supported by our outstanding executive team. Our teachers have been extra busy these past few weeks writing student reports, due to technical issues they won't be sent home until Friday 25th July – Week 1 Term 3. Thank you to the staff for your many hours of writing where you have celebrated student learning, achievements and future goals for semester 2.

On Monday morning assembly it was my privilege to showcase some of our students from the past few weeks who have been in the spotlight representing our school in various endeavours. I absolutely love our public education system as it provides amazing opportunities for students to explore their abilities and talents at a higher level. Congratulations to the following students:

Congratulations to Emma – she successfully auditioned for the Sydney West Dance Ensemble and performed at Synergy Dance Festival.

Congratulations to Kaushia, Emma, Kendall and Abhay for representing our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking competition where Kendall was the winner for Stage 3 students.

Thank you to Ashni, Laya, Joelene, Disas and Bilal for representing our school by performing for the wider community celebrating Refugee week.

Congratulations to Kendall for winning the Spelling Bee.

Congratulations Jude, Abraham, Malaki, Zaiden and Chase for representing our school at Zone Cross Country and also went on to represent at the Regional Cross Country carnival.

Next term I will be relieving as the Director across two networks for the first two weeks. In my absence Mr MacVean will relieve as Principal, Mrs Ritchie will continue as the Deputy Principal supported by Ms Osborne.

We also say farewell to Mrs Steph Jackson who has worked at our school for the past four years as part of the Sport program Fit Futures. We sincerely wish Ms Jackson all the very best and say thank you for supporting and encouraging our students through physical education.

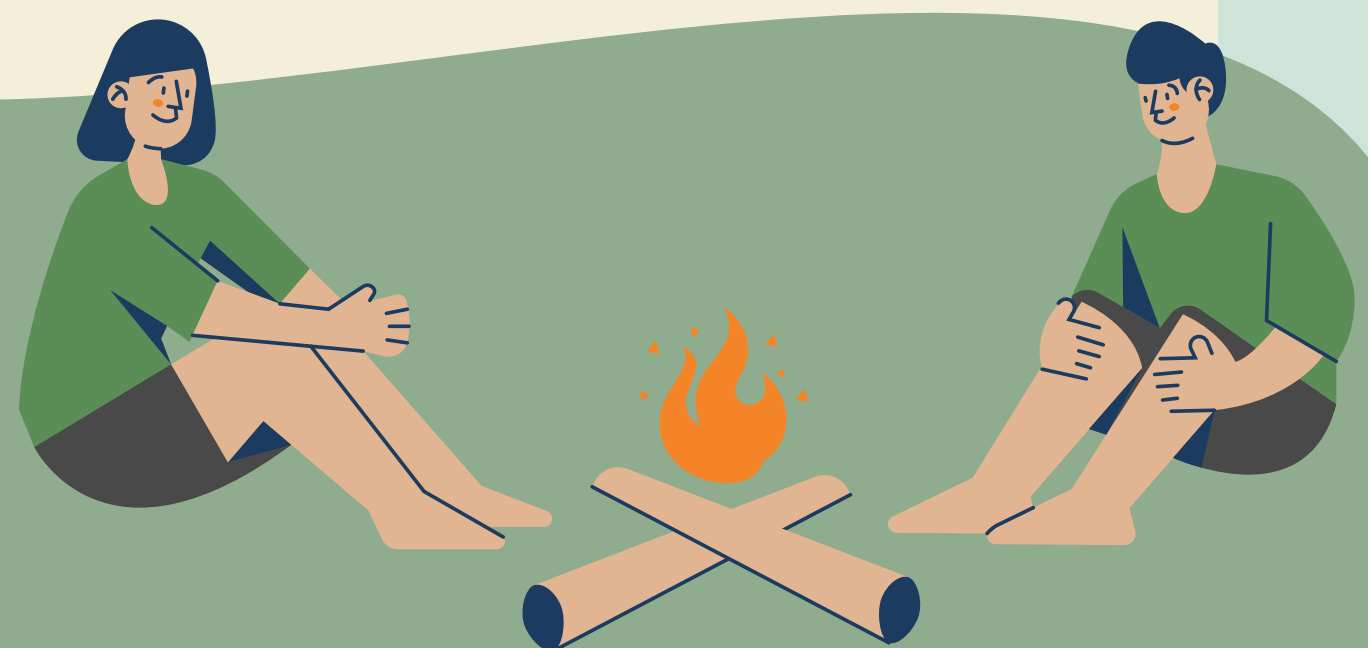
I wish you all a safe, happy and restful holiday. This is a time for our teachers and students to switch off, reset ready for term 3. School resumes for Teaching staff only Monday 21st July for their Staff Development Day. Students return to school Tuesday 22nd July.

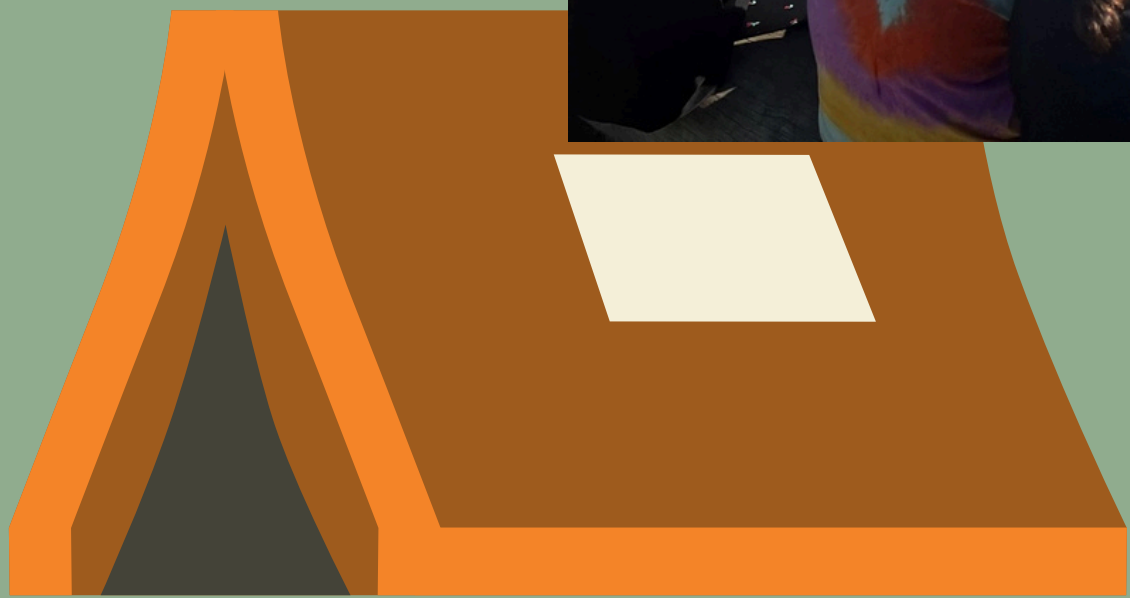
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Kim Smith Principal

STAGE 3 CAMP 2025

During week 7, Stage 3 students went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for 3 days and 2 nights of fun and adventure. Students participated in archery, the flying fox, giant swing, bushcraft, raft building and much more. All students displayed amazing and respectful behaviour during the camp while also having a great time.





PREMIER'S DEBATING CHALLENGE

FIRST DEBATE

Oxley Park had their first debate against St Marys North. The topic was 'That Year 5 and 6 students should have to write a weekly report to show that they're keeping up with news and current affairs.'

Oxley Park won the coin toss, and as a team; chose to be fighting on the opposite side- negative team.

The students have great arguments and some wonderful rebuttal, but we were beaten by a team that had more experience and better arguments.

Hugley proud of the team that represented Oxley Park in this first debate, Kendall, Hasina, Sahasra and Thomas.



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SECOND DEBATE

Oxley Park had their second debate against Cambridge Gardens. The topic was 'That we should never allow any primary school-aged person to have or use money.'

Oxley Park and Cambridge Gardens could not select a topic that we both agreed on, so we both ended up with a topic we didn't like. Oxley Park lost the toss, as a result we were given the affirmation role.

The students had some great arguments and some wonderful rebuttal; all speakers spoke close to their talking time. As the adjudicator, forgot the debate we are waiting on her to email us with the result, after watching the videos.

Hugley proud of the team that represented Oxley Park in this second debate, Kendall, Sahasra, Oliver and Abhay.

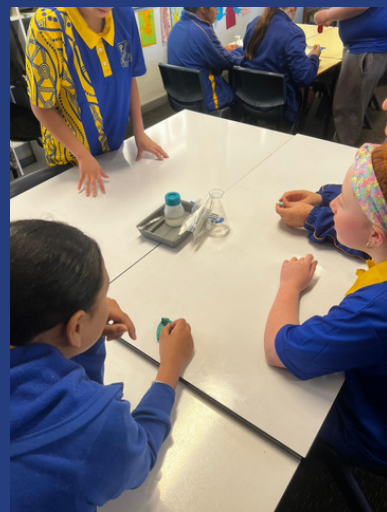
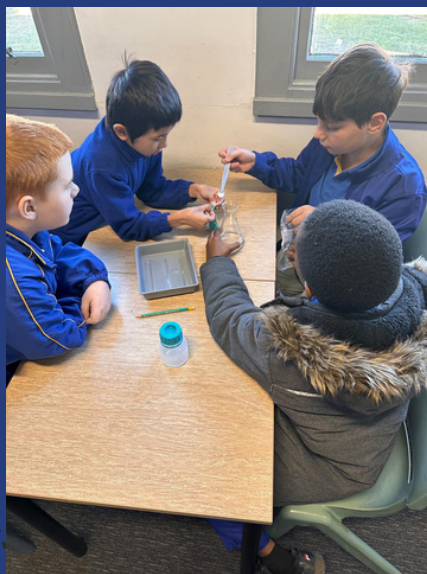
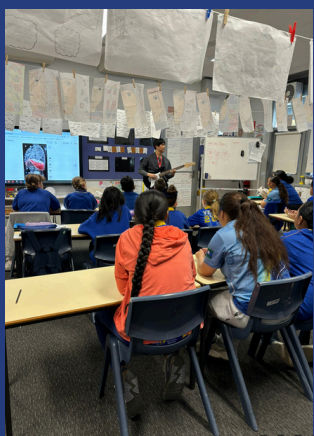
Thank you to Hasina, hosting the event, Thomas in the time keeping and Taylor and Aadith guiding the visiting debating team through the school, to the library.



STAGE 3

HIGH SCHOOL LESSONS

On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 8, Year 5 and 6 students participated in High School 'taster' lessons. Teachers from Chifley College Dunheved attended and taught a range of lessons: science, music, language and sport. The students loved it! Thank you Chifley College Dunheved.



Multicultural Public Speaking

This is the first year Oxley Park has been involved in the Multicultural Public Speaking event. Earlier in the term, we held a competition for students that were interested in competing. These were held in the library and those students presented their speech against the others in the same year.

Congratulations to the following students who worked hard on their speech at home and share time within school, sort feedback from teachers and did a great job in presenting their speech.

Year 4 had to speak for between 3-4 minutes, while year 5 and 6 had to speak for between 4-5 minutes.

Year 4: Emma 4H, Hriyaan 4H, Rupesh 4H, Aadesh 4H, Rossy 4S and Kaushia 4M

Year 5: Aadith and Kendall both 5F

Year 6: Abhay 6C, Samarth 6C, Lilly 6L and Ayan 6RG

Congratulations to Kaushia, Kendall and Abhay for winning their year competition at Oxley Park. Emma was given a wild card for year 4 as Oxley Park didn't have a student in year 3 representing Oxley Park at the competition.

Stage 2 had 12 students from 6 different schools all students doing their best. The adjudicator announced two highly commended award winner and an overall winner. Congratulations to Kaushia, who was presented with one of the two highly commended awards.

Stage 3 had 14 students representing 7 schools. The adjudicator again handed out 2 highly commended awards and an overall winner. Congratulations to Kendall, who won the local competition and will head off to the regional competition in October.





2025 NAIDOC CUP

Our Aboriginal students in Kindergarten to Year 6 attended this year's NAIDOC Cup at Jamison Park on Friday the 27th of June. The day was filled with exciting cultural activities where our student's learned dances, designed art and enjoyed listening to cultural music. Selected 3-6 students played in our OZ Tag team and showed great sportsmanship making it through to the grand final



FROM THE EAL/D CLASSROOM:

HOW TO MAKE A DIDGERIDOO OR YIRAKI

By Mudasir in 5B

To make a didgeridoo you have to find the right tree. Tap on it to make sure it is hollow and it has to be skinny so you can put your mouth on it. The tree has a hole because the termites eat the wood.

When you have chosen the right tree, you have to cut it with an axe. If you cut it long it makes a deep sound. If you cut it short it makes a high sound. You have to hit it on the ground to get the gunk out which is the leftovers from the termites.

Once you have cut the tree the right length you have to cut the bark off with a machete. You have to make it smooth so you can paint it. Be careful with the machete because it is sharp and you might cut your hand.

Now that you have scraped the bark off you have to make the hole bigger so you can play it. To make the hole bigger, you have to put a stick inside the hole and turn it around to make it bigger. After you have done that you have to roll wax in the holes and the top so you don't hurt your lips.

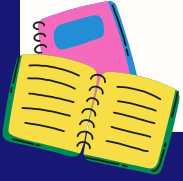
Once you have done all of that you are finally ready to paint it. You can put hand prints, Aboriginal patterns or the Aboriginal flag, which is black, yellow and red. Only boys can play it because they believe that it brings bad luck if girls play it.

Mr Gary played the didgeridoo or yiraki for us because we had written a procedure on how it is made.





RFF with Miss Chilvers/Miss C



It has been a really great first half of the year across my time in Preschool, Kindy and Year 1 classes for 2025. Coming into the Preschool for an hour a week and joining in the children's play to relieve Mrs Bennett is always a pleasurable experience. I am very proud of our littlest learners for transitioning from the OOSH Hub to the Preschool so well. It has been lovely to see their personalities flourish, developing interests and share in conversation. We have had fun riding bikes, drawing, using the sandpit and boat. I am amazed at how well our preschoolers can trace their names or type their names on the play keyboards and laptops.



It has been wonderful to get to meet the OPPS 2025 Kindergarten cohort. They have done a fantastic job adjusting to my lessons and expectations when I visit their classrooms weekly. Our Kindy students have been looking at family connections and celebrations in History. We have explored images that tell stories and shared birthday traditions. I am sure they will have plenty of creative ideas for their next party. In Science, Year 1 students in Term 1 and 2 have been keen investigators looking at heat, light, sound and movement energy. We have found ways we can move a marble, make sound with a straw and water and have seen what objects light can pass through.

I am looking forward to the enjoyable learning ahead with our students as the year continues.



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