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## **Newsletter No. 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010**

### **Dates:**

#### **TERM 1**

**11<sup>th</sup> February – Welcome to School**

**B.B.Q**

**16<sup>th</sup> February – K.E.A.P.S – Parent Sessions Commence**

**8<sup>th</sup> March – Labour Day Holiday**

**9<sup>th</sup> March – Cluster Arts Performance**

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March – Young Leaders Conference**

**17<sup>th</sup> March – Ride To School Day and Breakfast**

**26<sup>th</sup> March – End Term One**

A reminder, Preps commence full time attendance after long weekend.

### **PREP – 1 INFORMATION**

Julie will be having an **informal** information session on timetabling, numeracy and literacy for parents of children in her classroom. The session will be held next Wednesday afternoon after school.

### **Week Three Report**

What a terrific start to the term all students have made. The work ethic of everyone is at a very high standard and it is little wonder why Oxley is such a great school with such great kids and teachers!

Well done to our school captains on their first assembly for the term this week. They were extremely confident and proficient with their presentation!

Overall my first week at Oxley was one of the best first week's I have had in my time

'We may never fully appreciate the role that not pursuing a dream plays in limiting people to disappointing careers and regret filled lives... Anon

in education. Your children are polite, happy and have a real desire to learn. You should all be very proud indeed!  
Mr C!

### **SCHOOL CAMPS – 2010**

School camp this year is to Angelsea April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22 for 5/6's. Planning is underway amongst the cluster schools for this camp and a preliminary cost of \$250 per student can be quoted at this stage. Lake Nillahcootie (October 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> for 3/4's). The cost for Angelsea will be define shortly and Nillahcootie approx. \$180. These costs have not been finalised, this only gives parents an opportunity to budget.

### **PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Parent contributions for 2010 are \$160 for consumables, arts performances etc. and \$30 for employment of a "gardener" which eliminates the need for families to go on a mowing roster. There will be major excursions and swimming that are a separate cost during the year. If families are having difficulty with payment please see Ash at your convenience.

### **Sunsmart Hats**

During terms 1 and 4 everybody is required to wear a broad-brimmed hat when outside. Hat are available through Steer Clothing in Wangaratta. Our school has a strong Sunsmart policy which emphasises no hat, no play. Great to see everyone last week making sure they had their hat on!

### **Email newsletter**

If you prefer to have your newsletter emailed please let us know and we will save a tree or two. Thanks.

### **Active After School Program**

The program will again operate in 2010 with Mr Campbell and Mr Lawler facilitating it. It will run from 4:00pm to 5:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sports for term one are tennis and basketball. It is important that all attending families understand that at the conclusion of the active after school session if students are not collected by their parents they will then join the OOSH program for which a charge will be incurred.

### **Swimming**

Our swimming program will commence on Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> and run for two weeks concluding on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The program will again take place at the pool in Benalla and the cost of the program will be \$50 per student. Please return permission forms and payment as soon as possible before Monday. Students are asked to bring their bathers, towel and a bag for wet clothing.

### **School Welcome B.B.Q**

A welcome back to school BBQ will be held tonight. Meat and some drinks will be supplied, parents are asked to contribute a salad or dessert to share. It will kick off at around 6:00pm and a short introduction will be given by Mr C on the night. BYO chairs.

### **OOSH NEWS FROM HELEN**

A reminder to all families of bus travellers that if children are not on the bus and are left outside the school without notification from parents, they will be required to attend the OOSH service.

Helen also would like to remind families with outstanding accounts from 2009, could they please arrange payment with her as soon as possible.

### **EMA**

Education Maintenance Allowance forms for 2010 are attached. If you are an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit, a foster parent or Veterans Affairs pensioner you are able to claim EMA. Please fill out this form and return it to school at or before the 26<sup>th</sup> of February. **Payments this year are \$225 for primary school students. NO late applications will be processed.**

### **Pancake Day**

Next Tuesday we will be having our annual Pancake Day. If anyone is able to send along some flour and eggs for the pancakes it would be appreciated.

### **Ride To School Day**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of March we will again be participating in the Ride to School Day. This is a great event and an inclusion will be a breakfast for all students.

### **Icy Poles For Sale**

With the extremes in temperature and also to assist to raise funds for various student programs, we will be selling icy poles for 50 cents each during lunch time.

### **Cluster Day**

This term we will be hosting the first cluster day for the year. The day will have an indigenous theme, live performance and associated activities based on the theme.

### **Fish For Sale**

Future Entrepreneur Thomas Leask has had an explosion of pond fish at home and thus is auctioning off the offspring. Anyone interested in negotiating a purchase with Thomas can contact him (or his Mum!) on 57 273561.

### **Fundraising**

There will be a fundraising committee meeting here at school next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All welcome.