

Oxley Park Public School

Learning Together for the Future



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Term 4 Week 1

Friday 17th October 2025

From the Relieving Principal's Desk



Welcome back everyone to Term 4.

I hope you have all had a safe and happy holiday break and are now keen to get back into the hustle and bustle of everyday routines. Although it's always lovely to have a break from 'the everyday', children really do thrive on regular routines.

With that in mind, I would encourage you to please ensure that your child is not only at school every day, but also in line on time at 9am, so that they do not miss crucial learning.



At Oxley Park Public School, we hold high expectations for school attendance with the goal for all students to be attending school at least 95% of the school term. We understand though that there may be occasions (such as sickness or family emergencies) where a student may be absent. If that is the case, please remember to log the absence asap via our 'School Bytes' parent portal.

UPDATE - MRS SMITH

Due to Mrs Smith exemplary experience as a school principal, she has been asked to assist the NSW Department of Education in stepping up to relieve in the higher position as a 'Director - Educational Leadership' for the remainder of Term 4. In this role, Mrs Smith will be temporarily stepping away from her day-to-day responsibilities at our school to contribute her vast experience in supporting and overseeing an entire network of schools across the region. We are proud that she has been selected for this important role and know that her leadership will continue to have a positive impact for many thousands of students.

To ensure continuity at our school, I will be stepping in to serve as Relieving Principal (as I've done in the past) and will oversee school operations during Mrs Smith's absence. Mr Simon Clay will also step up to serve as a Relieving Deputy Principal, alongside of Mrs Leanne Ritchie.

Please be assured that even in her absence from our day-to-day operations, Mrs Smith will still be a very regular visitor to our school and that together, with our superb executive leadership team and world class teachers, we will continue to deliver exceptional educational opportunities for all our students.

Please remember also that my door is always open if you have any questions whatsoever or if you would simply like to drop in to have a chat about something that is on your mind.

Working together in partnership for Quality Education

David MacVean - Relieving Principal



ATTENDANCE SUPERSTARS

A big congratulations to the **145 students** across our school that have recently received a special 'Attendance Superstar' for having **an attendance rate of 95% or greater during Term 3**. These special superstars are handed out each term by me personally as part of our whole school superstar system to help recognise the importance of regular school attendance. **I am particularly impressed with the 84 students who had a perfect attendance rate of 100% in Term 3 – such an impressive effort! Well done!!!**



Just a reminder also that ALL students who have achieved an attendance rate of 95% or more for the year will be invited to receive a **FREE ice-cream treat** from our Mr Whippy ice cream van that will be onsite on Thursday 11th December 2025.



Please note that the **last day for students to earn Superstars** will be Friday 14th Nov (end of Week 5), with the last Superstar ribbon assembly scheduled for Monday 24th Nov (Week 7).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's school attendance, please don't hesitate to contact their class teacher or the school office.



SUPERVISION – Before and after school

Parents & carers are reminded that school supervision begins from 8:30am and that students should NOT arrive before this time. Should your family circumstances require you to need before (or after) care of your children, we direct you to please make contact with our onsite 'School OSHC' service run by Penrith City Council. The service runs from 6.30am to 8.30am as well as from 3pm to 6pm. For enquiries, please contact Penrith City Council on 4732 7844.

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Oxley Park OSHC





KINDY 2026 ORIENTATION - 'STAY AND PLAYS'

On Tuesday 21st October, we will hold the first of our 'Stay and Play' transition sessions for our new 2026 Kindergarten students and their families. Stay and Play sessions encourage an adult to stay and join in getting to know Oxley Park Public School with their child as they get ready to start school in 2026. Each visit will explore and investigate a different part of the school.

We look forward to seeing as many new kindergarten students and families possible to be part of these sessions. A big thank you to Ms Amanda Osborne (our P-K Assistant Principal) for the tremendous organisation of our fantastic Kindergarten transitions program.



Should you have any questions regarding 2026 Kindergarten, please don't hesitate to contact our school office.

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

These Parent Information sessions are repeated at different times throughout the day:

Wednesday 13th August, 2025: 9:00am Morning Tea with the Principal

(Kindergarten 2026, Parent Information session)

6:00pm Light Supper with the Principal

(Kindergarten 2026, Parent Information session)

Stay and Play sessions: 9:00am - 10:00am Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

2:00pm - 3:00pm Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th October 2025.

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 Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November 2025.

2:00pm - 3:00pm Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November 2025.

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 Bear's Picnic on Wednesday 19th November 2025 at 9:30am.

Please keep up to date with any events or changes via the schools Facebook page.

Oxley Park Public School Official or contacting the school on 02 9623 1375.





SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND PENALTIES

COUNCIL'S COMPLIANCE OFFICERS ENFORCE PARKING SIGNS AT OXLEY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. **When an offence is detected, you will be fined.**



NO STOPPING

You must not **STOP** at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from **\$423** and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from **\$423** and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from **\$235** and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from **\$423** and 2 demerit points

Being safe in school zones keeps kids safe