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From the Principal

Well, here we are the final newsletter for 2024!

A want to say a heartfelt thank you to you all for your support throughout 2024. It has been an absolute privilege and honour to lead this wonderful school. It has been an extremely busy year that has seen our school and students excel in their academic and personal pursuits. There have been so many outstanding activities and achievements that showcase the talents of our students and the expertise of our teachers.

Our students have exceeded in all aspects of school life from the academics of the classroom to the sporting field and of course in the creative and practical arts domain. I am always amazed and proud of the level of achievement that our students can achieve in any area. I want to take this opportunity to whole heartily thank my executive team, Emma Graham, Nicola McMahon and Erin McMurray. This amazing team of educators work tirelessly to ensure that we follow our ethos of; *'Inspire, Create and Achieve'*.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our dedicated teachers and support staff whose remarkable efforts are instrumental in our student's achieving amazing results and upholding our school's strong reputation within the community. Their commitment, care and support for our students is the foundation of our schools' achievements. I sincerely appreciate their hard work.

I would like to thank our fantastic office staff, Vicki Byrom, Clare McDermott, Belinda Melchers and Karla O'Donnell for their unwavering support throughout the year. It is truly appreciated. Thank you to Mr Sellers who always gets all the jobs done – big or small, nothing is hard, and he always keeps our school looking amazing.

A special thank you P & C president Belinda Humphries who without any children at school returned to support our school. I truly appreciate her dedication, enthusiasm and support. To the entire P & C committee who work tirelessly to raise funds and support our students, thank you! Your hard work and commitment does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Thank you for ensuring our canteen is operating efficiently with delicious treats to enjoy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 18th December**
Class Parties
- **Wednesday 18th December**
Last Day
- **Thursday 6th February**
All students K-6 return
- **Tuesday 11th February**
Dental Van Visit
- **Friday 14th February**
Swimming Carnival
Years 3-6

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered at our school in some capacity throughout the year. We appreciate your assistance.

I would like to wish our graduating Year 6 class all the best for high school. I wish you every happiness and success in the future and look forward to hearing of your achievements.

Farewell to 17 families of the 28 graduating year 6 students who will end their formal connection with us this year. I want to once again thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I wish to express my thanks to our student leaders for 2024; Mason Christie-Johnston, Rose Christie-Johnston, Tahra Gibbons and Marshall Taylor who have shown expectational leadership and been wonderful ambassadors for our school community.

Looking ahead, as we welcome back Mrs Frampton, I am excited about the opportunities that await us in the coming year. This school is a place I hold very close to my heart; it has been an absolute pleasure to lead this wonderful school in 2024 and I truly appreciate your ongoing support.

Staffing Updates

We say farewell to Miss Paige Ryan who is pursuing other opportunities in 2025, Mr Jake Turnbull who is moving onto Oberon High School, Miss Brooke Wright who is travelling and Ms Lisa Nevalainen. We wish Mrs Kelly Thompson all the best for 2025 as she takes a year of leave to work at Katherine School of the Air in the Northern Territory. We thank each of these staff members for the dedication and commitment to our school.

We look forward to welcoming back Mrs Frampton, Ms Chloe Aberley, Miss Shannon Fisher and Mrs Karissa Turner.

Class Parties and Farewell Year 6

On Wednesday we will celebrate the end of the school year with our class parties. We invite our year 6 families to come along on Wednesday afternoon at 2:40 to form a guard of honour as we farewell Year 6.

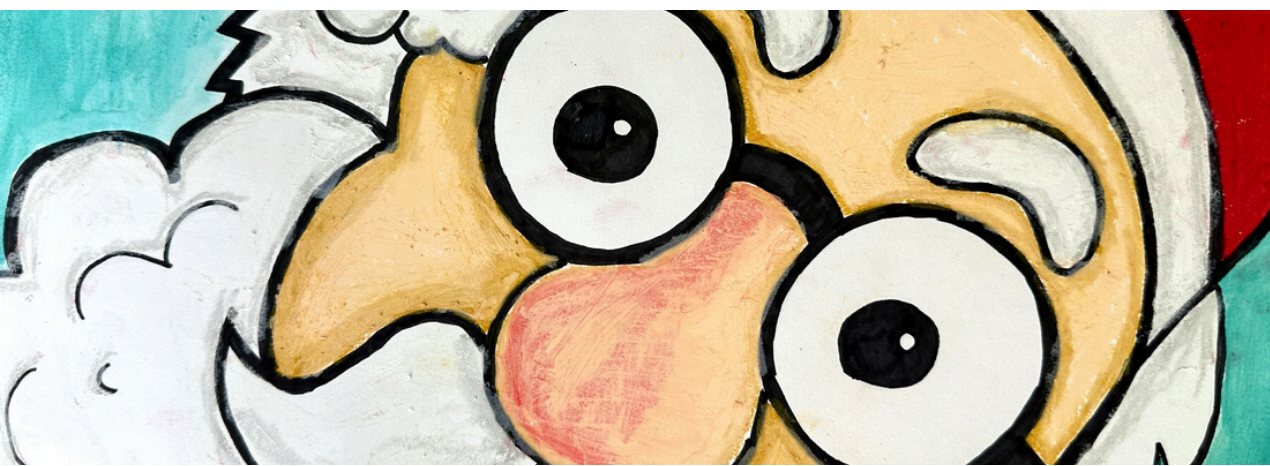
A reminder our school office will be open from Friday 31st January with students returning on Thursday 6th February. Our annual swimming carnival will take place on Friday 14th February.

Gingerbread house

Congratulations to Mrs Higgins, Mrs Ballas and everyone who worked on our O'Connell Public School Gingerbread House entry. We have been lucky enough to win a prize. Our leaders went into Bunnings for the presentation today. Well done and congratulations to everyone involved.

I sincerely wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

Danni-Lee Thompson - Relieving Principal



Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving a Merit Award at our next assembly on **Friday 21st February at 9.15am.**

- Clare McMahon
- Eliki Ralele
- Tai Paul
- Willow Roberts
- Frankie Evans
- Thomas Ellery
- Mason Costa
- Heath Bartkowiak
- Diondre Cowley
- Clarice Cole

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving a Principal Award at our next assembly on **Friday 21st February at 9.15am.**

- Wesley Gilmore
- Stevie-Lyn Patten



Our 2024 school leaders with Paul Toole at Bunnings for the O'Connell Public School Gingerbread House presentation.

Oberon Public school received Highly Commended for our Gingerbread House!



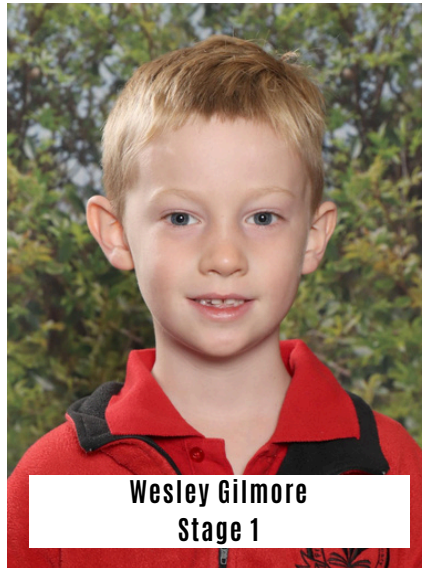
OPSIE Star Students

Here are our Star Students for this week. These students have displayed excellent behaviour, been respectful and responsible learners and have been in the right place at the right time. Congratulations!



Aria Little
Early Stage 1

Aria is a very conscientious and kind student who listens carefully at school. She enjoys chats with the teachers and is a good friend to her peers. Aria is always cheerful and enjoys her day.



Wesley Gilmore
Stage 1

Wes is recognised for his consistent respect and responsibility in all areas. He's always ready to assist both teachers and classmates and gives his very best effort in every learning task.



Stella Clayton
Stage 2

Stella is a positive and kind member of 3/4R. She always works hard on every activity she is given and is a responsible student of OPS.



Bobby Stanley
Stage 3

Bobby is quick witted with a great sense of humour. He has impressed us all with his creative and clever poetry, showcasing his unique perspective and flair for writing!



P&C News

2024 has been a fantastic year for the OPS P&C marked by collaborative efforts, significant achievements, and unwavering support from our dedicated members, parents, and staff. Our fundraising activities this year have been immensely successful. With your assistance we have been able to contribute to the school's sports fund and online subscriptions. We also donated a coffee pod machine to the staff room as part of World Teachers Day. We held successful Mother's and Father's Day stalls, provided a welcome BBQ for all students and parents at the Easter hat parade/Cross-country, the performance raffle and a super successful whole school disco. We were also successful in gaining grants from Oberon Council and Veolia Mulwaree Trust. Thank you to local businesses and of course our parents, grandparents and school community for your generosity and support.

Opsie Eats has been a primary focus for the P & C for 2024. This small but mighty canteen has had a year of change and growth. Thank you to Kayla Booth, Paige Williams, Linda Gibbons, Desiree Rigelsford and Kellyann Boyce for their hard work and dedication throughout the year and thank you to the whole school community for your continued support. It is highly unusual for a school of our size to have a canteen open five days a week. In 2025 we will be looking at small price increases and a revamped menu to ensure we can continue to provide this service. Thank you to everyone that has filled out our customer feedback survey. If you haven't already, it only takes 5 minutes, and we'd love to have your input.

Here is the link <https://forms.gle/7jmLEJspVXGZVPNf9>

The success of Oberon Public School P & C is largely attributed to the dedication and hard work of our committed volunteers. From organising events, raffles, fundraisers and discos to working in the canteen. Thank you to all those that have contributed time, energy, ideas and effort. A special thanks to my fellow executive committee members for your support and contributions this year. We are always looking for more helpers both for the P & C and Opsie Eats. Even just half an hour once a term in the canteen can make a difference. Please get in touch with us via our Facebook page or oberonpublicpandc@gmail.com if you'd like to join us in 2025.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Danni-Lee Thompson and all the amazing staff at OPS. I have had the privilege of being part of the school community for 18 years and know the passion, commitment, dedication and enthusiasm they bring to the school. Thank you all for your support of the P & C this year.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe, happy holidays.

We look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Belinda Humphries - President



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ROBOTICS & STEM
SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
Bathurst: 22 & 23 January

Venue:

Upstairs Co-Working Hub
Level 1 Reliance Bank Building
203-209 Russell Street Bathurst

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ROBOTICS CLUB @ BATHURST



THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL

The Robotics Club meets for eight weeks each school term. A formal sequenced program enables students to continue developing their skills in design, building, coding, problem solving and teamwork. In the future, there may also be opportunities for students enrolled in our Robotics Club to participate in robotics competitions.

BATHURST JUNIOR ROBOTICS

- Thursdays 3.45pm - 4.45pm
- Ages 7 to 10
- \$240 per term

BATHURST INTERMEDIATE ROBOTICS

- Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.30pm
- Ages 9 to 14
- \$360 per term

TERM 1 CLASSES COMMENCE 13 FEBRUARY

Venue:

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