



# Weekly Record

Friday 1 May 2009

## HEAD'S COMMENT:

### Staff

Many of you would be aware that Mr Schaefer has been unwell and from the beginning of Term 2 Mr Schaefer will be on leave to continue cancer treatment, although he may be at school on occasions.

To ensure effective continuity of the teaching programme for all German classes during Mr Schaefer's absence, the College has secured the services of Mr Oliver Fitschen.

Mr Fitschen is a native German speaker with commensurate teaching qualifications and previous experience teaching all year levels in accordance with the syllabus requirements as set out by the NSW Board of Studies.

We welcome Mr Fitschen to Oxley College and wish him every success with the students undertaking German.

We also wish Mr Schaefer a successful treatment programme and look forward to him returning to full-time teaching at Oxley College as soon as possible.

### Music

I congratulate all students and staff involved in the Music Night on Wednesday evening of the last week of Term 1 in the Orchestra Room. It was wonderful to see a public performance with a variety of musical offerings and performers from Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. I thank the staff for providing this opportunity and the students involved for their performances.

I also congratulate all those involved in the various House Music competitions held during the last weeks of Term 1 and the students involved in the preparation for, and actual performance of, the House Singing on the last afternoon of Term 1.

### Anzac Day

A number of our students and families attended the Dawn Service at the Bowral War Memorial at 5:50am on Saturday 25 April. Then over 80 Oxley College students participated in the Anzac Day march and service at 11:00am. A wreath was laid on behalf of Oxley College by Kate Allman and Nat Willoughby and David Hughes (Year 12, 2008) played the Last Post and Reveille.

The efforts of the Oxley College students were again recognised by the award of the Dodshon trophy and book as the best presented group in the Anzac Day parade. I was delighted to have so many students join Mr Murray Walker (Chairman of the Oxley College Board) and me at the main service. I thank each and every student who attended as they were excellent ambassadors for Oxley College. I also thank the parents who acted as taxi drivers to ensure we had a large number of students attend. I am aware that many others attended Anzac Day services in other towns and cities last Saturday as we reflected on the bravery, the sacrifice, the freedom, the grief and the loss.

We held our own Anzac Day commemoration during Assembly on Tuesday. Two of our students, Tim Baird and Nicholas Conomos, lead our commemoration and introduced our guest speaker, Captain John Grisinger. Captain Grisinger is a 26 year old Blackhawk Helicopter pilot from 6th Aviation Regiment which is based in Holsworthy, Western Sydney. Captain Grisinger has been deployed to East Timor, Fiji, PNG and Afghanistan.

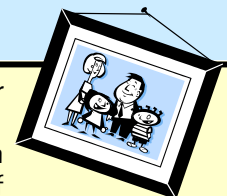
Charlotte Blake played the Last Post. Our Year 10 history students were also able to hear from a member of the Southern Highlands Vietnam Veterans' Association, Mr John Stead, who also joined us at Assembly. I would like to thank Captain Grisinger and Mr Stead for joining us at Assembly. I congratulate Tim, Nicholas and Charlotte for their contribution and thank Mr Peter Craig and, particularly, Ms Randa Warda for organising our commemoration.

### Academic

This will be a busy Term. We have Foundation Day in a fortnight's time and all students have assessment tasks and/or examinations this term. The Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 examinations are less than seven weeks away and the HSC Trials follow these. Students can achieve a lot in the weeks leading up to the examinations if they focus on their academic work and make an effort. This is best achieved with a study programme and teachers and Tutors can assist students with a study programme. There are some very useful study hints in the yellow pages of the diary. I advised the students at Assembly this week that if they have not already commenced a study programme they should do so this week.

## LIVING WITH TEENAGERS

### Parenting Tips from Jan Ryan



Parents do not be afraid to have a set of values and boundaries and don't be afraid to communicate your values to your child.

Boundaries are there for the young person to bump up against. In fact boundaries help the young person to feel safe (even though they would never say that in so many words). It is deemed one of the 'tasks of adolescence' to test boundaries and to try to push them.

You do not have to be your young person's best friend!! They need *parents* as they already have friends their own age – they do not need a 40 something best friend.

As a parent, you have a wonderful opportunity to be the first person to talk with your child about tough issues like drugs, sex and violence before anyone else can confuse them with "just-the-facts" explanations that lack the sense of values and moral principles you want to instil.

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION ASSEMBLY



Mr Murray Walker, Mr John Stead, Captain John Grisinger and Mr Grant Williamson after the Anzac Day Commemoration Assembly.

## DUTCH STUDENT VISIT



First morning at Oxley College!  
Thirteen Dutch students, their teachers, Oxley College billets, Mr Craig and Mr Williamson gather outside Elvo.

## SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

### Junior Cricket Presentation

The SHDCA Junior Cricket Presentation will be held this Friday, 1 May at the Moss Vale RSL Club from 7:00 pm. All players, family members and friends are invited. The cost for the evening is \$20 and includes a sit-down meal. Tickets can be obtained from Steve Mooney on Mobile: 04381 90526, Email: [steveandalison@optus.net](mailto:steveandalison@optus.net).

The following players have been specially invited to receive awards for their achievements during the 2008-9 season either for their performances in the local competition or for representative honours: Nicholas Presgrave, Nicholas Reinhard, Julian Seaward, Oliver Hart, Aidan Brown, Marcus Dazos and Michael Kennedy.

## CALENDAR: TERM TWO 2009

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Friday 1/5 | Highland District Cricket Association Presentation Night. |
| Mon 4/5    | Year 12 Geography excursion to Ultimo.                    |
| Tues 5/5   | Year 12 English excursion to Newtown.                     |
| Wed 6/5    | Year 11 & 12 Drama excursion to Manly.                    |
| Thurs 7/5  | Year 12 Science excursion to Sydney Children's Hospital.  |
| Fri 8/5    | Year 10 Geography excursion to Warilla Beach.             |
| Sat 9/5    | ACER Scholarships.  |
| Sat 9/5    | Selby & Friends, 5pm, Orchestra Room.                     |

## STUDY SKILLS & STRATEGIES COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 8

Year 8 families will have received information regarding this very worthwhile course. It is not compulsory and students who do not attend will go to normal classes.

This course is conducted by ICS Learning Group to teach students the elements of a successful study programme.

The topics include:

- How to become well organised
- Note-taking skills
- Essay planning and writing

Application forms are available at Student Services.

For further information please contact ICS Learning Group direct on 9960 6231 [www.skillscentre.com.au](http://www.skillscentre.com.au).

## SPORT FIXTURES—SATURDAY 2 MAY

| Team  | Opponent          | Venue                         | Time    | Team Coach      | Transport                    |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| <b>RUGBY</b> <i>MIC – Mr T.Bevan 0416 293328</i>      |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> XV                                    | St Gregory's/B    | SGC 1                         | 1:45pm  | Mr T Bevan      | Depart 10:00am Return 4:30pm |
| 16s   | St Gregory's/B    | SGC 2                         | 12:30pm | Mr A Lawson     | Depart 10:00am Return 4:30pm |
| 15s   | St Gregory's/Chev | SGC 1                         | 11:00am | Mr N Wansey     | Depart 7:45am Return 1:30pm  |
| 14s   | St Gregory's A    | SGC 2                         | 9:30am  | Mr H Lesslie    | Depart 7:45am Return 1:30pm  |
| 13s   | St Gregory's/Chev | SGC 1                         | 10:00am | Mr C Lawson     | Depart 7:45am Return 1:30pm  |
| <b>NETBALL</b> <i>MIC – Ms J McVean 0405129652</i>    |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
| Firsts  | Barker 2          | Indoor 1 Oxley                | 9:00am  | Ms J McVean     |                              |
| Inter A   | Redlands          | Indoor 2 Oxley                | 9:00am  | Ms O Vincent    |                              |
| Inter B   | Barker Inter B    | Indoor 2 Oxley                | 10:15am | Ms V Rintoul    |                              |
| Inter C   | Barker Inter D    | Indoor 2 Oxley                | 11:30am | Ms J Hall       |                              |
| Junior A  | Redlands          | Indoor 1 Oxley                | 11:30am | Miss N Brochard |                              |
| Junior B  | Redlands          | Indoor 1 Oxley                | 10:15am | Ms Sian Fehon   |                              |
| <b>FOOTBALL</b> <i>MIC – Mr R Connor 0424 745401</i>  |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> XI                                    | Knox /3rd XI      | Curagul Field<br>N Turrumurra | 10:00am | Mr R Connor     | Depart 6:45am Return 1:30pm  |
| 15s   | Knox 15/B         | Oakhill College               | 9:00am  | Mr S Forlonge   | Depart 6:45am Return 1:30pm  |
| 13s   | Knox /13B         | Curagul Field                 | 2:00pm  | Mr M Campbell   | Depart 11:30pm Return 5:00pm |
| <b>HOCKEY</b> <i>MIC – Mr P Freeman 0425 376292</i>   |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> XI                                    | Bye               |                               |         | Mr P. Freeman   |                              |
| Junior A  | BMGS              | BMGS                          | 11:30am | Mr B Copland    | Depart 8:30am Return 4:15pm  |
| Junior B  | BMGS              | BMGS                          | 12:30pm | Mrs R Hamilton  | Depart 8:30am Return 4:15pm  |
| <b>TENNIS</b> <i>MIC – Mrs P Fishburn 0433 112003</i> |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
|   |                   | Moss Vale                     | 8:30am  | Mrs P Fishburn  | Own transport                |
| <b>FENCING</b> <i>MIC – Mr N Wansey 0416 213328</i>   |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
|   | U/15 Champ's      | Newington                     | 9:00am  | Mr N Wansey     | Own transport                |
| <b>EQUESTRIAN</b> <i>MIC – Mrs J Pugh 0412 947026</i> |                   |                               |         |                 |                              |
| Sunday 3 May  | Frensham          | Bong Bong                     |         | Mrs J Pugh      | Own transport                |

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:



The newly appointed winter sports captains:

Cameron McKinnon - Tennis;

Kate Allman - Hockey;

Emma Mahr - Netball;

Christopher Udy - Snowsports;

Tomas Beuzen - Football;

Jock Sowter - Rugby (absent from photo).

## P & F NEWS

The next P & F meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 May at 7:30pm in the David Wright Library.

## OXLEY JAPAN TOUR

Plans for the tour of Japan in October are moving forward and will be finalised in the following weeks. If there are any students Year 9 and 10 wishing to be a part of the tour group, please inform Mrs Okabe by Wednesday 6 May. Year 11 and 12 students are ineligible for this tour. I am contactable at the College or [Maree.Okabe@oxley.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Maree.Okabe@oxley.nsw.edu.au).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CLUB DANCE

CLUB DANCE is an interactive Dance Programme for 12 to 18 year olds, to be held at Bowral Memorial Hall, from 7:30pm to 11:00pm on Saturday 9 May. This is a drug and alcohol free event. For any queries, please contact Tamara 0412 962144.

## THE OXLEY SHOP

Tuesday 12.30pm - 4.00pm  
 Wednesday 8.30am - 11.30am and 12.30pm - 4.00pm  
 Thursday 8.30am - 9.30am and 12.30pm - 2:30pm  
 Saturdays First and Third Saturday of each month 10.00am - 12.00 noon

**Term 2 Saturday trading**

May 2, 16.

## CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2 WEEK 1B

The canteen needs volunteers at the start of Term 2. If you are available, please contact Elizabeth at Reception.

| <u>Monday 4 May</u> | <u>Tuesday 5 May</u> | <u>Wednesday 6 May</u> | <u>Thursday 7 May</u> | <u>Friday 8 May</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Meaghan Binder      | Meredith Lawson      | Jacqui Parkinson       | Debi Mays             | Maxine Green        |