

HEAD'S COMMENT:

End of Term

Term 1 ends on Thursday 9 April at 3:30pm and I hope all enjoy a well deserved break during the following fortnight. I look forward to seeing all staff and students when Term 2 commences on Tuesday 28 April at 8:45am with a normal Tuesday Week B timetable.

Anzac Day

Nat Willoughby and Kate Allman will lead the Oxley College students at the Anzac Day march in Bowral on Saturday 25 April. We will gather in the Coles Car Park just after 10:00am and we will be in 9th position for the march. The march should conclude just before 11:00am at the War Memorial Park with the service beginning at 11:00am and concluding just before 12 noon.

Oxley College students marching with the College should be in winter uniform. I encourage students to join Nat and Kate on Saturday 25 April.

Parenting and Parties

As we commence holidays I draw your attention to adolescents and parties. Parents need to be aware of the many issues related to their child attending parties. Gate-crashing, under-age drinking, offensive behaviour and fighting are all unacceptable behaviours that can be part of the "party scene". As parents do at home, we spend a lot of time at Oxley College impressing on the students their responsibility to exhibit good, appropriate and caring behaviour at all times. This must be a consistent and constant message to the children in our care.

I encourage parents to become involved in where their child is going, particularly if it is to a party. Discuss acceptable behaviour and the possible consequences of unacceptable behaviour.

Before allowing your son or daughter to attend a party, I suggest you contact the host parents and ascertain whether they are going to be present, what level of supervision will occur and whether alcohol will be tolerated. If the answers to these questions are satisfactory to you, then allow your son or daughter to attend, if the answers are not satisfactory to you, inform the host parents of this and tell your son or daughter 'no' and why they are not allowed to attend. The following website is worthy of a visit from you: www.mynite.com.au.

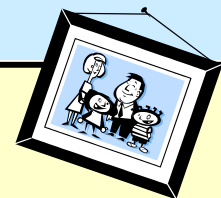
The site is maintained by the NSW Police and contains useful information for young people and their parents. A very useful guide to hosting parties can be found at: http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/public-health/dpb/publications/pdf/Celeb_Brochure_Final.pdf.

In commenting about parties and social gatherings I do not want to give you the impression that these are all bad. Nor do I wish to give you the impression that each and every time your child goes out with friends; the result is poor behaviour and alcohol or substance abuse. Indeed many children will enjoy the time spent with their peers in an appropriate manner for their age.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

Some weeks ago Ceinwen Hall asked Mr Williamson if she could shave her head to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. On Tuesday this week, Ceinwen, Nicholas Wasiliev, Nathan Lucas and staff member Tristan Bevan were shaved by Elizabeth Watson in front of supportive students and staff. These brave people will feel the cold a little more this Easter but successfully raised over \$600. A great effort!





Here is a video link that you may enjoy.

<http://video.yahoo.com/watch/1202370/4285516>

More Parenting Tips next term—have a lovely holiday with your family.

AWARDS

The following students had their commitment and achievements in Drama and Summer Sports recognised at this week's assembly.

Drama:

Tabs: Katrina Allman, Liam Armstrong, Claire Bailey, Peter Booth, Benjamin Farrow, Elizabeth Goodfellow, Gabriel GuriEFF, Emma Hughes, Hugh Inglis, Nathaniel Jensen, Christopher Lawson, Scott Lee, Edward Lewis, Grace Martyn, Imogen

Matthews, Montana Mays, Dane McAndrew, Sophie McManus, Lara Miller, Rebecca Munford, Marcus Traill, Louise Wurth

Half Colours: Jessica Bain, Shaunagh Bentley, Rachael Fair, Rikki-Lee Millbank, Oliver Penn, Louise Thaning, William Walker

Colours: Jack Monro

Basketball:

Tabs: Liam Armstrong, Jordan Berta, Charlotte Blake, Christopher Ellsmore, Zuni Garcia Clarkson, Nicholas Madden, Sarah Nobbs, Rebecca Penn, Kate Rutherford, Alexander Syros, Deigh Young

Half Colours: Morgan Shortt, Gabrielle Young

Cricket:

Tabs: Timothy Abela, Luke McAulay, Hamish Rocca, Callum South

Half Colours: Edward Lewis, Nicholas Reinhard

Softball:

Tabs: Courtney Cairns, Amy Joubert, Imogen Matthews, Kathini Myers, Imogen Rolon

Half Colours: Katrina Allman, Anneliese Nappa, Montana Mays

Swimming:

Tab: Luke McAulay

Half Colours: Katrina Allman, Tori Eaglen, Benjamin Farrow, Jack Monro, Tahlia Shaw

Colours: Georgia Kickert

INTER-HOUSE MUSIC



CALENDAR: TERM TWO 2009

Sat 25/4	ANZAC DAY.
Tues 28/4	Term 2 commences. Students and staff from Dutch school, Apeldorn arrive.
Wed 29/4	CIS Swimming Carnival at Homebush.
Thurs 30/5	Dutch students excursion to Jervis Bay.
Friday 1/5	Highland District Cricket Association Presentation Night.

YEAR 8 STUDY SKILLS & STRATEGIES

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Oxley College will be holding a course in Term 2, conducted by ICS Learning Group, to teach Year 8 students the elements of a successful study programme.

The topics include:

How to become well organised

Note-taking skills

Essay planning and writing

The ICS Learning Group will be mailing a letter to Year 8 families during the second week of the school holidays with full details. Further information will then be available on the Oxley College website.

UNIFORM

Please note that Term 2 is the changeover to winter uniform. All students should be in their winter uniform from the start of the term. This includes long trousers for boys. For your planning for next summer can you please note that some 18 months ago we stopped selling the drill cotton grey short (king gee style). Some boys continue to wear these in the summer terms. Boys will not be allowed to wear these shorts next summer.

Reminder: Holidays are also a wonderful time to have blazers dry-cleaned, shoes shined and hair cut!

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby Gala Day

Last Saturday all the Oxley Rugby teams participated in the Chevalier College Rugby Gala Day. The day consisted of each team playing a round-robin of games against Chevalier College, Daramalan College (ACT) and Trinity College (Goulburn). The format gave each team the chance to try different combinations and pinpoint strengths and weaknesses at the outset of the season. The opposition teams were all strong, as all three schools were considerably larger than Oxley, leading to our defences being severely tested. Highlights of the day came from a very strong first half by the 1st XV and a draw by the 16's against Daramalan College. The 15's led a strong Chevalier College team 12-5 at half time and were very competitive until the end of the match. Chevalier and Trinity were both defeated by our powerful 14's team and there was marvellous improvement shown by the 13's in their first game together including almost half the team in their first ever game of Rugby. All teams played with the enthusiasm and spirit that is synonymous with Oxley Rugby. We look forward to our next trial games against St Gregory's College, Campbelltown Saturday 2 May and the start of the ISA season on Saturday 9 May.

EQUESTRIAN REPORT

EFA NSW 2009 State Inter-Schools Championships

The EFA NSW 2009 State Inter -Schools Equestrian Championships was held between 6 - 8 March at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. This year Oxley had an astounding number of twelve qualified riders; Tess Harwood, Lauren Chapman, Philippa Lawson, Jacqueline Basquil, Charlotte Waugh, Madeleine Aliprandi, Nick Wasiliev, Amelia Chapman, Brittany Burgess, Eliza Roche, Anneliese Nappa and Katie Wise. Amongst a total of 100 schools from across the State, Oxley was placed 4th overall. We received a lot of results to 6th place in numerous categories, but the following riders came away with some outstanding results;

Tess Harwood: 1st Junior Notice 2.3, 2nd Junior Elementary 3.3

Phillipa Lawson: 1st Junior 85cm Showman, 1st 1m Junior Equitation 3rd 1.10m Junior AM2

Jacqueline Basquil: 2nd 60cm Junior Showman, 3rd Junior Preliminary 1.4

Charlotte Waugh: 2nd 80cm Junior AM2, 3rd AM7

Madeleine Aliprandi: 2nd 90cm Junior Equitation

Amelia Chapman: 3rd Senior Preliminary 1.2

Brittany Burgess: 1st Senior 80cm AM7, 3rd 60cm Senior Showman

Eliza Roche: 1st, 80cm Senior Equitation

Katie Wise: 1st 90cm Snr Equitation, 3rd AM7 - and was placed 2nd overall in the State (Reserve Champion).



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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Winston Bradley who played in the Northern NSW Colts (Under 21) Polo Team defeating the Southern NSW Team 7 to 1.
- Lia Scamبارy also recently attended the ISA Cross Country on the Central Coast and placed 8th in the 14 year girls. Lia will be competing with the ISA Team at Eastern Creek. (We apologise for this omission in last week's Weekly Record).
- Edwina Hutton-Potts achieving a Top Ten Place in her riding class at The Australian Grand National Equestrian Championships.

LIBRARY NEWS from PETAH FISHBURN

HAPPY EASTER @ YOUR LIBRARY

Our school Library will close after school on Thursday 9 April for the entire school holidays.

We have had a very busy term with the introduction of the new OLIVER library system. OLIVER can be accessed from home via the following web address:

www.oxley.nsw.edu.au

Most staff members and some students have had the opportunity to learn how to access their accounts through their own username and password. This will enable them to better manage their Library borrowing. The added feature is that students will be able to RENEW their own books and RESERVE books they wish to read. Our goal for next term is that all teachers and students will know how to use this service.

HAPPY EASTER!

Mrs Fishburn, Mrs Everingham & Ms Bell

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

The Oxley Shop will be closed for the first week of the holidays, April 14-18.

Normal trading hours will resume on Tuesday 21 April.

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 27 April</u>	<u>Tuesday 28 April</u>	<u>Wednesday 29 April</u>	<u>Thursday 30 April</u>	<u>Friday 1 May</u>
School Holiday	Help required	Help required	Catherine Guy	Help required

P & F NEWS

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

EARTH HOUR

The P&F and the Oxley community would very much like to thank the following for their generous donations to the Silent Auction and Balloon prizes for the recent Earth Hour event :

Lisette Slotboom , Paul Greethhead, Jan Chesterfield-Evans, Jenine Callaghan , Brian and Maureen Farrow, Julie and Philip Chapman, Jim and Sue Allman, Julie Skinner, George and Orissia Turczynski, Jenni Vild, Sally Carmichael, Rob Matthews, Karen O'Reilly, Vicki Preston, Amanda and David Henderson, Kim and Alex Orchard, Chrissy Stanford, Prue Walker, Dr Frances Tefany, Anthony Moran, Anthony and Leonore Waugh, Terry Muller-Maher, Ian Steel, Contours Bowral, John and Liz Uliana, Sydney FC, Belinda Basquil, Karyl and Darren Cave, Marika Schmidhofer, Anita Robertson, Janene and Nino Nappa, Paul Wright, Joadja Winery, Wild Food, Fresh Sea Food, Bowral Pets and Aquariums, Freedom Hair Design, Barnes Driver Training , Angus & Robertson, Gardens R Us, Confetti, Musculoskeletal Clinic, Siva Beauty Body and Soul, Vibe, Berrima Village Pottery, Oxley Mall Newsagency, Elephant Boy Cafe, Sue Walker, Martine Carol, Cath Brennan, Janine Shepherd, Prue Goward MP, Max Thomson, Penny Lawless, Onesta Cucina, Restaurant, Bradman Museum and Austral Bricks.



Jane Gillings judging Junk Art.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Highlands Harvest Hunt

On Easter Sunday 12 April The Southern Highlands Foundation will be holding a major community event – the Highlands Harvest Hunt at Centennial Vineyards in Bowral. The event is raising money for The Southern Highlands Foundation children and young people's programmes and will open at 9.30am and close at 2.30pm. The day will include Easter hunts, local entertainment, Farmer Market stalls and wonderful food and wine. Tickets are available from Tourism Southern Highlands 1300 657 559.

Moss Vale Basketball Competition

The Junior Winter Basketball Competition Registration Day will be held on Wednesday 8 April (5:30 – 7:00pm) and Wednesday 29 April (4:00-6:00pm). The Junior Competition begins on Wednesday 6 May. The Senior Winter Competition begins on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 May 2009. Team nominations close: Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 April. Download information and registration forms from website www.mossvale.basketball.net.au

School Holiday Golf Clinics

School holiday golf clinics with PGA Professionals Davyd Reeves and Robert Kennedy will be held on Wednesday 15, Sunday 19 and Wednesday 22 April. The clinics will be held at Mr Broughton Golf and County Club from 9am – 3pm. The cost is \$50 per day or \$120 for 3 days. Open to all ages. Bookings are essential: 4868 3700.

Interactive Workshops in Forensics and Cyber Crime Investigation

High school students aged 15 – 18 years with an interest in Science, forensics or general CSI curiosity are invited to attend a two day hands - on workshop at the University of NSW in Kensington. The cost is \$300 per student for both workshop sessions. These workshops will be held during the Autumn and Winter Holidays. Call 1800 727 640 for more details and bookings.

Blue Light Disco

There will be NO Blue Light Disco in April. This is because of School Holidays, Easter and Anzac weekend.