



Weekly Record

Friday 21 May 2010

HEAD'S COMMENT:

Feedback on the Australian Curriculum

You may have read about the Australian Curriculum as it is an attempt to standardise the curriculum framework in Australia. The Australian Curriculum will be introduced in 2012.

I have received the following from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and am alerting parents to the opportunity they have to browse the ACARA website and comment on the Australian Curriculum if they wish.

ACARA will release draft senior secondary years' Australian Curriculum content in english, mathematics, science and history for national consultation from 14 May 2010 until 30 July 2010. The draft curriculum content will be available through ACARA's consultation website – www.australiancurriculum.edu.au – for everyone to read, review, download, or print. ACARA encourages the involvement of all educators and the wider community during the consultation process to provide feedback on what senior secondary students should learn in english, mathematics, science and history. ACARA is committed to listening to you and carefully considering your feedback in developing the Australian Curriculum – please take the opportunity to review the draft curriculum and provide feedback on Australia's first national curriculum. Consultation on the draft K-10 Australian Curriculum has been extended one week until 30 May 2010. After this date, the draft K-10 Curriculum will still be available to view along with the draft senior secondary curriculum on the Australian Curriculum consultation portal. If you have registered your details to provide feedback on the draft K-10 Australian Curriculum they can be used to view and comment on the draft senior secondary years' curriculum.

Leave from School for co-curricular activities

I am taking this opportunity to remind parents of the need to request leave from school for any co-curricular activities. There are a number of Oxley College students who compete at a significant level in a variety of sports and not all of these are related to them attending Oxley College. It is an honour for a student to represent Oxley College at the ISA level of competition or represent the ISA at the CIS level of competition. In addition, there are a number of Oxley College students who become involved in a range of other co-curricular activities (e.g. Performing Arts) where leave from school is requested. All of these activities are important to the students involved. However, the priority for each student must be their academic effort and progress. With this in mind, the following items are considered before leave is granted, and/or competition forms endorsed, for the student to miss classes:

- The student's recent school and class attendance record;
- Possible impact on any Assessment Point;
- Whether the student is up-to-date with all academic work;
- The student's recent academic effort in class work and home work.

These arrangements assist our students to focus their academic effort in the classroom and with home work throughout the year. It is very helpful if requests from parents are received well in advance as we need to check on your son's or daughter's academic effort and progress as outlined above.

Virtues

Humanity is about caring for others and ourselves. The seventh of the attributes under Humanity is **Humour**. **Humour** is about laughter and brings smiles to other people (but not at the expense of other people).

PAT PRICE-JONES MEDIA SCHOLARSHIP

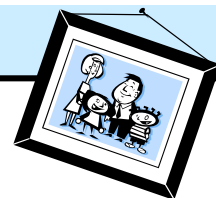
Highland FM 107.1, the Southern Highland's Community Radio Station, sponsors an annual scholarship, called the Pat Price-Jones Award, to assist students from local high schools in radio broadcast training. The scholarship is offered to two students in Year 11 who have shown interest in media work. The scholarship has three main aims:

- To give the student the opportunity to learn more about radio production by working with presenters at the Highland FM 107.1 studio,
- To give the schools an outlet for letting the community know what is occurring within the schools and to allow the students a voice for their thoughts and concerns, and
- To foster closer ties with Highland FM 107.1 and the Southern Highlands community.

The winners of the scholarship will act as spokespersons for the students of the respective High Schools and will present a number of reports to air during the year. The recipients are asked, in order to fulfil the requirements of the scholarship, to prepare reports to be presented on Highland FM 107.1. These reports will reflect the concerns of the students regarding either school events or those of the community that have a bearing on school students.

Tom Hobson (Year 11, Mawson) and Nick Wasiliev (Year 11, Dobell) are the recipients in 2010 and we look forward to hearing them on radio on 24 June, 12 August, 5 September, 17 October and 18 November. Tune in to 107.1 to hear the boys!

We wish to thank, and acknowledge, the generosity of our local community radio station, Highland FM 107.1, for providing this wonderful opportunity to two students.

**Managing Anxiety**

How to function less than perfectly and be happier:

- Realise when your expectations are unrealistic and remind yourself that you do not have to agree with them.
- Become aware that you do not become more valued by doing things perfectly – you just become overworked and become frustrated.
- Regard mistakes as opportunities to learn.
- Learn to enjoy your experiences in the present – rather than being preoccupied with the result.
- Paradoxically, one significant way to improve your performance involves lowering your standards (Do not aim for 100% all the time – attempt to do reasonably well instead of the same all the time – you obtain more satisfaction and become less irritable).
- Give up procrastinating – try not to take too much on at once – e.g. homework and set yourself a set time each day to do it and stick to that.
- Stop unnecessary checking - keep to the time limits allocated for the task, tell yourself your work does not have to be perfect, tolerate the anxiety of not giving in to perfectionist thoughts and behaviours.

CAREERS CORNER by Phillipa Condon, Careers Counsellor

Students and parents of Year 10 students can use this year as great preparation for Years 11 and 12 and the student's future career path. Many of the universities are holding information sessions specifically aimed at Year 10 students and their choice of subjects for Year 11. Please visit the Careers website <http://oxleylearning.org/careers/> to find dates and times. Also on the website are dates for workshops, competitions and open days. The workshops and competitions are invaluable additions to the student's resume and are critical as part of specific portfolio requests for some courses. These, in addition to work experience, indicate to the interview panel that the student has the passion and deep seated interest in a specific career path. This might be what is required to get them over the line to be admitted to that "dream" course they have set as their goal.

If you have any concerns in regard to your child's subject choices for Year 11, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me on a Thursday or Friday. An appointment can be made by visiting the Careers Webpage and clicking on the "Book an Appointment" link on the right hand side of the page.

REV (RELIGION, ETHICS, VALUES)**Jesus of the Gospels—Year 9 REV sample course work**

The Gospels focus is on a *person* rather than what was happening on the world stage – their intent is to focus on the impact of Jesus' career. (Remember they are documents that have a theological intent from the perspectives of the writers).

How therefore might Jesus have been portrayed?

- Photo – objective snapshot of moment in time?
- Abstract painting – vague impression?
- Portrait – medium allowing nuance and interpretive attention to detail?

Are we attempting to use these documents as straight history?

Can you think of another example of a story told that has focused on the person and their impact rather than what is happening on the world stage? (Any biography)? How might these differ from a text studied to find out *what happened?* (*remembering that all historical documents have been written from the perspective of the writers of history – usually the victors*). Ms Jan Ryan.

CALENDAR: TERM TWO 2010

Fri	21/5	Yr. 12 Excursion, Food Tech, Sydney Tower Yr. 8 Study Skills Incursion, 8:50am Yr. 11 & 12 Incursion visit by University of Sydney P&F Yr. 10 Gathering, The Briars, 6:30pm
Sat	22/5	ISA Winter Sport Round 4
Sun	23/5	P&F Yr.8 Family Picnic, Tourist Road, Kangaloon, 12 noon
Mon	24/5	Yr. 10 Study Skills, 3:35pm
Tues	25/5	Yr. 9 Excursion, History, Bradman Museum
Thurs	27/5	Yr. 9, 10, 11 Maths, Budgeting - The Real Game

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mr Stuart Bollom who came 611 out of 8,733 in the Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon. Stuart came 31st out of 493 in the 45 – 49 age category. This is a wonderful achievement. Well done!!



THE ANNUAL OXLEY DAY—SATURDAY 5 JUNE

Past, present and future families are invited to attend the Annual Oxley Day on Saturday 5 June. This day is linked to the 20 Year reunion held at Oxley in the evening and we encourage you to come and mingle with Old Oxleyans while watching your son or daughter play sport. There will be a tour of the College at 11am and all are welcome to attend. Please also encourage interested future families to join us - it is a wonderful day of sport, P & F stalls, Oxley College memorabilia and delicious food will be available.

EQUESTRIAN—GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL SHOW JUMPING COMPETITION

Four riders represented Oxley on Saturday at the Galston High School Showjumping Day. Felicity Weal placed first in two of the 80cm showjumping events. Lauren Chapman placed 1st, 2nd and 8th in the 65cm showjumping, to finish 3rd in Year 8 and Jacqui Basquil took out Year 9 champion, after placing 1st, 2nd and 5th in the 90cm showjumping competitions. Rebecca Weal had a few difficulties with her horse, but still finished with a clear round against some tough competition.



SPORT FIXTURES SATURDAY 22 MAY

Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Team Coach	Transport
Rugby <i>MiC – Mr Tristan Bevan Mobile 0414 882 707</i>					
1st XV	St Paul's	Oxley	12:15pm	Mr Bevan/Lawson	Own Transport
16s	St Paul's	Oxley	11:00am	Mr Lesslie	Own Transport
15s	St Paul's	Oxley	10:00am	Mr Andrew	Own Transport
14s	St Paul's	Oxley	11:00am	Mr Wansey	Own Transport
Football <i>MiC—Mr Richard Connor 0424 745 401</i>					
1st XI	St Patrick's	Meadow 1 Chev	12:00pm	Mr Connor	Own Transport
16s	St Patrick's	Meadow 1 Chev	10:55am	Mr Forlonge	Own Transport
14s	St Patrick's	Meadow 1 Chev	9:50am	Mr Campbell	Own Transport
13s	St Patrick's	Meadow 1 Chev	8:45am	Mr Pugh	Own Transport
Tennis <i>MiC – Mrs Petah Fishburn Mobile 0433 112 003</i>					
Oxley 1	SPC 2	Moss Vale Court	8:15am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
Oxley 2	SPC 3	Moss Vale Court	8:15am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
Oxley 3	SPC 6	Moss Vale Court	8:15am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
Oxley 4	SPC 8	Moss Vale Court	8:15am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
Netball <i>MiC – Mrs Jo McVean Mobile 0405 129 652</i>					
1sts	St Paul's	Oxley	9:00am	Mrs McVean	Own Transport
2nds	Barker 6	Oxley	9:00am	Mrs Hall	Own Transport
Inter. A	SACS	Oxley	11:30am	Mrs Worthington	Own Transport
Inter. B	St Paul's	Oxley	10:15am	Ms Rintoul	Own Transport
Junior A	SACS	Oxley	11:30am	Ms Brochard	Own Transport
Junior B	SACS	Oxley	10:15am	Ms Blake/Young	Own Transport
Hockey <i>MiC – Mr Peter Freeman Mobile 0425 376 242</i>					
1st XI	Chevalier	Oxley	9:45am	Mr Freeman	Own Transport
2nd XI	Chevalier	Oxley	8:30am	Mrs Hamilton	Own Transport
Junior A	Chevalier	Oxley	11:00am	Mrs MacBean	Own Transport
Junior B	Chevalier	Oxley	12:15pm	Mr Sloan	Own Transport

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO THE MINNAMURRA RIVER

On Friday 14 May, the Year 12 Geography students paddled along the Minnamurra River and Estuary to investigate Inter-Tidal Wetland ecosystems as part of the HSC unit 'Ecosystems at Risk'. The fine weather and high tide allowed the students to thoroughly explore the mangrove forest, salt marsh and mud flats, observing and measuring the constantly changing conditions associated with this environment. The students learned about plant and animal adaptations as well as the human pressures, and management required to conserve these rich and valuable ecosystems. Lunch was taken at Mystics Beach after a short walk through the littoral forest on Minnamurra 'spit' where the students were entertained by numerous board riders taking advantage of the good surf breaks. A useful day was enjoyed by all. Mr Tim Dibdin.



OLE! 2010 (OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES)

Students were briefed at assembly this week about the 2010 OLE! programme. OLE! takes place in Term 4, Week 1 (Oct 11 – 15), coinciding with the first week of the HSC and the return of Year 11 students from Outback.

The OLE! vision:

OLE stands for **O**ther **L**earning **E**xperiences and it is the intention that the experiences offered will extend and enrich activities beyond the classroom. During that week, students are engaged in new and challenging activities, designed to provide a variety of skill and team building opportunities.

Core Experiences:

Year 7: Active: Kangaroo Valley (provider: Outdoor Education Group (OEG))

Year 8: Active: Biloela (provider: OEG)

Year 11: Outback

Year 9 and Year 10 Programme

Students in Year 9 and 10 will participate in small group, vertical activities according to choice. Each activity will take place over five days, in three streams:

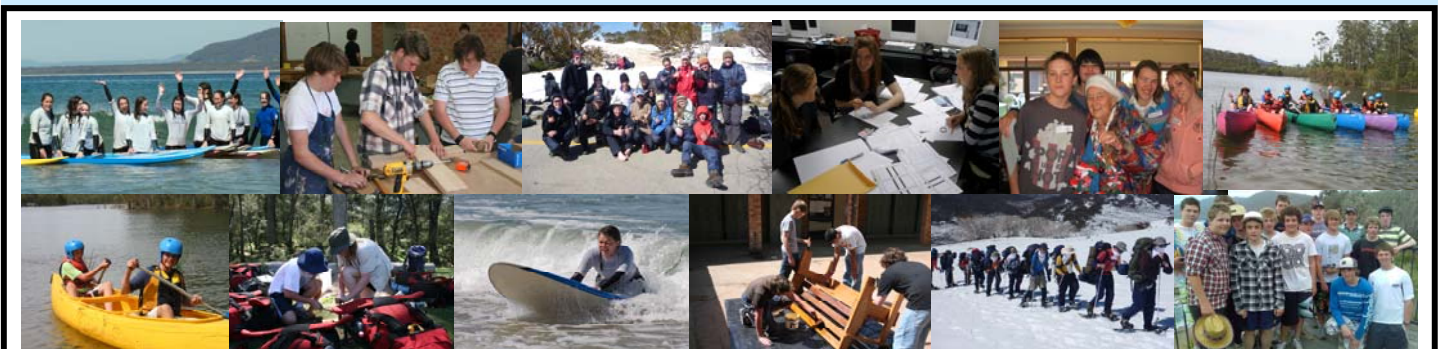
ACTIVE: Duke of Edinburgh (DEA) outdoor experiences e.g. a hike that qualifies for the Silver Award Hike and other outdoor pursuits.

COMMUNITY: Serving the local community in a five day project.

CULTURAL: An enrichment or extension project based on building specific skills.

Selection forms have been sent home this week. They are due back to **Students Services** by **Monday 31 May**.

PHOTOS FROM 2009 OLE!



P & F NEWS

P & F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be on Tuesday 15 June at 7:30 pm in the David Wright library. All welcome.

YEAR 12 PARENTS GET TOGETHER

To all parents of students in Year 12, you are warmly invited to what will be our last informal social function for the year at Centennial Vineyards, Centennial Road, Bowral on Friday 4 June 2010. Invitations have been posted.

YEAR 8 GET TOGETHER

The Year 8 picnic will be held on Sunday 23 May at Tourist Road, Kangaloon. The picnic will be hosted by the Year 8 Representatives and starts at 12 noon. Just come along and bring all your own food, chairs etc. There will be BBQ facilities if you require them.

OXLEY COLLEGE P & F - PARTY HIRE

Don't forget that the Oxley College P & F have plates, glasses, knives and forks for hire. Please contact Antonia Loneragan on 0408 465107 for further information. A great way to support your school and hold a cost effective function!

THE ANNUAL OXLEY DAY – Saturday 5 June 2010

Please join us for a day of sport and community spirit on Saturday 5 June at The Annual Oxley Day. We need help at the canteen, barbeque and on various stalls. This is a great opportunity to get involved while watching your son or daughter play sport. If you would like to help on the day, please contact Lisette Slotboom on 0415 059710 or email lispaul@hinet.net.au.

COMMUNITY NEWS

THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE



Science Opportunity For Year 9 and 10 Students

A three day hands on practical science programme will be conducted again in 36 Australian universities and tertiary institutions throughout 2010-2011. The programmes are non-selective and open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Each programme includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers. The total cost of the three-day programme is \$110. For further information visit the website www.scienceexperience.com.au or ring (03) 8288 1001.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The next Blue Light will be held this Saturday 22 May Mittagong RSL Club. Juniors, 4pm to 6pm, \$5-00, (mums and dads free). Seniors, 7:30pm to 10:30pm, \$10-00. After 4pm, cost will be \$15-00 and can only be purchased from the Mittagong RSL auditorium only, NOT RECEPTION. Senior Disco is restricted to 17 years and under only. Pre-purchase tickets can be obtained from the usual outlets. Those travelling on the free bus, must show driver pre-purchased ticket, NO TICKET, NO RIDE. Special guest at both Junior and Seniors will be Josh Quong Tart, who plays the character, "MILES COPELAND" in the popular Channel Seven Show, "HOME & AWAY".

THE HABIT OF ART by Alan Bennett

The play centres on an imagined meeting between W H Auden and Benjamin Brittain who seeks advice from his old friend and collaborator about his new opera *Death in Venice*.

Alan Bennett's new play is as much about the theatre as it is about poetry or music. It looks at the unsettling desires of two difficult men, and at the ethics of biography. It reflects on growing old, on creativity and inspiration, and on persisting when all passion's spent: ultimately, on the habit of art. Screening at the Empire Cinema on Saturday 22 May at 1pm. For more information phone 02 4861 4676.

OXLEY SHOP

Tuesday	12:30pm - 4:00pm	
Wednesday	8:30am - 11:30am and 12:30pm – 4:00pm	Saturday trading
Thursday	8:30am - 9:30am and 12:30pm – 2:30pm	5 June 2010
Saturdays	First and Third Saturday of each month 10:00am – 12:00pm	

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 2

Thank you to those who volunteered in Term 1 2010.

Monday 24 May	Tuesday 25 May	Wednesday 26 May	Thursday 27 May	Friday 28 May
Deborah Dankworth	Catherine Fraser	Christine Regan Catherine Lake	Meggie O'Toole	Jane Bollom