

## HEAD'S COMMENT:

### Computer Use

Recently, Jan Ryan and I have both written about guiding your child with respect to technology access at home. You can review these in the Weekly Records of 6 March 2009, 12 June 2009 and 7 August 2009.

Late last week, I received an email from an Oxley parent providing me with feedback and giving me permission to reprint the feedback for other parents.

*"As one of the many over-indulgent parents and one who has been guilty of allowing an adolescent unrestricted access to a laptop computer and the Internet (despite Mr Williamson's many warnings and some personal misgivings), I have finally struck a blow for sanity.*

*Over the last holidays (and after warning the said adolescent), I removed all computer equipment from his bedroom. He was away at the time but didn't seem terribly upset when he came home and saw the carnage (ie: a clean desktop and I don't mean an electronic one). I wondered what would happen and whether there would be some of the usual bullishness about needing the computer etc. But, no, there hasn't been anything. Other than a lot of book work activity (study and homework). Good grief...why didn't I make a stand earlier?*

*I am in total shock and while I suspect that I haven't won the war it is a good start. The hours of time wasted on various dreadful (in my opinion) shoot-em-up games and Wikipedia and who knows what else seem to have evaporated and there is still a life worth living. In fact, I suddenly find myself with a teenager who is communicating more and occasionally coming out to talk or watch a television programme with his parent/s. He is also less on edge and lot more relaxed about things. Whether this is the result of the lack of computer time or something else isn't clear but there is possibly a connection.*

*I would urge other parents to consider doing the same thing. It isn't as difficult as you think and the benefits are significant. Act now while you still wield some influence!"*

I thank the parent for writing the above and for willingly sharing their experience with other parents.

### Non-Oxley Co-curricular Activities

Oxley College staff are, at times, approached by parents about support for co-curricular activities that are not catered for at the College. You may be interested in the approach we use when considering support for these (or any other activity).

The first consideration is whether the activity is one we are prepared to support (as per our strategic goals) as this requires the allocation of resources. This process includes evaluating the educational viability, the impact on academic time, the impact on staff time and any longer term implications. Often, the allocation of a staff member is also required when an Oxley College 'team' is involved and this significantly increases the duty of care expectations.

The process then moves to the consideration of whether there has been a budget allocation and whether excursion/tour documentation has been completed and is acceptable. This would include risk management documentation and insurance considerations.

Activities are approved on the successful completion of this process.

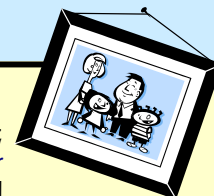
I hope this general overview will help parents and students understand the process used in this decision making.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SCHOOL DISCO



Last Friday night, the Student Representative Council (SRC) hosted a very successful whole School Disco. The Hoskins Hall was packed with two hundred students who all enjoyed hours of dancing. Well done to the SRC- they raised \$900.00 and everyone had a great time. This money will be donated to charities selected by the SRC at their next meeting.





### Time – more precious than gold

On the surface, we can afford to miss time with our children. After all they don't make appointments in our diary; they won't tell you your job is in jeopardy if you don't show up. But think about it for a moment – if you treat your boss or client or one of your close friends the way you treat your child or teenager, how do you think they would respond.

Consider the following poem; **If I Had My Child to Raise Over Again** from the book *Full Esteem Ahead* by Diane and Julie Loomans.

*If I had my child to raise over again*

*I'd build self esteem first and a house later.*

*I'd finger paint more and point the finger less.*

*I'd do less correcting and more connecting.*

*I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.*

*I would care to know less and know to care more.*

*I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.*

*I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.*

*I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.*

*I'd do more hugging and less tugging.*

*I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often.*

*I would be firm less often and affirm much more.*

*I'd model less about the love of power,*

*And more about the power of love.*

## CAREERS CORNER by Phillipa Condon, Careers Counsellor

Updates are prevalent at this time of year and two important ones have come across my desk since speaking with interested students.

The first applies to students who may be considering occupations in **Allied Health areas** - physiotherapy, occupational therapy, exercise physiology, speech pathology etc. Sydney University has introduced, for next year, a Bachelor of Health Sciences. Students who enrol in this course in 2010 will have automatic entrance into a Masters programme for Years 4 and 5 and will exit with a Masters in their given speciality. Those who undertake the direct 4 year degree in the area, such as physiotherapy, will still have to complete a further 2 years to attain their Masters. The following website will give you more information [www.fhs.usyd.edu.au](http://www.fhs.usyd.edu.au).

The Defence Forces has extended the closing date for Defence Technical Scholarships, to current Year 10 and 11 students, to 25 September 2009. Application and reference forms are available at [www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts). They have also changed the criteria to include all levels of Mathematics- including Standard Mathematics. Engineering Studies still remains a requirement. All applications MUST be returned to the College no later than WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2009 for processing at the College before submission.

## STUDY SKILLS & STRATEGIES COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 AND 11

### Vacancies available

This popular course is designed to encourage senior students to become more self-confident and independent in their personal study programmes. It trains students in *essay planning (in exams), clear and effective writing, preparing for exams, getting motivated and staying motivated*. The course is run by ICS Learning Group and has proved very useful for senior students. Held in Room 14 from 3:35 – 5:35pm, the course runs for three consecutive Mondays 24, 31 August and 7 September. For further details visit [www.skillscentre.com.au](http://www.skillscentre.com.au) or phone 9960 6231.

As a number of parents and students in Year 11 have indicated an interest in doing this course again, it is also open to this year group. Application forms and information is available from the above website or copies are available from Student Services.

## CALENDAR:

## TERM THREE 2009

Sat	22 August	ISA Winter sport finals
Sun	23 August	P&F Yr. 8 Picnic Day, Exeter Village Hall, 11:30-4:00pm
Tues	25 August	Excursion, Yr. 9 History, Jewish Museum, Sydney HSC Drama Night, Hoskins Hall, 7:30pm
Wed	26 August	Inter-House Athletics Carnival, All Day. All welcome.
Thurs	27 August	HSC Music Recital, Orchestra Room, 7:30pm

## OXLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Applications are now available for the Oxley College Scholarship Programme. Candidates need to be in Year 10, going into Year 11 in 2010. Candidates will be interviewed at Oxley College on Saturday 5 September 2009. Applications close on Friday 28 August 2009.

### CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

The Creative & Performing Arts Scholarship is provided by the Board of Governors to encourage and recognise excellence in one or more fields of the Creative & Performing Arts. The scholarship may provide remission of tuition fees in full or in part for the duration of the student's senior schooling. Students entering Year 11 in 2010 are eligible to apply. The selection process will be a combination of interview, performance, audition, viva voce and workshop activities. Candidates may submit an application for any one or a combination of the following categories; Music, Drama and Visual Arts.

### THE GRAHAME SMEE SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Governors of Oxley College has established a scholarship to honour the contribution to the foundation of the College by Dr Grahame Smees. The scholarship is available to any student entering Year 11 in 2010. It is tenable at Oxley College for Years 11 and 12. The award is to be made to a student showing exemplary attitude to academic work, commitment to good citizenship and community involvement.

Please contact Emma Calver on 4861 1366 or email to emma.calver@oxley.nsw.edu.au for copy of the relevant criteria and application form/s.

## RUGBY PHOTOGRAPHS



Photographed are Duncan Meaney, Hugh Walker and Alister Marnoch playing against Chevalier College at Oakhill College in the U13's semi finals last Saturday.

## CRANBROOK ATHLETICS

Cranbrook Athletics Invitation Carnival, Saturday 29 August Week 5B, ES Marks Field. Open to all competitors regardless of performance in Oxley Carnival. Bus leaves Oxley College at 7:00am. Please collect your permission note from Mr Ingall.

## SPORT FIXTURES—SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

Sport	Opponent	Venue	Time	Coach	Transport	
<b>RUGBY</b> <i>MiC – Mr T Bevan 0416 293328</i>						
1st XV	No Game			Mr Bevan		
16's	No Game			Mr Lawson		
15's	No Game			Mr Wansey		
14's	No Game			Mr Lesslie		
13's	No Game			Mr Lawson		
<b>TENNIS</b> <i>MiC – Mrs P Fishburn 0433 112003</i>						
Open	No Game			Mrs Fishburn		
17's	No Game			Mrs Fishburn		
15's	No Game					
14's	No Game					
13's	No Game					
<b>NETBALL - FINALS</b> <i>MiC – Ms J McVean 0405129652</i>						
Firsts	Barker	Warriewood	1:00pm	Ms McVean	9:30am	4:30pm
Inter. A	No Game			Ms Vincent		
Inter. B	No Game			Ms Rintoul		
Inter. C	Barker	Warriewood	1:00pm	Mrs Hall	9:30am	4:30pm
Junior A	No Game			Ms Brochard		
Junior B	No Game			Ms Fehon		
<b>ISA FOOTBALL - SEMI FINALS</b> <i>MiC – Mr R Connor 0424 745401</i>						
1st XI	St Andrews	Chevalier	12:30pm	Mr Connor	Own Transport	
15's	No Game			Mr Forlonge		
13's	St Patricks	Mason Pk, Homebush	11:30am	Mr Campbell	9:30am	2:30pm
<b>HOCKEY— FINALS</b> <i>MiC – Mr P Freeman 0425376242</i>						
Firsts	No game	Ernie Smith Reserve, Junction Road, Moorebank		Mr Freeman		
Jnr A	CCGS		9:00am	Mr Copland	7:15am	11:30am
Jnr B	CCGS		9:00am	Mrs Hamilton	7:15am	11:30am



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## OXLEY COLLEGE MUSIC NIGHT

"Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand." Chinese proverb.

On Wednesday evening, 12 August, the Music Department held a Stage 5 Music Night. This initiative provided students studying Music in Years 9 and 10 with a performance opportunity that some students may otherwise not have had. The concert served to showcase the performance component of their respective classes' work over the past semester. The four classes represented on the evening, two from each of Year 9 and 10, presented works spanning a variety of musical styles, from the Baroque to Rock. The equally widely varying levels of musical ability amongst the students was evident, yet those students who participated, either in class groups or in solo performances, did so with a great deal of enthusiasm and the support of an appreciative audience and their teachers'. Within this context, and indeed the context of the music class room from which this concert emerged, it is paramount to encourage rather than to discourage, whatever the musical ability of an individual. I commend those who attended with generous spirit. It is through involvement they will come to understand. Robert Hughes, Head of Music.

## ATTENTION YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 STUDENTS AND PARENTS—TAX FILE NUMBERS

Many students and school leavers find it difficult to prove their identity to the standard needed to get their Tax File Number. However, as secondary school students you can take advantage of the secondary schools Tax File Number programme and apply through Oxley College.

The advantage is that you don't have to provide any proof of identity documents because we verify your identity. However, it is only a valid way to apply for a Tax File Number while you are still at school. After you leave school you will need to provide full documentation when applying.

Application forms are available from Student Services.

## YEAR 12 COASTAL GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION



On Friday 14 August 2009, the Year 12 Geography students and two French exchange students, accompanied Mr Ingall and Mr Dibdin to the Illawarra coast. As part of their HSC studies - 'Ecosystems at Risk', Year 12 investigated the natural and human impacts on the beach and sand dune ecosystems at Windang and Warilla. For this group it was their final Geography excursion and they were treated to wonderful spring weather and a hearty barbeque to finish off a productive day of field work.

## 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 - 12:00pm

**Term 2 Saturday trading**

**5 September**

## CANTEEN ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

We need your help! Please contact Natasha Bennett at Reception if you can spare some time to volunteer in the canteen. Thank you.

## CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 3 WEEK 5B

Thank you to those who have volunteered in Term 2.

<u>Monday 24 August</u>	<u>Tuesday 25 August</u>	<u>Wednesday 26 August</u>	<u>Thursday 27 August</u>	<u>Friday 28 August</u>
<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Mandy Lawson Barbara Goodfellow Sue Allman	Jacqui Parkinson	<b>Assistance Required</b>

## P & F NEWS

The next P & F meeting is at 7:00pm on Tuesday 15 September followed at 7:30pm by a presentation on Curriculum Mapping by Deputy Head – Academic, Mr Steve Armstrong. All welcome.

### New Zealand Abel Tasman Walk for November 2009

Enjoy a walk in one of the world's great parks. Raise some funds for Oxley College and learn the Haka with All Black legend Stu Wilson. You'll experience the delights of Nelson, stay in rustic lodges, walk 50km, swim at secluded beaches and be captivated and surprised. We will be running two trips for 12 people each on November 11-14 and 15-19 under the experienced leadership and guidance of Shaun Martyn and Jim Allman. The cost is \$1850 pp plus airfares and includes all food and accommodation with all proceeds going to the Oxley P&F. As places are limited please register your interest as soon as possible with either Shaun ( 0412 332 638 ) or with Jim ( 0412 124 536).

**Year 8 Family Picnic—Sunday 23 August 2009, 11:30am—4:00pm, Exeter Hall.**

**Please Note: In line with Oxley College Policy, any function that is student- based must be alcohol free. Please BYO non-alcoholic drinks only.**

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award NSW hosted a Gold Award presentation at Government House, Sydney on Saturday 15 August 2009.

The Gold Awardees from Oxley College (past and present students) received their certificate from Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales;

- Annabel Blake (Year 12, 2009)
- Jamie Evans
- Ceinwen Hall (Year 12, 2009)
- Nicholas Kime
- Thomas Patterson
- Matthew Sanderson

Congratulations to all these students for this fine achievement.

## OXLEY SHOP SALE

Oxley Shop will have a **two week sale** from Tuesday 18 until Thursday 27 August, 2009 of the following second hand clothes items:

Winter Overcoats	40% off marked price	Jumpers Sizes 16 – 24	\$10.00
Winter Senior Girls Skirts	40% off marked price	Trousers Sizes 8 – 16	\$ 5.00
Winter Tunics Sizes 16 – 20	40% off marked price	Grey Shorts Sizes 10 – 16	\$10.00
Summer Girls Wide Brim Hats	40% off marked price	Short Sleeved Shirts	\$ 3.00
Summer Tunics	20% off marked price	Senior Girls Overshirts	\$ 3.00

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Blue Light Disco

- The next Blue Light Disco will be on Saturday 29 August, Mittagong RSL Club. Juniors 4:00pm to 6:00pm, \$5-00, mums and dads free. Seniors, 7:30pm to 10.30pm, \$10-00. After 4:00pm, \$15-00, available from auditorium only, NOT RECEPTION. Restricted to 17 years and under.

Pre purchased tickets, (SENIORS ONLY) can be obtained from the following outlets: Bowral and Moss Vale High schools, Bowral/Picton and Mittagong Subway, Michell's Patisserie in Tahmoor, Mittagong RSL Club, Backburn in Bowral and Moss Vale Sports Store. Tickets must be paid for at time of purchase and no tickets will be kept for collection. Those travelling on the free buses must show their pre-purchased ticket to bus driver on inward journey. NO TICKET NO RIDE.

Special guest at both venues will be Rebecca Breeds, who plays "RUBY" in the T.V series, "HOME & AWAY".

### Bert Flugelman Sculpture

- Bert Flugelman fundraiser cocktail party on Friday 28 August, 6pm-8pm at the Milk Factory Gallery, Bowral. Monies raised will go towards the erection of a wonderful sculpture donated by Bert Flugelman to be located in Corbett Plaza, Bowral.

Live auction of three works by Max Miller, Glen Preece and Bert Flugelman. Cost \$50 per head. Dress: smart casual. Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm. RSVP : 21 August, Telephone 02 48621077 or email [gallery@milkfactorygallery.com.au](mailto:gallery@milkfactorygallery.com.au).

### Microsoft Office Enterprise 2007—Half Price until 31 October 2009

- Students can pick up the latest software for only \$74.90 inc GST including media and postage.  
Eligibility Requirements : • Current full time student enrolled in an Australian school • provide School ID Card  
Log onto [www.computelec.com.au](http://www.computelec.com.au) or contact the Education Centre on 1300 36 1988 or email [ccd@computelec.com.au](mailto:ccd@computelec.com.au)  
All orders must be received prior to 30 October 2009.