

HEAD'S COMMENT:

Foundation Day

On behalf of the Chairman of the Oxley College Board of Governors, Mr Murray Walker, and myself, I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for the efforts made in preparing for Foundation Day and for the tasks carried out so well last Friday night. I received a lot of very positive comments from parents and invited guests about the evening. These comments were about the music, with Jillian Visser and Shaunagh Bentley as soloists, Jacob Sargeant with his speech, Nat Willoughby and Kate Allman for their official roles and also the wonderful department displays. The feedback I received about our guest speaker, Mrs Louisa Barnett Royds, from students and adults was excellent. It was a lot of work for a great number of staff, students and parents and we were rewarded with an excellent evening. I also acknowledge the significant work load undertaken by Mrs Kate Cunich as chair of the Planning Committee for Foundation Day.

Again, thank you and congratulations to all involved.

I took the opportunity on Foundation Day to present and outline the responsibilities of the Board of Governors and the relationship between the Board of Governors and the Head of College. I have included a copy below for those who, unfortunately, missed Foundation Day. I hope this assists parents with an understanding of the operation of Oxley College.

Responsibilities of the Board of Governors of Oxley College

The Constitution calls for a maximum of ten Governors. At present the Board consists of ten Governors including four current parents. The responsibilities of the Board of Governors of Oxley College include:

The oversight of the Constitution of Oxley College; The development and oversight of the implementation of the Strategic Plan; The selection, appointment, induction and mentoring of new Governors; The establishment of policy ensuring appropriate processes for risk management and compliance with the application of high ethical standards; The reviewing and approving of the annual budget and monitoring on-going financial performance and approving major capital expenditures and acquisitions.

The Board also: Determine the role to be delegated to the Head of College; Select, appoint and review the performance of the Head of College; and Monitor, through the Head of College, the performance of the College and management policies to obtain the best possible value for its students, parents, academic staff, administration, alumni and community.

To achieve these responsibilities, the Board ensures effective and appropriate management of Board business through the following committees: Building, Development, Finance, Foundation, Governance, Marketing, Strategic Planning.

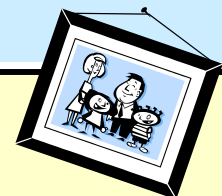
The Board of Governors provide their time, experience and expertise on a voluntary basis.

Role of the Head of College

The Head of College is responsible to the Board of Governors. The Head of College's role is to implement the Strategic Plan and ensure management policies are in place to obtain the best possible for Oxley students, parents, academic staff, administration, alumni and community. The Head of College is the employing officer for all staff.

Earlier this week, Mr S. Shanker Pradhananga who is the National Director of the SOS Children's Villages in Nepal, visited Oxley College. The organisation Mr Pradhananga directs in Nepal provides education and accommodation to Nepalese children, including a significant number of orphaned and abandoned children. Mr Pradhananga received the National Citizen Service Award for Nepal in February 2009. (This award is similar to our Australian of the Year). Their website is: <http://www.sosnepal.org.np/>. Mr Pradhananga is photographed with Mr Williamson, Kate Allman and Nat Willoughby after Assembly this week. The students were privileged to listen to Mr Pradhananga speak about his work in Nepal.





More about Boundaries and Consequences; Whose problem is this?

Isn't it true that if we are allowed to pay for our mistakes, we learn by them? The Law of Sowing and Reaping is a law that we depend upon daily, both positively and negatively. Consequences transfer the need to be responsible from the parent to the child. Consequences make it the *child's problem*. My behaviour becomes a problem for me. Too many times the young person's behaviour does not become a problem for *them*. Instead parents allow the problem to become a problem for them instead of their children. Remember the young person needs to try to solve the problem. I cannot say how many times well meaning parents intervene to prevent a young person receiving a detention because they do not want them to be in trouble instead of allowing them to face the consequences for their own actions.

ADVANCED NOTICE—OLE! (OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES) 2009

The following weeks will see the unveiling of the new-look programmes for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme and education outside the classroom (previously known as Outdoor Education). All students from Year 7 – 10 will be involved in a special off-campus enrichment programme which we have titled OLE! (Other Learning Experiences) which will run in Term 4, Week 1. This change of focus is the result of the co-curricular and outdoor education reviews conducted in 2008 and promises to be an exciting opportunity for our students to experience active, community and cultural activities. Please expect further detailed information in this newsletter and on the website.

CAREERS CORNER by PHILLIPA CONDON, CAREERS COUNSELLOR

The year is fast advancing and in regard to universities and GAP years, information is becoming abundant. I encourage those families who have not yet registered at Career Central to register soon so that you are kept informed about such events. **Careers Central** is a web based organisation that relays all pertinent information for students who wish to enter the work force or continue to TAFE or university. As parents and members of Oxley Community you can register with them and be sent relevant information on a regular basis or use this site to gain information for your child. To register please go to <http://www.oxleylearning.org/portal/node/63> and follow the registration procedure. Careers Central website also contains many support areas that all students will find relevant.

New Link

Every Friday I pass information on to the **Year 11 and 12 students** at Senior Assembly. As this is increasing and is a lot to take in, I am attaching all this information to the Careers Webpage. Please follow the link and get the weekly information <http://oxleylearning.org/careers/>. Some of this information will also be helpful to **Year 10 students**. Use this link each week to keep informed.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at phillipa.condon@oxley.nsw.edu.au.

CALENDAR:

TERM TWO 2009

Friday	22/5	Excursion Yr 11 Geography: Kiama, 8:00am – 3:15pm Yr 8 Study Skills Course – Rooms 11 & 1, 8:50am —11:50am
Saturday	23/5	ISA Sport R4 Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian (day 1 of 2)
Sunday	24/5	Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian (day 2 of 2)
Monday	25/5	Excursion Yr.12 & Yr.10 VA, National Portrait Gallery, 8:00am – 5:20pm Excursion Y11PDHPE Annersley/Nutristrength Gym, P1 & P2 Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser, Recess
Tuesday	26/5	Incursion Yrs 9 to 12 Drama—The Stones (Hoskins Hall)
Wednesday	27/5	Excursion Yr.10 Food Tech, Mittagong RSL & McDonalds, 8:30am-10:30am Yr.9 & Yr.10 ICAS Computer Skills Competition during class, 11:30am—12:30pm Excursion Kayaking Kangaroo River, 1:10pm—6:30pm Hockey Umpires course—G1, 3:45pm—5:15pm
Thursday	28/5	Vaccinations Yr.7 Varicella & HPV2 Incursion Yr.9, 10, 11 Maths Financial Mathematics—During Classes NSWCIS Cross Country Competition Eastern Creek

EQUESTRIAN NEWS

Recently, six Oxley Riders competed at the Galston High Show Jumping competition; Felicity and Rebecca Weal, Maddie Aliprandi, Caitlin Guy, Jacqueline Basquil and Phillipa Lawson. All riders performed extremely well culminating in a tie with Galston High for Champion School. Phillipa also received Champion Year 8 rider and Jacqueline was Reserve Year 8 rider.



HOCKEY UMPIRING COURSE

Hockey players, umpires and parents are invited to attend an umpiring course at Oxley College on Wednesday 27 May. The aim of this 90 minute session is for players (and existing or aspiring umpires) to improve their knowledge of the game, especially in relation to recent rule changes. The course will be held in the PE Centre from 3:45pm. Please contact Peter Freeman via email peter.freeman@oxley.nsw.edu.au or call 0425 376 242.

SNOW SPORTS NEWS

If your child is interested in representing the College in Skiing and/or Snowboarding, please see Mr Wansey or look on the Oxley website for further information. It is a perfect opportunity to represent the school at the NSW Regional, NSW State and the Australian Snowsports Championships. The Northern Region Championships are being held at Perisher Blue during the second week of the July Holidays. If you are planning a ski holiday this year come and join the Oxley team. Entries close mid June.

SPORT FIXTURES—SATURDAY 23 MAY

Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Team Coach	Transport
RUGBY <i>MiC – Mr T Bevan 0416 293328</i>					
13's	BMGS	Oxley	10:00am		Own transport
14's	BMGS	Oxley	11:00am		Own transport
15's	BMGS	Oxley	10:00am		Own transport
16's	BMGS	Oxley	11:00am		Own transport
1st XV		Oxley	12:15pm		Own transport
TENNIS <i>MiC – Mrs P Fishburn 0433 112003</i>					
Open	St Pius X	Tennis World, N.Ryde	08:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 2:30pm
13's	St Pius X	Tennis World, N.Ryde	08:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 2:30pm
14's	St Pius X	Tennis World, N.Ryde	08:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 2:30pm
15's	St Pius X	Tennis World, N.Ryde	08:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 2:30pm
17's	St Pius X	Tennis World, N.Ryde	08:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 2:30pm
NETBALL <i>MiC – MS J McVean 0405129652</i>					
Firsts	Redlands 4	N. Beaches I.S.C, Warriewood	09:00am		Depart 6:00am Return 1:00pm
Inter. A	SACS	Noel Martin, Rec Ctre, Syd Uni	09:00am		Depart 6:45am Return 1:00pm
Inter. B	Redlands	N. Beaches I.S.C, Warriewood	09:00am		Depart 6:00am Return 1:00pm
Inter. C	Redlands	N. Beaches I.S.C, Warriewood	09:00am		Depart 6:00am Return 1:00pm
Junior A	SACS	Noel Martin, Rec Ctre, Syd Uni	10:15am		Depart 6:45am Return 1:00pm
Junior B	SACS	Noel Martin, Rec Ctre, Syd Uni	09:00am		Depart 6:45am Return 1:00pm
ISA FOOTBALL <i>MiC – Mr R Connor 0424 745401</i>					
13's	St Pius X 13B	Chevalier	09:00am		Own transport
15s	St Pius X 15B	Chevalier	10:05am		Own transport
1st XI	St Pius X 3rd XI	Chevalier	11:10am		Own transport
HOCKEY <i>MiC – Mr P Freeman 0425376242</i>					
Jnr A	Blue Mountains G/S	Oxley	10:00am		Own transport
Jnr B	Blue Mountains G/S	Oxley	11:00am		Own transport
Firsts	Bye				Own transport
FENCING <i>MiC – Mr N Wansey 0416 213328</i>					
	NSW Teams Finals	Newington	09:00am		Own transport
EQUESTRIAN <i>MiC – Mrs J Pugh 0412 947026</i>					
23-24 May	Hunter Valley				Own transport

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Stephen McNaught who has been selected for the CIS team for the upcoming "Hockey Fest"

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION—YEAR 12

On Monday 4 May, twenty Year 12 Geography students travelled to Pyrmont in Sydney to investigate at first hand the progress of urban renewal in the inner city precinct. This was part of their HSC course on 'Urban Dynamics'. All were treated to a beautiful, warm Autumn day. The students walked a trail through the heart of Pyrmont, observing and recording various aspects of the redevelopment that has taken place there. The day included a visit to the offices of the media company 'Shooting Star' on the heritage-listed Jones' Bay Wharf, a talk given by the marketing manager of the trans-national property developer 'Lend Lease' at Jackson's Landing and a relaxing ferry cruise on Sydney Harbour to finish off the day.



OXLEY RECYCLING

This week, a new recycling programme has been implemented at Oxley College. The College has received several yellow recycling bins and students have been instructed on how to use these bins. The yellow bins around the school will be used for newspapers, paper, cardboard, magazines and advertising, plastic containers and bottles with symbols 1,2,3,4 and 5, steel and aluminium cans, milk and juice cartons, empty aerosol cans with nozzle removed and clean and empty paint cans. Students have discussed recycling in their tutor groups and we look forward to a successful recycling programme at Oxley College.



THE OXLEY SHOP

Tuesday	12:30pm - 04:00pm	Term 2 Saturday trading June 6
Wednesday	08:30am - 11:30am and 12:30pm – 04:00pm	
Thursday	08:30am- 09:30am and 12:30pm – 02:30pm	
Saturdays	First and Third Saturday of each month 10:00am – 12:00 noon	

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2 WEEK 5B

Thank you to those who have volunteered for May. If you are available in June, please contact Reception.

<u>Monday 25 May</u>	<u>Tuesday 26 May</u>	<u>Wednesday 27 May</u>	<u>Thursday 28 May</u>	<u>Friday 22 May</u>
Prue Walker	Diana Cavanagh	Jacqui Parkinson	Debi Mays Jane Kent	Angelique Aksenoff

P & F NEWS

A P & F information evening is scheduled for Tuesday 16 June at 7:30pm in the David Wright Library. Further information will be available in the weeks ahead.

Trivia Night

All Parents and Friends are invited to the famous Oxley Trivia night on Friday 29 May at 7.00pm in Hoskins Hall. If you would like to play, please call the office to register your name or team (8 to 10 people). This is always a fun night. You just need to bring your own food and drink and tickets are \$10 at the door.

Foundation Night

A big thank you to all those parents who helped on Foundation Night with the serving of tea/coffee and the selling of Oxley merchandise and raffle tickets.

Year 11 Parents Get Together You are invited to an evening at 'Fentons at The Grand' on Friday 19 June 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Join us again for a fun and relaxing evening in the elegant Fentons private function room at The Grand Hotel. Enjoy a drink and a selection of delicious finger food and catch up with other Year 11 parents. After 8:00pm, you are welcome to dine with us at The Grand Brasserie (directly downstairs from Fentons). Please RSVP: Wednesday 10 June (with payment).

Direct all enquiries to Year 11 Parent Representatives:

Jenni Vild 48621671 or Kate Armstrong 48614616 or Caroline Trail 48615185.

Year 12 Parents Get Together

Friday 12 June, 2009 from 7:00pm– 9:00pm at the Gibraltar Country Club, Boronia Street, Bowral.

Come along for an evening of pleasant music, great food and loads of laughter – we hope!

De-stress with us as we head towards the final months of the HSC year. You should have received invitations last week with all the details. Please RSVP by 1 June 2009.

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION—YEAR 10

Year 10 had an interesting day investigating the various management strategies used at Warilla Beach to protect housing, rehabilitate sand dunes and maintain the opening of Lake Illawarra. Human impact on coastal dunes has been extensive in Shellharbour Council, one of Australia's fastest growing regions with 50% of the population under 30 years of age. Students considered the effectiveness of various strategies including a Rip Rap Wall, Groyne, Park facilities, Break Walls and Sand Dune Restoration and Revegetation.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Cannabis: Everything you need to know

This 2 ½ hour free workshop on Friday 3 July is to provide participants with the latest up to date information and research on cannabis use. Places are limited so be sure to book early. Contact Robyn Betland on 4862 2052 or email lpvc@bigpond.com by the 29 May 2009.

Fresh Hope Drop-In for 12-18 Year Olds

Fridays 4-7pm Come For Free

Fridays 7-8 pm Topical Discussion—Discovering more about who Jesus is.

Dates : 22 May/29 May/5 June/12 June/19 June/26 June/3 July.

Please Contact Tamara Crowther 0412 962 144 or Tamaracrowther@hotmail.com

Address : 56 Wingecarribee Street Bowral

Amazing Musical Journeys with Andrew Ford - The Symphony.

A one-day workshop for music lovers on Sunday 21 June 2009 from 10am - 4pm at the CTC@Robertson 58-60 Hoddle Street, Robertson (opp. Murray Tractors). Cost: \$70/\$50, includes delicious morning/ afternoon tea and lunch. Bookings: http://www.robertsonctc.org.au/Imagesshed/amazingjourneys_screen.pdf and send to CTC@Robertson, PO Box 3069, Robertson 2577, or fax to: 4885 2664. Enquiries: ph: 4885 2665 or info@robertsonctc.org.au.