



Weekly Record

Friday 23 April 2010

HEAD'S COMMENT:

Virtues

Since the start of this year, each Weekly Record contains an attribute from the five groupings of Virtues outlined in the Oxley College Strategic Directions. This attribute is also highlighted during our Assembly on the Tuesday of the same week. We are currently working through the attributes indicated under Humanity. Humanity is about caring for others and ourselves. The third of the attributes under Humanity is **Respect** and this attribute is about honouring yourself and others by celebrating both differences and similarities.

We held our Anzac Day Assembly on Tuesday as part of our normal school assembly time and were fortunate enough to hear from Mr Ross Spirou who was in the merchant navy during the Vietnam War.

It was also fortuitous that we were highlighting **Respect** this week as I was able to use the wonderful example provided by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk (1881-1938), who led an Ottoman regiment in defence against the Allies at Gallipoli, was also Turkey's first president and is regarded as 'the father of the nation'.

One of our War Memorials in Canberra is the Kemal Ataturk Memorial. The memorial is a crescent-shaped wall derived from the symbol on the Turkish flag and designed by Turkish sculptor Huseyin Gazer. In the centre section is a bust of Kemal Ataturk and inscribed in the south west corner is the crescent and star symbol of the Turkish flag. To the south of the memorial are two flag poles which fly the Australian and Turkish flags and further south again is a notice board with a description in both English and Turkish. A canister containing soil from Gallipoli has been placed in the ground at the memorial's centre.

The memorial honours the heroism and sacrifice of both the Anzac and Turkish troops who took part in the campaign. The words inscribed on the central panel of the memorial are Ataturk's tribute to those Anzacs who did not return from Gallipoli.

THOSE HEROES THAT SHED THEIR BLOOD
AND LOST THEIR LIVES... YOU ARE
NOW LYING IN THE SOIL OF A FRIENDLY
COUNTRY. THEREFORE REST IN PEACE.
THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE
JOHNNIES AND MEHMETS TO US
WHERE THEY LIE SIDE BY SIDE HERE IN
THIS COUNTRY OF OURS... YOU, THE
MOTHERS, WHO SENT THEIR SONS FROM
FARAWAY COUNTRIES WIPE AWAY YOUR
TEARS; YOUR SONS ARE NOW LYING IN
OUR BOSOM AND ARE IN PEACE. AFTER
HAVING LOST THEIR LIVES ON THIS LAND
THEY HAVE BECOME OUR SONS AS WELL.

KEMAL ATATURK

Mustafa Kemal Ataturk wrote this tribute in 1934 both giving and gaining significant respect.

Anzac Day Service - Bowral

Oxley College students have traditionally also been involved with the Anzac Day Services held in our local area and our focus this year will be the Services held at Bowral. A Dawn Service will occur at the Bowral War Memorial at 5:50am on Sunday 25 April and this will be followed by the main Service that commences with a march at 10:35am followed by a Service at War Memorial Park commencing at 11:00am. At this Service a wreath will be laid by Winston Bradley (Head Boy) and Montana Mays (Head Girl).

Winston and Montana will also lead the Oxley College students who choose to march on the day. I encourage students who are in the area on Anzac Day to join Winston and Montana in the march. The details are:

Venue: Coles Car Park
Time: 10:00am
Dress: Oxley College winter uniform

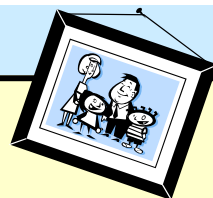
The march will conclude at the Bowral War Memorial Park and is followed immediately by the Anzac Service. The Service should conclude just before 12 noon.

I look forward to seeing many Oxley students on Sunday 25 April as we take time to pause and reflect.

Staff

Ms Anna Phillips had an operation on Thursday and will be on sick leave during Term 2. We wish Ms Phillips a speedy recovery to full health and expect Ms Phillips to return to full-time teaching at the start of Term 3. During this absence Mrs Deborah Brake and Mrs Margaret Maronese will be teaching Ms Phillips' classes and Mrs Nel MacBean will assume responsibility for the Mawson House Tutor Group. We are very fortunate to have secured the services of Mrs Brake, Mrs Maronese and Mrs MacBean during this term.

Ms Catherine Hurth will be leaving her part-time French teaching position at Oxley at the end of this week to pursue further opportunities in adult education. However, Ms Hurth will visit senior Oxley College French classes on a regular basis as a French conversation teacher to support the work of our Language Department. Again, we are very fortunate to have Mrs Nel MacBean on staff who is a qualified and experienced French teacher as she will be taking the classes previously taught by Ms Hurth.



How to promote resilience in young people

- Try to promote a sense of family life in which people feel they belong to the family and that their thoughts, tastes and opinions are listened to (if not always agreed with).
- Have positive expectations for your children.
- Provide them with opportunities for meaningful participation by giving them **age appropriate** responsibilities. Make sure that they do not feel responsible for things that are outside their ability to have any control over ie relationship issues between parents, financial matters within family etc.
- Select a school that you believe they can fit into, and where they can gain a sense of competence.
- Protect children from feeling that they have to grow up too quickly, by maintaining family rules and boundaries.
- Try to keep their friendship groups as diverse as possible and ensure that they have at least one group of friends outside school.
- Encourage them to belong to at least one club.
- Maintain family celebrations, anniversaries, rituals etc.
- Try to encourage a sense of curiosity about the world and life in general.
- Most importantly nourish your own resilience and well being so that you can show them how to live life!

CAREERS CORNER by Phillipa Condon, Careers Counsellor

Term 2 sees Year 10 having introductory classes to Career Paths, understanding how school subjects can be essential for real life situations and later undertaking a Vocational Inventory Assessment to help them identify potential Careers and therefore what subjects are necessary for Years 11 and 12. The results of this assessment will be available at the end of term and each student will receive an individual report that both parents and students can peruse over the next holidays. At the information evening at the beginning of Term 3 I will discuss this further but if any parents wish to make individual appointments to meet with me and discuss this in further detail please do not hesitate to make an appointment by going to the website <http://oxleylearning.org/careers/> and clicking on the "Book An Appointment" link on the right hand side of the page. I am available before school and during school hours on Thursdays and Fridays.

REV (RELIGION, ETHICS, VALUES)

Continued from last term – Part of a unit of work with Year 9 on Science and Religion. Please feel free to comment!!

"In our world", says Eustace, 'a star is a huge ball of flaming gas'.

'Even in your world, my son, *that is not what a star is but only what it is made of*'.

The exercise consists of them drawing up a table with 2 columns and then thinking about this distinction between what something is and what something is made of.

What something is made of	What something <i>is</i>
Birthday cake	
Home	
Star/Sun	

The point is to help them see that the field of meaning, about which religious language speaks is not the same as the field of meaning and experience about which science speaks.

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

As part of the free NSW School Based Vaccination Program a team of specially trained Registered Nurses will be visiting the College on Thursday 29 April to complete Clinic 2 for Year 7 students. The schedule is as follows:

- dTpa Dose 1 of 1 **All** Year 7 students
- HPV Dose 2 of 3 **All Female** Year 7 students

An information package and consent form regarding the dTpa Vaccination has been posted to each Year 7 family. Consent forms should be handed to tutors or to Student Services no later than Tuesday 27 April. If no vaccination is required would you please assist us by notifying Student Services. Students without consent forms cannot be vaccinated.

Consent for each dose of the HPV Vaccination was given with completion of one consent form which is held on file. If your daughter missed the first HPV Clinic she will have to attend her GP to be given this vaccination.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Benjamin and Brayden Boaden who will both represent Australia at the World Titles for Koshiki Martial Arts to be held in Dallas in August this year. Benjamin and Brayden have reached this representative level through their success at the Australian National Titles in 2009. Benjamin was placed 2nd in his division and Brayden won his division. Both boys have significant competitive experience at Regional, State, National and International levels and we wish them every success in their preparation for the World Titles.

The following students have been appointed as Captains of Winter Sports Teams. We congratulate them on their appointment and thank them in anticipation of their leadership.

- Fencing – Nathaniel Jensen
- Football - Tomas Beuzen
- Hockey – Eliza Roche
- Netball – Montana Mays
- Rugby – Robert Wiltshire
- Tennis – Benjamin Cant
- Snowsports – Timothy Sanderson

EQUESTRIAN REPORT

During the Easter holidays Edwina Hutton-Potts and Aiyana Levin competed at the 2010 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Combined, they competed in a total of eleven classes. Highlights from the event for Edwina were: 2nd in led ANSA (Australian National Saddlehorse Association) Mare 14-15 hands, 3rd Ridden ANSA Stallion, Mare or Gelding 14-15 hands and 4th Mount, Rider and Equipment, Girl 15-17 years. Aiyana's included: 1st led ANSA Gelding over 15 hands, Best led ANSA Gelding, 4th Ridden ANSA Stallion, Mare or Gelding over 16 hands and 5th Mount, Rider and Equipment, Girl 15-17 years.

SPORT FIXTURES

Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Team Coach	Transport
Rugby <i>MiC – Mr Tristan Bevan Mobile 0414 882 707</i>					
1st XV	St Gregory's A	St Gregory's #1	1:45pm	Mr Bevan	Bus Depart 8:45am Return 4:45pm
16s	St Paul's	St Gregory's #1	11:00am	Mr Lesslie	Bus Depart 8:45am Return 4:45pm
15s	St Gregory's	St Gregory's #2	9:30am	Mr Lawson	Bus Depart 7:30am Return 2:45pm
14s	St Paul's	St Gregory's #2	11:30am	Mr Wansey	Bus Depart 7:30am Return 2:45pm
Football <i>MiC—Mr Richard Connor 0424 745 401</i>					
16s	BMGS 16B	BMGS	11:15am	Stuart Forlonge	Bus Depart 8:50am Return 3:30pm
14s	BMGS 14B	BMGS	10:00am	Mr M Campbell	Bus Depart 8:50am Return 3:30pm
13s	BMGS 14C	BMGS	12:15am		Bus Depart 8:50am Return 3:30pm
<i>* Please note there are no games for Tennis, Hockey or Netball this week.</i>					

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	1 May 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 26 April ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 27 April Catherine Fraser	Wednesday 28 April Sue Allman Jane Kent	Thursday 29 April Lauraine Worthington	Friday 30 April Catherine Guy
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CALENDAR: TERM TWO 2010

23/4	Fri	Yr. 11 & 12 Chemistry Excursion, Bluescope Steel, Wollongong
26/4	Mon	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
27/4	Tues	Inter-House Public Speaking Apeldoorn School, Holland visit, Day 1 of 6 Yr. 11 & 12 Incursion, Visual Arts
28/4	Wed	Yr. 10 Visual Arts Excursion, National Portrait Gallery
29/4	Thurs	Yr.7 Vaccinations, 8:50am Dutch Excursion Huskisson Wharf/Nowra Wildlife Park



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STUDY SKILLS AND STRATEGIES COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 10

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, 17, 24 and 31 May. For further details visit 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.

ENGLISH AND MATHS TUTORING

English and Maths tutoring has commenced already. English tutoring will be held on Tuesday and Thursday's at lunchtime in Room 14 and Maths tutoring will be on Tuesday mornings at 8:00am in Room 4. All are welcome. Arrive early to get a seat.

FOUND

A boys bicycle has been left on the school grounds since last Christmas. If it belongs to you please see Mrs Morrow at Student Services.

OXLEY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

We are delighted to announce our new Oxley College Scholarship Programme

Eight scholarships of 50% remission of tuition fees are available:

Three junior scholarships for students entering Year 7 in 2011

(One scholarship will be means tested)

Three intermediate scholarships for students entering Year 9 in 2011

(One scholarship will be means tested and current Oxley students are only eligible for one of the three scholarships)

Two senior scholarships for non-Oxley students entering Year 11 in 2011

Two **Grahame Smees Scholarships** of 100% remission of tuition fees are available for students entering Year 11 in 2011:

(one for a boy and one for a girl)

Please contact Emma Calver on 4861 1366 for further scholarship information,

Deadline for Scholarship Applications: Friday 7 May 2010.

Scholarship Interview Day: Saturday 29 May 2010.

Please note: Students do not need to sit the ACER Scholarship Test.

P & F NEWS

P & F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be on Tuesday 18 May 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 to follow.

YEAR 10 PARENTS

Please make a note in your diaries that this year's Year 10 get together is going to be held at The Briars on Friday 21 May. Invitations will be sent out soon.

YEAR 7 GET TOGETHER

The Year 7 get together will be a family picnic on Sunday 2 May 2010 at Burrawang Oval at 12 noon. Invitations have been sent. Please note: Change in cost - \$5 per person. (\$20 cap per family).