

HEAD'S COMMENT:

Deceit and Credibility

I, at times, deal with boys and girls who have made poor decisions. They have chosen to do the wrong thing. This may be a deliberate act or one based on ignorance. They simply did not think before they did something or they did not realise what the effect would be on others.

Everyone can make a poor decision – how the individual then reacts is most important. Adults need to guide the behaviour of our children and model the appropriate behaviour. The following may assist parents when discussing these issues with their child.

At times people will lie. Some believe that if they can lie and get away with it they have won! Nothing could be further from the truth. We need to reflect on our feelings about people we know have lied to us. We also need to reflect on how devastating it is when someone we trust lies to us. Guiding our children to reflect on these feelings can assist them with an understanding of the impact of deceit.

We need to inform our children that deceit is also about saying the right thing yet doing the wrong thing. This is deceitful to others and to us. Ensuring that our actions match our words is very important.

We need to guide our children to have respect for people who admit to their errors, who are upfront, who accept that there are consequences for their behaviour, who attempt to undo any damage they have done, who learn from this experience and then do not repeat the same mistake again.

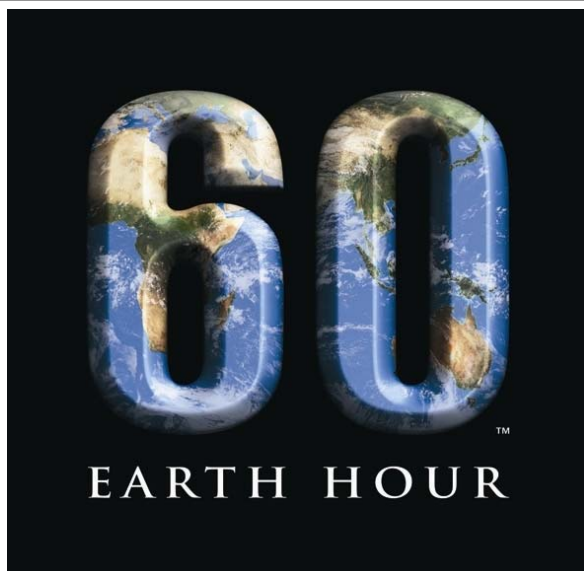
Being honest in both word and action provides each of us with credibility.

Careers

In the Careers Corner of this edition of the Weekly Record, Mrs Phillipa Condon advises parents and students that she has a number of tickets to the annual HSC and Careers Expo at Randwick Racecourse. This event will be held from Friday 4 June until Sunday 6 June this year. I urge parents of Years 11 and 12 to follow up this offer and seriously consider accompanying their son or daughter to the Expo. Although Saturday 5 June is the Back to Oxley Day with full sport at Oxley, the Sunday would be an excellent opportunity to visit the Expo. As young adults are considering their future, opportunities such as the Expo can be very useful, particularly when accompanied by at least one parent.

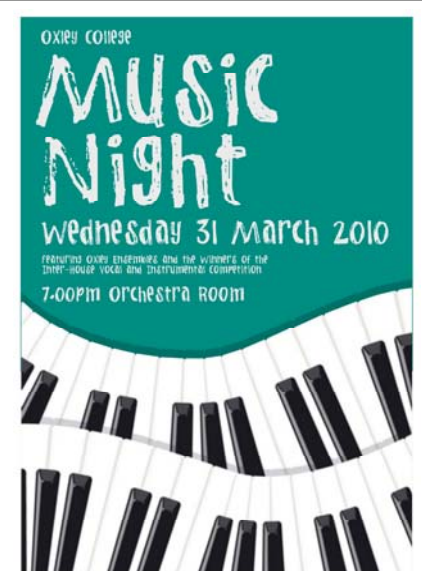
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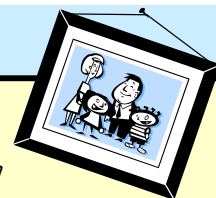
Humanity is about caring for others and ourselves. The first of the attributes under Humanity is **Kindness**. **Kindness** is doing favours and good deeds for others.



**EARTH HOUR
AT OXLEY COLLEGE
SATURDAY 27 MARCH,
7PM**

We would love to see you all at Earth Hour this Saturday. It is not too late to book a ticket—just call Oxley College reception or buy a ticket on the night.





More from *Raising Real People* – Andrew Fuller

Is it clear who is in charge?

"Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work better as benevolent dictatorships in which the parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say. (This is a changeable feast as the child gets older – the challenge is to make decisions feel like a win/win and assist older children towards independence). Some parents fear that if they take control they will lose the friendships of their children, but often the reverse is true. In families where parents refuse to take their role seriously, children may feel that to express their independence they will need to behave badly until someone takes notice. Children in these families can also become worried that they may have to be a parent to their own parents. To parent your own parents can turn you into a grandparent, which can be really confusing."

It is important that this style of parenting begin early and that it be consistent. If you wait until the child is a teenager and then try to impose discipline and boundaries, it is often too late. The young person will feel rebellious, and probably act rebelliously – it a bit like bolting the door after the horse has bolted. The most important tool you have in your kit is that of respect and even if your adolescent does not want to toe the line, they will probably do so out of respect if you have earned the respect in the early years. You can't change from friend to parent with accompanying rules if they have not been established and enforced earlier on.

CAREERS CORNER by Phillipa Condon, Careers Counsellor

Years 10, 11 and 12

From Friday 4 June until Sunday 6 June 2010, the Sydney Morning Herald will be holding its annual HSC and Careers Expo at Randwick Racecourse. I cannot stress enough how important it is that parents and students become as informed as possible as to what the HSC involves and just how many career paths and avenues are available to students today. Please visit the following website and view particularly the seminar link <http://www.hscandcareers.com.au/>. At the Expo the Board of Studies explains and "demystifies" the ATAR and UAC process. I attended last year and found it informative and enlightening and came away with a greater understanding of the process. The Board of Studies also has separate discussion times for the HSC subjects and other presenters. They also have booths where you can find out more information.

I am able to give away 50 free tickets to this Expo and encourage as many as possible to attend. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me on a Thursday or Friday or make an appointment via the website at <http://oxleylearning.org/careers/>.

Also a reminder that the Defence Forces will be at Oxley next Tuesday 30 March and all interested parents are most welcome to attend. The information session will be in the PE Centre from 10:50am to 1:00pm.

REV (RELIGION, ETHICS, VALUES)

This is an extract from a unit of work in Year 11 on Love. The unit of work is called "What Does Make the World Go Round?"

The unit begins by looking at things that might be thought to be love, but are in fact substitutes. Much of the unit is taken from the writings of Dr Felicity McCutcheon. (Head of REV at Melbourne Grammar).

"The refusal to acknowledge a reality outside your own is what is known as narcissism. That is what it means to be self-absorbed. It shows in people who refuse to accept criticism, or refuse to face up to truths about themselves. One of the terrible consequences of being self-absorbed is that you become self-deceived. You believe things about yourself that are false.

It is easy to see that we all have narcissistic tendencies. A newborn baby and very young children are completely narcissistic because they have not developed a distinction between themselves and a reality independent and external to themselves. One of the most important aspects of growing up is learning that you are not at the centre of the universe. If you have ever seen a two year old throw a tantrum in the supermarket you will have seen how painful it is for us to develop what psychologists call 'ego boundaries'. If you have seen an episode of Super Nanny you will see how important it is for children to be taught that they can't always get their own way. Narcissism occurs when we get our own way or when we make the world conform to our will. If narcissists were to form a society their motto would be "It's all about Me".

NSW PREMIER READING CHALLENGE 2010 (PRC)

All students in Year 7 & 8 have been introduced to the PRC website. With their unique username and password, students are able to record the books they have read at home as well as at school. Students were encouraged to store their logon details and directions in their diaries.

Parents can encourage their child by logging onto the site with them and viewing the reading list: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>.

REMEMBER:

Students will complete the reading challenge by:

- reading at least 20 titles (15 from the PRC list and five of own choice).
- registering the books they have read, at school or home, on the online reading log.
- returning a parent verification form supporting that these books have been read.
- completing by 1 September 2010.

BONUS:

OPSM Eye Love books

OPSM is running **Eye Love Books** from 1 February to 1 April 2010. For every student having an eye test during the Eye Love Books campaign, OPSM will donate \$5 worth of books to the student's school library. Oxley College has been registered. Mrs Fishburn.

CRICKET PRESENTATION EVENING

On Thursday 18 March, the Oxley cricket players, their families, coaches and 1st XI umpires, gathered in the new Outdoor Learning Area outside 'Elvo', to celebrate the end of the 2009-2010 season. A very pleasant time was enjoyed at this annual barbeque and presentation evening. All the players were recognised for their fine efforts during the season including their spirit, sportsmanship and performances on the field. Particular mention goes to the Player's Player award winners; Hamish Rocca, Jackson Crane, Justin Middleton, Luther Canute and James Sutherland.



Inaugural 'Best & Fairest' trophies went to Aidan Brown (Under 16s) and Luther Canute (Under 14s). Century makers Stephen McNaught, Hamish Rocca and Max Moran were also recognised, as was William Lawson for taking a hat-trick. Many thanks go to the ground staff, particularly Shane McDonnell, for preparing the pitches and grounds, and to the parents for their wonderful support, particularly those who coached, scored and umpired during the season.



ISA CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Last Saturday, the Cross Country Team travelled to Central Coast Grammar School to compete in the ISA Cross Country Carnival. The weather was hot and the course hilly.

The girls had an exceptional day. The senior (17 years and over) and intermediate (15 and 16 years) girls came second in their divisions with the girls team placed 3rd overall. The senior and intermediate boys were placed 4th.

Congratulations must go to the 14 Oxley students who were selected in the ISA Cross Country Team to compete at the NSW CIS Championships. They include Madeline Wilson, Alex Pugh, Zoe Binder, Caitlin McMullen, Lia Scambary, Daniel Bollom, Stephanie Allman, Madeleine Monro, Henry Hobson, Tom Hobson, Ian Downs, Tahlia Shaw, Montana Mays and Kate Rutherford.

Thanks must go to Mr Bevan for coaching the team on a Wednesday, Mr Clewett for assisting on the day and to Mrs Ryan for helping to organise the team. Mr Williamson was our number one supporter on the day. Mr Ingall, MIC Cross Country.

CHEVALIER RUGBY GALA DAY- SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2010

Students are to organise their own transport and must arrive at Chevalier at least 40 minutes before their first kick off and report to their coach.

	Main Oval	Sadlier Oval	Coates Oval
9:50	C14 v T14	OXLEY 15 v D15	OXLEY 14 v D14
10:30	C15 v T15	OXLEY 16 v D16	C13 v T13
11:10	OXLEY 1st v D1st	C16 v T16	OXLEY 13 v D13
11:50	C1st v E1st	T15 v D15	C14 v OXLEY 14
12:30	C15 v OXLEY 15	T16 v D16	T14 v D14
1:10	E1st v D1st	C16 v OXLEY 16	C13 v OXLEY 13
1:50	C1st v OXLEY 1st	OXLEY 15 v T15	T13 v D13
2:30	C15 v D15	OXLEY 16 v T16	OXLEY 14 v T14
3:10	OXLEY 1st v E1st	C16 v D16	C14 v D14
3:40	C1st v D1st	C13 v D13	OXLEY 13 v T13

- Game Length - Each game shall consist of two 15 minute halves. All games shall start and finish on a central hooter.
- Parking - Cars may park in the bottom corner of the Main Oval
- Food and Drink - There will be no mobile canteen as in previous years. A BBQ will be operational at the southern end of the Main Oval. Visiting teams are advised to supply their own food and drink.
- Sun Protection - Weather conditions are predicted to be warm. There is limited shade available around the playing fields. We will take our portable shade facilities.

LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

We wish to advise parents that on **Thursday 1 April**, the Library will be closing at **4:00pm**.

CANTEEN ROSTER - TERM 1

Thank you to those who have volunteered in Term 1 2010.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 March	30 March	31 March	1 April	2 April
Nina Redpath	Pamela Baer	Jacqui Parkinson	Assistance Required	School Holidays

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Georgia Kickert, Tahlia Shaw and Morgan Sheargold for their selection in the ISA Swimming Team to compete at the NSW CIS Swimming Championships.
- Alex MacDonald who finished 2nd in the Junior Pairs Division at the Wingello five Hour Mountain Bike race on Sunday. He rode 50kms to achieve this.
- Seven Oxley girls who tried out for the ISA Hockey Representative team. Stephanie Allman was selected for the ISA team. This is her second year in the ISA team and they will play in a CIS tournament during term 2.
- Ossian Deigan who won a Fencing Gold Medal in the Roberta Nutt Shield U/15 Boys Individual Foil last Sunday. There were 34 competitors and Ossian was ranked first after the poules.
- Georgina Beresford whose portraits came first and second in the Open Artwork for students (17-21yrs) recently at the Royal Canberra Show. Her third portrait was selected for the 'Youth Art Advancement Award' from the Canberra Artists' society.
- Phillip Syross who has been selected in the U15 Southern Zone AFL team to play in the State Zone Championships at Riverview this Easter.

We congratulate all these students on these wonderful achievements.

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP TO KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK

On Saturday 13 March, the Year 12 Geography students accompanied by Mr Tim Dibdin and Mr Callum Ross travelled to the Bungarra Alpine Centre in Jindabyne, stopping on route at the Snowy Hydro Centre (and MacDonalds!) in Cooma. On Sunday, the group traversed the 20 kilometre Main Range of 2000 metre peaks from Charlotte Pass via Blue Lake and Mt Kosciusko. The weather was superb and afforded spectacular views right across the Australian Alps. The students learned about the climate, geology, geomorphology and ecology of this fragile environment as an example of an 'ecosystem at risk' (one of the three HSC units of study). In the evening, the students enjoyed the Centre's facilities including competitive matches of pool, table tennis and corridor cricket! Monday saw an early start on a breakfast of pancakes, as the students prepared for a day of field studies with the Kosciusko National Park and Wildlife Education Service. 'Going Up The Mountain', the students investigated three different Alpine environments and assessed the human impacts, including cattle grazing, skiing and summer recreation. Finally, the students attended a Strategic Planning Meeting at the National Park Centre, where in groups they had to research the potential impacts of a new ski resort at Blue Lake and present their results on camera. The students returned to Oxley late on Monday night, exhausted but having enjoyed a worthwhile experience. All were marvellous ambassadors for the College.



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

Saturday trading

1 May 2010

The Oxley Shop will be open during the school holidays and with regular hours. The shop will however, be closed on Saturdays during the holidays.

CALENDAR: TERM ONE 2010

Fri	26/3	School Photo day, All day Mock Trial, 9:00am - 12:00pm
Sat	27/3	Gala Day, Rugby, Chevalier 10:00am - 11:30am Scholarship Information Morning, Orchestra Room, 10:00am - 11:30am P&F Earth Hour - Hoskins Hall, 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Mon	29/3	Yr. 11 & 12 Music HSC Encore Concert, Opera House, Bus Depart 3:45pm, Return 11:00pm
Tues	30/3	Yr. 10, 11 & 12 Careers Incursion, Defence Force Visit, 10:30– 1:00pm
Wed	31/3	Yr. 8 -12 Australian Geography Competition Yr. 12 Drama Incursion Music Night, Orchestra Room, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

P & F NEWS

P & F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be on Tuesday 20 April at 7:30 pm in the David Wright library. All welcome.

EARTH HOUR - SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2010, HOSKINS HALL, 7:00PM

Tickets are available from Oxley College reception or at the door. Please call 4861 1366.

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. Come and relax in the warmth of the open fire in the elegant courtyard at Centennial Vineyards and enjoy a glass of Centennial Vineyards sparkling, white or red wine, beer or soft drink and a selection of their delicious canapes. We look forward to seeing you there. Invitations will be sent shortly.

When : Friday 4 June 2010 Time : 6:30pm - 8:30pm Where: Centennial Vineyards, Centennial Road, Bowral

Cost: \$35 per person (includes a glass of Centennial Vineyards champagne, white or red wine, beer or soft drink and a selection of hot and cold canapés).

RSVP: Tuesday 1 June (with payment) to Natasha Bennett at Oxley College Reception.

YEAR 7 GET TOGETHER

We warmly invite you and your family to the Year 7 Picnic on Sunday 2 May 2010 at Burrawang Oval at 12 noon. The cost will be \$9.00 per person and this will include use of the facilities, succulent roast beef, onions, salad, beetroot, mustard, chutney, relish and rolls. Also a selection of delicious cakes and slices, tea and coffee. Invitations were sent this week.

Bring your own drinks, chairs, picnic rugs, balls, bats and tennis rackets (white soled shoes only on tennis courts please). Enquiries to Year Representatives - Diana Cavanagh 48871114 Karin Evans 48623369 Orissia Turczynski 48621606 Sonia Zawal 48721298

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOP ALONG TO THE BIGGEST EASTER EGG HUNT IN NSW

When : Easter Sunday 4 April 2010

Where : Southern Highlands Wines, Sutton Forest

The hunts will be run as follows:

Toddlers:	9:30 am and again at 11:00 am
Primary:	9:30 am and again at 11:00 am
Secondary:	10:00 am and again at 11:30 am
Adults:	10:00 am and again at 11:30 am
Disabled:	10:30 am

Tickets are on sale now through Tourism Southern Highlands or direct from Southern Highland Wines. Admission (includes egg hunts) is \$10.00 per person (2 year +) or \$35 for a family of four.

- Easter hunt
- Farmyard animals
- Egg painting
- Mini Jeep rides
- Bungee swings
- Rock wall climbing
- Jumping castles
- Egg and spoon races
- Photo opportunities
- Raffles
- Wine tasting

For further information, visit www.harvesthunt.com.au or telephone (02) 4868 2300.

BURRADOO POLOCROSSE CLUB



Polocrosse is a family friendly, team horse sport, played by male and female riders of all ages from Sub-Juniors to Veterans of all riding abilities.

Polocrosse involves athleticism, speed, stamina and most of all fun and has been embraced by countries throughout the world.

For more information please contact Ann Anderson : 4841 0400, Fiona Nixon: nixon@hinet.net.au, Alina Gilpin: allan_alina@hotmail.com or please join the B.P.C. and come along to our Annual Carnival on 17 & 18 April 2010 at Bong Bong Racecourse, Kangaloon Road Bowral.

FEMALE FOOTBALL PLAYERS REQUIRED

Mittagong and Exeter Football Clubs play in the Highlands Soccer Association and still have vacancies available in their women's teams. Girls who are interested can contact Carol Macgraw on 0413 662271 for more information.