

HEAD'S COMMENT:

Oxley College Board of Governors

Monday 25 May saw the Oxley College Limited Annual General Meeting followed by the May General Meeting of the Oxley College Board of Governors.

At the General Meeting, Mr Murray Walker officially stepped down as the Chair of the Board and Mr Frank Conroy assumed the role of Chair of the Board. Mr Walker will remain on the Board and serve on a variety of sub committees. Mr Tony Norris was appointed as a member of the Board.

The table below provides the names and responsibilities of the members of the Oxley College Board of Governors.

Board of Governors Members	Board Responsibility	Sub Committee Responsibilities
Mr Frank Conroy	Chair	Development (Chair), ex-officio on all other Committees
Professor Brian Farrow	Deputy Chair	Foundation, Governance (Chair)
Mrs Julie Naughton	Treasurer	Finance (Chair)
Mrs Linda Emery		Marketing (Chair), Strategic Planning
Mr Eugene Joubert		Strategic Planning (Chair)
Mr Tony Norris		Finance, Governance
Dr Vince Roche		Foundation
Mr Richard Rowe		Building (Chair)
Mr Murray Walker		Building, Finance, Marketing

As outlined at Foundation Day, Mr Martin Lemann has stepped down after 12 consecutive years on the Board but continues as Chairman of the Oxley Foundation and Mrs Marie Fitzpatrick has also stepped down having been a member of the Board since 2001.

As Chair of the Board, Murray Walker has spent an enormous amount of time and energy ensuring I am well supported in my role as Head of College. I have appreciated Murray's energy, availability and wisdom. I would also like to recognise the efforts Murray and Mandy Walker have made over the last 17 months in making Margaret and I feel so welcome.

On behalf of the Oxley College community, I would like to acknowledge and thank Murray Walker, Martin Lemann and Marie Fitzpatrick for their tireless work for the College during many years of service. I am very pleased that Murray Walker will continue as a member of the Board and that Martin Lemann will continue to serve the College as Chair of the Foundation.

Swine Flu

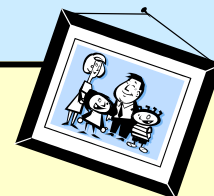
It appears that the maximum incubation period for the Swine Flu virus is seven days. As such, I request that parents contact the College if their child has recently travelled to Mexico, the USA, Canada, Japan or Panama. My interest is in those who have travelled since the recent school holidays.

I ask parents to remind their children, as we will at school, about good hygiene practices as these will minimise the spread of infections. Simple precautions that prevent the catching and spreading of seasonal influenza include:

- covering your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze;
- washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge.

If you, or your child, have recently returned from Mexico, the USA, Canada, Japan or Panama and are feeling unwell with any flu-like symptoms, please see your GP.

More information, including Fact Sheets, can be obtained from the NSW Department of Health website at http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp.



The Law of Sowing and Reaping teaches young people "self control" – one of the basic lessons of life. They realise that they have a choice. If I make a good choice life is better than when I don't make a good choice! If they have the freedom (of course within the boundaries of age appropriateness) to allow choices and then manage the consequences accordingly, they begin to grow into being responsible. When children make bad choices, avoid the "told you so's" and empathise with their loss and gently allow them to face the consequences. You can't just tell your children to exercise self control – they must have the appropriate amount of freedom to actually make a choice and take a risk!! They must be allowed to make a mistake.

CAREERS CORNER by PHILLIPA CONDON, CAREERS COUNSELLOR

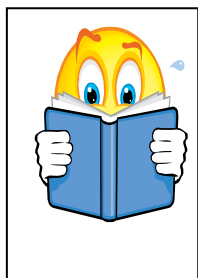
I am hoping many of you have had the opportunity to investigate the ongoing information section at the Careers Corner webpage. The link again is <http://oxleylearning.org/careers/>. This will be updated as new information comes to me so please check regularly.

Last weekend, the inaugural Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo was held at Randwick Racecourse. The students who attended found the Expo informative and it gave them a greater understanding of UAI calculations and Careers post HSC. There will be another Expo on May 29 and 30 at Darling Harbour. However, this will not involve the Board of Studies but Universities, TAFE and Defence Forces as well as many other exhibitors. The web link is <http://www.ecoexpo.com.au/sydney.aspx#exhibitorList>.

I encourage you to attend these Expos as the more information each student has, in regard to their career path, the more informed a decision they can make for their future. I urge any parent who wishes to know more about the process, or to discuss their child's path, to make an appointment to see me. This can be done at the following website <http://oxleylearning.org/careers/>.

LIBRARY NEWS

NSW
Premier's
Reading
Challenge
2009



Has your Year 7 or Year 8 child told you about the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge?

All students in Year 7 & 8 have been registered to participate in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Through the guidance of their English teachers, students will read at least fifteen books from the prescribed book list and five books of their own choosing.

The books read will be recorded on the Reading Log that is accessible via the following website.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge.

After logging onto the site, students can maintain their reading log at school and at home or anywhere they have internet access.

Year 9 students will also be participating in a modified way as the English Unit they are starting will require a specific amount of reading.

This Reading Challenge has the added interest in that the students from the House that has read the most books between May 1 and September 1 will have a Sausage Sizzle as winners of the competition.

CALENDAR:

TERM TWO 2009

Fri	29/5	Excursion Yr 12 Food Tech to Sydney Tower Restaurant, 6:15am-4:45pm Excursion Yr 9 History Bradman Museum, 1:20pm-2:45pm P&F Trivia Night—Hoskins Hall, 7:00pm-10:00pm
Sat	30/5	ISA Winter Sport
Wed	03/6	Excursion Yr 10 Science 1, Southern Highlands Science Challenge HICES Debating Comp Round 2, Orchestra Room

FAST & FRESH

Last Wednesday evening was the Oxley round of the Fast and Fresh short play competition, held in the Hoskins Hall. A large crowd was delighted to see the performance of a number of plays both written and performed by Oxley students. The winners proceed on to the State finals at the Riverside Theatre at Parramatta. The three plays selected to compete at State level were:

The Mysterious Delivery by Jessica McKay (Harry Reid, Amy Lomax, Georgina Meredith, Jessica McKay)
 Thank God Your Here by Oliver Penn (Oliver Penn, Marcus Trail, Gabriel GuriEFF, Scott Lee, Peter Booth)
 Contemporary Dance, Various Birds and Big Toes by Emma Hughes (Emma Hughes, Louise Wurth, Lara Miller, Cassandra Gee).

PEER TUTORING LITERACY PROGRAMME

The Peer Tutoring Literacy Programme is well underway at Oxley College and Tutors and Tutees are benefiting greatly from the 18 week programme. The Tutees are enjoying the mentoring and guidance the senior students are so warmly providing. This is the third year for this successful programme at Oxley College.



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 30 MAY

Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Team Coach	Transport
RUGBY <i>MiC – Mr T Bevan 0416 293328</i>					
1st XV	CCGS 1st XV	CCGS Rugby 1	02:15pm	Mr Bevan	Depart 9:00am Arrive 7:00pm
16's	CCGS 16's	CCGS Rugby 1	12:00pm	Mr Lawson	Depart 9:00am Arrive 7:00pm
15's	CCGS 15's	CCGS Rugby 1	11:00am	Mr Wansey	Depart 7:00am Arrive 2:45pm
14's	CCGS 14's	CCGS Rugby 1	10:00am	Mr Lesslie	Depart 7:00am Arrive 2:45pm
13's	CCGS 13's	CCGS Rugby 3	10:00am	Mr Lawson	Depart 7:00am Arrive 2:45pm
TENNIS <i>MiC – Mrs P Fishburn 0433 112003</i>					
Open	Oakhill	Moss Vale	08:30am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
17's	Oakhill	Moss Vale	08:30am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
15's	Oakhill	Moss Vale	08:30am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
14's	Oakhill	Moss Vale	08:30am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
13's	Oakhill	Moss Vale	08:30am	Mrs Fishburn	Own Transport
NETBALL <i>MiC – MS J McVean 0405129652</i>					
Firsts	St Paul's	Oxley	09:00am	Ms McVean	Own Transport
Inter. A	BMGS	Oxley	10:15am	Ms Vincent	Own Transport
Inter. B	St Paul's	Oxley	10:15am	Ms Rintoul	Own Transport
Inter. C	St Paul's	Oxley	09:00am	Mrs Hall	Own Transport
Junior A	BMGS	Oxley	09:00am	Ms Brochard	Own Transport
Junior B	BMGS	Oxley	10:15am	Ms Fehon	Own Transport
ISA FOOTBALL <i>MiC – Mr R Connor 0424 745401</i>					
1st XI	St Spyridon 16A	BMGS	10:00am	Mr Connor	Depart 7:30am Arrive 3:00pm
15's	B. Mountain G/S 14A	BMGS	11:30am	Mr Forlonge	Depart 7:30am Arrive 3:00pm
13's	St Spyridon 13A	BMGS	10:30am	Mr Campbell	Depart 7:30am Arrive 3:00pm
HOCKEY <i>MiC – Mr P Freeman 0425376242</i>					
Firsts	Chevalier	Oxley	08:45am	Mr Freeman	Own Transport
Jnr A	Chevalier	Oxley	10:00am	Mr Copland	Own Transport
Jnr B	Chevalier	Oxley	11:00am	Mrs Hamilton	Own Transport

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Denash Kumar, Edward Sutherland and Hamish Rocca who were a part of the championship winning team in the Football NSW Southern Branch Championships held on Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 May, 2009 at South Nowra fields.

All three boys played integral parts within the team framework with Hamish setting up several of the goals, Denash making breaks up the sides and Edward holding the midfield together.

Following on from this win, Highland FC now go and represent both the Highlands and Southern NSW Football Inc at the Country Cup Championships to be held on the June long weekend.

Edward and Hamish have both been invited to trial for the Southern NSW State & Country team to play at the State titles in July. A wonderful achievement.

OXLEY COLLEGE CRESTED WARE

Oxley College Crested Ware is now available in the Oxley Shop. Items available are: Oxley College pen, Oxley College rug, Oxley College wine glasses, Oxley College tote bag and an Oxley College umbrella. Here are a few examples of the merchandise.



REMINDER : MATHS AND ENGLISH TUTORIALS

- English Tutorials are held on Tuesdays at lunchtime in Room 14 for all students. Please sign up on the green form outside the English staff room.
- Maths Tutorials are held on Tuesday mornings in Room 4 at 8:00am. All welcome.

THE OXLEY SHOP

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

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2 WEEK 6A

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

<u>Monday 1 June</u>	<u>Tuesday 2 June</u>	<u>Wednesday 3 June</u>	<u>Friday 4 June</u>	<u>Friday 5 June</u>
Assistance Required	Mandy Lawson & Barbara Goodfellow	Fiona Nixon	Vanessa Campbell	Jane Kent

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. This is always a fun night. You just need to bring your own food and drink and tickets are \$10 at the door.

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. Please contact Fran Monro if you have any queries on fran@uh-oh.com.au.

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).

GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION—YEAR 11

On Friday 22 May, 16 Year 11 Geography students travelled to Kiama to investigate coastal ecosystems as part of their Preliminary Course – 'Biophysical Interactions'. On a cool, blustery day with heavy seas, the students visited the Bombo Headland and neighbouring beach. They learned about the geological formation of basalt columns, marine processes leading to the development of the coastline, the legacy of 'bluestone' quarrying, aquatic pollution, waste treatment at the sewage works and visitor management and re-vegetation schemes on the headland and sand dunes. Despite the showers, it was a worthwhile day and the students warmed up at McDonalds on the return trip!



COMMUNITY NEWS

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.