P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY
Venue: The Macquarie Meeting Room in the
Front Office - 6.45pm
Year 7 Welcome BBQ will be on at 6pm and a
Disco following 7-10pm prior to the P & C Meeting

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE -
MR TIM O’BRIEN - 67661677:
If you could only do one thing for Oxley High School, your school, in 2011 what would it be?
It would be to pay your voluntary General Contribution.
Voluntary General Contribution includes administration charge, examinations, photocopying, stationery, special events such as Presentation Day, references, postage of correspondence to parents, as well as technology expenses including maintaining school computers and upgrading software and equipment for student use.
These contributions are used to enhance educational and sporting programs.

Student Leadership
- Badges were presented on last week’s assembly to students in the CAPA Council, Sports Council and Junior AECG. Congratulations to all these students and I look forward to working with them to provide opportunities for all students to participate in activities that interest them and develop their talents.
- The SRC collected $868 for the Queensland Flood Appeal from students and staff on Maroon Day.
- Special thanks to Year 12 for their outstanding participation at the recent fundraising for the Blue Angels Charity Day at 360° Fitness Club. They helped raise $3,000. Well done.

SCHOOL PHOTOS DATES:
MONDAY - 28 FEBRUARY
Periods 1 & 2 Year 8
Periods 3 & 4 Year 12
Period 5 Year 7

TUESDAY - 1 MARCH
Periods 1 & 2 Year 9
Periods 3 & 4 Year 11
Periods 4 & 5 Year 10

We are in the process of confirming dates for the School Calendar.
Our aim is to provide as much certainty as possible so that you may plan ahead.
The calendar will be posted to you as soon as possible.

P & C REPORT
Welcome back to a new year and a particularly warm welcome to all new parents and guardians who have commenced their time at Oxley. We look forward to working with you to achieve the optimum outcomes for your child’s education.
Our first P & C Meeting for the year will be on Monday 28 February 2011, 6.45pm, in the Meeting Room in the Front Office. This is the night of the Year 7 Disco and after the welcome barbecue we hope to have many parents of Year 7 students attend. Meetings generally take less than an hour and they are your opportunity to see how the P & C runs and you can help in providing a richer experience at Oxley High School for your child or children.
To achieve the optimum outcomes for an enriched learning environment for your child, we need your support as over the years, the P & C has made significant contributions to Oxley High School. Support can come in many different forms and we encourage you to participate in our fund raising activities with the first major one this year being International Night on Friday the 25 March. Just by attending and eating great food at a very reasonable price, is support and so please keep that night free and attend.
Support can also simply be by paying the yearly school voluntary contribution. It is less than the cost of a cup of coffee every fortnight during school terms, but sadly many don’t pay and so the students miss out, as funds raised by the P & C are needed to make up that shortfall and therefore limiting the scope for major asset building at Oxley.
While at the P & C we appreciate parents are busy, but without parent support and taking that extra step to help then assets such as the Canteen, the buses etc., may be lost. We are urgently in need of support at the Canteen and if you can give 2 or 3 hours of your time one day a month, fortnight or even better a week during the day then please contact Viv Johnstone, Canteen Supervisor on 67661131.
At the P & C we believe that your child is attending a school that has great teachers who go that extra mile for the students and they need our support to update equipment such as lighting/sound equipment, air conditioners, walkways, covered areas for the students etc., and to keep the buses moving and the food available for students. It can’t be done without your help and remember it is for a great cause, your child or children.
Please try to attend our next P & C Meeting on 28 February and find out about the agenda for the year. If you want to talk about the P & C with me at any time you can phone me on 0419 254 212 or see me any Monday morning at the Canteen.
Finally, if there is a parent/guardian out there with book keeping or accounting experience who would like to help, we are needing a new Treasurer to come on board after the AGM on the 28 March 2011. Please contact me if you wish to discuss what is involved on 0419 254 212.
Michael O’Connor, President P & C
Canteen Meeting 6.30pm 28 February 2011
VOCAL ENSEMBLES IN 2011
Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music
At the TRCM we strive to provide musical experiences and education of great quality to benefit our wider community. In 2011 we are offering four different vocal ensembles for you to be a part of, all under the direction of Johan Bester.
There is a group for everybody!
The Tamworth Children’s Choir Boys / Girls (Treble Voices) Kindergarten-Y6 Tuesdays 4.30-5pm
The Tamworth Girls Choir Girls, Y7-12 Tuesdays 5-6pm
The Tamworth Youth Choir Boys / Girls (SATB) Y7-12 Tuesdays 6-7pm
The Tamworth Chamber Choir Male /Female Adults (SATB) Tuesdays 7-8pm
All these ensembles have commenced recently and there is room for many more singers to join for the 2011 season. Why not come along and see what we offer? Please call the Conservatorium Office on 6766 6911 for more information. We would love to hear from you.

PLAN-IT-YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM
Plan-it-Youth is a school based mentoring program for young people who would appreciate additional help looking at options for future careers. The program links community members with students with the aim of helping them prepare for the transition from school to work or from school to further education and training. Each student will work with their mentor for an hour once a week during class-time for ten weeks. Workplace visits may be organised during this time as well.
If your child is in Year 10 and would like to participate in the program, please encourage them to see Mrs Whiley in the TAS staffroom for more information and a permission note.

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ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SHARING AREA
Miss Bronnie, Mr Watton and a good team of helpers are working to make the Aboriginal Cultural Sharing area a peaceful place to enjoy.

CAREERS NEWS
The University Roadshow arrived on 10 February with representatives from UNE, Charles Sturt and Southern Cross Universities presented interested Years 11 and 12 students with many good reasons why students should seriously consider studying at a regional university.
Kenvale College gave a presentation to interested Hospitality students and some students attended the Chocolate Experience at the Best Western Sanctuary Inn last Thursday evening.
The Society for Australian-German Student Exchange is inviting families with students in Years 10 or 11 to host a German exchange student during July/August 2011. These students are usually 16 or 17 with a sound grounding in English. Any Year 11 student who hosts a German exchange student will automatically be granted an interview for a scholarship (including air fares) to travel to Germany for 2 months at the end of 2011 (host students in Year 10 will be eligible for interview in 2012 and students who do not host can still apply for a scholarship).
If interested in hosting please contact Mrs Smith.
Upcoming Careers dates for your calendar:
Thursday 17 March - (Pd 1 - Yr 9; Pd 2 - Yr 10) - ATO Tax File Number presentation and completion of forms
Monday 21 March - Health Careers Forum (presented every 2 years) at Tamworth Hospital for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 interested in Medicine, Nuclear Medicine, Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Radiography and Speech Pathology. Please put your name on the list outside the Careers Room as soon as possible.
Friday 6 May - UNE Open Day - Year 12
Monday 16 May - Think: Education Group (APM College of Business & Communication; Billy Blue College of Design; Jansen Newman Institute; William Blue College of Hospitality Management; Australasian College of Natural Therapies; CATC Design School and Australian National College of Beauty) - presentation for interested students in years 11 and 12.
Wednesday 18 May - Joblink Plus Tamworth Regional Career Expo 2011
Mrs Sue Smith - Careers Adviser (R)

COUNSELLOR CORNOR
It is a sad fact of life that many children and young people today are caught up in the strife that can occur when their parents separate and/or divorce. Not all separations are unhappy experiences; nevertheless there can be effects which become apparent as the years pass. It is important that, as parents, we listen carefully to what our children are saying. This will help us to understand where they are coming from. Many experts agree that it’s not the separation itself, but the ongoing conflict that hurts children in the long term. The way children behave is usually a sign of what they are feeling and maybe are not able to tell you in words. The best gift you can give your children, especially in difficult times, is your time!
Ruth Jenkins, School Counsellor

KENYA EXCURSION JULY 2011
A few spots are still available if you are interested.
Contact Jenny Hawthorne in the Maths Staffroom as soon as possible.
AFFORDABLE ACCIDENT PROTECTION FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Student Cover is student accident insurance that provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world. The cover applies whether they are at school or not and includes almost every sport. The annual cost of a Student Cover policy is just $29.00.

A few of the features include:

- Compensation of $500,000 for major injuries - paraplegia and quadriplegia
- Compensation for other major injuries such as loss of sight or loss of use of a limb and death
- Reimbursement for emergency transport including the cost of ambulance
- Compensation for common injuries included such as broken bones, fractures, dislocations or loss of teeth
- Fee relief following the death of a parent or guardian
- Help with student tutoring expense as a result of total disablement, to ensure a child’s education suffers the least possible disruption.

To apply on line simply go to www.studentcover.com.au and click APPLY NOW or complete form enclosed.

With a new school year now upon us, we hope lots of parents and guardians take up this offer and enjoy just a little more peace of mind when protecting their children.

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS/COMPULSORY SUBJECT FEES

Invoices are included in this mail out. General Contributions have once again been kept to a minimum.

- Years 7-10 $65
- Year 11 $85
- Year 12 $65

It is expected that most parents will be able to afford the contributions which allow the school to maintain the high level of service to students and parents in a time of tightening budgets.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE LIBRARY FUND

You may choose to pay the School Contribution amount into our Oxley High School Public Library Fund instead of directly to the School General Account. This allows a legitimate tax deduction through our approved fund. The Treasurer of the P & C or Principal can confirm details, if required. Money donated in this way will be spent directly on Oxley High School Library resources.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Tax Deductible Library Fund: Please make cheques payable to Oxley High Public Library Fund.

School Contributions: Please make cheques payable to Oxley High School. Credit card and eftpos facilities are also available at the Front Office.

Compulsory Subject Material Fee: In addition are Compulsory Subject Material Fees, which are determined on a user pays basis and calculated according to subjects studied. This money is used to fund the consumable items used in the subjects studied. In most instances, this will lead to a product being taken home (eg wooden or metal items, food, artworks, etc). These fees are mandatory.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOUR INVOICE IS INCORRECT.

STUDENT LUNCHES: Should a student forget their lunch on any day they should contact the Head Teacher Welfare in the PDHEP staffroom (Castlereagh Block) to obtain a Canteen Lunch Voucher.

BREAKFAST CLUB: Operates DAILY in H1 from 8.15-8.45am. Come along and enjoy a nutritious breakfast for a silver coin donation.

MEDICATIONS: Students who require medication to be given at school are to have a completed and signed “medication form” returned to the Front Office with the medication. No student is to be taking long term medication at school without the school receiving written advice. (A student may carry one day’s supply of paracetamol). This is a parental responsibility. The school is not able to supply paracetamol to students.

Please ring the Front Office or Head Teacher Welfare for advice if required. In the case of students who have severe allergies and require an Epipen, the school especially requires a signed medication form and an Epipen needs to be left at the Front Office.

SICKNESS AND INJURY: Students should not be sent to school if they are sick or in pain. When students become sick or sustain an injury at school, they should report to the Front Office in the school’s administration building (Macquarie) with a note from their teacher. The school will take the necessary action for the student’s safety and comfort. This usually involves contacting parents and sending students home.

In some cases, the Ambulance Service may be called to treat students or transport them to hospital. EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO CONTACT THE PARENTS, but if contact cannot be made, the school will proceed with hospital medical attention if advised by Ambulance Officers. The Ambulance makes no charge, but hospital or medical bills are sent directly to the parent. The school gives an annual donation to the Ambulance Fund to enable this free transport to occur.

SCHOOL LEAVE PASSES: All notes requesting leave passes should be in before Period 1 to the Castlereagh Office. A reason should be stated on the note eg. Doctor’s appointment, with time of departure and an indication of the expected return.

Leave passes during sport time need to be signed by Mr Maxwell before the student reports to the Castlereagh Office.

If a student is aware of a future absence eg. family, sport or medical leave, a note should be sent into the Castlereagh office prior to the leave.

SCHOOL CAR PARKS: The use of car parks for the dropping off and picking up of students is prohibited. Students must be dropped off outside the school grounds. Short term medical exemptions are available by speaking with the Principal and gaining approval eg. Student with broken leg. Students must either park outside the grounds or within the senior student car park at the eastern end of Piper Street. Vehicles in school car parks are parked at the owner’s risk. Students are not to be in the senior car park without permission from the Deputy Principals unless “flexing off”.

SCRIPTURE 2011: Over the course of the year, the Tamworth Secondary Christian Education Association Inc. (TSCEAI) will again be conducting Special Religious Education (Scripture) lessons for students in Years 7 to 10 in accordance with state government regulations.

Students in Years 7 and 8 receive fortnightly lessons from Mrs Gonsalves who is employed by the TSCEAI. Students in Years 9 and 10 receive four lessons a year from visiting Ministers. The TSCEAI ensure the content of the lessons is suitable for many religious denominations represented at Oxley High School.

Parents who wish their child to be excluded from Scripture lessons should indicate this in writing to the Deputy Principal in order for alternative study to be arranged.
OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLOTHING POOL
NEW OPEN HOURS
STUDENTS EVERY THURSDAY 12.30 -1.00PM
PARENTS EVERY THURSDAY 1.30 -2.30PM

TAMWORTH FOOTBALL CLUB
Tamworth Football Club is conducting registration days for
new and existing players from any age group.
REGISTRATION DAYS
Wednesday 16 February 4.30-6pm Sports Dome
Thursday 24 February 4.30-6pm Gipps Fields
Sunday 27 February 9-11am Gipps Street Fields
FEES FOR 2011:
Players 5 - 9 years $105
Players 10 - 18 years $115
If you have any enquiries please feel free to contact our
Secretary, Wayne May on 67621213.

CONSERVATORIUM THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
Forthcoming School Holiday Production - 29 April 2011
Cinderella and the Seven WHAT?!
Another exciting opportunity for young people of all school
ages. Come and star in the cast of this hilariously funny and
very entertaining stage production.
Cost $185, Early Bird Fee $165 (if paid by 11 March)
Rehearsals are on 11, 15, 26, 28 April
Who Can Participate? Students in years K to Year 12
Contact the Conservatorium Office on 6766911 for more
information.

BLOOD BANK
Blood Bank will be operating on Monday’s during Period 4.
Please collect a note from Mrs Davis.
Students must be over 16 and healthy.

2011 Diaries
Diaries for 2011 are available from the Front Office at a
cost of $10.00 each.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORSHIP FOR PRESENTATION NIGHT 2010

ADF - Australian Defence Force
Blue Angel Foundation Inc
Caltex
Farrer Security Service
Gasweld Tool Centre
Harold Bradley Trust
Kaytoring Supplies
McLean Family Trust
NSW Teachers Federation (Tamworth)
Piper Street Vet Clinic
Scarf Foundation
Tamworth Community College
Tamworth Regional Council
The Northern Daily Leader
West Tamworth Leagues Club Ltd
Angus & Robertson Bookshop
Burke & Smyth Stock & Station Agents
Mrs S Copp
Fitness Plus
Mr & Mrs Bob Gordon
Inland Technology
Mr & Mrs Malcolm MacPherson
Nannia Bookshop
NSW Dept of Education & Training VET
Rogers Waste Services
S & S Wholesale Pty Ltd
Topfer Family
Tamworth Indoor Sports Centre (Gary Newell)
University of New England
Zonta Club of Tamworth Inc
Bes - Elect Pty Ltd
Canon - Inland Technology
Coles Supermarket - City Plaza
Gordon Bruderlin Trust
Harrison Family
Kays
McKellar Family Trust
NEE New England Engraving
Peel TV Services
Rotary Club of Tamworth North
TAFE VET
Tamworth Bus Lines
University of Newcastle

PHONE ENQUIRIES
The school has two phone numbers:
For General School Enquiries and Contact
with the Principal and / or Staff Phone
67661677.
For Enquiries regarding Attendance /
Absences / Lateness / Leave Passes
Please Phone 67661028.

GRANDPARENTING SUPPORT GROUP “GRANDIES”
Next Meeting: Tamworth Community Centre
Monday 7 March 2011 - 1pm.
Guest Speakers:
Suelyn Pakes and Judy Scott - Family Relationship Centre.
Grandparents who have problems with access to their
grandchildren; Those who now care for their grandchildren
or have other concerns are welcome to join other
grandparents at the support group meeting to have a
cuppa and a chat, find out information and support each
other.
Contact Kerry on 67664480 for further enquiries.

RAILCORP CONCESSION CARDS
If any student is turning 16 and they need to travel by train
there are RailCorp Concession Cards for 2011 available at
the Front Office.
Please take advantage of these Concession Cards and send
your child to collect.