This week public schools celebrate Education Week across NSW. “The theme of Education Week 2011 is “Creating the Future” and this is an exciting era in teaching and learning, with so many new opportunities available for our students.” At Oxley High School we acknowledge the contributions of our teachers, students, parents and community members to the education of the students at our school. A person representing each area received an award at Westdale Public School: Staff Member - Bronwyn Cocking, Student - Gabrielle Bower, Parent - Michael O’Connor, Community Member - Helen Brennan.

Last Tuesday our NAIDOC Ceremony took place and was attended by Aboriginal Elders and many parents and community members. Thank you to all our special guests for attending, to the staff and students who organised the ceremony and to our students for their outstanding behaviour throughout. Thank you to the many Year 10 students and parents who attended the Subject Selection Evening last week. A reminder that subject selection forms must be handed in to Mr Hamilton by Friday 5 August.

Next Wednesday is the Subject Selection Evening at 7pm in the Common Room for Year 8 students and their parents. I look forward to seeing all parents at this evening.

Workshop Date: Wednesday 10 August 2011
Session Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm - 2 Hours
Arrival Time: 6.15pm for 6.30pm start
Venue: Heritage Room, Tamworth Community Centre, Darling Street

(Light refreshments will be available on the night) For more information on this event and to RSVP, please contact Alison Dundon Phone 67682215 or Nadine Betts 67682008 Or email: alison.dundon@tafensw.edu.au / nadine.betts@tafensw.edu.au

TORONGA PARK ZOO SCHOLARSHIP
On 18 July 2011, Nicole White in Year 12 at Oxley High was one of hundreds of applicants to apply for a Toronga Park Zoo Scholarship. Nicole was the lucky winner. I contacted her during her work placement and she was working in the Marine section of the zoo with rare species of penguin and leopard seals. This is a dream of Nicole’s, one that she intends pursuing after completing the HSC by planning to study Animal Services at the zoo. What a wonderful opportunity. We as Nicole’s peers and teachers wish her the very best with her endeavour to become a member of the Toronga Park Zoo Team.
Rosslyn Dalley, Careers Adviser
More Career News: Samuel Smart has been offered a Cabinetry Apprenticeship with More Than Just Kitchens, Manila. Congratulations and best wishes to Samuel. Congratulations also to Nikki Erdos (Y10) and Leharna Evans-ex-student (Y10) who have been accepted to Newtown School of Performing Arts.

BOYS STATE KNOCKOUT HOCKEY
The Oxley Boys State Knockout Hockey Team played Tamworth High in the Regional Final on Monday 25 July at the Hockey Complex. Tamworth High scored their first goals in the 4th and 5th minutes of the game. The Oxley boys were forced to display patience and skill which was rewarded a minute later when Samuel Liles converted a penalty stroke for a 2-1 score line. Tamworth scored a goal against the run of play and another before the break for a 4-1 lead.

Coach, Richard Willis, encouraged the boys to keep passing well and use their width and was rewarded when Luke Fox and William Finch scored to even up the game. Frantic defence by goalkeeper William Haywood kept the final score to 5-3. The boys are still alive in the competition and will play a school from either the Cronulla area or a school from the Riverina.


Bob Ash, Manager

OPEN GIRLS NETBALL
The Oxley High School Open Girls Netball Team have advanced to the 3rd Round of the NSW CHS Knockout Competition. This is the best result for several years which is fantastic, but what is also very encouraging is all the players will still be competing next year, as the girls are either in Year 11 or below. Oxley High School play Cootamundra today (Friday 5 August).

In the lead up to this game, the girls played Manilla Central School in a pre round match last term in a very closely fought game. The score was tied at full time, so extra time was played. Oxley finished strongly, winning the game 50-47. The next game was against Tamworth High School who they defeated 24-19.

Last week the girls played Peel High School for the 2nd Round clash. Rachael James joined the team for this game, as sadly Gabrielle Birling has moved to Brisbane. Rachael proved to be an excellent addition to the team, she slotted into the team effortlessly and was strong in the goal circle. Rachael has also been selected in the addition to the team, she slotted into the team effortlessly and was rewarded when Luke Fox and William Finch scored to even up the game. Frantic defence by goalkeeper William Haywood kept the final score to 5-3. The boys are still alive in the competition and will play a school from either the Cronulla area or a school from the Riverina.


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VISIT TO BEIJING SCHOOL
Miss Smit of the Language Department experienced an inservice of a life time. In July she attended the International Chinese Teachers Workshop in Beijing as a guest of Tamworth Regional Council’s Sister City, Chaoyang District Government in Beijing.

Miss Smit was the only Australian teacher to attend this prestigious workshop which was a tremendous honour for this school. The 18 day workshop quickly came to a close and Miss Smit returned to Tamworth where she is looking forward to putting the information she has learned from the workshop to good use in her classroom.

The schedule for the workshop was very hectic. However, Miss Smit was able to arrange time to pay a courtesy visit to Oxley’s Sister School in Beijing, The Senior Cultural, Performance and Vocational High School for Ethnic Minorities in Chaoyang District.

At the school she was able to catch up with Ms Chen Mujing (known to us as Lilly an English teacher) and Yan Mengwei (a student known to us as Angela). Both were a part of the month long exchange visit with us in June. Unfortunately Li Bo (student named Tracy) and Lui Jie (student named Elaine) were on work experience and unable to be at the school on the day of Miss Smit’s visit.

Miss Chen and Angela were very pleased to catch up with Miss Smit and show her around the school’s campus during her visit. They both asked to be remembered to all the friends they made here on their recent visit.

Left to right: Ms Chen Mujing (English teacher), Dominique Smit, Yang Mengwei (student) at the entrance to Beijing’s Senior Cultural, Performance and Vocational High School for Ethnic Minorities in Chaoyang District.

ANY STUDENTS /PARENTS WHO HAVE COLLECTED COLES VOUCHERS FOR OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE DROP OFF TO THE FRONT OFFICE. OUR AIM IS TO GAIN, BY RECEIVING SPORTING EQUIPMENT. HOPING FOR YOUR SUPPORT, THANK YOU.