Welcome back to Term 2.

**NAPLAN**
Next week Years 7 and 9 students will sit the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure you read the note given to your child outlining times for the tests and explain the importance of doing their personal best in all tests.

**SCHOOL STRUCTURE**
Throughout this term all teachers will be developing a template for our Middle School, Years 7 to 9 and Senior School, Years 10 to 12. This will occur during the professional development time on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. The template will be explained to and consulted with parents at the next P & C Meeting on the 23 May.

**UNIFORM**
All students are to be in their full winter uniforms. **NO HOODIES** are allowed at school. If a student is out of uniform they must bring a note from home and give to their P / C teacher. Oxley High School is a uniform school and I expect all students to be in full uniform - wearing it proudly.

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**COUNSELLOR CORNER**
A free six week course for teenage boys aged 13 to 15 years, called **R A G E**, will begin on Wednesday 4 May. **R A G E** stands for “Renavigating Angry and Guilty Emotions” and it helps boys deal with anger issues and guilt. Through games, fun activities, good food and supportive friends, boys learn to control their anger and/or express it in a healthy manner. The course will be run each Wednesday from 4.00-6.00pm at the Kent Street Hall in South Tamworth.

For further information contact by phone on **6762 0959**.

A wonderful service aimed to provide information and support to parents of students with a disability is now available 24 hours a day. It is called **PARENT LINE NSW** and is funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (ADHC). This service aims to address the information, counselling and emotional support needs of families with a child or a young person with a disability, aged 0-18 years. **Parent Line** provides mainstream telephone counselling, information and referral service and it operates for 24 hours, seven days per week. It is staffed by a team of trained professional counsellors with qualifications in psychology, social work, education, health and social welfare. **Parent Line** can be contacted on **1300 130 065** and more information can be found at [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au).

Ruth Jenkins, School Counsellor.

**NEW 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.

**OPEN GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL**
Open Girls Touch Football Team defeats Bundarra in the 3rd Round of State Knockout.
The Open Girls Touch Football Team travelled to Bundarra and won 7-3 against a good young team from this small town near Inverell. Oxley had several new players including Gabrielle Bower, Bronte Harris, Katie Barnes and Georgi Ross, who combined well with the girls who had played for Oxley in previous years.

Kimberley Resch scored five tries, with Bronte Harris and Belle Thorpe scoring one each. The team showed that they have the potential to play some excellent touch. With some of the team training and individual fitness, the girls will have a good chance of progressing in this State Knockout.

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**WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO YOUR CHILDREN’S SCHOOL?**

The **SCHOOL CANTEEN** is a place where
- You can meet new people and make new friends.
- You can improve skills for employment.
- You can learn new skills.
- You can contribute to the local school community.
- You can help raise funds for your local school.

**Most importantly**, you get to spend more time with your children.

**Benefits**
• No specialised training is needed, you just need to be friendly and be able to communicate with children.
• You aren’t forced to do anything you are not comfortable with.
• Flexible working hours and rosters.
• Reasonable workloads.
• Complimentary food and drinks.
• A FUN and RELAXING environment in which to work.

Simply walk in and inform your School Canteen Manager TODAY!

• IF you wish to prepare HEALTHY foods and drinks for your children.
• IF you wish to see children growing HAPPILY and HEALTHILY.

Welcome to Ms Rosslyn Dalley - she is joining Mrs Sue Smith as a full-time Careers Adviser and will be concentrating on Year 10 and Aboriginal students. Mrs Smith will continue to advise Years 12 and 11, however, our roles will overlap. Ms Dalley has been involved with Aboriginal education and employment and is keen to help all students find interesting careers and apprenticeships. Please encourage your child to make an appointment with either one of us.

Joblink Plus Careers Expo - is on Wednesday 18 May at the TREC. Year 12 will attend the morning session from 9.30-10.45am and will return for recess - they should pack for Periods 3-5. Year 10 will attend the afternoon session from 1.00-2.15pm. They will have an early lunch at recess and should pack for Periods 1 and 2.

Full school uniform must be worn.

Transport is by bus and will cost $1 (paid as the students get on the bus) - this is subsidised by Government School to Work funding.

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL P & C

2011 Executive

President: Mr Michael O’Connor
Secretary: Mr James Furge
Assistant Secretary: Mrs Lorraine Furge
Treasurer: Mrs Robyn Hughes
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs Denise Walker
Vice-Presidents: Mrs Carolyn Young (Senior)
Patrons: Mrs Wendy Newby and Mr Peter Vickers
Committees:
Antique Fair: Mrs Helen Brennan
Camp Oxley: Mr Robert and Mrs Jenny Kelly
Honorary Auditors: Messrs. Dixon & Goodman Pty Ltd
Congratulations to all the Office Bearers.
Our school values all the work you do for us.

2012 KENYA TRIP BAREFOOT BOWLS

Another group is going to visit the school we sponsor in Kenya during the July school holidays. To help fund the mud hut we are building in the village and the donations of medications and school supplies for the schools in Rangi, we are holding a Barefoot Bowls Morning on Sunday 22 May at the City Bowling Club starting at 9.30am.

Teams of 4 - Cost $40 per team. There will be a sausage sizzle and raffles. Bookings with Mrs Hawthorne or at the Front Office. If you cannot come? Buy a raffle ticket from Mrs Hawthorne ($2) - lots of prizes.

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Students at the Forbidden City, Beijing

Another excellent tour was enjoyed by students and friends of Oxley High School. Highlights were to climb the Great Wall of China and visit the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Tian’an Men Square, Lama Temple, the Summer Palace, 798 Art Zone, Ming Tombs and enjoy great bargaining and shopping. Thank you to Mr John Green and the P & C for organising an unbelievable trip again for us to experience.

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL Canteen Manager TODAY!