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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - MR TIM O'BRIEN - 67661677
How well do you respect our school? When your children leave home in the morning how prepared are they? Are they in full school uniform? Are they wearing appropriate shoes? Have you checked their timetables? Do they have all books, pens, pencils and equipment for the day?

A few minutes supporting your children will make a difference.
Thank you to all students, parents and carers who have worked with the school to ensure the uniform is worn well, lessons are attended on time and fees have been paid.
Congratulations to the P & C for the running of another successful International Night. Thank you to all who helped organise the event.
I am sure everyone had an enjoyable evening.

NAPLAN  Years 7 and 9 students will sit the NAPLAN tests next term, information has been provided to the students to take home for their parents and carers.

CENTRAL  Information sheets will be given out to students attending the excursion at the Excursion Meeting 6.00pm Wednesday 6 April in our School Auditorium. Year 10 students not attending the excursion could see Mrs Smith in Careers to make sure all planned work placement documentation is completed. All students not on the excursion are expected to be at school or on work placement.
I take this opportunity to wish all students, parents, carers and their families a safe and happy Easter holiday. Please take care on the roads and make time to be together as a family.

COUNSELLOR CORNER
Last Friday I attended an excellent conference in Brisbane entitled “The Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People” run by the Generation Next organisation. This featured leading speakers on a range of topics, including alcohol and drug use, anxiety and depression in young people, building resilient young people, helping young people after natural disasters, cyberbullying and sexting, bully blocking and “the difficult teenager”. Evelyn M Field, who wrote the acclaimed “Bully Blocking” book, spoke about the incidence of bullying in schools around the world and the growing concern about cyber bullying. Among her points she noted that bullying involves psychological, emotional, social or physical abuse; that about one in five students is bullied or is bullying someone else; and that a bully may or may not intend to hurt. What is crucial is perception - the idea that the target feels bullied and may also feel powerless. She described her skills program which aims to teach students proactive social skills. By using these, students learn to relate to each other better, to develop empathy and concern for others and to protect themselves in difficult times. It is certainly a book all concerned parents should read and is widely available in good book stores.
Ruth Jenkins, School Counsellor

NOVOTEL HOTEL SCHOOL EXPERIENCE
From March 23-25 sixteen Hospitality students from Years 11 and 12 travelled on the school bus with Mr Baldwin (bus driver) and Miss Jeanes (Excursion Coordinator) to the Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort. The students rotated around the departments of the resort, participating in 2.5 days of work placement, mainly in their area of study (either Food and Beverage or Kitchen Operations). The Pet Porpoise Pool was visited on the Thursday afternoon, with the students involved in a highly interactive EdVenture Program with the dolphins and seals. This was followed by a swim at the Jetty Beach and shopping at the Plaza. The students enjoyed the opportunity to experience the day-to-day running of a resort, with excellent feedback from the Resort Staff about the students.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN Tests for Years 7 and 9 will be held on the 10, 11 and 12 May.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT
Last Friday 25 March, we had another successful International Night. I would like to thank all those parents and guardians and your friends who came to make it such a good night. The feedback I received was that the food was great and everyone was glad that they had come along. I would like to thank Wendy Newby for organising us all, (there were many volunteers) as without her stewardship we would have been all at sea. Thank you to all the stall cooks/helpers as you did a wonderful job. Viv Johnston and Debbie Byrne, our Canteen staff put in an amazing effort and without their support the night would just not happen.
Wow! Was the music not great! Thank you Matt Parnell and your wonderful students and ex students, you showcased the great talent we have at Oxley year in and year out.
What really impressed me was that within less than two hours through the generous help of staff and students/parents the quadrangle was cleared of the tables and chairs. A great effort, which just shows how many hands can make the work so easy.
While I believe that everyone received great value for money, $10 for 3 courses of great food, a significant sum was also made for the P & C. At the time of penning this THANK YOU I do not have the final figure but rest assured it was significant and will be put to good use by the school.
Remember to tell all your friends and those parents who were unable to attend about the event and hopefully they won’t miss out next year. Thank you all from the P & C.
Michael O'Connor, President P & C

MOCK TRIAL WIN AGAIN
Another Victory for our Mock Trial team against Calrossy on Friday 1 April. A polished performance coupled with outstanding preparation never gave the Calrossy team a chance. The Oxley team won both the case and on points 173-152. The prosecutor in a criminal case must prove the defendant guilty beyond reasonable doubt. This seemed to be very difficult with the materials we were given, but the superior legal skills and knowledge of our students gave the magistrate no choice but to find the defendant guilty of the charge. Our Mock Trial team consisted of Sam Davidson, Jacky Ye, Laura Campbell, Nikki Erdos, Abbey McLean and Miriam
Hansford. Many thanks must be given to Richard Frazer from Newman and Pengilley for the continued support he has given to our team.

**CAREER NEWS**

1. **Year 10 Work Experience Program** - is operating over two weeks starting Monday 2 May to Friday 13 May. Completed Student Placement Record forms must be returned to Mrs Smith by this Friday 8 April please.

2. **UNE Open Day** - is the first Friday back (6 May). Cost $15 - there are still seats available. Bus leaves from the top car park at 7am and returns at 5pm.

   - Check out UNE courses, meet lecturers and speak to academic staff about your study options
   - Get a feel for university life and join college, campus and recreational facility tours
   - Free barbecue lunch, entertainment (Tropfest Short Film Festival) and activities

3. **Life at Altitude Festival at UNE** - is the next day, Saturday 7 May, from 10am to 8.30pm in the grounds of the Wright College Campus and Tickets online

Tickets: On-line at www.lifeataltitude.edu.au

$25 + $3.60 booking fee = $28.60 each, or Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) $60+$4.40 booking fee = $64.40

4. **Think Education Group** - A representative from the private colleges below will talk to interested students on 16 May from 2.15 - 3.15pm in the Staff Common Room.

   - **APM College of Business and Communication** - Marketing and Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations, Event Management, Sports & Entertainment Marketing
   - **Billy Blue College of Design** - Communication Design, Digital Media Design, Branded Environment, Commercial Interiors, Residential Interiors, Branded Fashion
   - **Jansen Newman Institute** - Counselling and Psychotherapy, Human Resource Management, Community Services, Leadership
   - **Australasian College of Natural Therapies** - Herbal Medicine, Massage Therapy, Kinesiology, Naturopathy, Nutrition, Sports and Fitness
   - **CATC Design School** - Graphic Design and Advertising, Multimedia and Web Design, Interior Design and Decoration, Photography, Graphic Pre-press
   - **Australian National College of Beauty** - Beauty Therapy, Nail Technology, Make-up Artistry, Spa & Aromatherapy

5. **Bedford College** - A representative will speak with students in Years 9 - 12 interested in Childcare, Business or Accounting 1.30 - 2.15pm on Tuesday, 17 May in C10. Bring your lunch.

6. **Joblink Plus Careers Expo** - Wednesday 18 May. All students in Years 10 and 12 will be attending. Details next term.

7. **The Rotary Aviation Careers Expo** will be held from Sunday 29 May commencing at 5.30pm to Tuesday 31 May 2011 concluding at 3.00pm at the Tamworth Regional Airport. Accommodation, meals and conference facilities will be provided by BAE Systems. Please see Mrs Smith for the registration form and information regarding the Expo. Applications must be received by 7 May 2011.

8. **Rotary New Zealand Student Exchange Scheme** - Aims to pair a Year 8, 9 or 10 student with a family in New Zealand for one term, then the New Zealand student spends a term with their Tamworth family. The cost is approximately $4,000. Please see Mrs Smith if interested.

**GIRLS RUGBY UNION 25 MARCH 2011**

Friday 25 March 2011 the Oxley High School Girls’ Rugby Union side competed at the North West Schoolgirls Rugby Union Sevens Tournament at Viaduct Park. Our side won the opens’ division beating Wee Waa and St Marys, Gunnedah in a round robin competition.

The team consisted of:

- **Year 12** Monique Cook, Jorja McMahon, Laura Ness, Kaitlyn Nielsen, Mariah O’Donnell, Alexandra Simpson, Belle Thorpe
- **Year 11** Alysha Cox, Emma Worrell, (Year10) Madison Piper and (Year 8) Toni Poole

Game 1: OHS 40 - Wee Waa 10

- Game 2: OHS 15 - St Marys 35
- Game 3: OHS 15 - Wee Waa 5

Final: OHS 25 - St Marys 20

Irem Mooney (Coach)

**RON GEORGE CRICKET**

The Oxley Open Boys Cricket side played Farrer in the Ron George cricket competition final on Monday 28 March at No 1 Oval. Oxley lost the toss and bowled first. After 8 overs Oxley had Farrer 5-34 and in real trouble. The main destroyers early for Oxley with the ball were Daniel Lawrence (3-18) and Joshua Murphy (2-13). Unfortunately Oxley couldn’t capitalise on the early dominance and Farrer finished with 7-134 off their 20 overs. When it was Oxley’s turn to bat, they too were in earlier trouble at 5-24 after 8 overs. After Oxley’s allotted 20 overs they finished with 9-95 after a spirited fight back by Jacob McGoldrick (38 runs not out) and Joshua Murphy (10 runs). I would like to thank all the boys for the effort during the season and look forward to the Glesson Shield competition at the beginning of Term 4.

Gordon Rae (Coach)

**NSW U16 WATER POLO CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2010-2011**

The Club Championships were held at the Sutherland Leisure Centre 1-3 April. The Tamworth team was made up of 12 players from Tamworth High, Calrossy, Farrer, Peel and Oxley High Schools. The Oxley boys were Sven Struweg of Year 10 and Max Colby of Year 9. There were 16 teams from across the state competing in the competition. Tamworth finished a respectable 4th overall. Congratulations Sven and Max.

**CHARITY DINNER AND AUCTION**

In aid of the Alison Watt Memorial Appeal - All proceeds to the Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital

**TAMWORTH GOLF CLUB - SATURDAY 30 APRIL 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

Buffet Dinner Dress smart casual Tickets $40

Purchase by 26 April - 6762 6177

Guest Speaker: Mr Greg Redfern

Chairman of MasonicCare

Auction items include Masonic items, works of art and collectables

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ALISON WATT CHARITY EVENT

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2011 - 4 PERSON AMBROSE

LONGYARD GOLF COURSE GREG NORMAN DRIVE, TAMWORTH

$40 PER PLAYER (includes lunch) 8:30am for 9:00am Shotgun start.

COME AND ENJOY A GAME OF GOLF AND ASSIST US IN RAISING MONEY TO PURCHASE AN ECHOCARDIOGRAM MACHINE FOR HUNTER NEW ENGLAND HEALTH, TAMWORTH RURAL REFERRAL HOSPITAL.

Bookings - Contact the Longyard Pro Shop 6765 2988

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