PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE  
MR TIM O’BRIEN - 67661677
Welcome back.
Term 3 will see our Year 12 students sit their trial HSC in Weeks 3 and 4, Year 11 students sit their yearly exams in Weeks 7 and 8 and Year 10 students sit their trial School Certificate in Week 7.
Any students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who have outstanding Board of Studies Warning Letters must complete this work by the end of Week 2.

STAFFING:
There have been some staff and class changes in Term 3. To assist you in communicating with the school I provide you with our executive contact teachers:
Senior Executive: Mr O’Brien, Mrs May (Years 7-9), Mr Haworth (Years 7-9), Mr Davis (Years 10-12), Mr Lovelock and Mrs Reading.
Head Teachers: Ms Thurling (English), Mrs Hansen (Maths), Mr Walsh (HSIE), Mr Baldwin (TAS), Mr Rae (PDHPE), Mr Olsson (Computers/Language), Mr Parnell (CAPA), Ms Rapley (Special Ed), Mr Hamilton (Administration), Ms Boulton (Welfare), Mr Petrie (Senior School) and Mrs Mooney (Middle School).
Year Advisers: Ms Hodge (Y6), Mr Howey (Y7), Mr McInnes (Y8), Mr Bryan (Y9), Mr Elston (Y10), Ms Michell (Y11), Mrs Kellner (Y12).
I also welcome Mrs Kirsty Ebzery (TAS), Mr Steve Mair (School Counsellor) and Mrs Cocking (AEO) who have been appointed fulltime to Oxley High School.

GORE VISIT:
Students from our Sister School, Gore, in New Zealand, spent four days visiting Tamworth this past week. Thank you to the students and their families who opened their homes to host these students. It was a very successful visit and Mr Redmayne, Mr Lovelock and Mr Yeo are to be congratulated for organising the event.

PARENT TEACHER EVENINGS:
Last evening (Wednesday 20 July) was an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss their Semester 1 report and overall progress at school.
Another evening, Tuesday 26 July, parents who were unavailable to attend the first night will have an opportunity to meet with teachers from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Bookings are made by ringing the Front Office on 6766 1677.
I urge parents to attend these evenings and to be actively involved in developing positive relationships with teachers to support your child’s education.

SUBJECT SELECTION NIGHT:
Year 10 students have been issued with their Subject Selection booklet for their entry into Years 11 and 12. Please make time to sit and go through the booklet with your child. An Information Evening is on Wednesday 27 July in the School Auditorium at 7.00pm for all Year 10 parents and students.

UNIFORM:
A reminder - All students are expected to be in school uniform at all times. On the very cold days students should dress in layers to keep warm with the uniform on the outside showing. NO HOODIES ARE PERMITTED AT SCHOOL.
Your school is a uniform school and students should proudly wear the uniform to show they attend Oxley High School and support our values and beliefs

- Respect
- Tolerance
- Personal Best, and
- Commitment to Community.

ANTIQUE FAIR:
Once again the P & C are running the Antique Fair on Friday to Sunday 29-31 July.
I urge the school community to support this well known event as monies raised are invested in the Teaching and Learning of your students at Oxley High School.

P & C REPORT
The Antique Fair at the Tamworth Town Hall is on next weekend Friday 29, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 July. This is a major fundraiser for your school. Please make an effort to attend. It is a great experience and it is a very pleasant place to wander and browse around some lovely antiques. You can also obtain tea/scones etc. and so, while out shopping why don’t you drop in? We can always do with more helpers and so if you can help please contact Euan Coutts phone 6766 2030 or Helen Brennan 0438 663 058.
A number of issues are being raised by the P & C at the moment, particularly finding out ways that we can encourage, you the parents, to pay the School Contribution. That contribution is vital to the school and we encourage you to make your contribution as soon as possible.

Next P & C Meeting 25 July 2011 6.45pm
Canteen Meeting 25 July 2011 6.15pm

Michael O’Connor - P & C President

P & C MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 25 JULY  
Venue: The Macquarie Meeting Room in the  
Front Office - 6.45pm
OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ANTIQUE & COLLECTABLES FAIR
Friday 29 July - Sunday 31 July
Tamworth Town Hall

Please support this important school fundraiser. **Helpers are urgently needed to assist with the Fair next week.** If you are able to assist and have not returned your Helpers Form to School, please phone Mr Euan Coutts on 6766 2030 or 0438 450 860 or Helen Brennan 0438 663 058 this weekend.

The following help is needed:

- Assist in the Kitchen at the Town Hall during the Fair.
- Moving equipment from the school to the Town Hall - Wednesday 27 July 11.00am-3.00pm (anyone with a ute or truck for a couple of hours would be ideal).
- Setting up at the Town Hall - Wednesday 27 July 3.30pm-7.00pm.
- Unloading Dealers wares into the Town Hall - Thursday 28 July and Friday 29 July 8.00am-2.00pm.
- Assisting Dealers pack up - Sunday 31 July 4.00pm-9.00pm.
- Packing up school equipment and returning it to the school - Sunday 31 July 4.00pm-9.00approx.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door. Please support Oxley.


**2nd Prize:** Royal Doulton “Darling” figurine. Donated by Treasures of Latrobe.

**3rd Prize:** Unusual Cut Glass Vase. Donated by Just Imagine Collections.

**4th Prize:** Bottle Tasmanian Wine. Donated by Treasures of Latrobe.

MARATHON RUN - 7 AUGUST

Your P & C President wearing another hat is running a marathon (42.2km) in Brisbane on 7 August to raise funds to build a classroom at the St Jennifer Hawthorne Samber Quality School in Rangi Kenya.

Oxley High School is again showing its support for this school. Each student will receive a sponsorship form through their PC class and I hope you can help them to raise funds. I will provide a pizza lunch and pavlovas for the class that collects the most donations.

To build a classroom I need $8,000.00 and I hope with your help to get halfway there.

Every dollar collected will go to the school as I am covering all expenses, including the pizza lunch. I hope you can be generous as it will encourage my ageing body (63yrs and 8 days on the day of the run) to get across the line.

Michael O’Connor

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

**VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS**

Oxley High School is seeking volunteers to assist students in assessment tasks, particularly during the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate. Volunteers will be trained to act as readers and writers for students who require this support during examinations. No subject knowledge is required by volunteers, just sound reading and writing skills and an interest in helping young people achieve their potential.

We aim to build a strong team of volunteers upon whom we can call as required throughout the school year and it will be an ongoing role. We anticipate that volunteers and students will develop positive relationships in this process. Participants will be required to undergo the necessary police checks to ensure safe working with children.

If you are interested in helping or would like further information, please contact the school, say that you are interested in becoming a volunteer and leave your name and a telephone contact. We will call you back to arrange a meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Mrs Meg Foster and Mrs Jane King, Coordinating Teachers, Oxley High School*

THE CANTEEN
NEEDS VOLUNTEER HELP
ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH FROM
11.00AM-3.00PM.
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP,
PLEASE PHONE THE CANTEEN
ON 6766 1131.

Visitors from our Sister School, Gore, New Zealand, with our Oxley Students.
Despite an impressive display of football talent, rousing support from a band of enthusiastic supporters comprising Oxley students and ex-students, parents and members of Tamworth’s football community as well the unrelenting but hopeful drone of Nicholas Brown’s vuvuzela, Oxley Open Boys Football team were eliminated from the Errea Cup State CHS Boys’ Football Knockout by a golden goal at Tamworth’s Gipps Street on the last Thursday of Term 2.

In the match against James Cook Technology High from Sydney’s East, Oxley trailed 1-0 going into the second half after being caught out by the visitors’ fast counter attacking ability mid way through the first 45 minutes. Oxley, however, showed their class, fighting their way back into the match with a headed equaliser from Joshua Rogers three minutes into the second half. No further score saw the match move into extra time. A minute into this golden goal period, Mitchell O’Keefe beat the James Cook keeper and lofted the ball towards the goal. Reminiscent of a similar shot by Mitchell that won the Errea Cup semi-final for Oxley in 2010 the ball looked to be going in but, unluckily, on this occasion floated wide. One minute later the James Cook striker ended Oxley’s season after seizing on a through ball and disposing it into the back of Oxley’s net.

The completion of Oxley’s Errea Cup 2011 campaign marks the end of school football representation by four Year 12 players, Thomas Holloway, Arlen McDonald, Alexander Neill and Mitchell O’Keefe, all having had involvement in Oxley teams for a number of years. Sincere thanks goes to these players for the contribution they have made to Oxley football.

Oxley would also like to acknowledge the contribution coach Wayne May has made to this team. Wayne’s experience, expertise and generosity with his time have contributed significantly to this team’s successful performance this year.

Thanks must also go to the Oxley P & C whose support of the School’s minibuses facilitates the involvement of Oxley students in competitions such as the Errea Cup and the local media for the coverage they have provided of fixtures involving the Open Boys team.

A special thank you also, to Mr Redmayne and Mr Howey for facilitating the attendance of Oxley students at the final match.

Open Boys Squad 2011:

Mr Peter Maltby, Organiser - Boys Football

Oxley State CHS Boys Football Knockout Team

Back Row from left:
Mr Peter Maltby (Manager)
William Kam, Alexander Neill, Mitchell O'Keefe (Captain),
Aaron Wilson, Joshua Rogers, Dominic Sevil, Thomas Holloway, Matthew Edwards
Mr Wayne May (Coach)

Front row from left:
Cameron Skewes, Liam McMillan, Keanu Moore, Luke Fox,
Dylan May, Travis Beard

Absent: Aidan Flynn, Arlen McDonald

SPORTS COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following students for excelling in their sport and receiving awards.

360 Fitness Club Sports Person
March: Mitchell O'Keefe - Selection in 2 North West Teams Volleyball and Football
April: Emmalene Deaves - Selection in Australian Team for World High Schools Rodeo Finals

McDonalds Team of the Month
March: Girls Rugby 7’s Team - Alysha Cox, Monique Cook, Jorja McMahon, Laura Ness, Katlyn Nielsen, Mariah O'Donnell, Madison Piper, Toni Poole, Alexandra Simpson, Belle Thorpe.

Video Ezy Encouragement / Merit
March: Jessica Erdos, Thomas Martyn, Belle Thorpe,
Liam McMillan - Selection in North West Volleyball Team.
April: Matthew Everett - Most Improved in Tamworth Grade Cricket.
YOUR ANCHOR NEWSLETTER SHOULD ARRIVE HOME ON ALTERNATE FRIDAYS FORTNIGHTLY.
THE LOGBOOK IS SENT HOME ONCE A MONTH, THE FRIDAY BEFORE P & C MEETING

SCHOOL LEAVE PASSES
All notes requesting leave passes should be in before Pastoral Care / Roll Call 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.

CHILD’S WHISPER
The boss of a big company needed to call one of his employees about an urgent problem with one of the main computers, so he dialled the employee’s home phone number and was greeted with a CHILD’S WHISPER.
“Hello” said the child.
“Is your daddy home?” he asked; “Yes” whispered the small voice.
“May I talk with him?” The child whispered, “No”.
Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, “Is your mummy there?” “Yes” “May I talk with her?” Again the small voice whispered, “No”.
Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked, “Is anybody else there?” “Yes” whispered the child “a policeman.”
Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee’s home, the boss asked, “May I speak with the policeman?”
Growing concerned and even worried as he heard what sounded like a helicopter through the ear piece on the phone the boss asked, “What is that noise?”
“A hellocopper” answered the whispering voice. “What is going on there?” asked the boss, now truly alarmed.
In an awed whispering voice the child answered, “The search team just landed the helicopter.”
Alarmed, concerned and even more than just a little frustrated the boss asked, “What are they searching for?”
Still whispering, the young voice replied along with a muffled giggle: “ME.”

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.

ATTITUDE
There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.
“Well,” she said, “I think I’ll braid my hair today?”
So she did and she had a wonderful day.
The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.
“H-M-M,” she said, “I think I’ll part my hair down the middle today?”
So she did and she had a grand day.
The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn’t a single hair on her head.
“Well,” she said, “Today I’m going to wear my hair in a ponytail.”
So she did and she had a fun, fun day.
The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn’t a single hair on her head.
“YEA!” she exclaimed, “I don’t have to fix my hair today!”
Attitude is everything.

25 July - Monday 6.45pm P & C Meeting
27 July - Wednesday 7.00pm Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection Night - Hall
29-31 July - Friday-Sunday Antique & Collectables Fair
1-12 August - Monday-Friday Year 12 HSC Trials
10 August - Wednesday 7.00pm Year 8 to Year 9 Subject Information Night - Library
29-30 August - Monday-Tuesday School Certificate Trials
31 August-9 September - Wed-Friday Year 11 Exams
22 September - Thursday Year 12 Student Assembly
23 September - Friday Year 12 Farewell Assembly / Year 12 Reports Issued
23 September - Friday Last Day Term 3
26 September - 7 October Monday-Friday School Holidays
**10 October - Monday** Term 4 Commences for Staff and Students
12 October - Wednesday HSC Commences