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P.S. Mr O'Brien is on leave (visiting his son in Canada).

**P & C REPORT**

Well we are in the final rundown for the year and apart from our Canteen our other major fundraising activities are now over. Our next meeting is at 7.00pm Monday 24th October where we will be reviewing the year and the issues we need to address in 2012. Of particular importance is how to encourage you, the parents and guardians to pay the voluntary school contribution, as unfortunately the majority do not.

If you have not paid the contribution for your child this year, please do so as the money is desperately needed by the school. Your P&C is looking for ideas on how to encourage payment and some options may result in students paying more for some services provided by the school with significant financial support from the P&C such as the school buses.

The issue is really one of fairness. Why should some parents who pay their contribution subsidise most others who do not. If all parents paid the contribution then the funds that the P&C contributes to the school would benefit the students of all parents fairly.

Our subsidising of the school bus is disproportionately helping students whose parents/guardians do not pay the school contribution.

Many in your P&C see the role of the P&C as helping all students by the provision of services/facilities equally and fairly throughout the whole school.

So please come along to our next meeting if you want to have your say and we would welcome your ideas and suggestions as it is a major issue in the funding of school facilities in 2012 and beyond. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Michael O’Connor

P&C President

P&C meeting is at 6.45pm Monday 24th October 2011 in the Meeting Room at Macquarie Office.

School Spectacular Success

Angus Young was recently selected in the highly prestigious ‘School Spectacular Symphony Orchestra’ after auditioning in Sydney. Angus is the only non-metropolitan student to be involved in the largest event in the Southern Hemisphere and is the only Calrine player. The show commences on the 25th November. Well done Angus!

**MOTHER DAUGHTER BREAKFAST**

The Inaugural mother/daughter breakfast was well attended by over 60 people on Friday 16th September. Those who attended were served a healthy breakfast of fresh fruit salad, yoghurt, toast, muffins, tea and coffee. Many mothers commented that it was the nicest and most relaxed breakfast they have had in years!! They certainly enjoyed spending the whole school.

Mrs Sue Smith

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MOCK TRIAL

A big congratulations to our Mock Trial Team for making it to the Top 16 schools. With Over 200 schools competing this year, they should be very proud of their efforts. Unfortunately, they were narrowly defeated by John Paul College. 


CHINA TRIP

There has been keen interest in the next years P&C’s planned excursion to China for next year. Already 18 people have signed up for the excursion which will run in the first week of the School Holidays in April 2012. The planned dates are from the 7th to 17th April 2012 inclusive.

Oxley has had a history of visiting China and this will be the 18th year the excursion has been offered. The excursion is open to students, family and friends. The cost which covers international airfares, hotel accommodation (twice share), most meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), all entry fees, the services of an English speaking guide and travel in a luxury coach in China and transport to and from Sydney International Airport. The cost is $2,490 plus taxes for adults and $2,350 plus tax for students under 18 years of age.

Interest in the excursion is a lot higher than expected. There were only 30 seats booked and this means there are only 12 seats left for those interested in joining the group.

The tour is being organised by Mr John Green who has been working at the St Jennifer Hawthorne School in Rang’si and the local district including building a mud hut for a poor family in the village. Visits include the elephant orphanage, giraffe park, national museum, slum tour food markets, craft markets local schools in Rang’si and surrounding area, plus more. Expressions of interest are required by the 4th November 2012 and if the excursion goes ahead a deposit of $500 by the 9th December are to be paid at the Front Office of the school.

For more information or interest please send an email to mr.green@stjennifer.west.nsw.edu.au. For any other enquiries see Mrs Hawthorne in the maths department. The excursion is open to students, family and friends of Oxley High School.

QUEST MAGAZINES

QUEST Magazine is available for order at the Front Office.

Cost is $16

Make sure your copy of the Quest is ordered to avoid missing out.

Below is the list of dates next year.

23/11 Catch Up Day

24/11 - 30/11 CAPERS Rehearsals

1/12 - 5/12 CAPERS Performances

7/12 - 10/12 Year 10 School Certificate Exams

15/12 - 17/12 Year 12 Farewell Evening at the TREC

20/12 - 31/12 School Christmas Party

8/1/12 Year 11 Charity for next year is the: Alison Watt Memorial Appeal.

Look out for our first fundraiser where you can choose a name for Mr McInnes’ Jersey.