Dear Parents and Carers,

The students of Oxley High School have again had another successful month in and out of the classroom. I am pleased to say that I am still impressed by the successes of our school and the wonderful way in which our whole school community is working together to make every student successful in gaining their education.

In the past month we have seen:

- A significant number of students again selected for North West and State sports.
- The successes of Bronte Somerville and Rosie Harper with Zonta.
- Our U15’s Girls Soccer qualification for North West Regional Finals against Narrabri HS.
- Another successful group of 60 Year 10 students completing the Central Australia Excursion.
- Geordie Brown’s qualification for the final group performance of the School’s Spectacular.
- Year 10 students successfully completing 2 weeks of Work Experience, with some employers making enquiries about apprenticeships.

I would like to thank all of the staff at Oxley High School for the professionalism and energy that they put into running the school whilst I was on leave. A special thank you needs to be made to Mrs Blaker who was relieving Principal in my absence. Also to Mrs May, Mr Baldwin and Mr Walsh (Relieving Deputy Principal) for their support of Mrs Blaker and the students and staff at the school. It was a wonderful feeling to know that the school was in such good hands.

The first group blazers have been handed out to students from Years 10-12. I must make a comment here and convey how great the students look and the pride in which they wear their uniform. For those unaware, last year I made provision to subsidise the cost of Oxley High School blazers for students. This reduced the cost of purchasing a blazer to $100-00; in line with the cost of an Oxley High Woollen jumper. For future reference I will again look to subsidise the cost of blazers for students, however, this time it will be for students in Years 9-12. For those people interested in participating in this offer, Oxley High School blazers are currently available at Lowes for you to ascertain your child’s size and place an order. The blazers are collected from the school office after payment of the $100-00.

For those parents who have purchased blazers directly through Lowes, you can bring your payment docket to school and we will reimburse you $50-00.

Overall, the standard of uniform has improved dramatically over the past 3 years and students and their families need to be commended for this. Oxley is a proud and successful school that has students who are honoured to wear their uniform.

Finally, I would like to take the time to thank each and every one of our families for your support of this school, your wonderful children and the positive values and attitudes that they have to learning, companionship and support of each other at Oxley.

Simon Bartlett-Taylor
Principal
OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL CAPTAINS and VICE CAPTAINS 2015

From Left to Right:
Erin Skewes, (Vice Captain) Matthew Hollinworth, (Captain) Bronte Somerville (Captain) and Joel Ridgeway (Vice Captain).

Top Deck Award

Recipients

Recipients for 26th March 2015
Samantha Bradbery, Britney Dawson, Ryley Fitzgerald, Tod Furner-McBeath, Madison Keioskie, Sinead Langdown, Wynona Livermore and Ryan Way

Recipients for 2nd April, 2015
Charlotte Baker, Sarah Hill and Thomas Byrnes
Recipients for 24th & 30th April, 2015
Brielle Grzazek, Aaron MacFarlane, Jackson Sharpe, Caitlyn George, Kelly Russell, Tanika McLean, Brooke Whitney, Lily Singh, Mitchell Lewin, Madeline Dadd, Leah Griffiths, Kyle Cullen, Edward Clements, Emily Cook and Ojaswi Shilpakar

Recipients for 14th May 2015
Lily Newby, Lochlan Kalz, Braith Nock, Portia Markwick, Christopher Powell, Toby Rizzi, Aaron Macfarlane,

SRC Recipient for 14th May 2015
Cameron Johnston presented by Paris Sharp

Gold Certificate Award Winners for 14th May 2015
Mitchell Moore and Toby Allan
YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDIES EXCURSION

On 18th, 19th and 20th of March, 45 HSC Business Studies Students travelled to Sydney to experience firsthand selected business operations. The first business we visited was Pure Gelato – a gelato business in Croydon. The owners spoke about their marketing techniques, brand loyalty and supplying to restaurants around the city. We saw the industrial pasteurising machines in operation which increase their production capacity.

At Taronga Zoo, we received another marketing talk where the Zoo shared strategies about how they identify target markets and promote their strengths.

On the last day, we had an interesting talk at Luna Park where the presenter outlined the persuasive marketing techniques the business uses to attract customers. She spoke of how language such as “Free Entry” entices people for a day out at Luna Park when the rides actually cost money.

Learning about how these businesses operate and what strategies they use to succeed, has given us great first hand knowledge.

We’ve been provided with great case study examples to use throughout our HSC exams. Thank you very much to Mrs O’Brien, Mr Squires and Mrs Mercer for a fantastic excursion and this great learning opportunity.

By Tessa Pennefather, Harry Lewin and Kate Stewart.

Oxley High School ANZAC Day

Over the past weeks, Oxley High School has participated in a range of celebrations for the Centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. The school held an ANZAC Day ceremony which was organised and MC’d by the students. A special thank you goes to Leah Griffiths, Alex Heywood, Anna Falkenmire, Ethan Latsinos and to Emma Bailey who performed an original composition for the ceremony.

Oxley High students represented both the school and the community at a variety of services throughout the region in relation to the ANZAC Day commemoration. Oxley High student representatives were also present at Werris Creek and Kootingal ANZAC ceremonies. The School Captains laid a private wreath on behalf of Oxley High School and its community at the Dawn Service and also laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the Town Hall service.
Students and staff turned out in great numbers for the march on Saturday. The numbers of staff and students were the largest representation seen for a number of years. It was estimated that around 300 Oxley High students and 20 staff participated in the Peel Street ANZAC March. Special thanks should go to all of the students and staff who organised and participated in the various ANZAC services.

Mr S Howey

Anna Falkenmire

Emma Bailey and Ethan Latsinos

Lily Newby, Michael Hawkins and Sarah Fibbens proudly wearing new Oxley High School Blazers

Rosie Harper and Bronte Somerville were presented with their Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Participation Certificate.
OCHRE Opportunity Hub

Minister Leslie Williams MP for Aboriginal Affairs with Mrs Janine Way AEO for Oxley, students Sasha Duncan, Tenielle Loveday, Minister Williams, Tarni Loveday Tanika Mclean and Kevin Anderson MP for Tamworth

Regional Chess

The Oxley Chess Team [Cameron Johnston, Joe Ross-Ward, Bodeen Green, Zac Burn & Christian Wilson] have played against Manilla Central and Farrer in this year’s regional competition. While we successfully challenged Manilla, we went down to Farrer.

SCHOOL FEES

We urge each and every one of you to please pay your child’s subject fees and voluntary contributions. Public education isn’t free, it costs money to run the school and you make our fundraising efforts that much harder by not paying. **If you pay your voluntary contributions into the Library fund it is FULLY TAX DEDUCTABLE.** If you are financially challenged a payment plan can be arranged by contacting the front office (details are strictly confidential). Let’s make 2015 the best yet for fee payments.

TEXTBOOK SLEEVES

Textbook sleeves are for sale for $5.00 to help protect textbooks from being damaged. Payment of $5.00 needs to be arranged with your teacher and may save you from having to replace an expensive textbook at the end of the year.

TAKING STUDENTS OUT OF SCHOOL

It is essential that a note explaining the reason why a student needs to leave school at a certain time, signed by the Parent/Carer. This note is received and documented before roll call in the morning at Window 2 or 3. If students are unwell, they must first obtain a note from their classroom teacher, then come to Sick Bay so they can be cared for whilst the administration staff notify the Parents/Carers. (Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell in the morning as we will only have to contact you to collect your child.)
GOLD COAST EXCURSION FOR YEAR 8

For all parents of Year 8, the Gold Coast Excursion will be held from 2nd to 6th November, 2015. No paperwork has been issued to date however a non-refundable deposit of $100.00 for the Year 8 Gold Coast Excursion is due by the end of Term 2. Parents are encouraged to begin paying for the excursion from now as the total cost will be approximately $500.00. It is expected that all outstanding fees will be paid in full before a student is able to attend the excursion.

UNIFORM NOTICE

Senior Boys Pants
Please note that Senior Boys are required to wear NAVY trousers as part of their Winter uniform from this year. Lowes Menswear is now selling long leg navy trousers for Winter. Please see Lowes for all your school uniform requirements.

School Sports Jacket
In 2011 with the endorsement of the P & C, staff, S.R.C and Sports Council it was decided to implement a school sports jacket and track pants. With this in mind please ensure that your child is only wearing the regulation uniform. Please assist with the following and ensure that your child is in correct uniform every school day.

- Winter sport’s uniform for practical PE lessons and sport’s day includes the school sports jacket and track pants. All students are expected to wear the navy track pants with the Oxley logo and red stripe.
- Canterbury or track pants that have other colour stripes are not permitted.
- Shorts or track pants from local sporting organisations are unacceptable.
- The Oxley sports jacket can be worn for warmth over the school uniform on any day of the week.
- Plain navy track pants are unacceptable.
- Jackets or tops with hoods are unacceptable.

Extract from the 2004 New South Wales Department of Education and Training Student Welfare Directorate Policy:

School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools

Benefits of school uniforms
The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:
- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students’ sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

EXEMPTION FORMS

In the past Oxley High School has issued a Certificate of Exemption for those students who are on extended leave from school. These will only now be issued for specific circumstances, and approved by the Principal only, and this does not include family holidays.
P & C REPORT

We are asking for parent volunteers who would be interested in helping out on a couple of our sub-committees. If you are interested in having a say and making changes to the school uniform and/or to the school Canteen please contact us by one of the means listed below. The Canteen committee meeting is held at 6 pm just prior to the main P & C meeting each month.

NEXT MEETING:
Next month’s meeting will be held on Monday, 22nd June at 6:45pm. It will be held upstairs in Macquarie Block in the Staff Common Room. So if you would like to take an active role in your child’s school then please come along – you will be made to feel very welcome. Entry to Macquarie Block is BY the side gate closest to the student carpark.

CANTEEN NEWS:
As usual we could always do with more helpers in the Canteen – please let us know if you have a few hours to spare at any time.

**Changes to the Online Ordering Provider**
Please be advised that in the near future we will be changing our Online Ordering provider to the same one used by Tamworth Public School.

There will be plenty of notice when this is likely to happen so you can use up any credit you have with our current provider.

Students can still order the old way by filling out an order at the Canteen window before school for lunch and recess or at recess for lunch. Orders can be picked up from the side door. It would be very helpful if students could possibly assist by having the right money for their purchases from the Canteen – we have increased our coin float considerably, however there are numerous items that are $1.20 or $2.20 and we run out of coins (particularly 10c pieces) on a daily basis which means we struggle to make the float for the following day. Having the 20c to go with the notes that are handed over makes a massive difference to our change situation. Thank you for your help in this matter.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT:
This year’s event was a wonderful success – a massive thank you to each and every person involved in the running, setting up, cooking, serving, packing away and any other help that was given. The Oxley High community is very grateful for your contributions.

SCHOOL FEES:
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FACEBOOK PAGES:
Parents and staff can send a ‘friend request’ to the main Facebook page and keep up to date with what is happening at the school along with useful information, photos and discussions at https://www.facebook.com/oxleyhigh.pandc

All of the school community including students can ‘like’ the community page at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oxley-High-School-P-C-Association/133721960089381?ref=hl to check out the latest photos, discussions, events etc. As with all “like” pages please make sure you tick the ‘get notifications’ and ‘show in news feed’ to make sure you actually get to see our posts. We also now have operational pages for International Night and Antique Fair. Please head over and like these too.

CONTACTING US: If you have any questions please feel free to contact us in the following ways:-
Email – oxleyhighpandc@gmail.com
Facebook - Write on our wall or send us a personal inbox message on either of the pages listed above or you can call Robyn on 0477 845854.

Leanne Thompson
President P & C
NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school’s uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.
Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education and Communities.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behavior and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and all school staff, use their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Communities will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.
PEANUT ALLERGIES AND AEROSOL CANS

Please be reminded NOT to bring peanut products to school, as we have some students with severe peanut allergies, as well as aerosol cans that can cause students and staff to have problems with asthma.

CLOTHING POOL
The Oxley High School Clothing Pool is open on Fridays from 1.00pm to 2.00pm, for all uniform needs or pre-loved uniforms.

Oxley High School is always looking for volunteers to run the Clothing Pool, so if you can spare a couple of hours on another day, please contact the school on 6766 1677.

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL - UNIFORM POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS
As the school year begins, we would like to take this opportunity to remind families of the high expectations Oxley High School maintains regarding uniform in our school. Oxley High School prides itself on upholding exceptional standards and a positive image both within our school and as members of the wider community. We therefore appreciate the continued support of our parents and carers in this area.

If you have an email address, attached to this newsletter is a copy of our school uniform policy and detailed description of the school uniform.

If you do not have an email address the Uniform requirements can be found on the Oxley High School Web Site.

Students who are unable to wear the full school uniform on any occasion must provide a note from home to the uniform officer (Deputy Principal) BEFORE SCHOOL to obtain a Uniform Exemption Pass. Disciplinary action will be enforced for those students out of uniform, without written explanation.

If families are experiencing any financial difficulties and are unable to meet uniform requirements, we have a Clothing Pool operating on Fridays between 1.00 pm and 2.00pm and some student assistance is available through Macquarie Office. All students have been advised of these procedures during the first week of term, and once again we appreciate the ongoing cooperation of our school families. If you have any further queries or require support, please contact your child’s Year Adviser or Head Teacher Welfare as soon as possible.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are asked not drop off or pick up their students in the Staff Car Park, unless prior special arrangements have been authorised with the school.

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESSES
On the back page of this publication is a slip for parents to update their email addresses. If you can supply an email address, it will assist the school in the reduction of postage for newsletters and accounts thus freeing up much needed funds for other projects.

RETURN OF TEXT BOOKS
Parents of returning students in years 8-12: Please help your student to locate and return any textbooks they have from previous years that they are no longer using. It is important that these items are returned so that current students have the use of, and benefit from, these resources.
**COMPULSORY SPORT FEE**

In order to minimise the cost of sporting events run at Oxley High School, the $10.00 sporting fee is again in operation for 2015. Please make sure that you pay this fee promptly as the school needs to cover the costs incurred to run events.

We wish to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that there is a substantial number of students who have elective fees outstanding from previous years, could those parents/carers please make arrangements with the school for payment of these fees, as your child cannot be signed out of school until all fees are collected.

If you are having problems meeting your fees for electives or sport please call at the Front Office to discuss any options the school may be able to consider.

A reminder also that paying the School Contribution fee into the Oxley Library Fund is 100% tax deductible!

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Jewellery and Make-Up Requirements**

It has been agreed to by our school community (parents, students, staff) that students are to wear a school uniform. This is stated in the school's Fair Discipline Code: “Students will observe the general standard of dress and uniform requirements of the school”. This means that all students are to be well groomed, neat and tidy wearing the full uniform of Oxley High School.

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged. If worn, it must be unobtrusive. If in doubt contact the Principal, Deputy Principal’s or Head Teacher Welfare. One flat ring, one bangle or bracelet, one fine neck chain, a watch and small studs or sleeper earrings may be worn. (For safety reasons, earrings must be either small stud or small sleeper.) Large ear jewellery is unacceptable. All piercings must have a small stud or sleeper only in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000.

Makeup is to be unobtrusive, e.g. no excessive use of bright lipstick, heavy eyeliner, eye shadow, nail polish, etc. If you are in any doubt about any item of uniform requirement, please contact the school.

**QUEST MAGAZINES**

There are still copies of the 2014 Oxley High School Quest Magazine available at $15.00 each – please pay at Macquarie Office window 1

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY SPORT**

The following is an outline of the procedures for Sport at Oxley High School in 2015. Please read through with your child/ren so there is a clear understanding of expectations on a Thursday afternoon.

Non-Sport is held in the Library each Thursday for the benefit of students who are either SICK or INJURED and unable to participate in Sport. Whilst in the Library, students are to be working constructively, or they will be sent to Sports Detention (see below). If a student wishes to attend Non-Sport they are to bring a note signed by their Parent/Guardian containing the nature of the illness/injury, a contact phone number where they may be reached that day if required, and the date(s) for which the illness/injury is applicable. The note must be handed to the Sports Organiser before school or at recess, at the PE staffroom. If a student does not bring a note, they will go to Sports Detention.
Students who have forgotten/lost their money on Thursdays and need to pay money for Sport each week are able to borrow money from the Sports Organiser on Thursday morning or recess. Please do not come the second half of lunch to borrow money. This money is to be re-paid to the Sports Organiser the next day.

Sport is compulsory at school, and therefore should not be seen as an opportunity to carry out personal matters. Leave Passes are for students who require leave from school to attend urgent appointments which cannot be made at other times. Students who wish to get a Leave Pass on Thursdays must have a note from their parent/caregiver clearly explaining where the student will be when they leave. **The notes must be handed in before school to Macquarie office and MUST contain the following information:**

- Reason for leave
- Phone Number for confirmation of appointment if required
- Place and Time of appointment

The wearing of uniform at Oxley High School is compulsory. Uniform for Sport is no different. The correct uniform for sport is a Navy Polo Shirt with collar and embroidered badge. **OXLEY Navy coloured** shorts or tracksuit pants. A School Tracksuit Jacket or Oxley High School Jumper can be worn during cold weather. **JEANS and CANTERBURY (CCC) SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS SPORTS UNIFORM.** If you do not have the correct full uniform, wear your normal school uniform and change at your venue. **Students who are not in the correct uniform will not attend Sport; they will go to Sport Detention instead.**

The return of the Oxley High Youth Bibles

Despite frequent reminders and requests for the return of the Youth Bibles at the end of Year 8, Mrs Gonzales’ supply of Youth Bibles is now so low she is no longer able to give each of her Year 7 and Year 8 students a Bible to use during their scripture periods.

So, if there is a copy of an Oxley High Youth Bible at your place that is no longer in use,

Please return Bibles via Front Office or Library ASAP

A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
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