



# Oxley High School Logbook

*Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi / Kamilaroi Nation* NOV/DEC 2014



## Dear Parents/Caregivers

I would like to first pass on my congratulations to Wendy Blaker for outstanding work as Relieving Principal of Oxley High School during my leave. It is always great to return to work when the school has been led well in my absence.

In the past week I have been informed of the great work of our students. Of particular note in Sport was the selection of

Toby Fox and Tom Fitzgerald in the Open Boys North West Cricket First XI and the Oxley High School Open Girls Basketball XII finishing eighth in the state. We have many talented Sportsmen and Sportswomen in the school. The success of these students reflects the work of the many teachers and community members who coach these teams.

This week we celebrated Remembrance Day, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice. It was a wonderful assembly; very respectful and fantastic to see the strong values of all Oxley students and their respect for the memories of the fallen men and women who fought in the First World War. In true Oxley style, the assembly was led by students for the students and I would like to congratulate senior students, Mikayla Spicer, Amy Pain, Emma Bailey and Tanika McLean for the manner in which they conveyed such a sombre and moving ceremony.

Last Thursday saw the Year 12 Formal ceremony held at the TREC. The graduating students looked wonderful in their suits and gowns and very relaxed after finishing their HSC. In keeping with tradition, the 2015 School Captains and Vice-Captains did an excellent job conducting the Master of Ceremony duties for the night and I would like to personally thank Joel, Erin, Matt, Bronte and Mrs Gillan for their tireless work to ensure that the evening was a success.

I have also been informed that the Junior Debating team were Regional Runners-up, narrowly losing to Glen Innes High School in Armidale. Congratulations to Libby Wise, Samuel Kemp, Mitchell Lewin and Phoebe Parnell on their great year and I look forward to successes in the not too distant future.

Congratulations also go out to Grace Didlick on her selection for an exchange to Germany for 12 months. It is always exciting to see students from Tamworth being seen as worthy of representing Australian culture in foreign countries. Hopefully Grace sends us some fabulous postcards of her adventures and returns safely to us to share her experiences.

The following students were recipients of Top Deck Awards for November:

Amber Abra, Alexander Budden, Isabelle Daley, Thomas Grimmond, Blake Hyson, Alex Bailey, Grace Didlick, Layla Harris, Laila Hoy, Jessica James

It is great to be back and I look forward to hearing many more great stories about Oxley High School from the students.

Simon Bartlett-Taylor  
Principal

### **A reminder to:**

*Those students who expressed an interest in purchasing an Oxley High School Blazer; we expect that these blazers will be available in the first week of 2015 for collection. Students will be notified when fittings for blazers will occur.*

*Students enrolling in electives in 2015; you will need to ensure that all outstanding fees prior to 2015 are paid in full (including the 2015 subject). All families will receive an invoice in the current mail out from the school. If there are any discrepancies, please contact the front office to ensure that this issue can be finalised at our earliest convenience. Please remember that the early payment of elective class fees is important. This ensures that all elective classes are resourced appropriately and that students are able to participate in all hands-on activities. Students who have outstanding fees will be ineligible to attend non-compulsory school functions such as excursions (including the Central and Gold Coast excursion), represent the school in sport, extra-curricular activities and other non-core activities.*

*In an effort to support families that are struggling, we have provisions for fortnightly payments through the front office. Any negotiations about paying fees by instalment will be undertaken discreetly.*

*For students entering Year 11 in 2015, please ensure that all fees are paid in full prior to starting Year 11 studies.*

*Those students attending the Central Australia Excursion; Instalment payments need to be followed up regularly. Please remember that students with outstanding elective fees will need to have them paid in full prior to attending the excursion.*

*Parents and Carers trying to contact the office whilst the rebuild is in progress; there is a significant amount of disruption occurring in the school at present. A number of phone lines have been removed and it has been difficult trying to contact staff at times. We ask for your patience whilst this is occurring. We can foresee that the work will be completed by the start of 2015.*

### **Annie Production**

Creative and Practical Arts (CAPA) represents a huge portion of extra-curricular involvement at Oxley High School, including the Oxley Live Creative Arts Showcase and the annual school musical. Mr Sean McInnes, who is onto his third year of directing at Oxley, has previously revealed that the play for this year is an adaption of the popular *Annie* (originally a comic strip entitled *Little Orphan Annie* by Harold Gray, then adapted into a Broadway musical and film).

Mr McInnes has a broad background in Drama from centre stage to backstage technical support, and said for him the highlights of directing the school play were "the first dress rehearsal, that's always fun, the first time I see the play from start to finish with no gaps (*and*) the first time an actor says their lines without a piece of paper in front of them and gets it right".

The title character of *Annie* is being played by Year Ten student Olivia Harris with Oliver 'Daddy' Warbucks portrayed by Geordie Brown of Year 9.

Geordie has been acting since 2009, when he played Chip, a talking cup, in Tamworth Musical Society production of *Beauty and the Beast*. Since then, he has been involved in numerous other performances including Oxley's own 2012 adaption of *Grease*.

When asked about *Annie*, Geordie said that the hardest angle of Warbucks to portray is "the contrast in his personality as it changes throughout the show," and that his favourite part of performing is "...the atmosphere of being on stage, being able to work really hard on becoming someone else and experiencing different worlds inside a show."

A show like *Annie* would not exist without the dedicated crew backstage, led by a tireless group of teachers including producer Mrs Samantha Reading, Musical Director Mr Matthew Frazer and props artist Mrs Sasha Jury-Radford.

Mrs Reading has never been involved with a show backstage, although she did some acting in high school and afterwards. She says she definitely prefers organising the show to being onstage!

Mr Mathew Frazer has been involved with over a dozen musicals, starting in high school and including roles onstage, in the orchestra pit and behind the scenes. When asked what his favourite area is, he said that "being onstage is a real buzz, I certainly enjoy that".

Mrs Sasha Jury-Radford has never been onstage, but has worked as a props artist a few times, including making the only prop used in Oxley's *Grease* performance (a large red car). Her team is made up of about ten students from years Eight, Nine and Ten, who work tirelessly on making the stage look like a 1930s mansion. Luckily, there have been few disasters in this department, although Year Nine student Sarah Collinson did reveal that "we almost lost a rat!"

The opening night for *Annie* is set for 27 November, and will show for another two nights after that on 28 and 29 November. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and children under 8 are free. Family passes (2 adults, 2 students) can also be purchased for \$60. Tickets are available through the school or at the door.

By Kelly Russell (*Oxley High School Journalist*)

## **SURVEY**

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

You have an opportunity to participate in helping the Senior Leadership Team shape the future of our school. We are requesting your assistance to complete an online survey to evaluate aspects of Oxley High.

The survey operates for one week, opening Tuesday November 10th and closing Tuesday November 18th.

The data provided from this survey will be used to inform decisions and assist in the setting of whole school targets for 2015.

All information collected through these surveys is anonymous.

To complete the Parent/Caregiver survey online, copy or type the following link into a URL address bar:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHS\\_Parent\\_Caregiver\\_2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHS_Parent_Caregiver_2014)

Parents/Caregivers will go into the draw for one of two \$50 Kmart cards

To complete the Students survey online, copy or type the following link into a URL address bar:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHS\\_Student\\_2014](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OHS_Student_2014)

You will be able to complete this survey using any device on which you are able to access your DEC account, both at school and home.

Students who participate in this survey will go into the draw for one of two \$25 Kmart cards.

I look forward to your assistance.

Mrs Wendy Blaker  
Deputy Principal

## YEAR 12 FORMAL IN PICTURES





#### **FOR TENDER:**

Oxley High School has one Young Chang console black gloss piano for tender. The piano will be sold as is and does require some mechanical repairs. The body and the soundboard are in good condition. The successful tenderer will need to remove the piano at their own expense. The tender closes on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Bids can be made through the front office. Any further enquiries can be directed to either Mrs Reading (Head Teacher CAPA) or Mr Parnell (Music Teacher) on 67661677. Successful tender will be contacted by 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.

#### **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 2014. 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 can not 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.



# OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL



PROUDLY PRESENTS



**27th, 28th and 29th November 2014**

**Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start**

**Oxley High School Auditorium**

## **Ticket Prices:**

**Adults \$20 • Students \$15 • Family 2a 2c \$60 • Children under 8 free**

Book by  
**THOMAS MEEHAN**

Music by  
**CHARLES STROUSE**

Lyrics by  
**MARTIN CHARNIN**

Original Production directed by  
**MARTIN CHARNIN**

Presented on Broadway by  
**MIKE NICHOLS**

Produced by

**IRWIN MEYER • STEPHEN R. FREIDMAN • LEWIS ALLEN  
ALVIN NEDERLANDER ASSOCIATES INC. • THE JOHN F. KENNEDY FOR PERFORMING ARTS • ICARUS PRODUCTIONS**

Based on "Little Orphan Annie"

**BY PERMISSION OF THE TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES, INC.**

Originally produced by The Goodspeed Opera House

**MICHAEL P. PRICE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International (NY)

**Tickets available from Oxley High School**

**Contact 67661677**

**oxley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

**Directed by Mr Sean McInnes • Musical Direction by Mr Matthew Frazer • Choreography by Mrs Kellie Singh**

## P & C NEWS

### Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a safe and very Merry Christmas holiday break and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

### NEXT MEETING: -

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 starting at 6:45pm in the Staff Common Room, upstairs in Macquarie Block, entry via the side closest to the Student carpark. This will be our final meeting of the year so we ask that everyone bring a plate of food to share.

**FOR SALE:- Trestle Tables** - There are 2 sizes available for sale at \$25 each. Two measuring 1500 x 740 and ten measuring 1500 x 600. Both sizes are 710 in height. If you would like to look at them or make further enquiries please contact Euan on 0438 450 860.



### CANTEEN NEWS

Just a reminder that the profits from the canteen go towards your children's education – we try to keep the prices at an extremely affordable level and only put up our prices when we absolutely have to.

With chips and the new ice blocks selling for \$1.20 and a few other items having 20 cents in their totals, it would be extremely helpful if students can possibly help out by giving the correct money when purchasing items – ie. if an item is \$1.20 and they only have a \$5 note, it would be helpful if they had the 20 cents in change to give with the \$5 so we can give back \$4 rather than having to find \$3.80. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed!! - We still need more volunteer helpers in the canteen, especially Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, so if you can spare a few hours once a month, once a fortnight or once a week please call the canteen directly on 67661131, leave your name and contact details at the Front Office or email us at the **new canteen email address – [oxleyhighcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:oxleyhighcanteen@gmail.com)**. It makes such a difference having two parents helping out at the same time instead of just one.

Online Ordering - Don't forget to register for ordering at [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au). We still have a lot of children arriving later at the lunch break, especially on a Friday and we have run out of hot food. Please encourage your children to order either online or before school starts or even at Recess to ensure they are getting something other than chips and yoghurt sticks to eat at lunchtime.

### 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 2014 the best yet for fee payments. ☺

## 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 **Oxley high PandC**.

All of the school community including students can **'like'** the community page at **Oxley High School P&C Association** 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.

**Coming Soon** – We will be adding two new pages to our Facebook account. These will be one for International Night and one for Antique Fair. Your help in promoting these pages once they are operational would be greatly appreciated.

**ENQUIRIES:** If you have any questions please feel free to contact us in the following ways:-

**Email** – [oxleyhighpandc@gmail.com](mailto: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 our Secretary Robyn on 0477 845854.

**Leanne Thompson**

**President P & C**

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Jewellery and Make-Up Requirements.**

Dear Parents / Caregivers

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 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.

Mr R. Petrie (Head Teacher Welfare)

## PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

School fees are an important component to ensuring that the learning environment is engaging, fun and rewarding for students. **Please do not confuse subject contribution fees with voluntary school fees as they are different and serve a separate purpose.** Please contact the Front Office for any queries or concerns.

There is an onus or expectation on parents and carers to pay your Child's Subject Contribution Fees and to pay them on time. Oxley High School provides limited resources for subjects to get started at the beginning of the year. However, the bulk of resources for your child in classes are provided through



parents and carers paying subject fees. This is the reason why we insist that you pay your fees and pay them on time.

If you or your family are having difficulties paying subject fees, the ladies in the Office can help with a payment plan. Your situation will be kept confidential.

For Senior students, we need to be clear that payment of fees for Years 11 and 12 will need to be undertaken prior to enrolment in the subject. This is to ensure that all practical and subject work can be completed without the added pressure of having to find money to finish courses. Again, we encourage parents and carers to consider negotiation of early payment to ensure that the start of the 2015 Preliminary and HSC year is as easy as possible.

### **OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL - Uniform Policy and Expectations**

As the school year continues, 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) in D Block 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 Wednesdays 8.30am - 2.30pm 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.

### **SCHOOL FEES**

**A reminder for Parents/Carers regarding accounts:**

**Fees for all elective subjects, excursions, sport fees and fees for lost text books are all compulsory.** These fees are to be paid **before** your child commences their elective subject or attend sporting events or excursions.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY SPORT**

The following is an outline of the procedures for Sport at Oxley High School in 2014. Please read through with your child/ren so there is a clear understanding of expectations on a Thursday afternoon.

#### **NON SPORT**

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.

### **SPORTS DETENTION**

Sports Detention is held each week in classroom D1. Sports Detention is where a student will be sent if he/she is not doing what is expected of them at Sport. They may be sent immediately if at school for sport, or the following week if Sport is conducted away from the school. Students who fail to bring the required equipment, clothing, or do not get their Non Sport notes to the Sports Organiser, will also attend Sports Detention.

If a student is sent to Sports Detention for the following week, and are not at school, **they will be expected to make up their time in detention the next Sport Day they are at school**. Should students find themselves attending Sports Detention constantly, they will be seen to by a Deputy Principal with the possibility of In-School Suspension.

### **SPORTS UNIFORM**

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 top 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.**

## **Term 4 Calendar**

Monday 17 November	Tuesday 18 November	Wednesday 19 November	Thursday 20 November	Friday 21 November
	'Annie' Rehearsals	Oz Tag Gala Day		
Monday 24 November	Tuesday 25 November	Wednesday 26 November	Thursday 27 November	Friday 28 November
	'Annie' Rehearsals	'Annie' Rehearsals	'Annie' Premiere	'Annie' Musical
Monday 1 December	Tuesday 2 December	Wednesday 3 December	Thursday 4 December	Friday 5 December
	Kenyan Xmas Stall	Kenyan Xmas Stall Yr 7 Orientation Day		
Monday 8 December	Tuesday 9 December	Wednesday 10 December	Thursday 11 December	Friday 12 December
Yr 11 Assessment Tasks Due this Week <b>PRESENTATION NIGHT</b>				Sport Council Sports Assembly
Monday 15 December	Tuesday 16 December	Wednesday 17 December	Thursday 18 December	Friday 19 December
		End of Term for Students		