



Oxley High School Logbook

***Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi / Kamilaroi Nation* FEBRUARY 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to again to another wonderful start to Oxley High School.

The 2015 year holds promise for excellent academic, sporting and cultural achievements for our school and I look forward to sharing news with you of your children's many personal successes.

The rebuild of Castlereagh is largely completed. Due to the diligence of students, staff and Woollam's Construction Company, Oxley High School students are now able to access this facility well in excess of 12 months of the completion date. Oxley High School now boasts the most modern and up to date Drama, Dance, Library, Music, Visual Arts and English facilities across all the Tamworth schools and we are very excited to have such modern facilities. The teacher can already see positive effect that these learning environments are having on student learning.

I would like to thank every 2014 graduating HSC student for their efforts in attaining excellent HSC results. For the second year running, Oxley High students attained the highest ATARs in the Tamworth Area with 99.3, 98.65 and 95.5 respectively. It was again with great pleasure that I wrote personally to every student who achieved in the top 20% of HSC results. It did make me very proud to write so many letters.

Last week Mr Walsh and Ms Acker had the pleasure of attending the presentation of Kate Falkenmire with the Everingham Solomon bursary for a HSC student enrolling in a university law degree. This is the second year in row that an Oxley High School student has been awarded this bursary and is significant recognition for all the excellent work that Kate placed into her studies.

With the start of the 2015 school year I will remind everyone that I gave an undertaking in 2014 that I would subsidise the cost of school blazers for Senior Students (years 10-12) by \$50. Currently Blazers are in Lowes for students to try sizes on. I believe that this should bring the cost of a school blazer in line with the cost of a woollen school jumper and it would be great to see all of your children representing Oxley High School in a school blazer. Depending upon the success of subsidising blazers, we may assess implementing a subsidy for junior students (years 7-9).

The School Captains and Vice Captains have met with me twice since the beginning of term to discuss the progress of Year 12 and strategies we have in place to support HSC students. Upon recommendation by the captains we have moved to order and install \$5000 of extra seating in the Year 12 courtyard. These extra benches and seats will be used by Year 12 to create extra study areas. Furthermore, Senior Study is also operating in the new Library and if needs be unoccupied classrooms are also available for senior students to study in.

International Night will be on the 27th March 2015 and coincide with an opportunity for interested parents, carers and Tamworth community members to walk through the new Castlereagh buildings. Please remember that this is an excellent opportunity for our students and school to showcase our facilities on an important night in our community cultural calendar. If you have time to support our school either by attending or participating in an International Night stall then please contact the P&C,

your children always appreciate your help in these events and the flow on effect that it has for them at school.

Last Thursday we were fortunate to have a Royal Australian Navy helicopter and crew visit the school. With great skill they managed to land their Squirrel Helicopter on our school oval and allowed our students and staff an opportunity to sit in and discuss a career in the flying arm of the Royal Australian Navy. In support of the naval visit, Prime News and the Northern Daily Leader ran stories to support the students at Oxley.

Daniel Zhou our 2014 school vice-captain was successful in qualifying for a \$10000 scholarship with Macquarie University to study Commerce in Sydney. On behalf of Oxley High School, I wish to pass on my congratulations and look forward to hearing of further successes for Daniel.

You may have passed the front of our school recently and seen the changes in the school's appearance. We believe that it is important that Oxley High School's facilities and appearance reflect the excellent ethos of the students and staff that belong with us here. In time you will see a significant improvement in the way that Oxley High School looks and hopefully further proof that our school is the best school that your child could attend.

In finishing, I would like to take the time to commend the students of Oxley High School on their exemplary conduct, learning, community spirit and care for each other. It is wonderful to see so many young people coming together in the one place, getting along and being happy. I look forward to sharing the ongoing story of Oxley High School and our successes with all of you.

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).



2014 saw Oxley High School's second major production in years of absence from the stage with the Broadway Classic, Annie. Our rendition of Little Orphan Annie's journey to an understanding of what family really means was a big success thanks to the dedicated contribution of a large number of faculties from Oxley High. Special thanks needs to go to CAPA, TAS, English and Careers Advisor for their hard work and dedication to the students.

Under the guidance of Sean McInnes and Matthew

Frazer, Director and Musical Director respectively, the script was brought to life as a colourful comic book in homage to Annie's roots. It truly was a beautiful show and the true stars were the students who were fabulous for the entire production. The lead actress Olivia Harris of Year 10 (2014) playing Annie was a stand-out and embodied the bubbly yet strong attitude



of Annie, while

maintaining

the innocence of our favourite orphan. Geordie Brown of Year 9 (2014) absolutely nailed his role as Daddy Warbucks with his strong stage presence, versatile acting ability and vocal quality. But the true show stealer of the production was Tori Kennedy of Year 11 (2014) playing the despicable Miss Hannigan, utilising her killer comic timing, her impressive characterisation and a singing voice and dance skill none of realised

she had. After the fun, excitement, lessons learnt and relationships built in 2014's school production of Annie, it will be hard to top in coming years. But if the students' enjoyment, appreciation and enthusiasm for more is any indication, Oxley High is sure to go from success to success in future productions.



TOP DECK AWARDS



Top Deck Award Recipients: Left to Right:

Brodie Patterson, Toby Harradine, Taleah Herden, Jazmin Jones

PLEIN AIR PRIZE WINNER

Grace Bowden with Mrs Samantha Reading - Head Teacher CAPA



STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



Students being awarded Certificates for their volunteer work with Year 6 pupils from Tamworth Public School's Swimming Program.

VALENTINE'S DAY AT OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL



2015 UNIVERSITY ROADSHOW



200 students from across the New England area including Peel High School, Manilla Central School, Tamworth High School and Oxley High School attended the annual University Roadshow at Oxley High School. This very valuable event is designed to help students with the understanding of

university and university life. The universities that presented were Southern Cross, Charles Sturt and the University of New England.



SRC DISCO

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY COST-\$5.00 7PM-10PM

THEME: HAWAIIAN BEACH PARTY

How to purchase a ticket:

1. Collect a permission note if you wish to attend the Disco.
2. Read carefully the conditions on the note and return when you get a ticket.
3. Buy a ticket this Friday or next Mon & Tues: Lunch 1 Castlereagh courtyard:

You will need a student ID card (except for Yr 7), official permission note and money

NEW STUDENTS in Years 8-12. If you do not have a school ID card, a temporary ID pass can be arranged with Mrs May (Deputy Principal). Any other student without a swipe card can speak to Mrs May and any problems please discuss at Ticket Sales with Miss Boulton

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY HELICOPTER VISIT



On Thursday, 12th February Oxley High School had a visit from an Australian Navy Helicopter which landed on the school oval. All students enjoyed the visit and had an opportunity to view a RAN helicopter in the flesh.

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

We will be holding our 32nd International Food Night on Friday, 27th March 2015 from 6pm. Each year the Oxley High School P&C, with the generous help of Oxley High staff, students, parents and carers, raise funds to benefit Oxley students. One of our major fundraisers is International Food Night.

We hope you will join us for an evening of fun, food and entertainment! A smorgasbord of tastes from all over the world is available; Mexican tacos, Japanese sushi, French crepes and of course an Aussie BBQ and Pavlovas... traditional dishes from Polynesia, Thailand, Turkey, China, and India and other countries such as Norway, Italy, Ireland and America are represented by their most recognised dish and all available on the one night, in the one place... how could you resist!

Entertainment is provided by Oxley High students and our students and teachers will be vying for the best costume prize. All help is gratefully appreciated, so if you can assist in any way it would be appreciated. You could:

- Donate grocery items for use in preparing meals
- Place some posters around town
- Help with some cooking on the day
- Help with preparation on the night
- Serve on one of the stands on the night.

We also have a new Facebook page dedicated to this – please go to and ‘like’

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oxley-High-International-Food-Night/525883490848376> and keep up to date with all that is happening with this wonderful event. If you can help with any of the above please contact Robyn on 0477 845854 or email oxleyhighfoodnight@gmail.com.

OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A NORMAL DAY 4 TIMETABLE WILL RUN ON THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL DAY. Please be prepared for all of your periods on this day!

SWIMMING CARNIVAL. Thursday 26th February at the Tamworth Town Pool.

Students are expected to attend school on the Thursday and then the Swimming Carnival until 8pm that night. If you have a VALID reason as to why you need to leave the carnival before 8pm, you need to complete a form found inside the PE staffroom on the sports note board. This needs to be completed signed by your parent and **returned to your PC Teacher BEFORE WEDNESDAY**. It will then be decided by the Principal if your request is approved or not.

PLEASE NOTE, NO LEAVE PASSES WILL BE GIVEN ON THE DAY OF THE CARNIVAL.

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, is received and documented before roll call in the morning at the Front Office. If a student is unwell, they must come to Sick Bay first so they can be cared for whilst the administration staff notify the student's Parent/Carer by the school, whilst waiting to be collected.



Tamworth FC online registration has started and we are also conducting registration days at the Gipps St Fields for new and existing players of any

age group.

If you would like to play football in the coming season our registration dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Thursday February 26th 4:00pm-6:00pm
- Saturday February 28th 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March from 4.00pm -6.00pm

The fees for 2015 will be:

- Players 5-7 yrs \$110.00
- Players 8-11 yrs \$120.00
- Players 12-18 yrs \$130.00

Player gear (shorts and socks) will be available to purchase on registration days.

Hunter New England Population Health

Direct Contact Details

Phone: (02) 49246477



NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM WHAT VACCINE SHOULD MY CHILD RECEIVE

YEAR 7

dTpa vaccine includes protection against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough and is **your child's first adolescent booster**. This dose is in addition to the DTPa vaccines given during childhood.

HPV vaccine is only offered in year 7

Varicella vaccine (against chickenpox) is for children who have not been previously vaccinated or had the disease. However, 2 doses of varicella vaccine can be safely administered.

YEAR 11-12 students

a single dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) will be offered – please check how many doses of MMR vaccine (called MMRII or Priorix) your child has received by checking their baby vaccination book (blue book) or contacting Medicare on 1800 653 809. **DO NOT COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM** if they have evidence of two previous doses.

What happens if a student misses a dose – they will be caught up at the next clinic – you do not need to do anything.

A RECORD OF VACCINATION CARD - will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. A request for a duplicate record of vaccination is required in writing and will incur a fee of \$33.00.



**310 SQUADRON TAMWORTH
AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE
CADETS**



29 January 2015

- 2 FEB 2015

The Principal
Oxley High School
PO Box 587
TAMWORTH NSW 2340

Dear Sir / Madam

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a voluntary youth organisation which aims to be the premier air-minded youth organisation in the country. It is administered by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), through a national command structure. 310 (City of Tamworth) Squadron, with over 25 cadets and 2 adult staff members, provides quality training and experiences to young people from the Tamworth region.

310 Squadron will be holding information sessions on 17 and 24 March 2014 from 7:00pm at 6 Rentell Street, Tamworth Regional Airport. Prospective cadets and their parents or guardians are invited to attend one of these sessions to learn more about the AAFC.

Enrolment is open to Australian citizens and Australian residents aged between 12.5 and 18 years.

I would appreciate it if you could mention this opportunity during daily announcements or at your school assembly. If your school publishes a newsletter the inclusion of this information would be greatly appreciated.

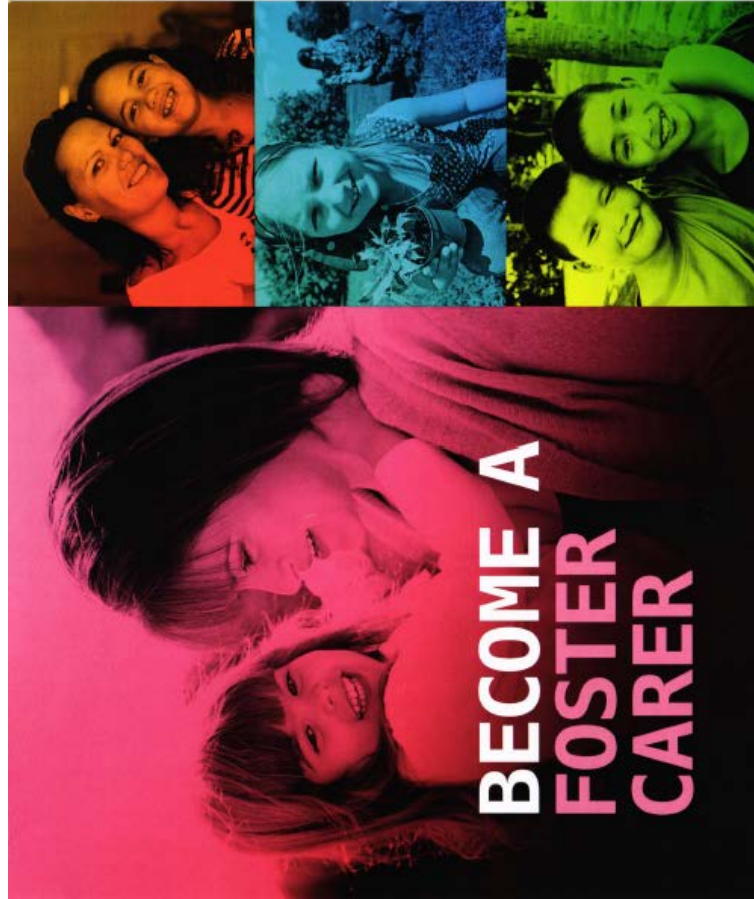
For more information about the AAFC, please visit our website: www.aafc.org.au.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

David Koppers
Commanding Officer

310SQN – City of Tamworth
Mobile: 0428 240 809



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CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

We are looking for compassionate people who can provide a nurturing and stable home to a child or young person.

We provide our carers with:

- 24/7 support, and
- Extensive training

If you would like to make a positive difference in a young person's life, we'd love to hear from you.

T: 02 6767 3300 or 02 6618 2605
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Succeeding in the HSC HSC English Essay Writing Lecture



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The Newsletter Coordinator

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FREE* Lectures for HSC Students – Valued at \$300! Fundraising for The Fred Hollows Foundation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed copies of the brochure relating to our forthcoming program for students studying HSC subjects this year.

Program Features:

Lecture 1: Succeeding in the HSC (An Advanced Study Skills Lecture)

Lecture 2: HSC English Essay Writing Lecture

Venue: The University of Sydney

Date: Saturday 21 February 2015

Valued at \$300, these highly beneficial lectures are **FREE OF CHARGE*** to students. We do, however, require that students participating in this program make a \$10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation charity representatives that will be in attendance on the day.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would make the enclosed fliers available to students studying Year 12 subjects this year.

We would greatly appreciate it if you would make this program information available to those students studying HSC subjects this year in your next school newsletter and/or school assembly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 1300 364 173 if you have any questions regarding this program.

Kind Regards,
TSFX



The Fred Hollows
Foundation
www.fredhollows.org.au



Total Donated to Charity to Date: \$256,764.20

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P & C NEWS

Welcome to the 2015 school year. A big welcome to all our new families starting at Oxley this year, we look forward to meeting you at some stage during the year at one of our meetings, events or while volunteering in the Canteen.

Normally our meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month, however our first general meeting for the year will be held on **Wednesday**, 25th February 2015 at 6:45pm immediately following the Year 7 Welcome BBQ and while the first Disco for the year takes place – why not drop off the kids and come in for a cuppa, supper and a chat. It will be held in the new meeting room in front of the Principal's Office in Macquarie Block.

The March meeting will be our AGM and all positions will be declared vacant. We have positions that need filling so if you would like to take an active role in your child's school then please come along – you will be made feel very welcome. Memberships cost \$1 and to be able to vote at the AGM you will need to pay this fee prior to the commencement of our first meeting next Monday.

CANTEEN NEWS

It has been a great start to the year with quite a few new parents and grandparents volunteering in the Canteen. We still need a few more especially on a Thursday when we have no volunteers at all. 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**. 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 www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. We would love to see many more parents, students and staff using the system, so please go to and register today (see attached information). 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 face to face at the canteen before school starts or even at recess to ensure they are getting something other than chips and yoghurt sticks to eat at lunchtime.

If you need help with registering or anything to do with the website please contact Our Online Canteen directly on ph 1300 484 888 or email info@ouronlinecanteen.com.au. There are prize draws each week for those who sign up and order online. Our Online Canteen has a Facebook page where you can enter the prize draws. There are also FREE mobile apps for download so you can order from your phone or other mobile device.

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. ☺

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.

Coming Soon – We will be adding a new page to our Facebook account. This will be one for Antique Fair. Your help in promoting this and the other Community 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

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

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. School fees are to be paid in full no later than 27th February, 2015.** 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.

PEANUT ALLERGIES AND AEROSOL CANS

<i>Please be reminded not to bring peanut products to school as we have some students with severe peanut allergies. Also aerosol cans which can cause students and staff to have problems with Asthma.</i>
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YEAR 12 JUMPERS FOR 2015

Given that we believe that education is the focus of Oxley High School, we have determined that students seeking to purchase a Year 12 jumper must have all their Subject Fees paid in full prior to seeking purchase of a jumper. This will be monitored and where fees are outstanding, students will be advised that they are ineligible to purchase a Year 12 jumper.

If you have Subject Fees outstanding from as far back as Year 7, prompt payment of the amount is expected prior to Week 3, 2015.

If you are concerned that you may have outstanding Subject Fees, please contact the Oxley High School Office on 67661677 and we will organise your information for payment.

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 now only be issued for certain circumstances that are approved by the Principal and does not include family holidays.

NORTH COMPANIONS FOOTBALL CLUB

Women's soccer is on the rise in Tamworth and North Companions Football Club is looking to recruit young female footballers to the club for the upcoming 2015 season. If you are turning 15 this year (or are older) and you would like to play one of Australia's fastest growing sports with a great group of young ladies each week, call North Companion's women's football coach Gavin Flanagan on 0400 523 288 for further details. Games are played each Saturday throughout winter at Gipps Street Fields. Come and join Tamworth's family club and be a part of something very special in 2015

CLOTHING POOL

The Oxley High School Clothing Pool will open Fridays from 12 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 12Noon 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 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.

BRITANNICA ONLINE

An initiative of the P&C is to fund our subscription to Britannica Online - a great online reference, which can be accessed by students, and their families, which gives them access to Ebsco which offers a broad range of full text and bibliographic data bases, designed for research from their homes via the Oxley High Moodle, which can be located via an Internet search. Subject areas include academic, biomedical, government, school etc. via Britannica Online. The student's username and Oxley High School logon password will allow them to access the school Moodle. An authoritative information site for school assessments. If you have any board games that you no longer want, in good condition, the Library would be grateful for any donations.

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

CHESS AT OXLEY HIGH

Students interested in attending a day long Chess Coaching Day, at Oxley High, on Thursday 19th March, please see Mrs Chaffey in the Library before Thursday 26 February. The workshop will be organised if we have enough students wanting to attend. The proposed cost is \$20-25.00.

Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School Interschool Chess Day will be held Monday 16th March 2015. Trophies will be awarded for the top scoring players: 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place and 5th place. Trophies will also be given out to the top 3 placed schools in each heat. All participants in the tournament will receive a certificate of participation. Registration fee of \$11.00 PLUS travel. Please see Mrs Chaffey in the Library before next Thursday, February 26th, 2015.



Also, if one of your students is a chess player - please encourage them to come to the Library during their lunch breaks to practice and register their interest as Oxley High fields a team in the regional competition.

TRAVEL CONCESSION CARDS

Students 16 years and older travelling on NSW Trains and Coaches require the Senior Secondary Student Card to get the Student 50% discount fare.

If any student is considering travelling by Train or Coach, please come to the Front Office to pick up your card. This card MUST be shown when purchasing your ticket.

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.

Mrs Dee May
Deputy Principal

Mr Mark Baldwin
Deputy Principal

Mrs Wendy Blaker
Deputy Principal

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 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.**

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.

Term 1 Calendar

Monday 16 February	Tuesday 17 February	Wednesday 18 February	Thursday 19 February	Friday 20 February
		Yr 7 Excursion	Yr 7 Excursion	Yr 7 Excursion
Monday 23 February	Tuesday 24 February	Wednesday 25 February	Thursday 26 February	Friday 27 February
		SRC DISCO	Twilight Swimming Carnival	No School in lieu of Swimming Carnival
Monday 2 March	Tuesday 3 March	Wednesday 4 March	Thursday 5 March	Friday 6 March
School Photos	School Photos			

Have You Updated Your Email Address Recently?

In order for us to keep our records up to date, we need to be informed when parents and carers' email addresses have changed.

If you did not receive an electronic copy of this newsletter from the school in your emails, could you please complete and send in details of your current email address, together with your child's name/s. Alternatively, please send an email to the school (oxley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with the subject "Updated Email", together with your child's name/s and current email address.

Student/s

Name.....

Parents Email

Address.....

Parents

Signature.....Date...../...../.....