



# Oxley High School Logbook

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Oxley High School from your well-earned holidays. As we move into the final 100 school days of 2015, I am excited at the prospects of a successful Year 12 graduation, trial exams and HSC; of hearing of outstanding student personal progress and sharing with the Oxley community the accomplishments of our students, staff and parents.

At the end of last term, I wrote to every parent in Years 7-10 regarding the movement of students between classes. We have undertaken this process for a number of significant reasons. Traditionally Oxley High School offered streamed learning classes which have traditionally "been set" with very little or no movement taking place over Years 7-10 and most importantly little avenue to reward students for improvement in academic performance. In 2013, we began reorganising all of our teaching and learning programs to focus on differentiation and opportunity to excel. Consequently we are now beginning the process of placing students in the correct classes where their work is set at an appropriate learning level.

Where your child has changed a class, you should be contacted by the Faculty Head Teacher, Deputy Principal or a staff delegate and advised of the reasons for the change.

Semester 1 of 2015 has also seen 22 students seek enrolment from local Tamworth non-government schools across Years 7-10. It has been very rewarding for the students and staff of Oxley High School to be openly recognised for their hard work, dedication and school ethos.

The success of our school and the desire of new families to enrol students in our school has unfortunately placed pressure on our enrolments. As a result we are considering the full implementation of a Years 7-12 waiting list with a very limited intake for the remainder of 2015. Oxley High School has a significant loyalty to our currently enrolled students and their families and, we have the intention of supporting our own students to our maximum capability.

Further to this, the Senior Executive have reviewed our Year 7 school enrolment into 2016. Currently our forecast enrolment of Year 7 students stands at approximately 180. We had 62 families seek out of zone enrolment with 38 students being accepted primarily on academic grounds; a significant decrease in students seeking enrolment in Farrer and the non-government schools and unofficial positive feedback on the current and future directions of Oxley High School.

The Parent Teacher and Subject Selection Nights was again on in week 2. I would encourage all families to consider the importance of these evenings, the value of feedback, communication and sharing the responsibility of educating young people.

I would like to congratulate the following students on their outstanding performances:

Open Boy's Soccer XI placing in the top 8 in the state in their 3-2 loss to Crestwood High School.

Geordie Brown and Emma Bailey on their selection as headline performers in CAPERS.

Mock Trial team finishing first in the North West Region in their loss to Coonabarabran High School.

The students selected for the various North West, State and National sports competitions.

In finishing I would like to remind everyone of the upcoming Antique Fair, your monetary support and time for this event is always appreciated. Please remember that the proceeds of this event are used by the P&C to purchase resources for students to give them every opportunity to achieve their best.

Simon Bartlett-Taylor BSc. Dip Ed.

Principal

## TOP DECK AWARDS

### Recipients for 18th June 2015

Natalie Gaunt Year 12, Isabelle Hawke Year 8, Darcy Reynolds Year 7, Sarah Salariosa, Year 10 Jade Sinclair Year 9 and Jacob Taylor Year 11.

### Recipients for 25th June 2015

Jane Ervin Year 7, Samual Kemp Year 7, Meg Reading Year 8, Cameron Rust Year 9, Breanna Emery Year 9, Evan Poshinger Year 10, Jessica Urquhart Year 11 and Jack Reading Year 12.



Year 7 CAPA Council members Isabelle Anderson and Lucy Bowden being presented with their badges.



Show Cattle Team Prize Winner Samantha Deweger

## CHECKMATE!

This year the Library has seen an increasing number of students taking up chess during their study breaks, before school and during their Lunch break. The Educator journal recently reported that "A growing body of international research over the past four decades indicates that chess can be used as a tool to lift academic performance in maths and reading as well as improve student concentration and engagement with learning." If correct, it looks like the 'brain gym' these students are undertaking is a good thing! During Term 2, the members of the Oxley Chess Team played Rounds 2 and 3 in the 2015 NSW Junior Chess League North West Secondary Schools Chess Competition. While the Round 2 team [Cameron Johnston, Christian Wilson, Joe Ross-Ward and Bodeen Green] went down valiantly to Farrer; the Round 3 Team enjoyed the challenge by, and success against, their opponents Calrossy [William Cowper Campus].



Pictured is the Round 3 Team L to R:

Cameron Johnston, Cameron Kemp, Zac Burn & Brandon Lane

## Woolworths Earn & Learn



We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by **collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points**. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between **Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015**. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to the **Earn & Learn Collection Box in the School Library** or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

## NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Oxley Students attended the Centrepoint Childcare Centre on Thursday June 25th with Mrs Mooney, Mrs Way and Miss Hodgson. Students shared Aboriginal culture through dance, story time and arts and crafts.



Miss Hodgson's year 10 dance class also performed.

Centre point Childcare Centre Visit



NAIDOC Celebration cake being cut by Father Neville Sampson and Year 12 student Tanika McLean

## DANCE

Our Senior HSC Dance girls have had a wonderful experience this year. Alison Buckley, an experienced teacher of HSC Dance and HSC practical marker travelled to Tamworth to help the Year 12 Students with their Core Performance and Composition works and provided constructive feedback on their Major Works. Her knowledge and experience in this subject was beneficial for both the students and teacher professional development sharing ideas and resources to enhance this ever growing subject area. The day was very beneficial for all involved.



## FUTURE OLYMPIAN

Stephanie Penrose attended the State Inter School Championships in June this year at the International Equestrian Centre Horsley Park in Sydney.

Stephanie represented Oxley High School and placed in all events over the three days of competition. Stephanie competed in the One Day Event which involved Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country placing 12<sup>th</sup> in NSW. The following two days she competed in the 80 & 90cm show jumping having her horse for only a few months and won the highest points score 80cm Show Jumper. Stephanie's horse Under the Thumb was announced the NSW 2015 Best Performed Thoroughbred off the track.

Stephanie has been invited to represent NSW at the National Inter School Championships in Sydney in September competing against Australia's best.

Stephanie and her coach James Hetherington have been working hard for a while to hopefully represent Australia at the Olympics one day. Her next anticipated event will be performing at the Show Jumping World Cup in October this year at Tamworth's AELEC.

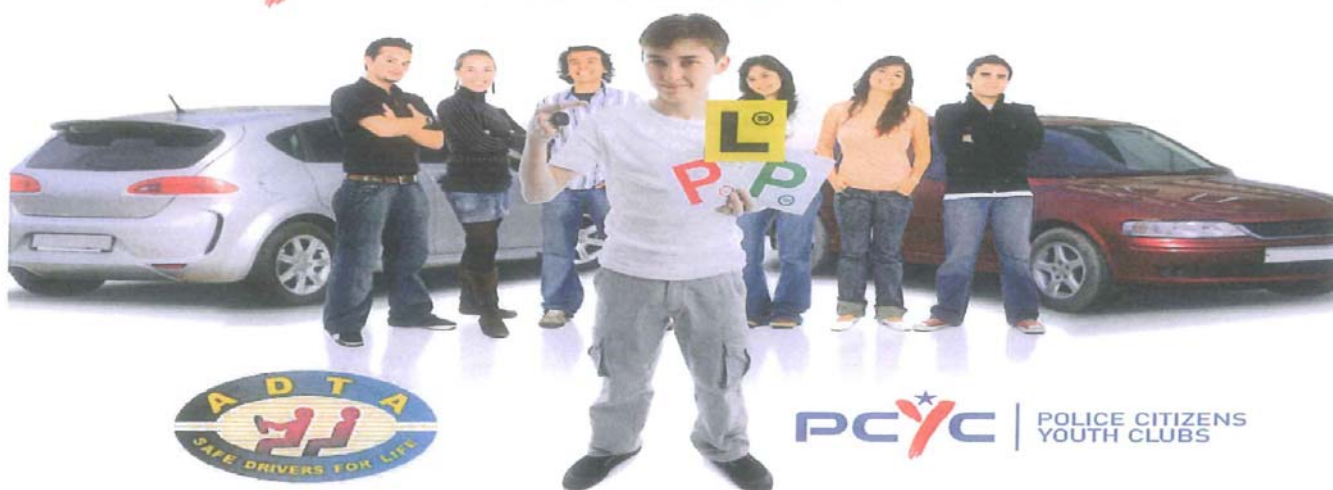


## CYCLING ACHIEVEMENTS

Tori Saunders has accomplished a variety of sporting achievements and will soon be representing Australia for Cycling in the Junior Track World Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan. Tori is attending training camps in Adelaide in preparation for this event. Throughout the year she has achieved excellent results in a range of competitions placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Under 19s Oceania Omnium, State Scratch Race and State Keirin Race and 1<sup>st</sup> in the State Omnium, NSW State 500m Time Trial, as well as the State and National Individual Pursuit. Her overall victories have resulted in both National and All Comers Records. Tori's achievements in cycling have resulted in an Oxley High School Sports Council Scholarship. We wish Tori all the best in her training and representation of Australia in Kazakhstan.



## PCYC | Safer Drivers Course For Learner Drivers



PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.  
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### The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

**Module one:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:

[www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

PCYC [Club Name] 000 Street Name, Suburb, P/Code Ph. 0000 0000

## OPEN BOYS SOCCER



Back row L to R: Matt James, Zac Chmieluk, Eddie Clements, Matt Hollinworth, Josh Bartlett, Harrison Pettit and Travis Smith

Front Row L to R: Jeremy Paff, Brodie Patterson, Jake Thompson, Toby Fox, Dylan Langenbaker, Luke Hollinworth and Sam Williams-Glass

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June our Open Boys Football team played Heathcote High School in the final 16 of the State CHS Knockout.

To get to this round the Oxley boys have defeated Farrer High, Armidale High and Tenterfield High.

The Heathcote side had some outstanding football players and many of them playing in high grades in the Sydney East competition.

Heathcote began the first half by dominating the play with many through balls making their way to the forwards from their classy midfielders. However, strong defence from our backs and a number of outstanding saves from our keeper Toby Fox kept them out. Brodie Patterson was able to make several runs down the left hand side of the park and was causing some problems for the Heathcote defence. In the 25th minute and against the run of play, Brodie was able to slot a goal from a Zac Chmieluk pass, putting Oxley up 1-0. Heathcote managed to strike back with a goal to even up the score 1-1 3 minutes later. Oxley, however, were now matching it with the Sydney East team in a quite a physical battle, and went into the second half with the score tied.

The second half saw Oxley beginning to dominate Heathcote with strong defence from Matt Clarke, Sam Williams-Glass and Eddie Clements preventing Heathcote from as many attacks at goal. Toby Fox continued his excellent efforts in goal made by saving a direct kick in the 5th minute. Unfortunately, Heathcote were awarded a second dot shot and even with Toby's exceptional keeping skills he was unable to keep the ball out. 2-1 to Heathcote. Oxley did not give up and continued to apply pressure to the Heathcote defence. In the last 10 minutes of the half an error from a Heathcote player led to an own goal from their number 11 locking up the score 2-2. Neither team was able to score before the end of regulation time meaning 2 extra 10 min halves of sudden death football. Once again the Oxley defence was outstanding and Toby Fox continued to make save after save, however, at the end of 20 minutes the score was tied up 2-2.

The game went to penalty shoot outs. The pressure was obvious for all players as both teams missed 2 shots to have the penalty count tied at 7-7. Heathcote's next shot missed leaving the game in the hands of Eddie Clements to take the winning shot. As cool as a cucumber Eddie strolled up and slotted home the final shot leaving Oxley the winners 8-7.

Oxley now plays the winner of the match between Merewether and Crestwood (Western Sydney). Congratulations to the boys and all the best for the next match. A big thanks to Gavin Thompson for all of the effort you have put into training and coaching the boys.

## MOCK MEDIATION



For the past 3 terms several Year 9 students have participated in Mock Mediation as part of one of the many extracurricular opportunities available for students here at Oxley High. Mock Mediation is a re-enactment of the real life proceedings that go on before many court cases where affected parties try to resolve issues and complications in their lives; family feuds, disputes over deceased wills and fighting between friends are just some of the many things that mediation covers. During the previous 3 rounds the students have taken part in, they have showcased their conflict resolution skills and been marvellous role models of Oxley High School, listening intently to and learning from Mrs Leoni Hanson who has been kind enough to take time out of her busy schedule to advise the students about mediation procedures and to adjudicate their mediation sessions.



After the third round of mediation, the students have been eagerly awaiting to hear if they have been successful in having high enough scores to progress through to the State Finals where they will compete against schools from all over NSW. A big congratulations to Phoebe Parnell, Amy Zhou, Elizabeth Wise, Isabelle Daley, Mitchell Lewin, Samuel Kemp, Samantha Bailey and Shelby Davidson for their amazing efforts in Mock Mediation. Also a big Thank you to Ms Leonie Acker (HSIE Faculty) for her contribution to the team by giving up her time to advise the students and to ensure they have the knowledge necessary for them to achieve exemplary scores. Thank you to Sandithi Lewanda who no longer attends Oxley High, but participated in the first two rounds of Mock Mediation.

Written by Isabelle Daley.

**OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL P & C- WEDNESDAY 29 JULY – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST**

**ASSISTANCE AT 2015 ANTIQUE AND COLLECTABLES FAIR**

Your assistance in helping at, or supplying goods for use at the Antique Fair is again requested. If you can assist in any way in our main fund-raising function for the year would you please complete this note and return it to the front office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you could ring Annette Williams on 0428662320 at any time day or night and I will put you on the roster.

**Request:** At the fair, we need to borrow crock pots and large stock pots - if you can lend one, please let me know with your note.

**NAME:** ..... **PHONE:** .....

**CHILD'S NAME:** ..... **PASTORAL CARE:** ..... (For return of a copy of the roster)

I/We can assist with:

**UNLOADING AND PACKING UP**

Furniture has to be unloaded on Thursday and Friday and repacked on Sunday evening after the Fair finishes.

- I can help with:**
- ☐ Moving screens and equipment to hall - Wednesday, 29 July (12.00 noon onwards)  
Truck, Ute Trailer – Wednesday 29 July (12 noon to 3pm)
  - ☐ Erecting screens and marking hall - Wednesday, 29 July (3.30-6.00pm)
  - ☐ Unloading - Thursday, 30 July & Friday 31 July (12noon-6.00pm) Time available: .....
  - ☐ Help load up and pack - Sunday, 2 August, from 5.00pm – 9 pm Time:.....
  - ☐ Help clean up hall or kitchen - Sunday, 2 August, from 5.00pm - 9 pm Time:.....

**KITCHEN ROSTER:** Assisting with preparing and serving meals / tea / coffee / etc.

**Thursday, 30 July** ☐ 11.00am – 3.30pm

**Friday, 31 July**

<input type="checkbox"/> 10.00am – 1pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.00pm - 4.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 12noon - 3.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4.00pm - 6.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Other time _____	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00pm – 8:00pm

**Prepare finger food:** ☐ 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Saturday, 1 August**

<input type="checkbox"/> 9.00am – 12pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00pm - 5.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 11.00am -2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.00pm - 6.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 12noon - 3.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Other time _____

**Sunday, 2 August**

<input type="checkbox"/> 9.00am - 12noon	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.00pm - 5.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 11.00am - 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.00pm - 6.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 12noon - 3.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Packup** ☐ 5.00pm - 8.00pm ☐ Other time\_\_\_\_\_

**SUPPLYING FOOD:**

These items are required for Friday night's event. Please leave these at school by Thursday:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits (Cracker type) | <input type="checkbox"/> Assorted Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Dips |
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These items are needed throughout the Fair:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Cakes (Large or Small) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slices   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jam   |   |

I can supply these:

<input type="checkbox"/> Before the Fair to either school or Town Hall		
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday

**CONTACT:** Annette Williams 0428662320 or *Euan Coutts* 0438450860 or email: [tamworthantiquefair@gmail.com](mailto:tamworthantiquefair@gmail.com).

Thank you for your offer to assist.

## **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.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

This month's meeting will be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 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 feel very welcome. Entry to Macquarie Block is in the side gate closest to the student carpark.

### **CANTEEN NEWS**



Our school canteen uses  
**Online Ordering**

- Replaces paper bag orders
- Pre-paid online. No cash required
- Faster and more accurate
- Order in the morning or a week in advance

A parent or guardian will need to register on the website to order from the online menu. Instructions below ..

**Registration is easy and free!**

Using any PC, go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

- 1) Click **Register Now!** and enter your email
- 2) You are emailed a link to the online form.  
Choose your own username and password and enter your contact details
- 4) For each child, click "Add a student" and follow the prompts to place an order

You will be required to top-up your pre-paid account. VISA or Mastercard preferred.

If you need help, please contact [flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

**Call 1300 361 769**

**ORDERING FOOD FROM THE CANTEEN**—Students can place orders at the canteen over the counter before school and at recess for the following break. They can also order online. We would like to introduce to you flexischools Online as our **NEW ONLIN ORDERING PROVIDER**. This is the same system used by Tamworth Public School. Please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and complete the simple registration process. You can also visit them on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FlexiSchools>

The Our Online Canteen system finished up at the end of last term. Any left over credits with this company will be forwarded onto the P & C and will be set up as a credit in the canteen.

All canteen orders can be picked up from the side door.

As usual we could always do with more helpers in the canteen—please let us know if you have a few hours spare at any time.

### **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.

### **ANTIQUE FAIR**

This year's fair takes place next weekend, 31, 1 & 2 August at the Town Hall.

If you are able to lend a hand over any of the days and in the lead up on the Thursday, please contact Euan Coutts on 0438 450 860.

As this is our 30th anniversary we hope that you will all come along and make it our best attended one yet.

Come along to the opening on Friday night, a free drink and nibbles on arrival as well as performances from our Oxley High students. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **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 - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oxley-High-International-Food-Night/525883490848376?ref=hl> and Antique Fair - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tamworth-Antique-Collectables-Fair/516041998536116?ref=hl> 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](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** Robyn on 0477 845854.

Leanne Thompson

President P & C



**FOR SALE:-** Trestle Tables (non folding) - for sale at \$25 each. Measuring 1500 x 600x710. If you would like to look at them or make further enquiries please contact Euan on 0438 450 860.



**FOR SALE:** 1991 Toyota 23 Seat Bus, unregistered, Good condition, however new motor needed. \$5990 ONO. For inspection please call the school on 67661677 or email [oxleyhighpandc@gmail.com](mailto:oxleyhighpandc@gmail.com)

# Term 3 Calendar

Monday 27 July	Tuesday 28 July	Wednesday 29 July	Thursday 30 July	Friday 31 July
Education Week Year 12 Trial Exams begin P & C Meeting	Education Week	Education Week	Education Week Debating	Education Week 2015 Antique Fair Friday, Sat- urday & Sunday
Monday 3 August	Tuesday 4 August	Wednesday 5 August	Thursday 6 August	Friday 7 August
	<b>HSC DANCE</b>	HSC DANCE		Disability Stu- dents to Multi Sports Day HSC Trials conclude
Monday 10 August	Tuesday 11 August	Wednesday 12 August	Thursday 13 August	Friday 14 August
Jesus Racing SRE Event P1 9/10 and P2 7/8				
Monday 17 August	Tuesday 18 August	Wednesday 19 August	Thursday 20 August	Friday 21 August
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