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Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi - Kamilaroi Nation

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Facebook photo



**NEXT P&C MEETING
6:45 MONDAY 24 OCT.**

Upstairs in the
staff commonroom
in Macquarie block

Huge congratulations boys: Grand Final winners

Years 7/8 Oxley boys won their Grand Final against Farrer. Fantastic game won by their outstanding defence. A well earned victory. Parents and teachers can be proud of this group of young lads. Their sportsmanship and manners are an absolute credit to them and their school.

Oxley Boys Yrs 7/8 Basketball

Back: Charlie Abra, Zac McNeill, Ben Ellison, Tom Howlett, Front: Troy Taylor, Ashton Constable, Bailey Keech, Jacob Rust.
Coach: Helen Ellison

Mikaela wins gold and silver at SSA Swimming Championships in Darwin

Oxley Year 8 student, Mikaela Short, did an outstanding performance at SSA Swimming Championships in Darwin, NT in September.

She won a gold medal for 50m butterfly (Junior 13/14yrs) and she's now the fastest 13 yrs old in Australia for that stroke and in the process established a new NSW record as well.

Mikaela won silver in 100m butterfly (Junior 13/14 yrs) and another gold for 4 x 50m medley relay where she swam the butterfly leg.

She gained selection to be in the NSW team for the 2016 Short Course National Teams Championships at AIS in Canberra in late September.

Thank you to all Oxley teachers and staff members for your support.

Best Regards - Carmie Short





Simon Bartlett-Taylor

"Welcome everyone to Term 4. We have a full program of school work and activities ahead of us over the next ten weeks, through to the performance of the musical *The Addams Family* in early December. Congratulations to Year 12 for a wonderful final assembly celebration in the last week of Term 3 and my very best wishes for success in your HSC exams which are currently underway."

Prepare well, do your best and remember there is life after the HSC.



Photos by Miss Melanie Hodges



Good-bye Oxley High: Year 12 students rejoice after their final formal assembly on Friday 23 September

Year 10 Premier's Debating Challenge



On the 16th of September, the Year 9/10 Debating Team comprising Hannah Burton, Isabelle Daley, Samuel Kemp and Mitchell Lewin travelled to Ashfield Boys High School in Sydney to compete in the State Quarter Final of the Premier's Challenge Debating Tournament. To reach this level, the team had to defeat all other teams in the North West Region, and also win an inter-regional final against the Riverina District Champions. In the quarter



final, the team debated against Sydney Girls High on the topic "that Australians should stop holidaying in countries with poor human rights records", with Oxley being assigned to negate the topic. By a narrow margin, Oxley was defeated, but the team staged an excellent performance and represented the school to the highest standard. Well done to the team, and we look forward to reaching an even better result in next year's competition.

Important notice for **parents and carers of Year 8 students** concerning VALID tests

Dear Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Wednesday 2 November** and **Friday 11 November 2016**.

The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW *Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science. Since students complete **VALID Science 8** on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2017. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child's school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely



Bruce Inwood

R/Director, High Performance

Department of Education



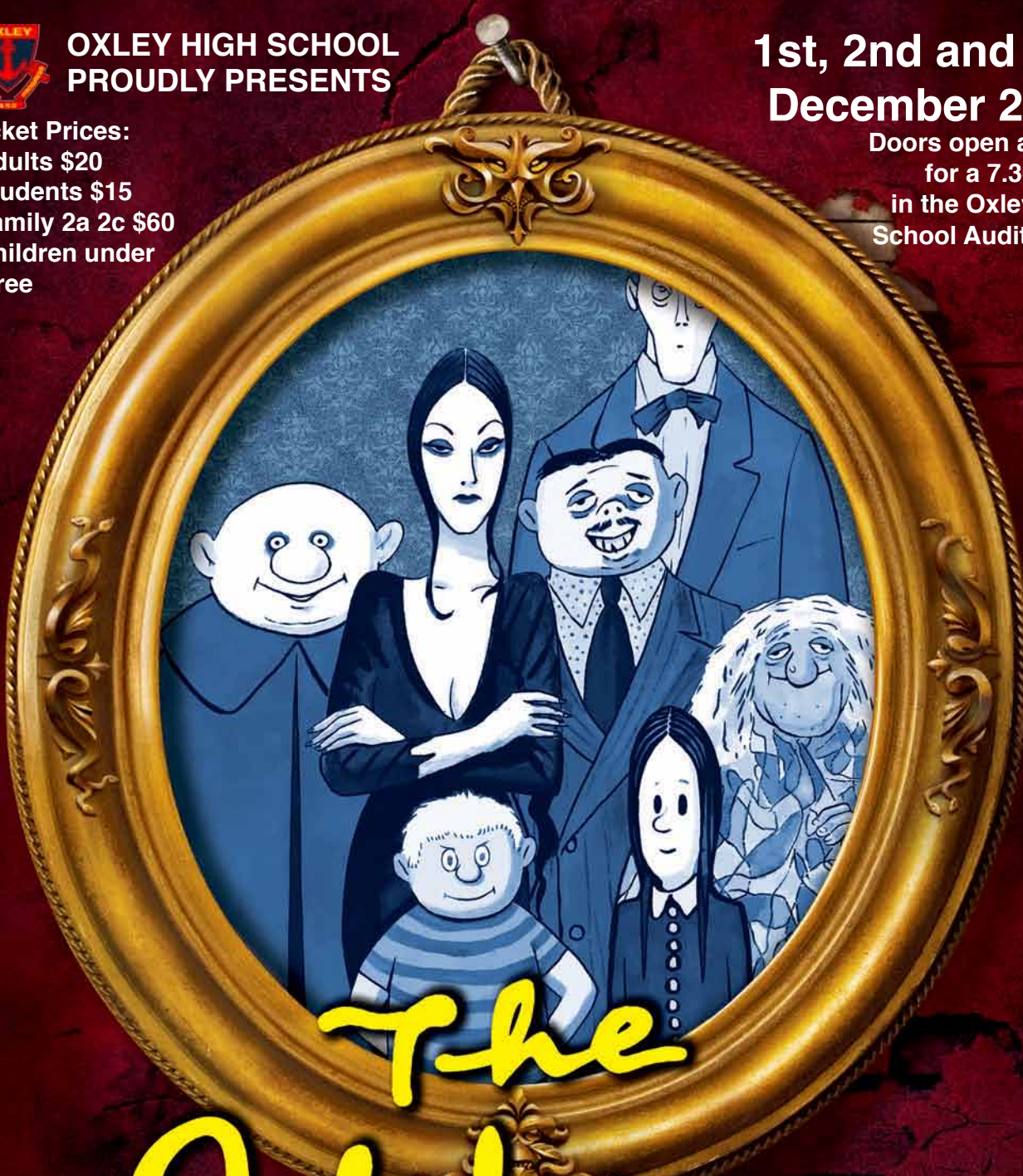
**OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**1st, 2nd and 3rd
December 2016**

Ticket Prices:

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

Doors open at 7pm
for a 7.30 start
in the Oxley High
School Auditorium



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**OXLEY
YEAR 12
FINAL
ASSEMBLY
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Photos by Miss Melanie Hodges

CAPA Council 2017

Students are invited to submit their nomination to be involved on the 2017 Creative & Performing Arts Student Council. Nominations are due to the CAPA staffroom by 3:10pm Friday 28 October, Week 3 Term 4.

Download nomination forms from the Oxley High School website

Year 10 Central Australia 2017

A reminder to students who are attending the 2017 Central Australian Excursion that they must have a minimum of \$1000 paid off the excursion by the end of term. Regular payments will assist with the full payment of \$2300 to be completed before the end of Term One 2017. Any concerns regarding this excursion please contact Mrs Natalie Hill on 67661677 or at natalie.j.hill@det.nsw.edu.au



Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

Parents and carers: Are you concerned about **online safety**?

The **Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner** is committed to helping young people have safe, positive experiences online and encouraging behavioural change, where a generation of Australian children act responsibly online—just as they would offline.

The Office provides online safety education for Australian children and young people, a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying, and address illegal online content through the Online Content Scheme.

Parents are encouraged to be informed by checking further details at:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/7-ways-infographic>

50 Years of Oxley High School Celebration

As the time draws closer to the 50th year of Oxley High School, people in the community who have had an association with Oxley High School (either as a past student, teacher or parent) are invited to contact the school if interested in being part of our 50 Year Celebration Committee.

Please contact the school on 67661677 and leave your contact details or email your expression of interest to Natalie Hill at: natalie.j.hill@det.nsw.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

CLOTHING POOL: Oxley High School requires volunteers to run the Clothing Pool, so if you can spare a couple of hours on any school day, please contact the school on **6766 1677**.

The Oxley P&C Association meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:45pm upstairs in Macquarie Block in the Staff Common Room. All parents and carers are most welcome to attend. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

OXLEY P&C FACEBOOK PAGES www.facebook.com/oxleyhigh.pandc

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.

HOW TO PAY YOUR SCHOOL FEES.

To pay your fees or any money for excursions, go to **Window 1** of **Macquarie Office** and pay by using cash, eftpos or cheque.

If you would like to pay by direct deposit please ensure that it is referenced correctly with the student's name and what you are paying for.

For example:

Reference - John Smith School Fees

Account Name: Oxley High School Administration Account

BSB: 032-001

Account Number: 139887

2016 SCHOOL FEES & LIBRARY FUND

SPECIAL NOTE: Parents and Carers are reminded that when paying your student's 2016 School Contribution, such payment into the School Library Fund is tax deductible. It also funds the Oxley High Library.

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 2016.

Leaving school early

If a student needs to leave school early then they must bring a signed note from a parent to the Deputy Principal before 9am explaining their reason for leaving early.

Leave will not be granted without a note or parent contact.

Absence Notes

If your child has been absent from school, please write a note with the following information:

- include your child's full name and roll class
- include the date/s and number of days your child was away
- explain why your child was away
- include other information as needed.

All absence notes should be given to the roll call teacher within 7 days of the absence.

The student's absence is unexplained or unjustified if no notice has been provided by parents within 7 days of the occurrence of the absence OR the absence has been explained by the parent but the reason provided, e.g. shopping trip, birthday, is not accepted by the Principal.

DEC Exemption Forms

Leave for more than 10 days requires a minimum of one month's notice and a **DEC Exemption Form** to be completed. Leave for less than 10 days requires at least three weeks notice and a letter to the Principal seeking approval.

Update Your Details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the Front Office of any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

UNIFORM POLICY AND EXPECTATIONS

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 regarding the wearing of school uniform.

Our school uniform policy and detailed description of the school uniform can be found on the Oxley High School Web Site: <http://www.oxley-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/rules-policies/uniform-policy>

If your child is ill at school

Please do not send students to school if they are feeling ill or have uncovered wounds. It will require us to phone you to come and collect your child.

If a student presents with an illness or injury during the school day we will contact you.

If your child phones you on their mobile to say they are ill advise them to follow school procedures and to go to the Front Office to be assessed, and the school will call you.

Please do not ask them to meet you out the front of the school. It is very important we are aware of their circumstances and that they are collected from the Front Office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY SPORT

To attend Non-Sport students 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.

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**

PEANUT ALLERGIES & AEROSOL CANS

Please do not bring peanut products or aerosol cans to school as they can cause severe allergic reactions to some students and staff.

Mobile phones and electronic devices

Students are required to adhere to all regulations and procedures relating to mobile phones and electronic devices.

Did you know?

Britannica Online can be accessed from home via the Oxley Moodle. You just need to log in as if you are logging onto a computer at school.

Britannica Online is an up-to-date information source with academic authority.