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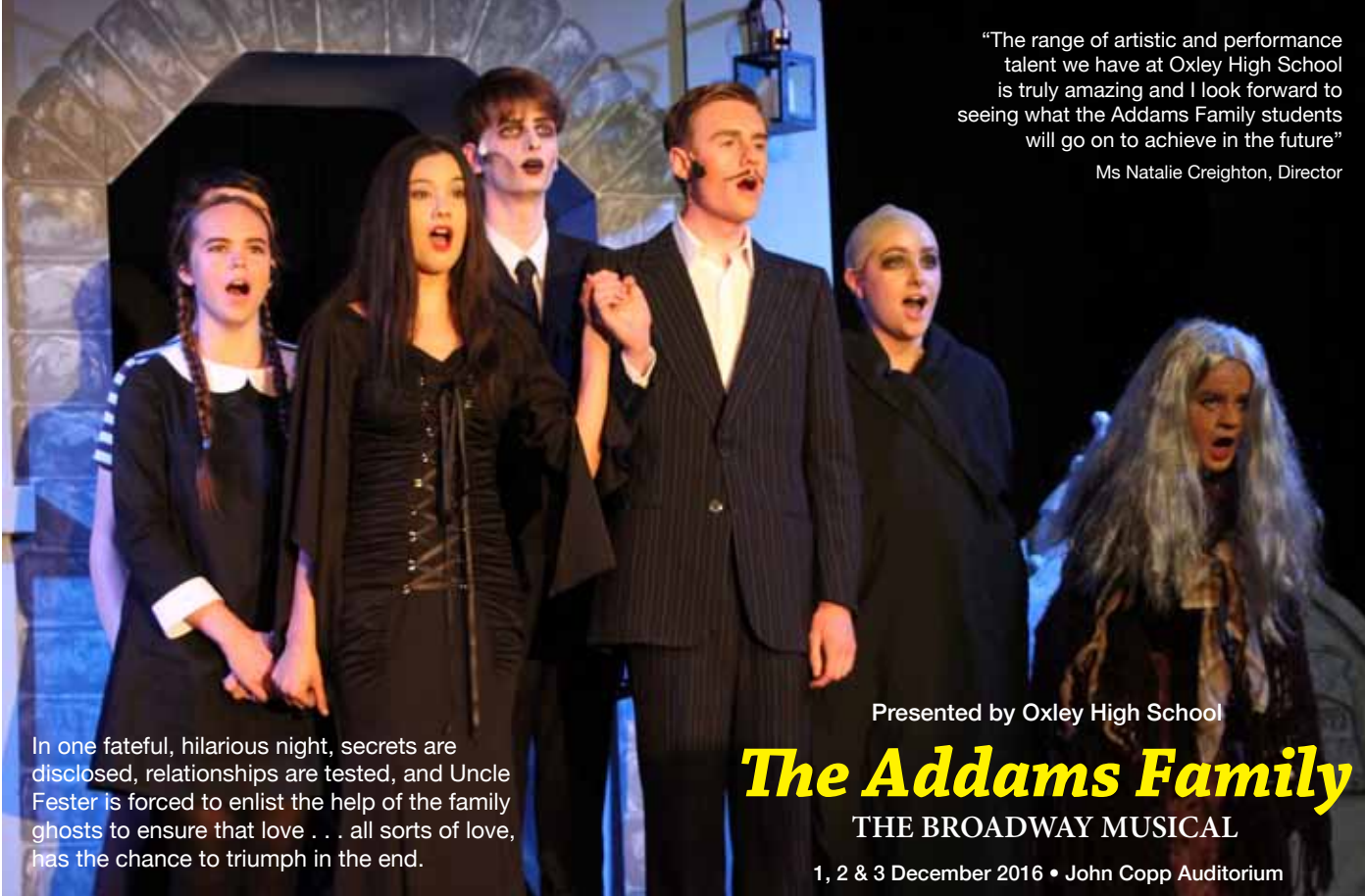
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Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi - Kamilaroi Nation

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"The range of artistic and performance talent we have at Oxley High School is truly amazing and I look forward to seeing what the Addams Family students will go on to achieve in the future"

Ms Natalie Creighton, Director

Presented by Oxley High School

The Addams Family

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

1, 2 & 3 December 2016 • John Copp Auditorium

In one fateful, hilarious night, secrets are disclosed, relationships are tested, and Uncle Fester is forced to enlist the help of the family ghosts to ensure that love . . . all sorts of love, has the chance to triumph in the end.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
and SEASONS GREETINGS
to all in the Oxley High School family



It was a dark and stormy night

The annual Oxley High School Presentation Night was held on Monday evening, 5 December. Quite unexpectedly it turned into a most memorable event. Severe electrical storms in East Tamworth created a major blackout and much of the ceremony was held in low light with a generator providing emergency power. Congratulations to all prize winners. Please consult the official program for complete details.

Far left: Sir Rodin Cutler Award recipient Anna Falkenmire with ex-Oxley student and special guest Robert McDougall.

Left: Shelby Davidson, Harold Bradley Award



Phoebe Parnell,
Ted Cross Memorial
Award



Amelia Dadd, 2016 Principal's
Award with Yr 10 Award
recipient Madeline Dadd



Harrison Lewin,
Caltex Medal



Matthew Parnell,
Oxley Medal



High achiever: Jessica Aldridge was presented with a NSW CHS Sports Association Blue on Friday 2nd of December in Sydney. Jessica is one of only 57 students to receive this award from over 250,000 students state wide. Past recipients of this award include Ian Thorpe and Steve Waugh amongst other Olympians and Internationally recognised athletes. Jessica was given this award for her outstanding performances in Athletics over a number of years winning gold medals at both State and National events. Well done Jess on receiving this highly prestigious award.

Return to School dates for 2017

Friday 27 January
Staff

Monday 30 January
Years 7, 11 & 12

Tuesday 31 January
Whole school returns



The 49th Issue of QUEST was sent to the printer on 1st of December and hopefully the magazine will be available to subscribers before the end-of-year school holidays.

Huge adrenalin rush, fun and friendship

Morisset Camp: Year 8 Excursion, 9-11 Nov. 2016
70 students and 4 teachers



Special message from a proud dad

I would like to give the school some information about Jessica and Emma James concerning their sporting achievements in 2016.

What year of soccer it was for my girls – Jessica and Emma James. Jessica got an award from Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) for the Most Dedicated Player of the Year and from Northern Inland Football (NIF), she was awarded Most

Outstanding Player and Female Player of the Year.

Now my little Monster Emma is not too far behind as she was awarded the Most Consistent Player of the Year from NIF. Wow! – there is more. Jessica has been asked to coach, (God help us) the under 12's in the INF team. I could not be more proud of my girls for their outstanding year of soccer – Thanks, Simon James.



Boys and their mugs

Year 8 students let their imaginations run wild when they created some crazy ceramic mugs in their Clayworx sessions.



Special message to Mr Haworth

This semester, 71 students have been fortunate to have Mr Brian Haworth helping in the classroom. Mr Haworth has recently had an operation and the students of Class 71 were eager to send a get well message. The students have also written individual letters enquiring about his health, hospital stay and his ability to be a model patient. Mrs O'Brien has posted these letters to Mr Haworth upon his return to Tamworth.



Raising funds for Cancer Research



International Day of People with a Disability

On Wednesday 30th November, the Support Unit took the students out to celebrate the International Day of People with a Disability. It was a fabulous day at the Tamworth Community Centre, with the students interacting with various businesses and Community organisations. We had brilliant entertainment by Ryan Sampson, a delicious lunch was provided and Santa even made an appearance.

Oxley High School Sports Council held a cake stall on December 1st to raise funds for Cancer Research in support of Year 10 students Ashleigh Hodgson and Ayva Steel. They are aiming to raise \$1200 or more, and if they reach their goal, they will be cutting off some of their lovely locks and donating their hair to the Cancer Council. They will be undergoing the big chop on December 17th.

YEAR 9 LINKS TO LEARNING



Year 9 Links to Learning class graduating from the course at TAFE with Careers Network involvement. They received a portfolio of their achievements. Lynella Kennedy-Maxwell and Isobella Solberg gave a thank you speech on behalf of Oxley High. Lynella also prepared a PowerPoint presentation.



Encouraging peer connections

The Peer Support program is a peer led, skills based, experimental learning program. It encourages peer connections throughout the school and assists students in developing practical skills to enhance social and emotional wellbeing.

In Week 7 of Term 4, the current Year 10 students spent two days learning a variety of skills required to become a Peer Support leader. Their job is to support the new Year 7 students, teaching them a variety of skills needed to start High School.

It was an extremely successful two days with all students enjoying the range of activities and fun.



Young legal eagles and Human Rights

On Wednesday 23rd October Mrs Falkenmire's Year 11 Legal Studies class participated in the UN Youth Roadshow which came to a regional area for the first time this year. The Roadshow involved Youth Ambassadors running workshops informing our students about the role of the United Nations and the issue of Human Rights.

The students discussed a variety of global issues including International law and Human Rights issues and gained valuable insights into ways that youths can be involved in United Nations initiatives.