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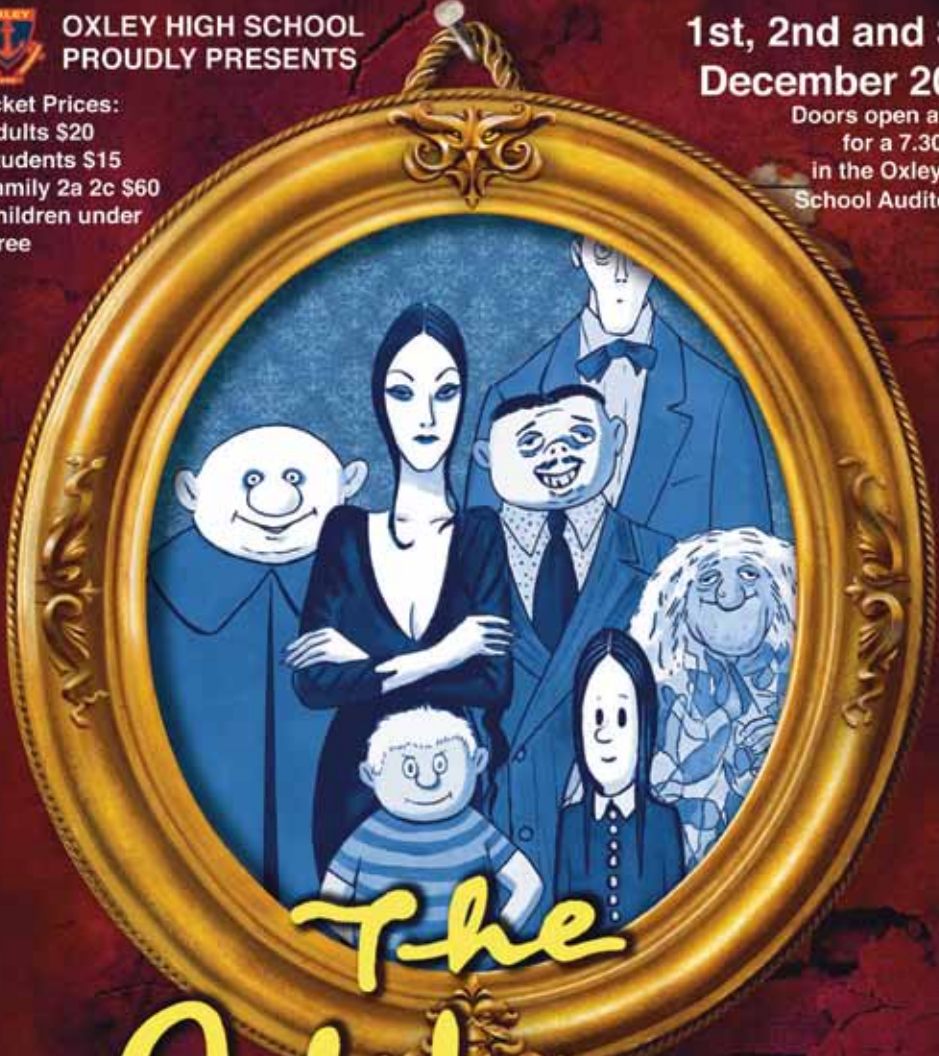
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 **OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS**

**1st, 2nd and 3rd December 2016**  
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start in the Oxley High School Auditorium

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



**The Addams Family**

**BOOK BY**  
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Rick Elice

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Andrew Lippa

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CHARACTERS  
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**NEXT  
P&C MEETING  
6:45 MONDAY  
28 NOVEMBER**  
Upstairs in the  
staff common room  
in Macquarie block

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## COMING EVENTS

**Week Seven: 21-25 Nov.**

- ALATEEN presentation
- Motivational media  
Everyday Heroes
- Transition Disco  
4:45pm to 7:15pm
- Legal Studies Roadshow  
workshop
- Yr 11 Geography  
Port Macquarie excursion
- Peer Buddy training  
for Year 10.



As we move into mid-term 4 of 2016, Oxley High School students and staff continue to have many successes across Tamworth and the state. I would like to publicly acknowledge our great students and staff:

- **Elsa Hudson** and **Isabell Hawke** for coming first in the Calrossy Horse Sports age group point score events.
- **Geordie Brown** on placing first in the Tamworth Rotary Public Speaking competition.
- **Year 11** for their Melbourne Cup Day major fundraising event.
- The staff and students involved in **Wicked** including **Lily Singh, Mitch Lewin, Phoebe Parnell, Ms Creighton, Mr Muhl** and **Mr McInnes**.
- **Lachlan Pallot** and **Jackson Barrett** for their school services by rescuing a baby possum.
- **Mrs Reading's Year 9 Visual Arts Elective Class** for their consistently high standard of work.
- **Brooklyn Waters** for achieving 39/40 in her Art Research assignment.
- **Liam Watson** was named North West and New England, Senior Boys Power-to-Weight Bench Press and Deadlift Champion.
- **Logan Bailey** won the North West and New England Under 55Kg Power-to-Weight Bench Press and Deadlift.

### Year 7 Orientation Morning

For families with children attending Oxley High School in 2017, our Year 7 Orientation Day begins on the 6th December 9:30-11:30 in the John Copp Auditorium. There will be information shared with our new families and an opportunity for new students to start their relationship with their new school.

### Year 12 Formal

Our final gathering with Year 12 of 2016 was held on Tuesday 8th November at the Tamworth TREC. We were very excited to see another successful group of students leave our Oxley family and make their journey into adulthood and we wish them all the best with their chosen careers.

### School Renovations

Currently the middle oval is undergoing renovation and reconstruction to bring it up to soccer match standard for 2017. This has involved redeveloping the slope, width, length and irrigation of the facility. It is envisaged that this will be completed in the next 4 weeks, however, the weather remains a major issue. Hopefully we will have an opportunity to finish the project and the rain will come again to assist us in having the oval ready for students to use next year.

### Appointments of Staff for 2017

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate **Aaron Muhl** and **Peter Yeo** on their permanent appointment to Oxley High School. We also have **Gina Watt** appointed to Head Teacher Science, **Josh Vigar** to Mathematics and **Nicole Acksanhoff** to PDHPE.

With the permanent filling of positions at Oxley High School, we are looking forward to a period of great staff stability, student growth and positive academic, sporting and social results across the school.

### Staff Retirements

I would also like to acknowledge the retirements of **Mr Coggan** and **Mr Blaker** from Science. Their years of service and dedication to Oxley High School have been very much appreciated. We wish them all the best in the next stages of their lives.

I look forward to sharing more great news from Oxley High School.

**Mr Simon Bartlett-Taylor**, Principal, Oxley High School.



Ever so fit: Prepared to put their endurance strength to the test.

### Peter Kidd Memorial Endurance Run 2016

The test: distance run in kilometres on a set course on the Oxley oval within the stipulated time of one hour.

Corin Webster	12.740
Lincoln Williams	9.240
Logan Bailey	11.065
Grace Sheridan	9.900
Zach Taylor	7.920
Paige Levingston	11.190
Charlotte Miller	5.280
Jorgia Hall	6.380
Tijana Coxhead	1.980
Halle-Jane Scarth	1.980
Chelsea Emery	7.095
Ebony-Lea Phillpott	7.960
Cailey Walker	2.970

## Girls CHS Open Tennis

The team: Ashleigh Hodgson (Year 10), Katie Richards (Year 10), Kaecia Beattie (Year 8), Jane Ervine (Year 8), Danielle Bishop (Year 7).

The girls made it through the first round with the other school (Armidale High) forfeiting. In the regional semi-final they defeated Peel High School 6-0 with Katie unable to play. The regional final against Gunnedah would have been a tough match but they chose to forfeit due to the fact that their two best players were unavailable.

At the state finals in Ulladulla the girls played Grafton High (they eventually came 2nd overall) in the first round and were defeated. Every set was competitive and with a little more luck the result would have been much tighter.

The girls then won their next two matches quite comfortably and played the home team Ulladulla in the playoff for 5th and 6th. All eight of the sets were closely contested but the girls couldn't quite get over the line and lost 5 sets to 3. This meant that the Oxley girls came 5th and with a young team, things are looking good for next year.

Special thanks to Sharon Hodgson and Rosi Bishop for organising accommodation and accompanying the girls to Ulladulla.

## Boys CHS Open Tennis

The team: Tom Fitzgerald (Year 12), Lachlan Wasson (Year 11), Joshua Morris (Year 7) and Zachery Adams (Year 7).

The boys progressed by defeating Tamworth High School comfortably in the first round. They then travelled to Gunnedah and defeated a young Gunnedah High School team by 7 sets to 1. The team made the long trip to Moree and defeated Moree Secondary College 7 sets to 1. This set up the North West final against Farrer. Farrer were tough opposition but the boys played well throughout the final and won the final 5 sets to 1 with the reverse singles not being played.

This meant that the team went through to the state finals held in Nelson Bay. The boys met Ferntree Gully High School (Wollongong) in the first round of the finals. They were too strong for the Oxley boys and they defeated us 6 sets to 0, but every set was closely contested by every boy.

This meant that the boys went through to the consolation round and the best they could finish was 5th in the state. The boys won their next two ties and met Ferntree Gully High School again for 5th and 6th. The boys played much better this time around but were defeated 5 sets to 1, but if a few close games had gone their way it could have been a completely different result.

The boys should be proud of their competitive spirit and the sportsmanship they displayed at all times during the competition.

## Many goals scored in night games

This year Oxley High fielded two teams of girls to play in the Tamworth Monday night girls hockey competition.

The Oxley Anchors, made up of predominately senior students, played valiantly and represented their school well. Whilst this team didn't make it into the Grand Final, the girls enjoyed playing in the sometimes freezing, rainy conditions and held their own against the strong competition of Calrossy and Tamworth High.

The Oxley Snickers, made up of Years 7-10 students had a stellar year and dominated in most of their matches.

Making it to the Grand Final for the first time in several years, the girls played extremely well against a much older McCarthy team. With Heidi Schimann and Lara Taggart in goals, as well as Tayla Budden in the backs, competitors found it hard to break through the Oxley defence. Olivia Climpson and Madeleine Lewin headed up the forwards with a strong attack which saw many goals scored throughout the season.

Whilst the girls were defeated in the last match of the year, all students represented their school with pride and Oxley can look forward to a strong future for girls hockey.

Well done girls.

By Mrs Karina Falkenmire and Miss Lauren Beckinsale.

## Chess@Oxley 2016

Brandon Lane, Jaygan Cannon, Joe Ross-Ward, Cameron Kemp and Zach Burn made up the Oxley Regional Competition Chess Team for the North West Region of the NSW Junior Chess League Country Schools Teams Knockout Competition this year. Surviving to Round 5 when they met their nemesis St Mary's (Gunnedah), they enjoyed their personal and team challenges and successes along the way against William Cowper, Peel HS, Manilla CS, and TAS.

During Terms 1 and 2 a number of students, notably Year 7 boys and later a contingent of Year 10 girls, took advantage of the opportunity to participate in the Interschool Chess Challenge days, attended by students from schools throughout the region, held at Farrer MAHS and Manilla CS run by the Sydney Academy of Chess.

Christian Wilson, Lachlan Perry, Jeremiah Barbara, Benjamin Stacey, Blake Turner, Matthew Wise, Noah Lissarrague, Jazmin Lissarrague, Yashaswi Shilpakar, Amelia Smart, Katie Richards, Shelby Davidson, Brandon Lane, Jaygan Cannon, Joe Ross-Ward, Cameron Kemp and Zach Burn; your good sportsmanship was valued and Oxley was well represented. Well done all!

## Anyone for cake?

Four of the fabulous cakes made by Year 9 for their Birthday Assessment task recently.





**OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL YEAR12 FORMAL****Tuesday 8 November 2016**



**It's all about science:** Oxley students joined other Year 8 students across NSW in their VALID Science test done via computers in Week 4 of Term 4. The VALID test surveys knowledge of Science concepts. Results are released in February 2017.



**Concentrating  
extra hard for VALID**

### What is **VALID**?

The VALID Science 8 test (approx. 70mins) 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.

## Welcome to **MyndZone** at Oxley High School



"It's important for us as individuals to take ownership of our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing in order to achieve our personal best and goals in life"



**Library@Oxley 2016**



The MyndZone Learning Space was incorporated into the Library this year. A work in progress, this is a space that has evolved, and is evolving, with student input.

A student committee made up of Maddi Rawsthorne, Chloe Mann, Leah Griffiths, Hayden Phillips and Lilla Neal worked with Mrs Mooney and Mrs Chaffey to create a

logo reflecting the purpose of this area within the library. The eventual design emphasises the need for us as individuals to take ownership of our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing in order to achieve our personal best and goals in life.

Students, staff and other members of the Oxley High community can access information,

ideas and support via print material or iPad apps for themselves or others they care about.

Students can sit with friends in this area or alone in one of the 'quiet chairs' where they can listen to their own music or in the future listen to relaxation music, meditation or mindfulness exercises.



### The Duke of Edinburgh Award

In the October school holidays, two Year 11 students, Sarah Collison and Amelia Dadd undertook a three day hike as a practice adventurous journey for the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The World Heritage Walk spanned 45km and crossed a variety of terrain, snaking through the Gibraltar and Washpool National Parks. The scenery was absolutely beautiful.

The hike left us all with a profound respect for the people in the olden days who didn't have the transport we have today. Over the three days the constantly changing landscape never got dull, giving way to new landforms. When we strayed from the dusty 4WD track on small side tracks, we were delighted to find spectacular views, crags and tranquil waterfalls.

This experience taught us both about resilience and perseverance, gave us a new appreciation for nature and enjoyment for getting out and about. Many thanks to Mr Davis for his assistance in organising the walk, the school for lending us the necessary equipment, Mrs Sarah Dadd for agreeing to come as the supervising adult and Jack Dadd for not breaking too many sticks along the way or falling off a waterfall.

By Amelia Dadd, Year 11

## 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](mailto:natalie.j.hill@det.nsw.edu.au)

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## 2016 SCHOOL FEES & LIBRARY FUND

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## 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](mailto:natalie.j.hill@det.nsw.edu.au)



## OXLEY COMMUNITY TOUR TO KENYA 2017

Retired Oxley teacher, Jenny Hawthorne, will be organising another tour to Kenya to visit and work at the school that many in the Tamworth Community have been supporting since it started in 2009.

The Tour group leave on Thursday 29th June, returning to Tamworth on the 17th July.

Included activities are: Two day Safari in the Masai Mara, travel through the Great Rift Valley, visit the David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage, the Giraffe Sanctuary, The National Museum, a Masai Village, the Manyatta slum in Kisumu, and the famous Carnivore Restaurant plus more.

The group will spend a week at Rang'I, staying at the Friends of Rang'I Community Resource Centre, build a mud hut, visit the St Jennifer School and the 5 local schools and work on community projects. Two nights will be spent at Evergreen Plains Farm while the group will work on projects for Strategic Empowerment Programme (SEP) at Katolo during the day.

Cost is approximately \$5,200 each. This covers all travel, accommodation, safari, entry to sites and most food.

Students year 10 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

This is not an Oxley High School or Department of Education Excursion but rather a Community Tour. If you or a friend or family are interested you can pick up a Proposed Itinerary from the Library or contact Jenny Hawthorne on 0411592049 or at [jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org](mailto:jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org)

## 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](http://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](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.

## 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

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## 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**

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