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When I  
grow up  
... NOT



**Welcome Disco for Year Seven:** What I don't want to be when I grow up

## **MOST IMPORTANT - Yr10 Excursion Information Evening**

There is an information evening for all Year 10 students and parents/carers on **Tuesday, 5th April at 6.00pm** in the school auditorium concerning all aspects of the 2016 Central Australian excursion.



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## Dear Oxley community,

Term 1 for 2016 has been another very successful term for Oxley High School which will culminate in our Oxley High School International Night Celebration on Friday 1st April starting at 6pm in the school quadrangle.

Entertainment will be provided by the students of the school with Parents and Friends of the school supplying meals. The cost for four tickets is \$15 dollars. The money raised will be spent on the school by the P&C. I look forward to seeing everyone supporting our great school.

## Uniform

As we transition into winter, students will need to start wearing their full school winter uniform. The expectation will be that by the start of Term 2, all students will be in their winter uniform. We have deliberately moved the school photos to coincide with the winter uniform. As such I would urge all families to have their uniforms finalised over the next 4 weeks.

## Anzac Day

Traditionally Oxley High School students march in the Anzac Day ceremony on the 25th April each year. Mr Howey will be advising students wishing to participate of the details. In an effort to show our support and unity with our fallen soldiers I am asking all students marching to be present in their winter uniforms in either their blazers or woollen school jumper. Alternatively, if the weather is warm, the school shirt without jumper would be sufficient.

## Geordie Brown

I would like to congratulate Geordie Brown on his selection at the State Solo Vocal Camp as the chosen solo vocalist. Geordie was selected by his peers as one of the most outstanding vocalists in the state. This is significant for both Geordie and Oxley High School as this is proof of the calibre of our students and our school's music program.

## School Excellence Framework

I have been busily preparing the Oxley High School Annual School Report this term. One of the key components of this document is the Schools Excellence Framework. The Excellence Framework measures the progress of schools compared with similar schools and the state average. In the areas of NAPLAN and HSC results the students have demonstrated good growth in the value-added components. Overall, it could be considered that the School Plan which was developed for 2015-2017 has assisted the school in all aspects of teaching students to learn.

## School Fees

I again remind families of the need to pay school fees on time. Currently we have collected approximately 40% of fees which has restricted our capacity to purchase resources to assist student learning in classes. I would encourage all families to consider the importance of investing in your child's education.

## Parents and Citizens Association

The Oxley High School P&C met on March 23rd in the Common Room. The School P&C Executive will be led by John Dadd as President for the 2016 school year. I would like to congratulate John and all the 2016 office bearers and look forward to another successful year.

The next **P&C Meeting** is on **Monday 23rd May at 6:45pm** in the Staff Common room.

## Holidays

I wish everybody a safe and happy holiday and trust that we will see every student back at Oxley High School next term, rested and in full winter uniform.

**Simon Bartlett-Taylor**, BSc. Dip Ed. OHS Principal.

## Disappearing demountables:

Slowly but surely the demountable city on the top oval is diminishing. The "city" provided temporary accommodation for the past few years while waiting for the construction of the new Castlereagh block after the devastating fire in 2013.





**FOOD AND MORE:** Oxley High School will showcase much more than food at its International Food Night. Students such as Phoebe Parnell, Leah Griffiths, Elsie Ellard and Zachary Daley will showcase their musical and dramatic skills at the Friday night event. Photo: Gareth Gardner 150316GGC02

## Food, music on Oxley High School's menu

Northern Daily Leader - 29 March 2016

IT STARTED more than 30 years ago as a fundraiser by the school's P&C, but these days the Oxley High School International Food Night is just a tasty night out for the family!

The wider community around the Piper St school have grown to realise it's a great excuse to take the night off from kitchen duties, with gourmet delights from around the globe on offer at the school, starting at just \$4 per serve.

As well as the tastebud tantalisers from China, Mexico, Polynesia, Norway, Ireland, Thailand, Italy, India, Japan, Turkey, France and Australia, there will be entertainment to enhance your dining pleasure.

The evening is not only a feast for the tastebuds, it's a musical and dramatic feast, with students showcasing their skills in the field of music and drama.

"It's always been a great fundraiser for the school as well as a meeting place for the school community," teacher Darren Radford said.

"Another aspect of the evening are the performances by Oxley students – musical and otherwise.

"There will be impromptu performances by students moving throughout the crowd, interacting with diners. It's always a fun night.

"I think people really enjoy the ambience of the night. They can sit back and enjoy the improvements that have been made to the area with funds raised at previous international nights."

The evening starts at 6pm, Friday 1 April in the Oxley High School quadrangle.

<http://www.northerndailyleader.com.au/story/3816432/food-music-on-oxley-high-schools-menu/?cs=157>



## Oxley's INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT

**FRIDAY  
1st April**  
from 6:00pm in the QUADRANGLE

Join us to celebrate  
the **34th year** of this  
special event.



MEAL TICKETS: \$4 each  
or 4 for \$15

- Special Oxley High School P&C event.
- Help raise funds to benefit Oxley students.
- Join us as to celebrate the 34th year of this special Annual International Food Night.
- Generous assistance from Dairy Farmers, Peters Ice-Cream, Kays Meats and Kaytering Supplies.
- An evening of fun, food and fine entertainment!
- A smorgasbord of tastes from all over the world.
- French crepes, Mexican tacos, Japanese sushi and of course an Aussie BBQ and Pavlovas
- Traditional dishes from Polynesia, Thailand, Turkey and India.
- Also dishes from Norway, Italy, Ireland and America.
- All available on the one night, in the one place.
- It's simply too good to miss.
- Lively entertainment by Oxley students.
- Students and teachers will be vying for the best costume prize.
- Absolutely affordable and good value for your dollars.

You can help to make this fantastic school and community event a success. Donations of food items are always helpful as well as help on the night serving food. The more helpers we have the easier it is for everyone!

Please contact Robyn 0477 845854  
or email [OxleyHighFoodNight@gmail.com](mailto:OxleyHighFoodNight@gmail.com).

## YEAR TEN NOTICES FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CARERS

### Central Australian Excursion Reminder

Parents and students are reminded that full payment for the Central Australian Excursion must be finalised by Friday the 6th of April (Last day of Term 1).

Students are encouraged to make regular payments for this trip to ease any financial burden. If you are unsure about how much is still owing please contact the school on 67661677.

There will also be an information evening for all students and parents on **Tuesday, 5th April at 6.00pm** in the school Hall. There will several topics covered on the evening including an opportunity to ask questions and to meet the staff attending the excursion.



**GOOD NEWS:** Congratulations Oxley High School on your successful application for the NT Learning Adventures school excursion support. Tourism NT will donate **\$1000** towards your Central Australian Excursion.  
Kind regards from Becky Forrest,  
Segment Development Coordinator, NT Tourism.

### Work Experience

Students who are not attending the Central Australian Excursion from Friday 6th May to Friday the 20th of May are required to complete two weeks of work experience during these dates. Students are encouraged to speak to Mrs Dalley to organise their work experience before the end of term one.

## VOCAL CAMP

Oxley's own **Geordie Brown** of Year 11 has had the privilege of being accepted to attend this year's annual Arts Unit Solo Vocal Camp. This 5 day camp is aimed to develop skills and experience of talented singers in the NSW public school system in Years 8-12. During this camp Geordie participated in individual training and group workshops, both of which he took on with enthusiasm.

"Meeting other aspiring singers and performers like myself was such a great environment to be emerged in," says Geordie recalling his time in camp. "It has helped assure me that performing is what I want to do."

We are very proud to be able to support our students to achieve their full capability and to be able to emerge themselves in their passions, such as Geordie with his performing.

By Chloe Singh

## DANCE CAMP

From the 14-18 of March many Oxley students attended the annual New England Regional Dance Camp. This is an intensive workshop for students, Years 4-12, who wish to extend and embrace their abilities in dance.

Throughout this 5 day workshop, students are split into ranks and then trained to perform by three individual choreographers from all around NSW. The results of this intensive week are then performed in the Dance Festival in Term 3.

One of the many Oxley students who attended, **Lily Singh** of Year 9, expressed her enthusiasm as she recalled her experiences this year at camp.

"It was so great to experience the teachers from Sydney as well as our local choreographers. I can't wait to attend next year."

Students involved in dance within and outside of school are overjoyed to have such opportunities provided by the school to be able to broaden their experiences and achieve their full potential in the dance industry.

By Chloe Singh



## Student network leader talks health in Canberra

From the  
Northern Daily Leader  
17 March 2016

OXLEY High School alumni **Josh Mortimer** has had a passion for improving rural health since working for a Tamworth general practice when he finished Year 12 in 2009, and on Thursday 17 March he discussed the future of medical delivery with a number of key figures in Canberra. Mr Mortimer is in the final year of his medicine degree and is the vice-chairman of the National Rural Health Students Network (NRHSN) council. He said he was looking to undertake an internship next year in Coffs Harbour, but hasn't ruled out a move back to his home town of Tamworth at some point in the future.



**Winners at the Tamworth Show:** cupcakes by Shae Gregory and Maddi Jacobson from Ms Fenton's Yr8 TAS class.

## Oxley win hard fought Round 1 Bill Turner Cup clash

Oxley played Calrossy Boys in the first round of the state wide Bill Turner Cup soccer competition. With a very young, but talented side they were opposed to a much older and physically bigger Calrossy side.

The boys started slowly and were soon down 1-0 after failing to clear the ball out of the penalty area. As the nerves settled the boys soon dragged back a goal through Jeremiah Barbara. By half time the Oxley XI were again down by one goal but certainly not out of the match. After a reassuring speech by coach David Barbara the boys entered the second half full of spirit.

Unfortunately, an injury to goalkeeper Bailey Keech early in the second half resulted in a change of structure. Bailey was forced to leave the field after a collision with the goal post after completing a save. Mitchell McCormack replaced Bailey in goals for the remainder of the match and continued Bailey's great job. The reshuffle resulted in Oxley's second goal through striker Lachlan Wilson.

With the side tiring a further change by David Barbara was made to strengthen the midfield. This resulted in a perfectly timed pass from Lachlan Wilson to put Jeremiah Barbara in an attacking position with the goalkeeper in which he made no mistake; final score Oxley 3-2. A great effort by all players, ten of which are only in Year 7.

Oxley now await the winner of Moree and Narrabri for the next match early in Term 2.

Players in the Squad: Connor O'Neil, Jeremiah Barbara, Noah Lissarrague, Yashaswi Shilpakar, Matthew Peel, Daniel Peel, Lachlan Wilson, Boedee Thompson, Sam Lobban, Eric Ip, Hugh Morris (absent), Luke Bradberry, Josh Morris, Jack Berry, Bailey Keech, Mitchell McCormack, Liam Carrol and Benji Stacey

Report by Peter Yeo, PDHPE Teacher

## HARMONY AND WELLBEING DAY

**Monday 21 March:** The first part of the day involved a formal assembly run by Leadership Councils, addressing wellbeing, harmony, bullying and violence through core values of respect, tolerance, personal best and commitment to community. Part two of the day included a Wellbeing Expo in Castlereagh Courtyard with stalls promoting a variety positive approaches to life in general.



### OXLEY HIGH'S CORE VALUES

- RESPECT
- TOLERANCE
- PERSONAL BEST
- COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

**Harmony Day presenters:** students (with their coordinator Mrs Irem Mooney) who delivered special messages on the day. Inset: Mr Aaron Muhluedo who outlined his journey from Togo in Africa to Oxley High in Tamworth.



**Action stations:** the Wellbeing Expo in Castlereagh Courtyard

### Open Girls Basketball Knockout Gala Day

Tamworth Sports Dome

**Players:** Paris Sharp (MVP), Georgia Flemming, Maddy Dadd, Sami Bailey, Jessica Watt, Kate Stacey, Kaitlyn Moss, Emma Moss, Ronika Brown, Georgia Griffiths.

Thank you to Amelia Dadd for being our nominated referee for the day.

**Result:** The girls got off to a good start with a comfortable win over Tamworth High the first game, and unfortunately we were knocked out by Peel High in the second.

**Coach's highlights:** Tough strong work by our Seniors (Georgia Flemming, Paris Sharp) who did an excellent job looking after and leading the way with our very young "Opens" team. They were well supported by our tall timbers Maddy Dadd and Jessica Watt. Our Junior ball handlers did a great job against some tough opponents and the future looks strong. Gina Watt (coach)



Painting (above) by Melissa Advic, was done whilst a patient in JHH, to acknowledge and celebrate Harmony Day 2016. Melissa collaborated with our ward teacher, Leisa Swanson, to produce this very colourful and significant artwork. Melissa's artwork is one in a group of six, which highlights and advocates a diversity of culture. The artworks are currently being displayed in the hospital. They look fantastic and the staff at the John Hunter Hospital School are very proud of Melissa's efforts. She is a delightful young lady.  
By Sally Graham, Principal John Hunter Hospital School

## Oxley enjoys success in super-fun physical and mental environment challenge

Bicentennial Park - 18 March 2016

**The Amazing Enviro Race:** a sustainability expo where participants had ten physical and mental challenges to complete and race to the end. Out of all the winners, Oxley students took out 3 of the 4 places.



**Junior Winners:** Joseph Ross-Ward and Cameron Kemp won Go Pro Cameras. **Junior Second Place:** Sarah Hill and Jessica Kemp won FitBits



**Senior Second Place Winners:**  
Megan Press and Amy Zhou won FitBits



## Year Seven visit the cemetery

On Tuesday 8th March, Mrs O'Brien's Year Seven class visited the Tamworth Cemetery to conduct a mandatory field site study. The students compared the older part of the cemetery with the modern lawn cemetery as well as viewing the columbarium wall. We are very grateful for Mr Walsh and Mrs Elliott for accompanying us on this excursion.



## Year 12 Business Studies to Sydney

On Wednesday 9th March, Year 12 Business Studies students travelled with Mrs O'Brien and Mr Squires to Sydney to supplement their theoretical knowledge of business with valuable and relevant case studies. The students listened to presentations given by Pure Gelato, Taronga Sydney Zoo and Luna Park. The students are to be congratulated on their behaviour and they were wonderful ambassadors for Oxley High School. Many thanks to Mr Squires for giving up his time to drive the school bus.





Lara Graham: 2015 Sports Awards

### Lara Graham

**Sport Played:** Cricket

**Recent event:** Australian under 15 girls cricket championships

**Location:** Hobart, Tasmania

**Result:**

**Level of accomplishment:** Nationals

**Highlight:** I had the best bowling average/aggregate for Cricket Australia VI team for the championships, I finished with 8 wickets for the week. I was coached by past Australian Tennis Champion Ash Barty and Tasmanian Hobart Hurricane (women's) side coach Julia Price.

**How long have I been playing?**

5 years

**Why do I love it?** I meet lots of friends and the competition is challenging

**What's next?** To be selected in the under 15's team for Country/ACT for Nationals

**Interviewer:** Oxley Sports Council

### CHESS: Match One for 2016



March 9, The Oxley High, Round 1 Chess team [Brandon Lane, Jaygan Cannon, Zach Burn and Cameron Kemp] travelled to the Calrossy Anglican School, William Cowper Campus for the first match of the 2016 North West NSWJCL Country Schools Teams Competition. The team enjoyed the competition; winning three of the four matches.

### Match Two 2016: Interschool Chess Challenge at Farrer MAHS by the Sydney Academy of Chess.

On Wednesday, March 16, twelve students from Oxley High (Brandon Lane, Cameron Kemp, Joe Ross-Ward, Zach Burn, Yashaswi Shilpakar, Jazmin Lassarrague, Noah Lassarrague, Matthew Wise, Blake Turner, Benjamin Stacey, Jeramiah Barbara and Lachlan Perry) participated in the Interschool Chess Challenge held at Farrer MAHS by the Sydney Academy of Chess.

Participating schools included Farrer MAHS, Inverell HS, Manilla Central, Peel HS, Armidale HS, Quirindi HS, St Mary's (Gunnedah), TAS and of course, Oxley HS. The overall successful school was Inverell High, followed by TAS, then Farrer MAHS. Our Oxley contingent gained fourth place!

The most successful student on the day also came from Inverell HS. Brandon Lane was Oxley High's most successful student, winning 5 of the 7 rounds he played. Everyone enjoyed the day and said they are looking forward to the next interschool opportunity to hone their chess skills.

Our thanks goes to Wayne Chaffey who drove the bus and provided supervision for the day.



### WINNER

**Brandon Lane** was Oxley High's most successful student, winning 5 of the 7 rounds he played at the Chess Challenge at Farrer MAHS on Wednesday March 16.



## 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>

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.

## CLOTHING POOL

The Oxley High School Clothing Pool opens on 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**.

## PEANUT ALLERGIES & AEROSOL CANS

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.

## 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.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS:** Your child requires a note from parent/guardian to obtain a Leave Pass. Please do not just turn up and ask to take your child out as this takes a long time to find the student to get them out of class.

**Special Note:** Phone the school for afterschool change of plans for **EMERGENCY** changes only.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY SPORT

The following is an outline of the procedures for Sport at Oxley High School in 2016. 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 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.

## Are you still thinking of joining the 2016 Oxley Community Tour to Kenya in July?

Check details with Mrs Jennt Hawthorne at:

[jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org](mailto:jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org)

or pick up a copy of the itinerary and costing from Mrs Chaffey in the Library.

## 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. Apologies for the late notice in this regard. Families are currently being invoiced for the \$10 Sport Fee.

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.

## Mobile phones and electronic devices

- Students are required to ensure that all mobile and electronic devices are to be turned off and placed in their bags prior to each lesson.
- Each classroom will have a box where students can place their phone for safe keeping during the lesson.
- Stickers with the students' names have been generated and issued to students to assist in the identification of their phone.
- Phones and electronic devices will be permitted to be used in the classroom under teacher direction and instruction.

## 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. Please be aware that early leave is not to be used for lunch or for things that can be done outside school. Leave will not be granted without a note or parent contact.

## Absence Notes

If your child has been absent from school, you can 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.

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.

## 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.

## 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.