



LOGBOOK

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Oxley High School, Tamworth

Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi - Kamilaroi Nation

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OXLEY'S INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT - 1 April 2016



OXLEY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday afternoon
and all day Friday
26 - 27 May 2016

CROSS-COUNTRY: 9 June



SAFE JOURNEY FOR THE YEAR10 SAFARI

Best wishes to the group of Year 10 students and their minders who will be travelling the Outback over the next two weeks, departing on Friday 6 May and returning on 20 May.



"Welcome to our first Logbook for Term 2. I trust that your families have had a restful and rewarding holiday."

We are looking forward to another successful term with many academic, sporting and cultural pursuits taking place.

In the short period of time since we have returned to school, we have seen:

- Our Senior Debating team defeat Duval High School.
- The adjudicator of the debate noted the high quality of our students, making specific mention of Anna Falkenmire's performance as "one of the best that they have seen".
- Our Mock Trial Team defeat against Coonabarabran High School. Many thanks to Alex Haywood for her assistance as one of the witnesses.
- Lane Sinclair (ex-student) made her "You're the Voice" debut on television.
- Approximately 250 students volunteer to represent Oxley High School at the Tamworth Anzac Day ceremony.
- Geordie Brown for his selection as a backing vocalist in the School's Spectacular.

Bill Turner Soccer

On Thursday 5 May, we are hosting the Bill Turner Soccer on the main playing field; an event that has not occurred at Oxley High School in the last twenty years.

I wish all the students playing Narrabri High School in the Bill Turner Cup all the best and, would like to thank both the Oxley High P&C and the School General Assistants for their work in bringing the playing surface up to the level where we can host our own inter-school matches.

Cyber Bullying

On a different note, I would like to highlight an occurrence at Toronto High School last term around cyber-bullying. Unfortunately, the principal was left in a situation where

he had to move to suspend upwards of 50 students for an issue that spiralled out of control and moved from the school into the community.

I would like to iterate that the principal of Toronto High School implemented the correct policy regarding cyber-bullying and that all schools must follow policies to promote both the mental and physical health and well-being of young people. Please take the time to talk with your child on appropriate use of Social Media and technology.

Year 10 Formal

Given the change of the Mandatory School Leaving age, Oxley High School along with most schools in the state abolished the Year 10 Formal.

In lieu of a Year 10 Formal, Oxley High School in conjunction implemented a more formal Year 12 Assembly and Graduation Dinner as we believe that this was a better pathway to celebrate student achievement.

I again remind parents that any Year 10 gathering being advertised as a formal is a private function, not endorsed or supported by the school and subject to its own full set of legal and financial responsibilities.

School Photos

School photos are being held over Tuesday 3rd May and Wednesday 4th May, 2016. Please ensure that your child attends in full winter uniform.

Uniform

Given that we are in Term 2, students are expected to attend school in their full winter school uniform.

School blazers are still the preferred option over sloppy-joe and woollen jumpers and can still be purchased from Lowes. I will still support some financial compensation for the purchasing of School Blazers. When you purchase a Blazer, bring your docket to the front office and I will authorise a part school payment back to families to assist in their purchase.

Again welcome back to Oxley High School and I look forward to another successful term.

Simon Bartlett-Taylor BSc. Dip Ed.
Principal, Oxley High School, Tamworth.



ANZAC DAY 2016: The Oxley High School contingent who marched in the civic parade, photographed on Tamworth's No.1 Oval in Kable Avenue.

Bullying and Harassment

Dear Parents,

Oxley High School's duty of care is deliberate in its actions, clearly follows high community expectations and at times extends well beyond the school gate.

This school will not tolerate any harassment of students or staff.

Our school ethos is centred around student focused teaching and learning and, the protection and personal growth of all of our young people.

To highlight how serious I view harassment, if harassment of a student or students occurs outside of the school but affects students at school; using Facebook, Snapchat, KIK, Ask. fm etc. to make threats, making negative or abusive threats on Social Media, "liking" negative comments about someone or using mobile phones to communicate threats then the school reserves the right to assess the situation and take disciplinary action.

Furthermore, in instances where students run between groups spreading derogative comments or provoking rumours to promote hurt, the issue will be assessed with respect to bullying and harassment.

When I talk with Oxley High School students, I am constantly reminded that the thinking that frames a young person's actions is subject to the morals and values of growing up in an instantaneous age. Often simple issues are made complex by students using mobile phones, digital cameras, internet, Social Media without considering the consequences.

I am reminded constantly that the nature of our technology driven world can lead to blurred thinking and actions by young people that are deemed unacceptable in anybody's terms. Unfortunately the benefit of hindsight and a light bulb moment or "we are just mucking around" is not a sustainable argument when considering bullying, harassment and the hurt people perpetrate without thinking of the consequences for others.

I would ask that you spend the time with your child(ren) discussing appropriate behaviour on the internet and "treating others how you would like to be treated yourself". Oxley High School will take action to support children that are subjected to inappropriate behaviour. The teachers of Oxley High School want to work with all families to ensure that all our students are both safe and well.

The school's disciplinary process involves close cooperation with parents. Your actions to support the school to stop bullying and harassment affecting our students is greatly appreciated. Thank you your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Bartlett-Taylor
Principal
Oxley High School
29th April 2016

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

LIVELY
ENTERTAINMENT
BY DRAMA AND
MUSIC STUDENTS

"ON STAGE" in the quadrangle at International Night
Friday 1 April 2016



Paper planes permitted: Mrs O'Brien's Year 11 Business Studies class making paper planes to show the importance of teamwork in the business world.



Samples from the two Year 8 Cake Decorating classes, learning some of the basic skills in cake decorating.



During TAS in Term 1, two classes of students completed their second unit of Textiles. In this unit, students experimented with some creative textile techniques such as embroidery, cross-stitch and making fabric flowers. They then made a reversible bag and some even added embellishments to it with great success. Well Done Girls!



ANZAC CENTENARY

Friday 28 April: Year 9 students visited the Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience held at the TRECC where they found the displays, artefacts and interactive shows interesting and heartfelt. They thoroughly enjoyed the excursion and are grateful to go to the TRECC and learn about the ANZACs,



Design studies

Year 11 Textile and Design students gathered lots of inspiration and ideas from the Claudia Chan Shaw exhibition currently on show at Tamworth Regional Gallery.

Oxley swimmer a star on the rise



Tijana Coxhead won silver in the 100m butterfly at the recent State CHS Carnival. Photo: Geoff O'Neill 110416GOD01

Oxley High Year 7 student, Tijana Coxhead, finished second in the 12yrs girls' 100m butterfly at the State CHS carnival after shaving a massive eight seconds off her personal best over the heat and final. Tijana was 12yrs Girls' Age Champion at the 2016 Oxley Swimming Carnival.

Northern Daily Leader - 13 April 2016

All in a good cause



Cakes for sale: raising funds for autism awareness.

In late March last term, two thoughtful young girls in Year 8, Leah Griffiths and Makayla O'Leary organised a group of their friends to cook and sell some special cup cakes with the proceeds to go towards autism awareness.

Girls League Tag Gala Day

The girls played very well in their first game scoring two tries in the first five minutes against Quirindi resulting in a 5-1 win. This was followed by an unlucky loss against Peel High School, then by a nail-biting draw against Tamworth High to finish off the day. Well done girls!



Oxley Girls League Tag Team Back from left: Gabbi D'Ambros, Jessica Read, Bronte Harris, Madeleine Coombes, Brianna Flynn, Paris Sharp, Georgia Flemming, Tessa Pennefather. Front from left: Sera Hutchby, Holly McCaskill, Shelby Davidson, Amy Zhou, Chloe Siddons, Jade Sinclair, Shayla Collette. Coach: Miss Artis.



John Moore

Track and Field – U20 110m Hurdles

Australian Junior Athletics Championships

WA Athletics Stadium, Perth

Result: 14th

Level of accomplishment: Nationals

Highlights: running against youth Olympians and World Junior qualifiers, running on a good track away from home and doing a new personal best.

Time involved in athletics: 5 years

Why do I love it? I love hurdles. It's a different and interesting event that is usually quick and packed with adrenaline. I also enjoy the general competitiveness of track and field.

What's next? NSW CHS and All schools will be my next major events towards the end of this year.



Open Girls Soccer

Tamworth High vs Oxley High

Players: Megan Press, Ayva Steel, Shelby Davidson, Serena Nikolovski, Ashleigh Bishop, Jessica James, Alanna James, Lily Newby, Bree Emery (GK), Paris Sharp, Emma Tarlinton, Holly Schalk, Katie Richards, Chenaye Green, Asley Dissanayake, Kate Munson.

Coach: Mr Rowlings

Score: 0-0 (halftime) 0-1 (fulltime)

The girls played a tough game against Tamworth High in the first round. They came out hard and had strong defence making the score 0-0 at halftime. In the second half they played well but unfortunately let the ball slip past into the goal making the score of (0-1) with the win to Tamworth High.

Coach's highlight: Ashleigh Bishop's slide tackle on Tamworth High's fast striker.

MVP: Ayva Steel

Sun-Herald City2Surf

Sunday 14 August 2016

- Are you running in the 2016 City2Surf?
- You can support the St Jennifer Hawthorne Samber Quality School in Kenya that Oxley has close links with.
- When you register choose "Friends of Rang'i" as your charity in the charity drop down box.
- Have friends or family who are competing? Ask them to choose "Friends of Rang'i" as well.
- Costs you nothing but could make a great difference to the education of underprivileged children.

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Increasing access to local quality education and improving living standards of vulnerable children.

OXLEY P&C 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 and Antique Fair. 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

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.

Special messages and advice about careers

Congratulations Ms Dalley: Ms Dalley celebrated her marriage during the holidays with a beautiful wedding and is now Mrs Parker. She will return from her honeymoon on Wednesday, 11th May.

Year 10 Work Experience Program: begins on 9th May for two weeks. This is an invaluable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in workplace/s of their choice, to observe what is involved in that occupation and how a workplace operates.

From this experience, they will be able to decide whether they would like to pursue that type of work in the future and what they need to do to follow that career path. Employers who participate in Oxley's Work Experience program are very much valued and appreciated. Thank you.

UNE Open Day: is on Friday 6th May. Year 12 students interested in studying a university degree in the future are encouraged to attend an Open Day to experience university life for a few hours and to get a 'feel' for the campus. They are able to research and compare different courses, speak to lecturers and ask questions that will allow them to make informed decisions when they apply to UAC and list their preferences. Colleges are open for inspection with residents happy to tell students how exciting university life is. UNE is especially renowned for its agricultural degree courses.

Future Career Growth Areas: Seniors and Year 10 students are in the process of determining their career choices. The job market changes and there is no guarantee of job security, however Australia is hopefully heading down a well-defined pathway of innovation, research and development.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills are required in tomorrow's workforce and the training begins at school. Capable students in Year 10 would be wise to select Mathematics (Extension

Mathematics for engineering and some other career areas – refer to www.uac.edu.au for assumed knowledge requirements) and a Science subject such as Chemistry (that is ideal for any health career) as part of their subject choices.

Physics is becoming a really trendy career choice (Australia's fastest swimmer, Cameron McEvoy, is a Physicist) leading to jobs in research and development and engineering in a huge variety of disciplines as well as teaching - lucrative Teach NSW scholarships are available with a guaranteed job in the Dept of Education.

Information Technology is also predicted as a job growth area particularly in the global employment market (not so much in game development though).

The National Disability Insurance Scheme is being rolled out Australia wide in July that will allow clients to choose the health care they need. Predictions of 28,000 practitioners across Australia in all Allied Health areas, including Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy (although there are already many trained physios ready to fill positions), Dieticians and Speech Therapy to name a few plus administration - go to www.carecareers.com.au for a quiz and opportunities. Degree courses with a focus in rehabilitation can be excellent training for the NDIS.

Security (border security and counter terrorism) is a relatively new career with many specialist areas.

Students seeking trades might consider jobs in the installation of renewable energy technology such as solar and wind energy (such as technicians or electricians) in addition to apprenticeships in traditional trades.

A double degree with B. Business (or perhaps B. Commerce) may improve job prospects. Some universities offer courses in entrepreneurship or lateral thinking and problem solving such as UTS – B Creative Intelligence and Innovation.

Indigenous students have opportunities in many areas with traineeships and scholarships available.

See Sue Smith for details.

Daily Telegraph Can We Talk? 2016 Forum comes to Tamworth

6:30pm Tuesday, June 7
West Tamworth Leagues Club

AFTER successful city and regional youth suicide forums last year, The Sunday Telegraph is hosting more Can We Talk? forums from next month, heading to Campbelltown, Tamworth and Orange.

The Sunday Telegraph continues its campaigning in 2016 to break the taboo surrounding youth suicide and mental ill-health.

These problems can be addressed — but only if we are brave enough to talk about it.

At the forums there will be clinical experts, parents and young people telling their stories and local police; all available to answer audience questions.

We will again partner with leading mental health organisations such as headspace, as well as the National Rugby League, who will stage a kids' league clinic in each location on the day of the forums, featuring NRL State Of Mind ambassadors.

These ground-breaking free forums will connect our readers — especially parents — with the services and experts who can help.

FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER: just google "Daily Telegraph Can We Talk? forums 2016"

Round 2 Year 7 Immunisations

16th May, 2016

If your child missed the first round, they can catch up on Monday 16 May and follow through in September.

Please see Ms Hodges or Mr Perkins if there are any issues.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

DEC Exemption Forms

A Certificate of Exemption is required for students planning extended leave from school. Such is issued for certain circumstances that are approved by the Principal, not including family holidays.

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.

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 Mondays between 9:00 and 11:00am and some student assistance is available through Macquarie Office.

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 9:00 to 12:00 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**.



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. We will contact you with the details of when we will seek to organise this exciting event on our school calendar.

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY SPORT

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.

Still thinking of joining the 2016 Oxley Community Tour to Kenya in July?

Check details with Mrs Jenny Hawthorne at:

jenny.hawthorne@friendsofrangi.org

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