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Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi - Kamilaroi Nation

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Bridie Martin in Canada

During the recent school holidays Bridie Martin competed in Canada at two Track and Field meets along with 43 other Australian athletes.

The first competition was held in Kelowna where Bridie competed in the 14-15 Yrs long jump, 100m, 200m and 300m. She came 6th in long jump, 12th in 100m, 11th in 200m and 5th in 300m.

The second competition was held in Vancouver where Bridie competed in the same 14-15 Yrs events, coming 10th in 200m, 4th in 300m, 11th in long jump and 10th in 100m.

Round 4 Chess Report

The Oxley Chess Team, Joe Ross-Ward, Brandon Lane, Jaygan Cannon and Cameron Kemp, contested Round 4 of the NSW Country Secondary Schools Knockout Competition [North West] at TAS in Armidale on the first Thursday of this term. The boys looked the part in their winter uniforms and enjoyed the competition which was tough, too tough, and they were overcome, three games to one. Being great sports, they represented the school well. Thank you for your efforts this year Joe, Brandon, Jaygan, Cameron and Zach Burn, our ever ready reserve player! Any student interested in representing Oxley as part of the 2017 Chess Team please see Mrs Chaffey in the Library.



Food with cultural flavours

Year 8 Technology (Mandatory) students in 8 TAS 1 were excited to be able to study Food Technologies in Term 2. The class was involved in practical and theory based activities related to "Food around the World". The unit concluded with students working by themselves or in pairs to research and present to the class about a cultural festival. Each group also cooked a food that is traditionally served at this festival. The students plated their foods and set the table to meet the cultural festival theme and then, of course, they enjoyed eating their own creation.



Welcome all to Term 3

We have a very busy term ahead of us and it's hard to believe four weeks have already passed by. My congratulations and thanks to Euan Coutts, the coordinator of the Antique and Collectables Fair, together with his team of assistants. This event is a major fundraiser for the Oxley P&C Association and makes a major contribution to school funds to assist the education of students at our school. Third term is a most important time for Year 12 as they undertake their Trial HSC exams and final assessment tasks. I wish them well in their endeavours.

Mr Simon Bartlett-Taylor, Oxley High School Principal

TAMWORTH Antique & Collectables Fair

Conducted by Oxley High School P&C

It's regarded as one of the best in regional Australia and on the last weekend in July the Tamworth antique and collectables fair was back on the cultural calendar for another year.

The fair was held for the 31st time over three days at the end of July in one of the most celebrated antique buildings Tamworth can lay claim to as well, the historic town hall in Fitzroy St.

"The fair is recognised as one of the most successful outside of any capital city in Australia, both by the dealers and the public," organising spokesman Euan Coutts said.

"Twenty four dealers from NSW, Southern Queensland, Victoria and Tasmania exhibited their goods for consideration and purchase. "

He said it is always a golden opportunity to buy a piece of history from a selection of reputable dealers - many of whom have been attending the Tamworth fair for decades.

It featured thousands of pieces - from anything collectable and desirable.

"There was a magnificent collection of early Australian and Colonial, English and European furniture," he said.

"Wonderful pieces of antique, estate, costume and reproduction jewellery in gold and silver - and fine china,

"It's a truly educational as well as a social evening"

Euan Coutts, Antique Fair Co-ordinator

including Doulton, Shelley, Clarice Cliff, Winton, Moorcroft and Worcester."

The fair also offered sterling silver and plate, linen, lace, fine crystal and glassware, clocks, rugs, kitchenalia, tools, dolls, toys and bears - as well as a wonderful collection of old telephones, gramophones, scales and radios.

"And this year we were pleased to have a dealer in vintage and retro clothing and fashion," he said.

The fair also offered expert advice from dealers willing to talk about their wares and answer any questions.

The Tamworth Antique and Collectables Fair is run by a voluntary committee of the Oxley High School Parents and Citizens Association and all the money raised directly benefits the students at Oxley High.

"It caters for all tastes and all interests," Mr Coutts said, "and all the goods on display are for sale."

The fair opened from 5.30 p.m on the traditional Friday night of July 29 with the gala affair that included entertainment from students of the music department of Oxley High School.

OLD IS NEW:
Antiques and
Collectables Fair
organising
spokesman
Euan Coutts
with a pair of
taxidermal parrots.



BEFORE THE DIGITAL ERA:
Oxley Year 11 student
Geordie Brown handles a
Kodak Brownie 127 camera
to feel what it was like back in
the days when film was king.

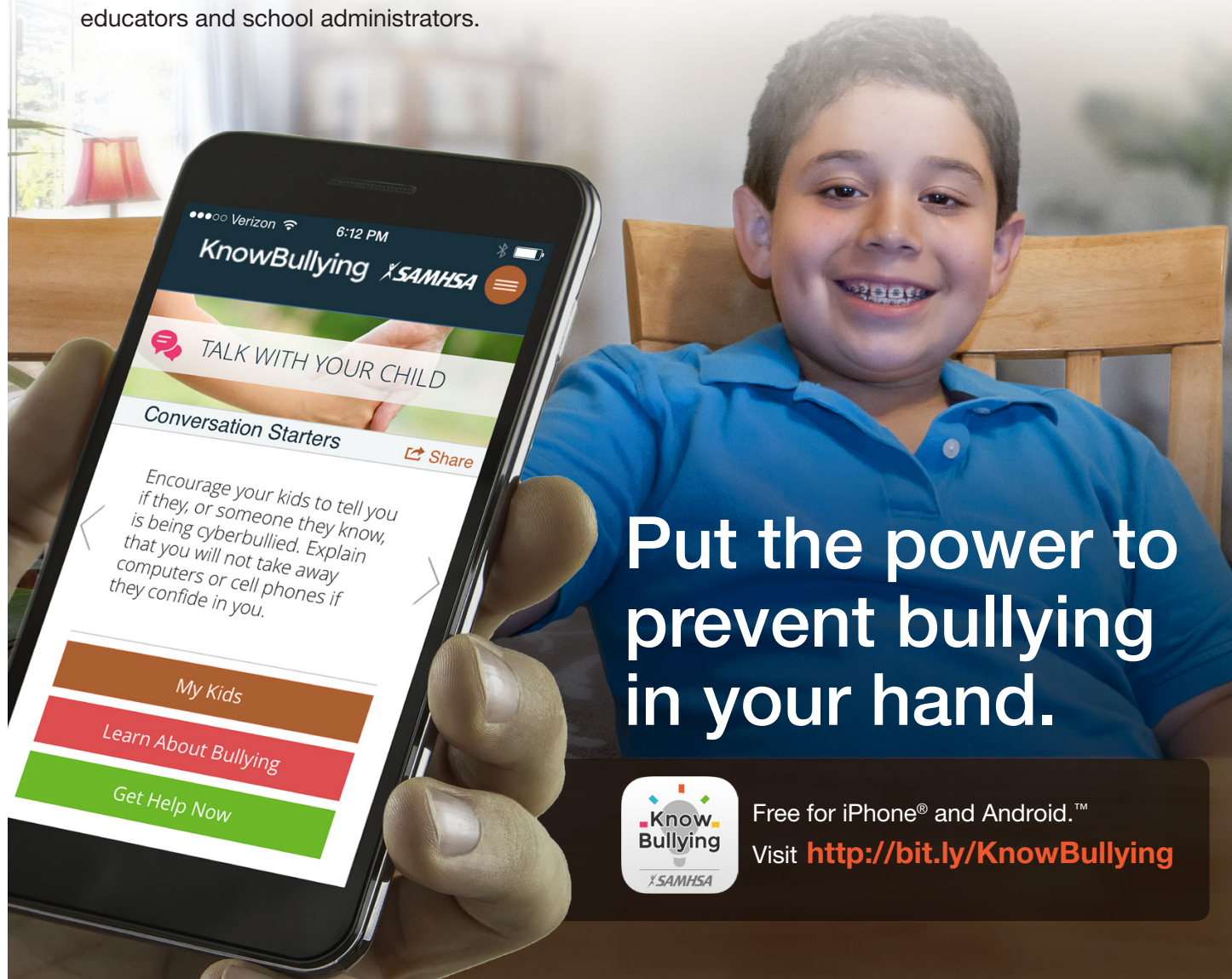
Get the free app that can prevent bullying.

How can I help a child affected by bullying?

Talking with your child every day is an easy way to stay connected. Research shows that spending at least 15 minutes a day talking with your child will increase self-esteem and encourage him/her to come to you with a problem. This will help your child face bullying—whether being bullied, engaging in bullying, or witnessing bullying.

How can the KnowBullying app help prevent bullying?

The KnowBullying app helps you make the most of each opportunity to talk by giving helpful reminders and conversation starters. It provides information on bullying including how to know if your child is being affected and how to stop it. KnowBullying by SAMHSA also provides strategies for educators and school administrators.



Put the power to prevent bullying in your hand.

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positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 16-17NSWCOPC1**Location: Tamworth NSW**

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carers workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

Workshop details

Venue: Ibis Styles Hotels
Oxley Hwy (Bridge Street) & Ebsworth Streets
Tamworth NSW 2340

When: One day workshop – Tuesday 16 August 2016
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Online registrations open on Tuesday 5 July 2016 and close two days prior to the workshop.

If you have an email address and access to a computer please register directly through our secure website www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

You will receive a confirmation email of your registration.

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism package.

The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Department of Education and Training.





Oxley's Trade Training Centre

Vocational Education and Training (VET) students have completed Mandatory Work placements for their courses. As students work towards the attainment of nationally recognised qualifications, local business have supported students' education and training that focuses on delivering skills and knowledge required for specific industries including Hospitality, Construction and Metals and Engineering. Participating in VET supports young people's

transitions to employment and vocational and higher education pathways. Work placements have included obtaining practical experience from work, gaining familiarity on how workplaces operate, developing employability skills, developing and improving interpersonal skills and allowing students to explore the potential career path they would like to pursue. Thank you to Careers Network and Host Employers who continue to support Oxley High Schools VET trade training.

Taking the Strain during HSC Trial Examinations: Year 12 Metal and Engineering student Michael Hawkins with his recently manufactured body training sled.



Special adventure of a lifetime



NOW IS THE TIME TO GET READY FOR NEXT YEAR'S CENTRAL AUSTRALIA EXCURSION

A reminder to Year 9 students that a deposit of \$600 is due for the 2017 Central Australian Excursion by Friday the 23rd of September 2016. All elective and sport fees must be paid in full before the student can attend this excursion. Any concerns please contact the Front Office on 67661677 for more information.

Please assist if you can.

WANTED WHITE, GREY OR CREAM CLOTHING

The school is asking for donations of clothing which is white, grey or cream to be used as costuming for the Addams Family Musical to be held at the end of the school year.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring donated clothing to the Front Office for Ms Natalie Creighton

Oxley P&C Association Next Meeting

6:45pm - Monday, 22nd August 2016

Parents and carers of students at Oxley High School are most welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association. This is a very practical way to contribute to your child's education and gain an understanding of the operation of the school.

Your attendance and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Meetings are held upstairs in Macquarie block in the staff commonroom on the fourth Monday of each month.

Entries are now open for the **2016 Challenge Art Competition**

The theme for this year is "Art Safari" and the competition is designed to encourage artist's with a disability to paint, draw, photograph or create whatever they dream. To download the entry form go to:

<http://www.challengecommunity.org.au/Publications/Events/>

Closing date is 12 October 2016. Please send your artwork and completed entry form to:
Challenge Community Services
Att: Marketing Department
476 Peel Street
Tamworth NSW 2340

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Challenge Marketing on (02) 6763 1806 or marketing@challengecommunity.org.au.

Over
\$2,500
in prize
money!

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.

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.

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.

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**. Mrs Martin has been running the Clothing Pool from 9:00 to 12:00 on Fridays and it is time for her to take a break. We would like to thank Mrs Martin for all the work she has done for Oxley High and the Clothing Pool.



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

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.

Reminder to Year 9 students planning to go on the Central Australia Excursion next year:

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