

LOGBOOK

Oxley High School, Tamworth

Traditional homeland of the Gomeroi—Kamilaroi Nation

Term 2, 2017

Relay for Life!

On the 1st and 2nd of April the Sports Council took a team of over 40 enthusiastic students and adults to Relay for Life, this being the largest team on the track. During the event the Oxley High School representatives dedicated their time to lapping the teachers around the track whilst simultaneously manning a highly successful BBQ where the ever-so-famous marinated chicken sandwiches were sold, along with Zooper Doopers and soft drinks. As the Relay for Life participants grew hungry the OHS team were able to satisfy the famished members and by doing so, raised over a HUGE \$4,400!!!

A big thank you would like to be given to Red Rooster Tamworth for providing the Oxley High Relay for Life team a scrumptious chicken dinner which did not go unappreciated. Also thank-you to everyone involved for making the weekend so enjoyable and raising such a substantial amount for the deserving Cancer Council charity.





Oxley Academy

Term News

Hello everyone ,

As it is the conclusion of another school term now is a great chance to outline some of the fantastic things the boys have been involved in, and also acknowledge the great effort shown by the large majority of our Clontarf boys .

For those who don't know the Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, self-esteem, life skills and employment prospects of young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so equips them to participate meaningfully in society.

We achieve this by focusing on a few key areas which we refer to as the pillars of our foundation. These pillars include Leadership , Education, Rugby League/Sport, Wellbeing and Employment.

Here are the key activities we have done throughout Term 2 in this space .

Leadership:

- Year 12 Education, Attendance and Progress Review followed by leadership dinner.
- Anzac Day Dawn Service .
- OVPS engagement activities (Coaching, Mentoring opportunities ,Big Buddy Fishing trip).
- West Tamworth Public School Indigenous Games planned and co-ordinated by Oxley seniors .

Education:

- Year 10 subject selection info session with TAFE NSW .
- Year 10 subject Selection and information family dinner.
- Senior assessment sessions during free periods .
- Senior Study Schedules with Ross Frazer (Clontarf Employment Officer).

Rugby League:

- Quirindi Rugby League Match for Yr 7 & 8.
- North West JNR Rugby league Carnival.
- Golf, Bush Walking, Bowls, Gym Sessions, Basketball 3 on 3 @ Bourke.
- State Of Origin Oztags game 1 & 2 .

Wellbeing:

- Health Checks conducted by TAMS.
- Healthy cooking sessions (Clontarf Cookups).
- Bullying Session to Year 7 & 8s.
- Morning fitness trainings every Tuesday and Thursday @ 7am.

Employment:

- Post Graduate Employment Plans for seniors .
- Mock Interviews conducted by Cummins Diesel representatives.
- Work site visit to Cummins Diesel Workshop for a site tour .



Kind Regards,

Oxley Clontarf Staff.

English Faculty News

It has been an exciting term in the English Faculty with many of our senior students participating in Debating and Public Speaking.

On Wednesday 31st of May our Year 11 and 12 teams both won their debates against Farrer in the Zone Final. The Year 12 team consisted of Abby Rowlings, Alexandra Haywood, Geordie Brown and Lachlan Wasson. They were on the negative side and had to argue that journalists should be allowed to report terrorist attacks as they unfold. The Year 11 team included Samuel Kemp, Lucy Alston, Libby Wise and Isabelle Daley who had to argue that Australia should sever defence ties with the United States. Both teams will now go on to participate in the regional finals. Congratulations to our senior debaters!

On 12th May Year 12 student Geordie Brown won the Sydney Morning Herald English Speaking Awards. He had to deliver an eight minute prepared speech and an impromptu speech. He will now head to Sydney for the state semi-finals on the 16th of June. Well done Geordie!

SMH English Speaking Awards



Geordie Brown and Robert Lewis



Year 11 Debating Team: (L-R) Libby Wise, Isabelle Daley, Lucy Alston and Samuel Kemp.



Year 12 Debating Team: (L-R) Abby Rowlings, Alex Haywood, Geordie Brown and Lachlan Wasson.

State Leadership Conference

Emma Tarlinton and Ojaswi Shilpakar travelled to Sydney on the 31st of May to attend the State Leadership Conference at Parliament House and Government House. They were able to meet other captains from across the state as well as talk to Parliamentarians about their roles as leaders of electorates and working in the State Parliament. After a morning spent at Parliament, the tour extended to Government House where they were given a tour of the multiple halls, dining and ballroom of Government House and introduced to His Excellency, General the Honourable David Hurley and his wife, Linda.

The talk with the Governor was completed with Mrs Hurley asking everyone in the room to sing “You are My Sunshine” as she believes that singing is the best gift that another can give.

All students were invited outside to talk personally with His Excellency and have the opportunity for a photo. OJ and Emma received many compliments on not only their demeanour but their uniforms too. They were a credit to Oxley High School.



÷ Mathematics ×

Mrs Robards took a group of superstar mathematicians to the University of New England in Armidale to compete in the annual mathematics competition. The winding roads took their toll on the school from Port Macquarie and Zoe Trewern had to step up and save the day by volunteering to compete with their team in an excellent display of sportsmanship. The group of nine excelled in their efforts, with team one managing to achieve fifth place from approximately 60 teams! The trip ended with some enthusiastic renditions of classic Christmas carols to get us home! Well done to all participating students: Isabella Clapham, Georgia Robertson, Bonnie McIntyre, Ryan Post, Ben Thurling, Subhani Thillainathan, Zoe Trewern, Conor Jones and William Russel.

State Drama Camp

Every year the DoFE organises a week long camp for Drama students of Year 11 from around the state. The camp prepares them for the gruelling year to come where they undertake the Individual Projects and Group Devised Production for their HSC completely on their own and without their teacher's help. The camp is run by acclaimed teachers from around the state, with practitioners and performers from the industry, making it a very prestigious event and therefore only limited spaces are available. Each state public school is only able to nominate 4 students each and with up to 12000 Preliminary Drama students state wide, rural schools are lucky to have one student accepted. It is with great honour that all four Oxley High nominees and our Distance Ed student from Manilla have all been accepted to this year's State Drama camp. Brook Carroll, Cody Hooper (Manilla Distance Ed), Arden Lafforgue, Mitchell Lewin and Tiana Varcoe were selected on their previous merits in the field of Theatre and Performance and their own description of their path in the future. If only we could have nominated every student from Preliminary Drama, as each of them were deserving of a place and choosing between them was the hardest choice of all. However, if you see these students please congratulate them as this is a great honour and opportunity for them.



Left to right: Tiana Varcoe, Mitchell Lewin, Brook Carroll, Mr Sean McInnes, Arden Lafforgue and Cody Hooper (Manilla Distance Ed).



New York Film Academy Scholarship

Early on Monday 22nd May, Year 11 Drama student Jenna Clegg received a very exciting call. After taking the initiative to apply on her own accord, she was accepted for The New York Film Academy, Australia Campus in the year 2020. It is a scholarship program. The first Mr McInnes (her Drama Teacher) or Mrs Hill (her Year Advisor) had heard about it was the day she came to advise them of the good news. For a rural student to take this level of initiative is a wonderful trait but for her to be accepted as well is an amazing achievement for her! Jenna had this to say about it, "I didn't think they would consider me but they did and I'm very, very happy." Jenna's achievement is an amazing example for all students of all passions and subjects; always strive for your dreams and try your hardest to achieve them. You'll never know if you never try.

Congratulations, Jenna!



Year 12 Geography

From Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th of May, Year 12 Geography went to Sydney to study the city in relation to the HSC topic 'Urban Places'. The primary focus was to observe how the city is deemed a world city, as well as, investigate the different urban dynamics currently being undertaken.

Day 1: Upon arriving in Sydney, the first stop was Sydney Tower where the whole city's views were taken in. A walk through the CBD and trying to gain access into some exclusive shops such as Gucci and Prada were next on the agenda. The day finished with a walk along the newly redeveloped Barangaroo site and over through Darling Harbour.

Day 2: The second day involved an eye-opener for many students. First stop was The Gap, where a picturesque walk was undertaken, followed by a trip to Bondi Beach. Next up was a drive through Port Botany and an observation of the shipping facilities before travelling across the city to Oran Park Town. Here students learnt about the urban sprawl occurring in Sydney. Heading back into the CBD, interesting walks were had through Cabramatta and Leichhardt. Later that night, a leisurely stroll was had over the Harbour Bridge and back to the motel.

Day 3: The final day saw students being given the opportunity to see Ryde and Macquarie Park (including all of the business activity and university) before travelling back up the highway home.



A special thanks is to go to Mrs Mercer for accompanying us on the trip.

Year 10 Geography

In late May, all Year 10 Geography classes undertook fieldwork to discover the land and water management practices of Chaffey Dam and the Peel River. Over three days, each class travelled up to Chaffey Dam and observed the augmentation and significance of this to the Tamworth region. The next stop was Woolomin, where the Peel River was investigated and potential issues and strategies discussed. Continuing down the catchment, students walked along the Peel River starting at Paradise Bridge to compare to higher up the stream and determine concerns in this part of the river system. After lunch, students were given a guided tour of the Westdale Wastewater Treatment Plant to see the final stages of how water use in the region is cleaned and treated before re-entering the environment.

A lot of knowledge was gained over the days and it was a great opportunity for students to apply theory from class to the real world. It also provided students with a wonderful chance to enhance their primary research skills and learn more about what they can do to help the environment.





Science & Engineering Challenge

Students from Year 8 & Year 10 attended the Science & Engineering Challenge at the TRECC during Term 2 with Mrs Kellner & Mr Liles. Oxley teams won the overall Categories in both year groups. Congratulations on your awesome effort!



UNE Science Show

UNE Science Team visited Oxley in Week 6 to present science shows for Years 7 & 8 about the Science of Sound and Chemical Reactions. Students learnt about pitch, hearing range, tested out home-made musical instruments and investigated some chemical reactions that occur in the home.

Around the Labs

Year 7 have been learning about Living Things & Classification this term. They have made dichotomous keys to classify Parrots and even Jellybeans!

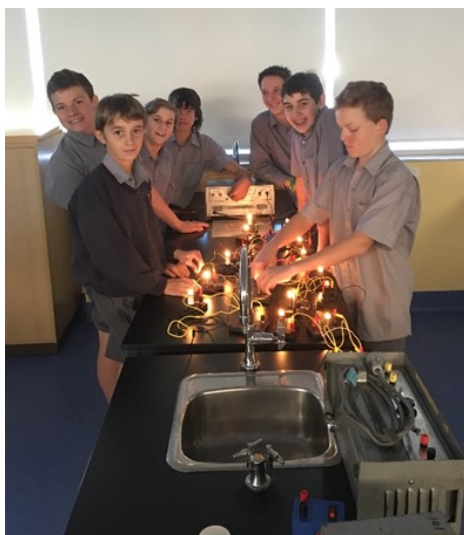
Dichotomous key		
Key	Characteristics	Organisation
1a	White wings	Go to 3
1b	Grey wings	Go to 4
2a	Green wings	Go to 6
2b	Blue wings	Eastern Rosella
3a	Yellow crest	Sulfur crested Cockatoo
3b	White crest	Little Corella
4a	White and pink crest	Galah
4b	Grey/Black crest	Gang Gang Cockatoo
5a	Slate grey beak	Go to 5
5b	Dark grey beak	Long billed black Cockatoo
6a	Blue, red, or green head	Go to 7
6b	Yellow head	Regent Parrot
7a	Red or orange beak	Go to 8
7b	Grey beak	Australian Ringneck
8a	Trichoglossus-haematodus	Rainbow Lorikeet
8b	Alisterus scapularis	Australian King Parrot



Year 8 have looked at different types of energy and their importance in our daily lives.

Year 9 have made circuits, discussed Human Disease and Immunity and modelling geological processes.

Year 10 have been investigating a range of chemical reactions & how forces work.



In Week 4, Year 11 Students travelled to the Warrumbungles to carry out a Field Study as part of the Ecosystems topic being studied in Biology and Senior Science. They attended the Environmental Education Centre at Coonabarabran and went to the Observatory at night. Year 12 Science Students attended a Study Booster Day at UNE on Tuesday 6th June to revise and prepare for their upcoming exams in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

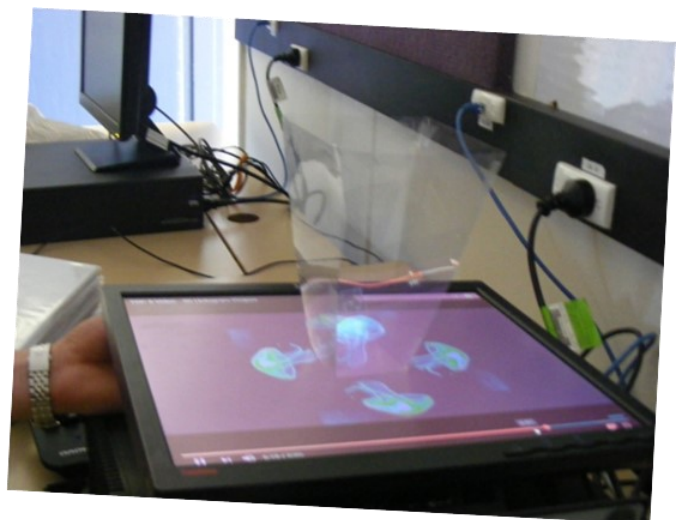


STEM Club

The Oxley STEM Club was established during Term 1. This group meets fortnightly on Fridays (Day 5). So far, we have investigated the different aspects of STEM; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, examined how holograms work and built some of our own.

We are currently working on creating a digital version of our STEM Club Logo, which is the winning entry from our Logo Competition.

The STEM Club will be celebrating National Science Week, coming up in August. Stay tuned for more details.



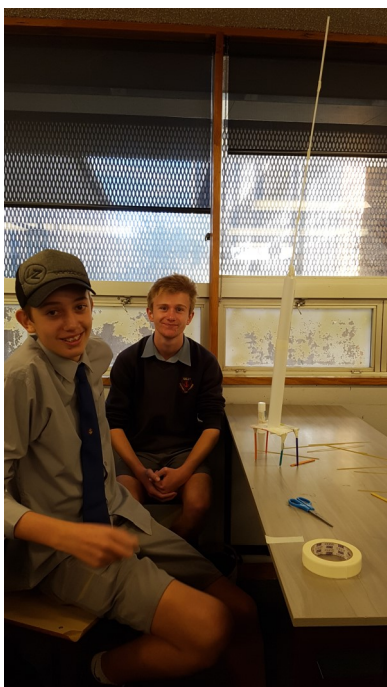
TAS

The TAS faculty is always a busy place, with all Year 7 and 8 students studying Technology (Mandatory). This includes Timber, Metal, Textiles, Food, Agriculture and Mixed Materials. We also have Stage 4 students participating in elective subjects in Timber, Cake Decorating and Design & Graphics.

All of our Stage 5 courses are elective courses, with many students studying Design & Graphics, Metals, Electronics, Timber, Textiles and Food Technology. The photos below show Year 9 D&G students building towers, as well as samples of work from Year 7 Support and Year 8 Cake Decorating.

In Stage 6, we have students completing Preliminary and HSC courses in Timber, Textiles, Food Technology and Engineering, as well as VET courses in Construction, Metals & Engineering and Hospitality, which includes going out on work placement. Our Year 12 students are busily working on their Major Projects which are due in August.

Well done to all students who have been working hard throughout Term 2, to create interesting and exciting practical projects, meals, cakes and garments.



Mock United Nations Competition

On Friday 2nd June, six Yr 11 and Yr 12 students travelled to Kempsey to participate in the Mid North Coast Mock United Nations Competition.

Over two and a half days, 33 student delegates from 19 schools represented various signatories of the United Nations and took part in the debating of resolutions ranging from climate change to gender inequality.

Samual Kemp, Sarah Janson, Amelia Dadd, Caitlin Kemp, Mitchell Lewin and Geordie Brown represented Russia, Germany and the USA respectively.

All teams assumed their countries' identities with dedication, so much so, that all were thrown into the mock jail throughout the weekend for various offences including collusion and concealment of (fake) weapons.

Whilst all students were positive ambassadors for the school, Mitchell Lewin and Geordie Brown received special acknowledgement, being recognised as 'the most outstanding team' as voted by the other delegates.

Mrs Falkenmire



Sports Council Report

This semester the Sports Council has been very busy, raising money in the community, running canteens at both the swimming and athletics carnivals (supporting local businesses along the way), sponsoring school sporting teams and athletes competing in various places and also buying new gear for sporting teams.

As usual the Sports Council, with the help of the wonderful TAS faculty, ran the BBQs for both the swimming and athletics carnivals. At the swimming carnival we raised \$2200 and we raised \$4300 at the athletics carnival. We would like to thank the students who supported us and bought our famous chicken sandwiches.

The Sports Council and others members of the Oxley High School community participated in Tamworth's Relay For Life at the start of April this year, raising over \$4000 through registration and also selling our famous chicken sandwiches. The team consisted of about 50 people (the largest team present) and many people commented on the standard of behaviour of all students/staff that were present. We would like to thank those that participated for their great behaviour and for setting a great standard for future OHS participation.

During both the Carnivals and Relay For Life we bought items from different stores and we would like to thank them for their support.

- Coles- bread/butter/ingredients for marinade
- Red Rooster- meals at relay for life
- McDonalds- ice
- Baiada- chicken for our famous chicken sandwiches

The Sports Council has been supporting Oxley High School sporting teams, by purchasing new uniforms and helping with fees, including:

- \$500 in new Basketball jerseys for Oxley High Wednesday night competition teams
- \$250 worth of Oxley High football socks
- Helped with U15's Girls Football levy fees

The Sports Council will be continuing to sponsor students and teams that are competing at higher levels in the future.

Thankyou to all students, staff and parents for supporting the Sports Council this semester.

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Health Checks- May 5

Academy students had their first annual health check on Friday May 5 with TAMS. The girls had their weight, height, eyes, blood pressure and sugar levels checked before a private consultation with the Doctor.



Ronika and Sherri-Anne checking their height



Jada having her sugar levels tested

University of New England- Oorala Centre Visit- May 8th



Students were informed on courses available, University life, support networks and scholarships.



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Well done Breanna and Chelsea who represented the Academy in soccer on May 8

Hilton Hotel

Oxley Academy attended a three day Work Inspirations Program at the Hilton Hotel Sydney during May 15-17. Students learnt about how a corporate business operates from house keeping right up to the General Manager.

The girls were given a tour of the Hotel and met head staff of each area. Highlights were making mock tails, the towel folding machine in the laundry and the delicious food we received.

Thank you to Mrs Cindy Pearce, Mrs Way and Miss Smith for organizing this wonderful opportunity and Mr Petrie for driving the bus.



Knockout Hockey

On the 6th of June, fourteen girls conquered the first round of knockout hockey versing Tamworth High School, finishing with the score 3-1. Tanisha Donnelly scored 2 out of the three with Gabbi D'ambros scoring the final goal with a deflection. On the 23rd of June 2017, the team are now going to Armidale to vs Duval in the second round.



Open Girls Soccer

This year saw the Open Girls Football team make it through to the fourth round (semi-final stage) of the North West (NW) Knock Out Competition. The first match was played against Armidale HS, played at Oxley's oval. The girls looked impressive from the start, comfortably winning the match 6-1. This meant that their next opponent was Duval HS. A tougher game, Oxley maintained their composure and a flurry of goals late in the game gave Oxley the win 4-1. Up next was a road trip to Tenterfield and a much stronger competition. This ended up being the undoing for the girls. A physical match, the girls were playing catch up from the start and down 2-0 at half time. Giving everything in attack, Tenterfield went on to win 6-0, a scoreline not indicative of the game itself. Nevertheless, this result did not hamper the spirits of the girls on the bus trip home.

This is a very successful outcome for the Open Girls Football side. With only a couple of Year 12 students leaving this year, the side is in a great position for the future. A massive thanks must go to Mrs Marie Wise for giving up her time to coach the team.



U/15s Girls Soccer

The U15s Bill Turner Cup soccer side have made amazing progress as the girls came through with a win at the regional final on the 15th of June with a smashing of 7-0 by full time with our goal scored by Jessica James, Emma James, Miriam Barbara, Emma Allen and Nakiesha Burgess. The girls have made an amazing effort knocking out three teams on the way to their victory. Their first match was a home game against Carinya which resulted in a scary penalty shootout with Jordan Donnelly as the keeper, pushing them through to play McCarthy at Gipp St Fields where they belted the side 5-0. This put them through to the semi-finals against Narrabri at their high school where the girls copped a rough first half, but came through with a 6-0 win by the end. Their next game will be against a Newcastle side, so good luck girls!





Central Australia

In May, 78 Year 10 students and 6 staff embarked on a 14 day Central Australia excursion. The group travelled by coach from Tamworth to Darwin, then flew from Darwin to Sydney before another coach trip home. Some of the highlights included visiting Cooper Pedy, climbing to the top of Uluru, walking through Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon, camel rides, seeing the Devils Marbles, swimming in waterholes at Alice Springs, cruising Katherine Gorge and spotting crocodiles, and watching the sunsets over Arnhem Land and Kakadu.

As Year Advisor, Ms Creighton was extremely proud of the kids and their behaviour. A big thanks to all the staff who went along, particularly Mrs Hill and Mr Hamilton for their organisation.

Payments are now being taken from Year 9 students, who wish to be a part of this incredible experience in 2018.



