



# LOGBOOK

**Oxley High School, Tamworth**

**TERM 3 2017—In this issue: Science update, tennis, hockey, basketball and league tag, R U OK? Day, TAS report, Mock Mediation, Clontarf & Girls Academy**

## **Open Boys & Girls Tennis—Thanks Mr. Perkins!**

The Open Boys Tennis team went away to represent Oxley and the North West at the State Finals at Nelson Bay. They were slightly undermanned as Lachlan Wasson (Yr 12) was doing his Trial HSC and was unavailable. However, the very young team played Colo High School (Sydney West) in the first round and won 7 sets to 1. They then came up against Sydney Boys High and unfortunately lost 8 sets to 0 (they went on to win the state title). The boys then moved into the consolation draw and played Fig Tree High (South Coast), who were too strong despite a positive effort from our boys (6 sets to 2). This led to a playoff for 7th & 8th against Albury which was well contested and the boys won 5 sets to 3. The team placed seventh in the state which was a great effort from a young team and it looks very promising for the future. The team was: Zachery Adams (Yr 8), Benji Stacey (Yr 8), Jack Berry (Yr 8) & Ben Burton (Yr 7). Thank you to all the parents who came along and help make the two days an absolute pleasure.



The Oxley Open Girls Tennis team represented the North West region at the state titles in Nelson Bay on the 8th & 9th August. In the first round the girls played Mackellar Girls High (Sydney North) and were defeated 5 sets to 3. They did not progress to the final four but went through to the consolation round, playing Castle Hill (Sydney West). They played very well and won 8 sets to 0. This led them to a match against Whitebridge High (Hunter) which they won comfortably 6 sets to 2. They then played Ulladulla High (South Coast) who they defeated comfortably 8 sets to 0. The girls played all their matches to the best of their ability and in a spirit that all of Oxley should be proud of them. All of the students and parents involved were outstanding and made the two days a pleasure to be involved with. The Oxley Girls tennis team is: Kaecia Beattie (Yr 9), Ashleigh Hodgson (Yr 11), Katie Richards (Yr 11), Danielle Bishop (Yr 8) and Jane Ervine (Yr 9).

# SRC Report

This term has been another busy one for the SRC. We welcomed Year 7 representatives; Georgia DeBelle and Billy Russell. After this, planning began on a recycling initiative that we want to see expand within the school. A Tamworth Regional Council employee met with the group to see how this process could be carried out. Starting Term Four, paper recycling will be in every classroom, collected and monitored by the SRC in an effort for the school to be less wasteful and more sustainable. It is hoped that with the student body's support, the recycling program could be further implemented into the playground, which will be a first for a Tamworth high school.

During Legacy Week, many of the SRC members volunteered their time to help fundraise. This has been a long-standing tradition of the SRC and the students did the school proud by walking Peel Street selling badges, pens and other merchandise. In addition, the group was involved in promoting diversity within

Sharna Day, Amy Zhou, Olivia Collison, Declan O'Neil, Lucy Bowden, Billy Russell, Matthew Wise and Noah Lissarrague selling Legacy merchandise. Absent: Isabelle Daley, Jasmine Webb and Tahlia Wheeler.



We would also like to acknowledge the efforts made by our Year 12 representatives over the past 12 months, some of whom have been SRC members since Year 7. We thank you for your contribution to the school and for the guidance you have given others as leaders. We wish you all the best in your upcoming HSC exams and future endeavours.



Outgoing Year 12 SRC members Lachlan Wasson, Geordie Brown, Emma Tarlinton, Lincoln Williams, Sarah Collison and Abby Rowlings.

Absent: Ojaswi Shilpakar, Alexandra Haywood



## Girls Academy News

On August 25, Mrs Way was invited to attend the 'Consumer Diversity In Action - Community Partnerships Panel' at the 2017 SOCAP International Symposium. It was held at the Hilton Hotel Sydney where Mrs Way presented on Oxley Girls Academy with Katrina Koutoulas from Nestlé who are a corporate sponsor.



Oxley Girls Academy were honoured to host the executive team from the Department of Premier and Cabinet on Monday August 28 for breakfast.

Amber gave an acknowledgement to country and Letitia gave an overview of being part of the Oxley Girls Academy. Our visitors consisted of:

Blair Comley - Secretary

Sonja Stewart - Deputy Secretary Government Group

Gary Barnes - Deputy Secretary Regional NSW

Simon Draper - Deputy Secretary Economic Policy

Mary-Ann O'Loughlin - Deputy Secretary Social Policy (including education)

Karen Smith - Deputy Secretary, Legal

Glenn King - Deputy Secretary, Premier's Implementation Unit

They were accompanied by Blair's Executive Officer, James Bates as well as Alison McGaffin the Executive Director of Regional Coordination based in Tamworth.

By all reports our visitors were highly impressed with our girls and the Academy. It was the highlight of their day.



Mrs Alison McGaffin Executive Director of Regional Coordination from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, presented the Academy with a generous gift. Casey Penfold accepted the gift.



Our Year Twelve Girls, Grace, Rebecca, Mackenzie and Brooke were successful in gaining their First Aid Certificate. Well done Girls. (4/9 & 5/9)



## Open Girls Knockout Hockey

Earlier this year the girls hockey team defeated Duval High School 8 - 0 to become the regional winners. A special mention goes to Gabi D'Ambros who scored 5 goals during the game. The team then went on to play Orange High School. It was a hard fought game where the girls displayed sportsmanship and teamwork. Abi Schimann bravely took on the role of goalkeeper and Sami Bailey scored in the final moments of the game. Unfortunately they were defeated, just missing out on a place in the top 8! A special thanks to Mr Squires for driving the bus. Congratulations to all girls on a great season.



## U15 Girls Basketball Knockout Team

Congratulations to our U15 Girls Basketball Team who became Regional Finalists last week after defeating Quirindi High in a tough battle to win 47-41.

The girls now progress to the State Quarter-Finals (Top 16 teams in the State) where we will meet Byron Bay High School during Week 1 next term. The winner of this game will progress to the State Finals in Terrigal. The team is a great mix of experience and youth with girls from Years 7, 8 & 9, spearheaded by our Year 9 Tamworth Representative players: Georgia Griffiths, Samantha Schuberth and Ronika Brown. Thanks also to our referee Holly Schalk for accompanying our girls on their journey.



## Mock Mediation

In February, Kate Stacey, Meg Reading, Jessica Watt, Jessica Kemp, Ella Hemmings and Sarah Hill joined the Mock Mediation team. The competition is run by the NSW Law Society and requires students to conduct a mediation to successfully resolve a hypothetical dispute between two parties. Over the course of three rounds the girls had the opportunity to perform all roles, showcasing their strong dispute resolution skills. Their hard work, dedication and amazing acting skills saw the team receive outstanding scores and progress through to the quarter finals. The students finished 7th in the state and are to be congratulated on this achievement.



## Peter Kidd Memorial Run

Peter Kidd was a past Oxley High School student who was an outstanding athlete. Peter was tragically shot and killed whilst leading a Queensland Tactical Response group. In memory of Peter, a 1 hour endurance run is held each year at our school.

The run was held on the 11/9/17. We were presented with a cool clear day, perfect conditions for a 1 hour run. All students participated well, but of course there can be only one winner of the title.

This year's winner was Logan Bailey (Year 10) who ran over twelve and a half kilometres in the hour.

Alexandra Carr of Year 8 ran the furthest for the girls with a distance of 8100m. Well done to all participants and I hope we can have more participants next year. Thanks, Mr Rae (Sports Organiser).

Logan Bailey 12, 790m

Steven Roberts 12, 460m

Corrin Webster 12,320m

Daniel Peel 12,240m

Mathew Peel 11,420m

Mitchell McCormack 11,400m

Rhys Briscoe 10,460m

Jem Barber 10, 230m

Bailey Keech 9,680m

Alexandra Carr 8, 100m

Ebony Phillpott 7, 450m

Georgia Stoddart 6, 770 m

Isabella Boyce 5,810m



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Update

The Oxley Clontarf Academy were successful in taking out this year's Ross Kelly Cup U15's Rugby League Carnival in Sydney, week 5 of Term 3. The boys defeated Endeavour Sports High in the final to win the cup for the first time in the academy's history. The camp also included:

- A tour of NSW Parliament House where the boys got to meet the Premier Gladys Berejiklian
- A worksite visit to Fox Sports Studio
- Watching the Storm play the Knights at McDonald Jones Stadium, followed by access to the sheds with the players at the end of the game.

This major camp was a reward for the boys who have had great school attendance, participation in training and afternoon activities, as well as having demonstrated excellent behaviour and engagement in their schooling and the Clontarf Program.



Furthermore this term, the senior academy participants took part in the Northern NSW Clontarf Employment Forum held at the Tamworth Community Centre in week 7. The boys interacted with representatives from various employment pathways including Qantaslink, The Australia Defence Force, Graincorp, TAFE, Newcastle University, Essential Energy and Bunnings to name a few. The rotational process allowed the Year 11 and 12 boys to gain information from a large cross-section of organisations about different vocational opportunities once they have graduated from high school.



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## Year 11 Filmmakers



Congratulations to the Year 11 filmmakers Jordan Wynne, Jessica Burton, Blake Dickson, Maigan Galloway, Crystal Reichart, Heidi Shimann, Alyssa Flemming and Sam Deacon who produced, directed and acted in a short film 'Unplugged'. It was entered into the REC Ya Shorts Youth Film Festival which is open from ages of 12 to 25. They were tasked with including the theme 'Connection' and also had to include the signature item 'Phone' in their film. This film made it into the finals of the competition in the top 15 films. The film will be shown in a variety of regional locations and the students were lucky enough to view their film on the big screen in Tamworth on the 6th of September 2017. The film will go further afield and be seen on the international film circuit. Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Hill (CAPA)

# R U OK?

On September 14th Oxley High School celebrated R U Ok? Day. R U Ok's vision is a world where we are all connected and are protected from suicide. Their mission is to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around them and support anyone struggling with life. R U Ok? Day is to encourage conversation and to 'check in' on friends, family and colleagues.

Oxley High celebrated and engaged in the conversation by having a staff morning tea supplied by the Girls Academy and also offered a free BBQ for all staff and students at lunchtime, whilst enjoying a flash mob by the Oxley dance students. A huge thank you goes to Bakers Delight City Plaza for supplying all of the bread and to Woolworths Eastside who generously donated half of the sausages for the day.



Thanks to the Girls Academy for the staff morning tea (which was raided by a minion).



Mrs Mooney the banana enjoys her sausage sandwich for lunch!



Mrs Hill (CAPA), Mrs Fenton (TAS), Mrs Elliot (Support) and Mr McInnes (CAPA), enjoy a catch up at recess.

# TAS

Year 10 have been busy completing assessment tasks in Food Technology last week. They had to create a burger and photograph it using Food Styling techniques. Some of the finished products are pictured below.

As we are drawing towards the end of term, students are showing their completed practical projects from Year 7 & 8 Technology Mandatory, Year 7 & 8 Woodcraft and Year 8 Design and Technology. These subjects engage students in creating quality designed solutions for identified needs and opportunities using a range of technologies, materials, tools and machines. Students have managed practical projects independently and collaboratively from conception to realisation.

The Year 7 and 8 Cake Decorating classes have been lucky enough to have local cake maker Michelle Martin visit to do some demonstrations for us. The students are eager to start their fondant cakes and have been practising their techniques in class.



## 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 businesses 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 transition to employment and vocational and higher education pathways. Benefits of participating in VET 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 School's VET trade training.

Mr Ricky Petrie (Head Teacher TAS)





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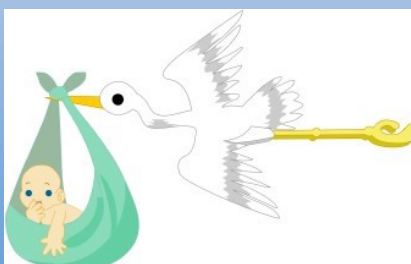
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# ***BABY NEWS!***

The staff and students of Oxley High School would like to wish Mrs Casey Fenton and Mrs Karina Falkenmire a very enjoyable maternity leave starting next term. Both bubs are due in November and we can't wait to meet the new additions to your families!

It is an extremely exciting time for you both and the entire school community wishes you all the best on the safe arrival of your newborns.



# SCIENCE WEEK 2017



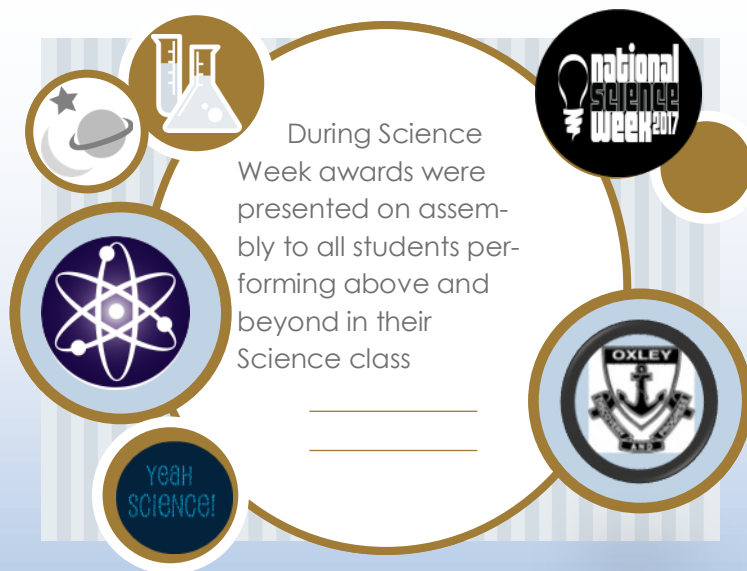
The crew in Newcastle



Pat and Sam building 'The Bridge'

Oxley High School celebrated Science Week in style this year with a number of activities occurring during August. Our Year 10 Science & Engineering Challenge Team, after winning the Regional Final in March, went to Newcastle to compete in the State Finals of the event where they did themselves proud. Thanks to Mr Liles for coordinating the team and a great few days doing Science!

Mrs Watt (Head teacher Science).



"Dry Ice" Fun for Year 7

For those at school, a bit of fun was had with a Science Week Quiz on Assembly, fun prac lessons with Dry Ice, and some special 'Space themed' awards presented to students



# Science and Agriculture Update – “Out and About”



Our Year 8 and 9 Science students have been undertaking Science Projects during the end of Term 3. In Year 8, they compete in groups and by Year 9 they are expected to come up with a problem or question that they investigate using science skills and submit a scientific report outlining how they conducted their experiment and what the outcomes were. Above we can see Year 8 investigating “Which Paper Plane design flies the furthest?”

Recent arrivals at Oxley that are always popular are our recently hatched chickens that the Ag Faculty are using for animal observations and growth trials. So cute!



Finally, all the Year 12 Science and Ag Teachers would love to say:

**GOOD LUCK!**

But just in case more help is needed...please follow the link below!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p60rN9JEapg>

# Girls League Tag



On the 30th of August, the Under 14 Girls League Tag team played in the North West Finals at Bingara. They demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship and fought hard against the opposition. Their local rivals, McCarthy Catholic College, narrowly beat them in the Grand Final. Congratulations girls—second overall is a fantastic achievement.

Mrs Fenton.

## Farewell Mrs Reading!

Farewell and good luck to Mrs Samantha Reading who will be taking up a three year position at the Department of Education Tamworth Office as the Teacher Quality Advisor. Her experience and expertise is highly valued, and she will be sorely missed by the Creative and Performing Arts staff and all of Oxley High School.

