



LOGBOOK

Oxley High School, Tamworth

TERM 2 2018—In this issue: Swimming Carnival results, Relay for Life, International Night, Harmony Day, Girls Cricket, Boys Soccer, Year 7 camp photos and much more!

RELAY FOR LIFE—SCHOOL SPIRIT IN FULL SWING!



The Oxley High Sports Council decided to register a group for Relay for Life for the second year running. It turned out to be a very big one!

Fundraising before the day included Holly and Lou Schalk, who bagged and raffled two large baskets of Easter eggs. The two Easter egg baskets were drawn on a Thursday assembly. The Sports Council sold four raffle books and raised \$320 for the Cancer Council. Sports Council also organised a cake stall on the 13th of March. All students brought delicious home cooked goods, from cupcakes to honey corn-flakes. Students took time out of their day to sell these baked goodies at recess and lunch.

Oxley High took part in the 2018 Relay for Life on the 24th and 25th of March. The day started off with a presentation at 2pm to commemorate the many lives that have been lost to cancer. By 2:30pm Oxley students and teachers mustered up the largest group of the event, 48 students and 12 staff members with the shirt money alone raising \$1200.

Oxley High held a barbecue for any walkers feeling hungry. This is where we sold our famous chicken burgers and some awesome beef brisket made by Bruce Burgess who purchased all the meat and then brought his slow cooker and stayed the night. A large fruit tray was donated to our Oxley High team for the raffle and Jade Sinclair and other students walked around the track and sold \$82 worth of tickets. Max Cross decided to have his head shaved for donations and he raised \$200, all donated by Oxley teachers. A huge thank you to Rosi and Tony Bishop who donated a Red Rooster chicken and chip dinner for all students who attended. Thank you to all the students and staff who 'laced up' over the two days to raise money and awareness for Cancer research especially after a late Friday night at another successful International night.

Throughout the 2018 Relay for Life, Boedee Thompson did an amazing 257 laps which is around 50km. Boedee smashed the record for the most laps by an Oxley High student. Tamworth Plaster Works gave a dollar for each lap Boedee completed which added to our team total. The senior Sports Council members have been praised by the teachers and members of the public for their great leadership and responsibility. At 3am in the morning, Mr Pett woke up three Year 8 students to go and do laps until 5am. In this time Jack Dadd was running laps and ran for around 2.5km. Most of the team was awake at the time because Miss Aleksandroff organised a huge game of Oz Tag. Tamworth High had quite a large group which provided some great rivalry. This rivalry could not have been stronger when Oxley faced off against Tamworth High in tug-of-war and some midnight karaoke. Thank you to all who sponsored the Oxley High Relay for Life team, including Woolworths who donated bread, sauce and serviettes; Inland Distributors for organising Easter eggs for the raffle; Dukes Ice for providing ice; Steggles who donated \$100 worth of chicken and Ripe Produce for providing fruit for a fruit raffle.



Oxley High Swimming Carnival 2018

The 2018 Oxley High Swimming Carnival took place on Thursday Feb 22nd with beautiful weather. Staff and students enjoyed the chance to get away from the classroom and engage in the competitive nature of the Swimming Carnival.

There were some outstanding swimming races between the students as well as the relays at the end of the night. A highlight was witnessing the staff competing in the final freestyle relay races of the night. The male team consisting of Mr Mann, Mr Pett, Mr Walsh and Mr Arrua were successful in the senior boys relay. The female staff consisting of Ms Munro, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Jury-Radford and Ms Beckinsale were very competitive and enjoyed the chance to showcase their ability.

During the night there were four new records set by two Year 7 students:

Grace Milgate set two new records in the 13yrs 50m freestyle with a time of 29.80 (31.22 old record 2009 Madison Robinson) and in the 4 x 50m Individual Medley with a time of 2:49.75 (3:00.32 old record 2003 Caitlin Fisher).

Evelia Lantz also set two new records in the 50m backstroke with a time of 36.88 (37.69 old record 2003 Caitlin Fisher) and also in the 50m butterfly with a time of 33.10 (34.72 old record 2003 Caitlin Fisher).

The age champions for the carnival are as follows:

12yr Female - Chloe Cough

12yr Male – Isayah Monk

13yr Female – Evelia Lantz

13yr Male – Charlie Walsh

14yr Female – Tijana Coxhead

14yr Male – Jack Dadd

15yr Female – Jazmin Lissarrague

15yr Male – Joel McIntyre

16yr Female – Lara Graham

16yr Male – Ashton Constable

17yr Female – Angel Guy

17yr Male – Alex Taggart

The overall result of the carnival saw the following results,

1st – Castlereagh 679

2nd – Namoi 571

3rd – Hastings 515

4th – Macquarie 357



Thank you to all staff and students for a terrific night of fun and competition and a huge thank you to Mr Rae for his organisation of the event.

WELLBEING UPDATE...

Over the past term we have held a number of important events to support student wellbeing in our school. With the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence being held Mid Term (16th March) we had a focus on whole school plans to develop an understanding of bullying in society and take proactive measures against bullying in our school. We have been doing this through education around the concepts of bullying and in developing strategies to improve resilience and communication skills.

On Wednesday 28th February all Year 7 & 8 participated in a half day **DOT COM workshop** presented by Project Rockit. During these workshops students were given the opportunity to engage in fun activities and discuss the real life situations around bullying, cyber safety and the opportunities available to us if we rise above the negative and turn our situations and tools into positives.

At Oxley High School we are also thrilled to be a pilot school for **BullyBøx** and **Reword** in Australia. Thank you to Mr Robert McPherson for his extensive work to allow these proactive programs to be implemented at Oxley through Headspace. The **Ready to Rethink** program was launched to students and staff on Friday 2nd & Monday 5th of March and to parents on 15th of March. We hope that through the use of the BullyBøx app, students will use technology as a positive tool to voice their concerns. The wellbeing team of staff will gain vital information to support our students and identify additional needs of our students. We will be able to use this information to develop proactive strategies to reduce bullying within our school and further develop skills of positive communication and resilience within our school community.

The third phase of wellbeing initiatives were in the events for the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. On Thursday 15th March we held a **whole school assembly** which was run completely by the Leadership Students of our school. SRC, Sports Council, CAPA council and Girls/Clontarf Academy members joined together to voice their experiences of bullying, violence and the importance of speaking up, both when being bullied and in support of others. The traditional Top Deck Awards were given with a twist, this time for those who staff and students had recognised for their courage in “speaking up and speaking out” in support of their peers. The assembly was very well received by students and staff, and the students involved should be very proud of their outstanding demonstration of leadership.

This assembly was followed up by a **designated lesson** the next day (16th March) teaching anti-bullying messages across the school including artworks and conversations within classes (period 3) against bullying, violence and being a bystander. Staff and students from all faculties and all stages embraced this lesson and already further action has been taken by the student body to continue these proactive strategies towards mediation and conflict resolution.

That afternoon we joined with Tamworth Public School in the “**United March against Bullying and Violence**”, where students from both schools took to the streets together to send a strong message that bullying and violence is not ok and that we should find ways to support each other and be kind rather than resort to violence. This initiative was the starting point for a joint approach to develop better understandings of what is and is not tolerated within our school and the broader community.

This term was just the start. Oxley High School will continue the conversation around all issues that face our students throughout the year. Taking positive, proactive measures will allow our students to develop into successful young men and women who will thrive in the broader community.





National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!



23/3/2018



Message from Year 12

We would like to personally thank all of the local Tamworth sponsors who donated very generous prizes and made our Year 12 International Night Raffle a success. All money raised will go towards the 'Beyond Blue' organisation, whose goal is to address issues associated with depression, anxiety disorders and other related mental disorders. Edwards Printing, Bunnings Warehouse Tamworth, Oasis Smiles Dental, Safari Club, RB Sellars, Illegal Lengths in Hair, Bakers Delight, Tamworth Nails and Beauty, United Taekwondo, Pumped Sports Nutrition, Ella Bache, Luvlee Candles and Bubbles, Absolutely Fabulous Cleaning, Nemingha Tavern, Senegence Lipsense, Red Rooster and Hair Artistry.

2018 International Night Report

On a balmy autumn evening the 36th OHS International Night was held. With a new look poster, new food stands and a revised layout; the event attracted a crowd of almost 1000 people, serving almost 2400 meals. A focus point of the evening was the presentation of a \$160,000 cheque from the OHSP&C to the school to improve air conditioning within the classrooms and resurfacing of the netball courts.

A definite highlight was having new families such as the Quiamboia family involved, sharing their national food. It was also great to see so many students involved in the entertainment program and helping on stalls. There were several community members without ties to Oxley that volunteered their time: TAFE hospitality faculty helped cook and serve food, the Sudanese ladies who provided a taste of northern Sudan, Belly Delicious dancers and other community members. One of the best stories was ex-OHS student Jay Player who heard International Night was on and generously offered to help Matt Parnell with the use of his sound equipment.

A BIG THANK YOU!

This event brought together a small army of volunteers that willingly assisted in whatever capacity they could and the phone calls from the community with offers to help or donate goods and services were really appreciated. A particular shout out to all the teachers who assisted and gave up their personal time and brought their families to support this event, particularly Mark Baldwin, Nat Hill, Matt Parnell, Irem Mooney, TAS staff, Sharon Satori, Belinda Gonzales, Darren Redford and the office and grounds staff; and also the canteen staff and volunteers, in particular Helen Burton.

There is always a departure of families of from the school at the end of the year – so thanks to the families that have stepped up and volunteered whilst your kids have been at school. This inevitably leaves a gap for next year, but it is this process that allows the event to keep evolving. If you would like to become involved or have ideas for next year, please contact the P&C (oxlyhighPandc@gmail.com).

Whilst this is a fundraiser for the school, it is one of the few events that brings all years, students, parents, staff and their families together in a setting where they can interact. Well done to OHS community for making this such a successful event

Sarah Dadd

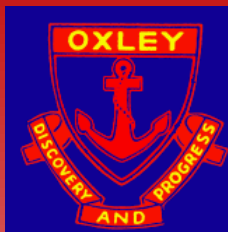
2018 International Night Coordinator



HSC Society & Culture

This term the HSC Society and Culture class visited some local attractions whilst on excursion. They started the day at Tamworth Regional Library where they viewed past award-winning major projects, before seeing the Play School exhibition at the Regional Art Gallery as part of a case study on Popular Culture. The class finished the day by conducting some primary research at Hopscotch. Good luck to all students who are working hard to complete their Personal Interest Project.





REMINDERS

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 in Macquarie courtyard 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 Store in the Canteen. It is opened every day for all uniform needs or pre-loved uniforms.

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 Wellbeing as soon as possible.

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, please write a note with the following information:

- your child's full name and roll class;
- the date/s and number of days your child was away;
- explain why your child was away;
- any 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 recorded as '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.

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.

PEANUT ALLERGIES & AEROSOL CANS

Please be reminded not to bring peanut products to school as we have some students with severe peanut allergies. **Aerosol cans are banned at school** as they can cause affected students and staff to have potentially fatal reactions.

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 there is an issue with your account, please contact the office ASAP.

LEAVE PASS

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 can take 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.

BULLYING

At Oxley we have a zero tolerance on bullying. If your child is having an issue at school, please tell them to talk to a teacher or their Year Adviser. If they contact you directly and do not tell a staff member, we will be unaware and so unable to help them.

MOBILE PHONES & 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.

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 2018. 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 and 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 paying your fees for electives or sport please call at the Front Office to discuss any options the school may be able to consider.

Leave Passes for Thursday Sport 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

Oxley Boys Football

Congratulations to the 32 players who attended the recent Bill Turner Cup and Open Boys Football Trials. The coaching staff were greatly impressed with your enthusiasm, skill and effort in these trials. In the recent past Oxley has struggled for numbers to field competitive football sides. A final 16 finish in the state for the Bill Turner Cup side in 2017 and the energy around both squads this year looks promising for the upcoming matches. Players fine-tune their skills and fitness with 7am Monday training runs planned for the remainder of the term.

The squads are as follows:

Bill Turner Cup (under 16): Jem Barbara, Max Keft-Gill, Matthew Peel, Sam Murphy, Bailey Keech, Rueben Baker Bennic, Jonah Thompson, Daniel McCormack, Connor O'Neil, Luke Bradberry, Brendan Jarrett, Max Watters, Jasper Hall, Ryan Simpfendorfer, Xander Emery, Isiah Monk, Kye Sharp.

Open Boys : Jem Barbara, Boedee Thompson, Lachie Wilson, Matthew Peel, Daniel Peel, Jordan Whitten, Chris Kaloustian, Sam Lobban, Lucas Tadman, Eric Ip, Mitchell McCormack, Rueben Baker-Bennic, Mitchell Atkins, Logan McCarthy, Zach Burns, Jonah Thompson, Bailey Keech.



Oxley High School Robotics - Southern Cross Regional

On the 10th—13th of March, 8 students and 2 adult mentors from Oxley High School participated in the FIRST (r) Robotics Competition where they operated a 50kg robot that they had designed and built over 6 weeks of their summer holidays. We competed against teams from China, USA, India, Vietnam, Singapore and Taiwan, in addition to strong Australian teams from several Australian universities. We finished 22nd and were picked in the third alliance for the knockout stages. The robotics team exceeded all expectations at competition, winning 6 matches against a variety of opponents and took their quarter final match to a tiebreaker match but lost against a highly placed opposition alliance.

During the competition, we were lucky enough to be assigned an Intern, Dr. Larry Marshall, the head of CSIRO. Larry helped students work on the robot and was the coach for several games. He was impressed both by the skill of our students and the level of gracious professionalism demonstrated as students from 4 different teams, including those who had just competed as opponents, worked together on a robot which had developed electrical problems. He has offered to come and visit the school later this year.

Our Robot, “Vulkan” was designed to collect power cubes (approx. the size of milk crates) and deposit them into three balance scales, two which were 2ft in the air and the other 6 ft high. The game for this year is called ‘Power Up’ where teams of three robots work to control these balances by depositing “power cubes” into them. The games consisted of two sections; an autonomous period where robots can only run pre-programmed routines and an operator driven period where robots are driven by students.

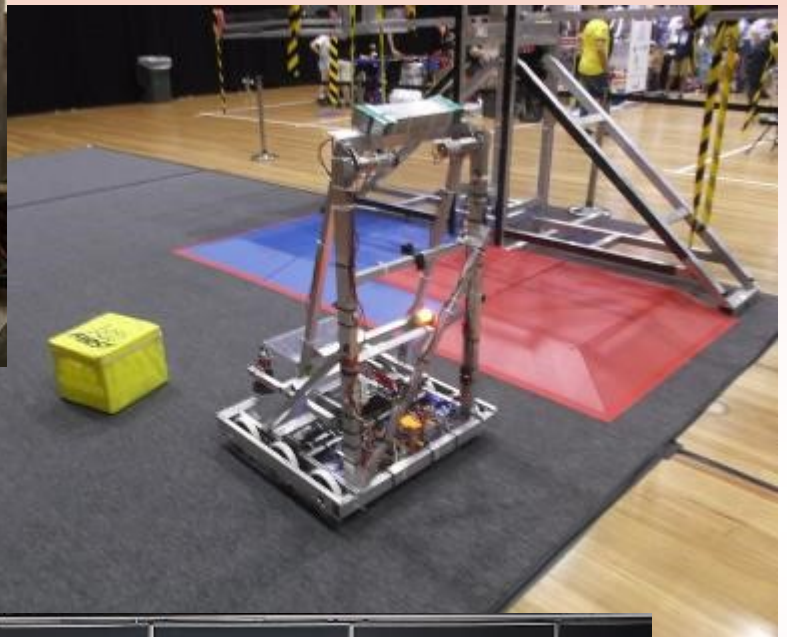
For the next few weeks, the team is conducting demonstrations to encourage primary students to expand their horizons in the STEM fields. The visit to Tamworth Public School was just the first of many efforts by the team to promote the New England’s regions excellence in Science and Engineering. We will continue our outreach program over the next few months, and then begin our preparations for the next competition in late July.

The Oxley High School Robotics team would like to thank our sponsors specifically: Google Australia, Macquarie University, BAE systems and Rockwell Automation for their generous support over the 6 week build season. Without their generous support, our students would not have had such an amazing opportunity. If you are interested in joining the team (as a mentor or student), or sponsoring the team please contact Oxley High School on (02) 6766 1677 or visit our Facebook page @OHSRoboteam.





Larry Marshall - Dr. Larry Marshall our Intern - photo by Sallyann Williams (Google)

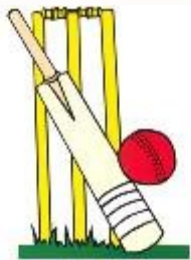


Vulkan in action - photo by Jono Armytage (Oxley HS)



Official Team photo with Sallyann Williams (Google Australia) and Luan Heimlich (Director of FIRST Australia) - photo by Lauren Trompp(Google)

Open Girls Cricket



Congratulations

The Open Girls Cricket team travelled to Bathurst on the 26th March to compete in the state top 4 final series to be played over the following 2 days.

The first game was against Kirrawee High School, located in the Sutherland area in Sydney. We lost the toss and were sent in to bat. After losing some early wickets, Lara Graham and Zali Humble steadied the ship, scoring 104no and 18 respectively with Mim Barbara adding a quick-fire 31 towards the end of the innings in which we finished with 212 off the allocated 40 overs.

In reply, Kirrawee were well restricted by all bowlers, quickly increasing the required run rate to above 8 runs per over. The standout bowling was delivered by Katie Richards taking 3-25, with Josie Humble, Deni Baker and Lara Graham chipping in with one wicket each to go a couple of run outs. The final score was 9-154, a convincing win putting the Oxley team into the state final.

In the final we came up against The Hills Sports High from western Sydney. We again lost the toss and were sent in to bowl. This time we were up against a very polished outfit full of high quality cricketers, a product of the cricket program run at this school. We were bowled out for 59 with Deni Baker top scoring and a solid last wicket partnership with Shelby Davidson gave the team a target to bowl to. Unfortunately, The Hills batters were too good for us on the day, scoring the runs without the losing a wicket. Overall, the team came 2nd in the State, where 180 teams had entered the competition and Oxley finishing the tournament as the top comprehensive school in NSW.

Team: Lara Graham, Deni Baker, Mim Barbara, Katie Richards, Shelby Davidson, Ash Hodgson, Sammy Bailey, Zali Humble, Josie Humble, Paula Cabuhat, Sophie Dawe, Zhara Hudson and Isabella Bramley.

Library news...

Oxley High Students & Staff can discover and borrow from our eBook Collection anywhere, anytime.

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Browse

Patrons locate your library via the app & authenticate themselves, or browse your OPAC or browse directly on your school's ePlatform.

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Borrow

Patrons click to borrow titles which are streamed and/or downloaded onto their personal mobile device or PC.

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Return

Titles automatically expire after loan period (no late fees!), and can be returned early by most devices.

Search for titles via your Oxley High Oliver online catalogue

ePlatform has apps available for Apple, Android and Windows 8/10 devices, to make reading even easier.



Peel Street Business Excursion

On Wednesday the 28th of February 2018, Mrs. O'Brien took her Accelerated Business Studies class on an excursion to Peel Street. It was a successful and rewarding excursion where we learnt about businesses in our community and we classified them by size, geographical spread, industry and legal structure. It was great to communicate with our local community and learn new things about businesses that we didn't previously know. After this we got to go to Centrepont as a reward for our hard work. We would like to thank Mr Gurney for accompanying us and Mrs O'Brien for taking us on this excursion. It was an amazing opportunity and everybody in the class enjoyed it.

In memory of Johnathon MacRae...

The 20th March saw the presentation of the library for the Palliative Care room in the Children's Ward at Tamworth Base Hospital. This library was the initiative of 2017 Year 12 students from Oxley High School in memory of Johnathon MacRae who lost his battle with cancer in 2015. Johno spent his last days in the palliative care room under the watchful eye of his family and Theresa Madden and Julie Reid.

The bookcase and books were installed in the Adolescent sitting rooms with a plaque dedicated to Johno's memory. The turtle with the balloon on the plaque was devised by Sarah Phelps of the year group as a symbol of Johno. In Year 10 each student had this symbol put on their sports shirts in his memory.

The dedication of the students from Johno's year group demonstrates their amazing commitment and care for others. Throughout the year they raised nearly \$6000 for Camp Quality and conducted a book drive for this project. By the end of the fundraising they had been donated over \$4000 worth of books for the Children's Ward.

Johno's family were always kept in the loop with what was going on and they supported every event that Year 12 worked on. As did Westdale Public School who conducted their own book drive and donated three incredible containers of books.





PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY, 15 MAY, 2018

6.30PM - 8.30PM

**PETER SMART HALL, CALROSSY ANGLICAN SCHOOL
140 BRISBANE STREET, TAMWORTH**

Parents and senior students are invited to attend an information evening hosted by special guests providing important insight about the university admissions process and the future world of work.

PART 1: UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The University Admissions Centre will be hosting an information session on how to apply for university, key dates and critical information for students and parents leading in to senior years.

PART 2: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE WORLD OF WORK

Kirsty Mitchell, Director of the Career Development Centre at Bond University will be providing important insight on the changing careers landscape and how students can prepare for the changing world of work. Reality is careers are rapidly changing, with young people needing a different set of skills to thrive in a technology rich, competitive job market. A job for life is no longer the norm and individuals will most likely change jobs, even careers, several times over their working life. The key question is how do we prepare students for this changing landscape?

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Girls Touch Football

The 9/10 girls Touch Football gala day was held today Tuesday 27th March. It was an outstanding day where the girls played their little hearts out. The girls played 6 games, they won 3 games, drew 1 and lost 2. We placed equal second overall and missed out by 1 point on heading to Sydney for the state finals.

The girls overall behaviour and sportsmanship was absolutely delightful. Well done girls and particularly Bridie Martin who was Oxley's player of the tournament.



League tag gala day photos...



BLACK DOG INSTITUTE WEBINAR EVENT:

Navigating your teen's mental health

This webinar event is for parents and carers of any young person.

Date: Thursday April 19th

Time: 7pm - 7.45pm (AEST)

Register: community@blackdog.org.au

Cost: Free

This webinar will be delivered by a trained presenter with lived experience of a mental illness. They will provide you with insights of what it's like to grow up as a young person with a mental illness.

Whether your teen is experiencing issues now, or if you want to be prepared for the future, this webinar will benefit any parent or carer of a young person. You will learn:

- What is anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder?
- How to spot early warning signs in young people
- When and where to seek help
- How to support a young person you care about

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COMING SOON to a bottom oval near you!

Oxley High is pleased to announce the bottom oval, which is used for competitive sporting matches, will now feature a large scoreboard. The board will be primarily used for boys and girls Bill Turner Cup (school knockout soccer) games, which Oxley will host in the coming years. This board comes after the successful year that Oxley had in the 2017 Bill Turner Cup, with both the boys and the girl's teams finishing in the final nine in the state. Funding for the score board came from the Oxley High Sports Council's fundraising efforts at the 2017 and 2018 sports carnivals BBQs, and the generous contribution from Lloyd Signs.

Oxley High School thanks Lloyd Signs for supporting our school to make this a reality.



SRC

Date: Friday 22nd June

Where: Oxley High School Auditorium

Time: 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

Cost: \$10pp (\$5 for children under 12) (all payable on the night)

Tables of up to 8 people

Great prizes to be won, raffle tickets will be sold and drawn on the night

BYO food and non-alcoholic drinks

Book your table now: 67 661 677 or email src.oxleyhighschool@gmail.com



Mitchell Atkins- Success at Sydney Royal Show 2018.

Fourteen junior judges qualified in their local area to compete at the State final of the RAS\ASC Dairy cattle Junior Judging held at the Sydney Royal Show. Finalists judged 3 classes of 4 head and commented on one of the classes.

Mitchell Atkins of Year 10 won the Junior Judging and will compete in the National Junior Judging finals this year at Adelaide Royal Show In September. Congratulations Mitchell!



Horse Sports

On Friday 16th March, thirteen members of the school Equestrian Team competed at Willow Tree Horse Sports at Quirindi Showground.

There were almost 180 competitors ranging from 8- 17 years of age, who competed in both riding and sporting events.

All members of Oxley's Equestrian team competed brilliantly with the most outstanding individual results being:

Shaelynn Hernando – 14 Year Girls Age Champion

Ellie Wiseman – 13 Year Girls Reserve Champion

Isabella Anastasi – 15 Year Girls Encouragement Award

Claudia Galvin and Tarni Thrift also won a swag of ribbons and were unlucky not to be amongst the highest point-scorers in their respective age groups.

A huge thank you must go to the Oxley High School Sports Council who very kindly donated 14 new saddle blankets to the Equestrian Team.

Upcoming events include: Quirindi Public School Horse Sports on Friday 25th May, North West Equestrian Expo from Friday 1st through to Tuesday 5th June, ISHE from Thursday 11th October through to Monday 15th October and Calrossy Horse Sports on Friday 26th October.



Ellie Wiseman



Claudia Galvin



Anna Cross



Isabella Anastasi





**Claudia Galvin &
Laura George**



**The Oxley High School Sports
Council kindly donated 14 new
saddle blankets to the Equestrian
Team. These were presented to
Mrs Rapley, our Horse Sports Co-
ordinator, on school assembly.**



Sharlene McKinlay

OXLEY GIRLS ACADEMY!

International Women's Day

On the 8th of March Oxley Academy proudly celebrated International Women's Day.

We were privileged to have Inspector Kylie Endemi, Senior Detective Rebecca Mackenzie and Sargent Melinda Roberts from NSW Police, Tamworth Country Music entrant and Miss Congeniality winner Samantha Duncan and ex -student singer/song writer Kelsey Strasek-Barker on our Q&A panel.

Parents and community members were well represented and Academy students informed guests on life as an Academy student and how they feel part of this great family.

Senior student Breanna Dewson spoke on International Women's Day and what it meant to her. Our International Women's Day also featured in the Northern Daily Leader.



Sophie, Chloe, Tayla C, Tayla P and Sherri-Anne showed great community spirit and volunteered to help Mrs Mooney to cook for her Turkish stall at International Night.

Close the Gap Day- March 15

Academy students enjoyed a lovely day at the Youthie to highlight bridging the gap in health services for Aboriginal people.

Students participated in health information sessions, health checks, fun activities and enjoyed the free BBQ lunch. Thank you to Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service for inviting Oxley Girls Academy.





Congratulations Kaleah and Taryl Olsen on your Top Deck Award on the 15/3/18, at our whole school assembly. Kaleah was recognised for speaking up against bullying and helping a friend and Taryl was recognized for her consistent application and always giving her personal best in English.

Well done!



Welcome to new Oxley Staff

New teaching staff at Oxley High School were invited to a morning tea and information session on Wednesday March 28.

Students prepared the morning tea and an Imovie that gave staff a snap shot of some of the activities they have participated in over the past twelve months.

Mrs Way spoke about Academy expectations and the development of the program at Oxley.



Year 7 Camp—Forster, 4-6 April.





The staff at Oxley HS would like to wish all students a happy & relaxing holiday. Come back to us safely on Tuesday 1st May!