



The Newsletter of Oxley College

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Junior School in the Spotlight

As this, the last issue of The Vine for Term 3 goes to print, the spotlight is on the Junior School. Tonight and tomorrow night, students from Preps to Year 6 will perform in a new musical, *A Bush Yarn*. Inspired by their classroom studies of Australia, drama, music and dance will ensure that this is a very entertaining production.

Pre-School Fathers of Pre-School Echidna and Kookaburra groups enjoyed activities with their children at the recent Fathers' Nights. The children were delighted to have their Dads visit on these special occasions. Kinderoo groups have shown great interest in learning about emergency service workers, particularly the role of members of the police force.

Visitors to the Year 4 classrooms in the last few weeks have been presented with fluffy ducklings and chickens and very knowledgeable accounts about their first weeks of life. This is a favourite part of the Year 4 program with the students demonstrating excellent responsibility, caring for the young birds.

Year 6 were wonderful hosts for the Grandparents' Day and everyone enjoyed exchanging stories over a delicious morning tea. That week, Junior School instrumental music students gave impressive solo performances at the Soiree Evenings.

All of the Junior School students enthusiastically entered into Book Week and the International Week celebrations. Outstanding activities were provided by the Resource Centre staff which provided a great focus for these programs.

A great term of Junior School sports events will finish with the Years 3 – 6 House Basketball Competition on the last day of term, one day after Year 4 students return from their camp at Mill Valley Ranch.

I have mentioned just a selection of the recent events in which our Junior School students have been wonderfully involved. We look forward to welcoming their families and friends tonight and tomorrow evening, for the 2009 Junior School production, *A Bush Yarn*.

Sally Broadley

DEVOTION

Keeping it Simple

As the Chaplain of the school, I have the pleasure of talking and praying with students of all ages. It is always a pleasure to pray with little children because they are so accepting and uncomplicated. Their faith is innocent and that ministers to me.

Over the years, we seem to have made following God more complicated than it needs to be. In the 1st century, there were no Christian denominations. The church had no formal name and no real governing body (except God) yet some of the early congregations grew into organisations and some leaders began to abuse their authority and eventually the church became an institution with strong political and financial power as well as lots of rules and laws. The results weren't always harmless.

An organisation called Adherents.com lists more than 4200 religions in the world and 33,820 Christian denominations. There are great divisions about what and who God is and how God feels about a long list of activities and actions.

I would like to think that God is non-denominational and that deep encounters with Him are entirely democratic. They are available to the intelligent and the mentally handicapped, the rich and the poor alike. Any person might be suddenly struck dumb by the wonder of God being manifest in the world. There is only one thing stopping us from experiencing heaven on earth and that is not believing in the possibility. We are trying to make simple truths far too complex.

"I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:17

May God bless you and your families,

**Pastor Dave
School Chaplain**

SENIOR SCHOOL

It is amazing to think that Term 3 is nearly over. The busy-ness of the school day always ensures that time passes very quickly, and there is always more to achieve than hours to complete the tasks.

So many good things have been happening recently. A small group of dedicated (and at times, cold) students took part in the Winter Sleepout, to raise their awareness regarding the plight of the homeless, and to raise funds for Croydon's 'Dining Room'. A number of our students continue to support this wonderful program which provides meals in our local community. Other students have begun filling our regular appointment at the Red Cross Blood Bank.

At our Assembly this week, we were able to recognise a range of student achievements. Beth Shelley, one of our Year 12 students who is completing a University subject, gained recognition on the Dean's Roll of Excellence for her performance in her university History subject. Myriam Amiet-Knottenbelt was also congratulated by her peers for gaining a Medal for achieving the highest score in Victoria for her performance in the national (UNSW) Writing Competition.

We also congratulated a number of students who have shown great improvement, in a comparison of results from the end of the 2008 academic year with the results from the middle of this year. Based on this comparison, we identified the 11 students throughout the school whose results have improved most dramatically. It is our attempt to put into place our understanding of excellence – it is more about personal best, than simply high achievement.

Our Year 10 debating team has also performed remarkably well, winning our local competition against a range of schools. Eventually the team lost to a Ballarat School during progress through the finals.

More events are about to take place too. The Inter-School Cross Country team has been training for some weeks, and will have competed by the time this Vine returns from the printer. Many Senior School families will have connections with the Junior School Musical too. Thanks to those Senior School students who have actively supported this event.

Year 12 students have their final Parent-Teacher-Student interviews next week (Tuesday night). We hope that our Year 12 students will have some time for rest and rejuvenation over the holidays, as well as quite a bit of time for study!

Finally, all of the students in the Senior School are about to receive an Interim Report. We hope that it will provide a brief but accurate picture of the progress in Semester 2 of each of our students, and enable us all to work together to ensure that our students make the most of their learning opportunities.

Geoff Roberts-Thomson
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL

This week has been extremely busy for staff and students. Whilst practising can at times be tedious, the end result is always worthwhile. During rehearsal for our Musical, students learn to put their music and drama lessons into practice as well as learn about team work. It is also a time when Oxley parents, and Junior School and Senior School Staff all work together. We are looking forward to our performances and I am sure you will appreciate seeing your children playing their roles in the show.

Last week Year 6 enjoyed the ‘A Day in Pompeii’ Exhibition and the ‘Volcanoes Ring of Fire’ at IMAX, and Year 3 enjoyed selling items at their Fathers’ Day Stall.

We also enjoyed last week’s Chapel in which Mrs Sharon Sandison’s dog, Pippa, showed us his skills with tunnels and jumps. Mrs Sandison shared with the students that we all have obstacles in life, but through perseverance and God’s support, we can overcome fears and difficulties.

Next week Year 4s head off to Mill Valley Ranch for some horse riding lessons, farming experiences and many other exciting activities. We look forward to their photos and stories.

Whilst students may wear summer uniform next term, we permit two weeks of transition time where winter uniform can be worn if the weather is still cool. Parents will be advised if the transition time needs to be extended due to continued cool weather beyond Friday, 16th October. Please ensure that summer dress length is to the bottom of the knee when standing upright.

Term 4 is also “No Hat, No Play” program.

Thank you again to all the parents who have helped during the term with reading, the ‘prayer mums’, helpers with costumes and makeup, and the Year 3 Fathers’ Day stall. We trust that the students will enjoy their Term 3 break and will look forward to the challenges of Term 4.

Karin Baker
Head of Junior School

Beautiful Book for sale this week in Junior Chapel

This week in Junior Chapel we have children’s author, Susanne McQuie, coming to read to us her story entitled *The Little Heart*. It really is a very beautiful book and will be available for students to purchase for \$19.95 and Susanne will sign each copy. Order forms will be available for students to bring home after the Chapel. If parents wish for their students to have the book they should fill out the order form and return it to their classroom teachers before the end of the term.

What Did You Do at School Today?

Kinderoo

We have been exploring the theme: Community Workers & Helpers. This week we discussed Police Officers. They work very hard night and day to make sure our homes and towns are safe places to live. They have to be **brave** and **caring** to do such an important and dangerous job!

Pre-school

Our excursion to 'Peter and the Wolf' was so much fun! We all boarded the bus and set off for the ballet. We loved the carnival music and all the animals. The dinosaur skeleton was great. We had great audience skills and clapped the performers. The wolf was a little bit scary.

Preps

Preps have practised their Sea Song for the concert and sound wonderful! They are very excited about performing their song for families and friends. See you in the Sea at the concert.

Year 1

We are discovering that characters in fairy stories may have had different motives for their behaviour than what we first thought, and we have had fun altering the way the stories end. We also explored how homes are different from houses and how they can be built with the environment in mind. We built houses realised that they need strong foundations just like in the parable of the builders. Our lives need strong foundations which we can get from the Bible. In Health we are learning about good fires and bad fires and how to cool a burn.

Year 2

Mrs Simpson came to tell us about Oxley College when it first began in 1979. Did you know that there were only 3 classrooms and that only 66 students attended then? Now there are about 1000 students. What a difference! We enjoyed comparing the differences and similarities in the school between 1979 and now. We have been very busy practising for our Musical and have loved dressing up and learning our song and the movements. We can't wait until the performance and are excited that our parents will be there to see us.

Year 3

We have been really busy this last 2 weeks. What a great success our Fathers' Day Stall was. We really enjoyed preparing our table and the items for sale and we have all developed our confidence in counting back change. The profits from the stall will be used to buy items for Christmas Shoeboxes. Thank you to all the mums who helped us on the day and a very special "thanks!" to Mrs Roe for organising such a great variety of items to sell. Now we are concentrating on our preparation for the Junior School concert and are very excited about performing for our families.

Year 4

We have had a wonderful time in Term 3. Chesterfield Farm, raising ducklings and chickens, learning about farming processes and appreciating our hard working farmers. We now look forward to fun-packed adventures at Mill Valley Ranch, especially riding horses. We are very thankful to Mr Maxwell for helping us to obtain 21 nesting boxes for our native animals. We also look forward to meeting the judges of the Victorian Schools Garden Award on 15th September. We hope they like our vegetable garden, orchard, frog habitat, native habitats and herb garden.

Year 5

We have been doing lots of things! We have been learning about Chemical Change and performing many experiments such as 'Bouncy eggs' and 'Rubber Chicken Bones'. We have also had a lot of fun learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. We have learnt a lot! By Cameron Nicholls and Jessica O'Brien

Year 6

In Year 6 we have been renovating, IMAXing, singing, dancing and studying hard as the term comes to an end. In Mathematics we are learning about area, perimeter and volume. In Writing we are continuing to write explanations about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. We had a fascinating excursion to the IMAX theatre to watch a movie about the Ring of Fire and also visited the museum to explore the "A Day in Pompeii" exhibition. Now we have just one term left in Junior School!

Student of the Week

Week beginning Monday, 31st August

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| 1L | Jessica Dziadosz | 1S | Christopher Pezzano |
| 2T | Jessica Cornish | 2A | Aiden Creedy |
| 3L | Andrew Enache | 3P | Jaryd King |
| 4G | Broden Szetey | 4S | Kristin Hodson |
| 5U | Jesse Strich | 5O | Tim Lui |
| 6B | Tanika Sittampalam | 6G | Chelsea Sadler |
| 6S | Tyrone Van Niekerk | | |

ADMINISTRATION

Uniform Shop Hours

On Friday, 4th December (new Year 7 student Orientation Day) Uniform shop will have reduced hours. Hours will be:

Friday, 4th December 2.30 – 4.30pm

Office Hours during Holidays

The Office will be open during the school holidays between the hours of:

8.30am – 4.00pm in the first week and
8.30am – 4.30pm during the second week.

Canteen

Please note that the new September, 2009 Canteen Price List has been sent home with the youngest child in your family. Copies are also available from the Office.

Lost Property

A large number of items of school uniform have been left at the Stadium and are now available for claim at the Office. Parents are reminded to please name their children's uniform to aid in their return.

Lost Property still has a number of more valuable items such as watches, reading glasses, sunglasses, electronic equipment and jewellery that have remained unclaimed for a very long time. We are offering students and families one final opportunity to identify items at the Office before these items are removed.

Please see Mrs Day at Student Reception for information.

Dagmar Hoffman
Office Manager/Registrar

RESOURCE CENTRE

Special Books

Here are some of the outstanding new biographical titles produced by Year 6 students as part of a Library project this year which focused on *research* as well as *presentation for a lower primary* audience in the form of a picture book. They have been added to the Resource Centre collection and are now available for borrowing!

Resource Centre staff would like to thank students, staff and parents for their wonderful support of our Book Fair and Book Week held this term. Have a restful, relaxing and refreshing break.

Ruth Hogg
Resource Centre Manager

LITERACY & NUMERACY

National Literacy & Numeracy Week

31 August -4 September

In the midst of Junior School Concert practice, classes have participated in activities that many schools across Australia are doing – collecting, sharing and investigating data derived from the question “What’s in a Name?” Do girls have longer names than boys? Are some initials more common than others? What proportion of people have names starting with ‘R’?

Our Preps have made a graph after investigating how many letters are in their first names.

Year 1s have created a ‘wordsearch’ puzzle on a ‘one hundred chart’ and have investigated many questions as part of this activity.

Year 6 are doing a similar task but relating it to proportions and other Mathematics.

Year 2s created a graph using their first and last names, investigating which letters were the most used. You might be surprised to know how often the letters A and N were used. They are now comparing their results with the rest of the school.

A simple question, but so many ways to explore it, so much data to be collected and interpreted, so many hypotheses to be made, much learning!

*Linda Rowe
Junior School Numeracy*

Upper Primary Wide Reading Scheme

Research clearly shows that regular home reading is very important for the development of literacy skills. In Years 5 and 6, we encourage students to read at home for at least 20 minutes a day. Reading regularly has positive benefits in a variety of different ways. Not only does it help consolidate and develop students' reading skills and comprehension, but it also can improve students' vocabulary, general knowledge and writing skills.

The challenge for teachers and parents is to find books that suit children's interests and reading skills. Upper primary classes are using the Scholastic Lexile Framework website, www.mylexile.com.au, to help students to find books at a suitable level and to encourage them to read regularly for enjoyment.

The **Lexile is a measure of the difficulty of a text**, as determined by the complexity of vocabulary and sentence lengths used by the author. On the Lexile website a student is asked initially to complete a Lexile test, which attempts to measure the complexity of text that the student can easily read and understand. On the basis of the test result, the student is given a Lexile score and books are then suggested that match both the student's interests and Lexile score. It's very important to recognise that the "Lexile score" is just a rough indication of the complexity of a text, and not an exact science!

The actual difficulty of a text for a student will depend on a variety of factors, such as the student's prior knowledge of the topic and his or her motivation. When a student is very interested in or has a lot of knowledge about a topic, he or she will be able to read texts at a higher Lexile level. Sometimes it is also beneficial for students to read easier texts, as this can help increase their reading fluency and enjoyment.

Students can access the Lexile website both at home and at school, by using the user code and password that their teachers have given them. Using the website, they can search for books in our school library which match their interests. To make it easier to find books on the library shelves, books have colour-coded stickers which indicate the Lexile level. For many books, there are quizzes on the website to test students' understanding after reading books. There is also a diary log, where students can store their responses to books read. Books are assigned a number of points, based on the number of words in them. For example, a short book may be worth 1 point, whereas very long novels may be assigned 30 or more points! By filling in the diary entries, students can earn points to work towards achieving different award levels.

I challenge every student to earn at least 10 points (and reach the blue award level) by the end of this year!

*Sharon Sandison
Junior School Literacy Coordinator*

GREENHOUSE GAMES

Congratulations to the families who have won prizes this term. The efforts of all families competing have placed Oxley College in the top 10 to win the major cash prize in 2 categories, so remember to report on last week's actions and pledge this week's actions. Keep up the great work everyone.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Term 4 Timetables

Term 4 instrumental and vocal timetables were issued to students via home groups earlier this week. Any students who have not received theirs should see Mrs Rouse in the Office (ph: 9727 9938) as soon as possible.

Catherine Rouse
Music Secretary

Senior Concert Band Performs for the Companion Club

On Friday, 28th August the Senior Concert Band, conducted by Mr Kevin Hogg, put on a concert for the members of the Companion Club at the Ringwood Salvation Army Church. The Club draws its members from the local community and they come together weekly to socialise, providing a place for companionship and fellowship.

Our Senior Concert Band and its members offered a diverse program of band and other items including trumpet and piano solos, and a flute duet. The audience tapped and clapped along to the Bands exciting performances of music from Grease and Star Wars, just to name a few, and our students are to be congratulated on their fine performances. Following the concert, the students were treated to a delicious lunch prepared by the members of the church and the Companion Club. This was a wonderful opportunity for our music students to reach out to the wider community and share their love of music with others.

Our thanks to Mr Kevin Hogg for preparing and rehearsing the program which was warmly received by an appreciative audience. Thank you also to our Senior Concert Band students for so willingly sharing their gift of music.

Cathy Cossey
Head of Music

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Christmas Shoeboxes

Don't forget that each box should contain:

- * Something to love
- * Something special
- * Some thing for school
- * Something to play with
- * Something to wear

Remember:

- no food items
- include \$8.00 in the box to cover costs
- children love to get a photo or letter from the person who made the box.

Thank you and happy packing!



LIGHT FM LIVE BROADCAST

89.9 Light FM will be broadcasting live from Oxley College on Friday, 9th October, 2009. Luke & Lucy will broadcast their breakfast radio program on school grounds from 6am and will interview several of our students. We invite parents to bring the family to school early and enjoy a free coffee (first 200 cups are free) from 7.30am. There will also be live entertainment, so come along and tell your friends to tune in!

CAREERS

REMINDERS

RMIT International Student Info: half day session, 11 Sept; 9925 5171

Parent/student Info Sessions: 16 Sept (Lilydale)

www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/parents-information-evening.

Occupational Therapy Info session (Austin Health) Thurs 17 Sept; 9496 5105, loretta.hanson@austin.org.au.

RMIT Mechatronics Info session: Fri 25 Sept; www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech

Check out Monash Uni

Peninsula campus: ‘Experience Monash’ is a chance for Years 10-12 students to see the campus and find out about studying there. Tour, speak to staff/students, get course info, see facilities, and learn about transition to uni. **Courses:** business, primary/early childhood education, nursing and midwifery, emergency health, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, sport/recreation. Morning tea & lunch provided.

When: 10am-2.30pm, 29 Sept; **Where:** McMahons Rd, Frankston; **Prog/reg:** www.monash.edu/study/events/experience.

Gippsland campus – ‘Uni Student for a Day’ will give a taste of what university is really like. Be partnered with a Monash student studying in your field of interest. Attend a lecture or tutorial and explore the campus. **When:** 22, 23 or 24 Sept; **Where:** Monash Gippsland, Northways Rd, Churchill; **Info/Book:**

www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/future/studentforday.html.

YEAR 12 NEWS

New/cancelled courses through VTAC

New courses can be accredited after the VTAC Guide is printed. Also, others are cancelled. To check see: www.vtac.edu.au, go to ‘Courses’ (left of screen), to new and cancelled courses eg Monash is now offering **B.Arts (Global)/Science** (code 28181) and Victoria Uni is offering **B.Sport (Coaching)**, code 80121. Add these to your VTAC application if you wish.

Deferring at Melbourne and ACU

Melbourne, Deakin and Australian Catholic Universities are now allowing deferral for up to 2 years. Check out deferral policy for each university by reading their section in the VTAC Guide. It is not usually possible to defer a TAFE course – apply again the following year.

RMIT Folio Courses during Holidays

Intensive courses allow you to expand skills and knowledge to apply to your folio and gain insights into future study options (fashion, 3D product design, visual/fine art, photography, multimedia). Enq: 9925 8111 enquiries@rmit.edu.au; www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au.

Access Melbourne

Melbourne Uni is committed to increasing numbers of students from educationally, financially or socially disadvantaged backgrounds enrolling in undergraduate programs. **Access Melbourne** is a special entry and access scheme designed to increase participation of students from diverse backgrounds. Applications for **Access Melbourne** are made using the SEAS application on the VTAC website. Once you have submitted a VTAC course application you can access the SEAS application through MyInfo on the VTAC website. Students who apply for Access Melbourne will be considered for a Melbourne Access Scholarship.

Doxa Cadetship Program

Think that university is beyond your reach? If you are **socially or financially** disadvantaged and offered a university place you may be eligible for a Doxa Cadetship which provides financial assistance, work experience, a mentor, book allowance and professional and personal development. Applies: www.doxa.org.au or call 9328 8046. (Project of the Doxa Youth Foundation.)

Monash Engineering Info Evening

An evening for prospective students/parents with academic, student and graduate speakers. This is an opportunity to follow up on Open Day or for those unable to attend it. **When:** 7-9.30pm, Thur 10 Sept; **Where:** Lecture Theatre C1, Building 63, Clayton Campus; **Register** ph 9905 3404 or www.eng.monash.edu.au/prospective.

FOCUS ON SWINBURNE

Swinburne is a **university** (Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran) and a **TAFE Institute** (Croydon, Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran, Wantirna). **Swinburne College, Unilink**, is for international students who aren't ready for university level study or don't meet the requirements for direct entry to a bachelor degree. It offers courses in business, design, IT and engineering. **See:** <http://www.international.swinburne.edu.au/courses/degree-transfer-programs/>.

Swinburne Walk 'n' Talk

Find out more about Swinburne and what's on offer at a **Walk 'n' Talk** during the school holidays. Students/parents will hear current students talk about their study experiences; find out about pathways, course selection and how to manage transition from school to tertiary study. Go on a **tour** and join a **workshop** of your choice. **When/where:** 2-4pm, Fri 25 Sept, **Hawthorn**; 2-4pm, Tues 29 Sept, **Croydon** campus; Workshop examples @Hawthorn: ICT, mechatronics and robotics, electrical and renewable energy; @ Croydon: building and construction, plumbing, ICT. **See:** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events or email Lana at iricciutelli@swin.edu.au.

What can I do with My Degree?

This is a commonly asked question, along with **'Where can my TAFE course take me?'** Swinburne has developed a website to help you to answer these questions. **See:** www.swinburne.edu.au/careers.

Like to Question a Swinburne Graduate?

Is it hard to settle into uni life? Where will my course get me? What's it really like? If you have questions about Swinburne you can get an answer from someone who has been there and done that. This service is operating till 29 Sept. **Go to:** www.swinburne.edu.au/askagrad.

Design Information Sessions

Did you miss Open Day? **Swinburne Faculty of Design** is holding evening information sessions. **When:** (all sessions begin at 7pm). Double degree in Design/Business, Fri 18 Sept; Communication Design, Mon 21 Sept; Industrial Des, Tues 22 Sept; Interior Des, Wed 23 Sept; Multimedia Des, Thurs 24 Sept; Film & TV, Fri 25 Sept; **Where:** Room PA309, PA Building, Prahran campus; **NOTE:** Same info as given at Open day; **Info:** www.swinburne.edu.au/design.

Discover Deakin

This holiday program provides the chance to get an inside look at Deakin and what it offers. Go on a tour, find out about courses, meet current students, see accommodation and learn about transition to uni. **When:** Tues 22 & Mon 28 Sept (all campuses); **Book:** www.deakin.edu.au/discover.

Talk and Tour at La Trobe

An opportunity to get to know La Trobe's Bundoora campus and see what it has to offer. Talk to faculty representatives and current students, go on a tour, hear about courses, and have morning tea. **When:** Thurs 24 Sept; **Information/bookings:** See: www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events.

Look at Victoria University

Check out **Creative Industries** (graphic design, multimedia & games, music, professional writing, visual arts, theatre arts) at an **Expo**, 10am-3pm, Sun 13 Sept, Flinders Street campus. Also **animal studies, vet nursing, children's and community services, tourism and events expo**, 10am-3pm, Sun 13 Sept, Werribee campus. Other Expos to follow (see next newsletter). **Info:** www.vu.edu.au/visitvu.

*Lorraine Manderson
Careers Co-ordinator*

SPORT

Senior School

Oxley Sport Live it. Love it. Breathe it!

Oxley Plays Grandly during Finals to end Winter EISM Seasons

It was the business end of our winter EISM seasons for both Years 8-9 and Senior competitions and Oxley had many teams in grand finals on the 25th and 26th August. Congratulations to all teams this season, especially those who made grand finals.

We had senior boys and girls basketball and boys table tennis finish the season on top of the Central Division, Southern Conference ladders playing in grand finals against the top school of the Northern Conference. However, all those teams were awarded 'runners up', facing greater opposition in the grand finals. Both basketball teams were defeated by Knox and table tennis defeated by Huntingtower. Our best players in those grand final games, each receiving a medal from opposition coaches, were Regan Grimwood, Emily Ridgwell and Patrick Biedrzycki.

We hosted the senior boys and girls table tennis finals and girls netball and Oxley has been requested to offer our great facilities to the EISM competition to host grand finals across a variety of sports in the future.

We had an impressive 4 out of 8 teams in the Years 8-9 competition make the grand finals: boys basketball and girls hockey, netball and basketball. The other 4 teams came 2nd or 3rd. At senior and Years 8-9 level it was a great improvement on last year's winter season results. After those grand finals on the 27th August girls hockey were joint premiers with Knox (after drawing 1-1 after regulation and over time), boys basketball premiers defeating Knox 21-18 and girls netball an agonising 1 point loss to Knox in netball. It was a particularly great afternoon as we hosted both the boys basketball and netball finals.

Both were played on neighbouring courts with many Oxley students cheering them on with banners, music and streamers. The Oxley mascot bear treated the crowd to an amusing slam dunk display off the mini trampoline at half time during the boys basketball game. Best players for us, again awarded a medal from other opposition coaches, were Olivia Aing (hockey), Corey Jeffs (basketball) and Erin Prout (netball). Girls Years 8-9 basketball grand final has been postponed until 10th September so "good luck" to Coach Moore and captain, Paige Tomlins leading the team. Hopefully they will bring home our third winter premier pennant of the year and 4th overall after senior boys cricket were our only senior summer winners.

EISM Team Assistants Honoured

Thank you to the following students who assisted various winter season EISM teams during Terms 2 and 3. Many of them helped with scoring, equipment duties, statistics, umpiring, time keeping, team management and various other jobs. I know (hearing from many coaches) that our assistants made life a lot easier for them! Being an assistant is a great opportunity to be involved in a team environment and gives students an opportunity to serve (some may find this a more enjoyable experience than being part of a "back at school /recreational" sport class). Each team can have 2 helpers so feel free to volunteer next time teams are being selected. Our thanks to:

Year 7 - Adam Boer, Brayden McDonald, Moses Chua

Year 8 - Emily Fielder, Kiandra Witnish, Melissa Burley, Victoria Zhu, Alex Ikin, Jordan Knabel, Morgan Kollosche

Year 9 - Emma Sampson, Kaitlin Beattie, Michelle Boyce

Year 10 - Benjamin Wade, Joshua Lam, Laura Caldwell, Shannon Ward, Tiffany Mestrinho, Todd Farrell

Year 11 - Camilla Pompeo, Charnelle Mack, Georgina Roberts, Grace Fredericks, Olivia Anderson, Olivia Jordan, Sally Wallace, Serpil Bilgic

EISM Uniform Return

All students are reminded that EISM sports uniforms are now overdue and must be returned. Please return them to the PE staff directly or leave them (with your name) to Mr Fox's pigeon-hole or the PE staff office.

Year 7 Boys Football

24/8/09 - A win against Alphington (10 goals 15 Oxley 75 pts v 2 goals 2 Alphington 14 pts). Dale Stebbins and Lachlan Baldwin were best players and Bailey Morgan and Brayden McDonald were best team players. A strong ending with players trying various positions.

31/8/09 – A win against Huntingtower (Oxley 62 – 9 goals, 8 pts v Huntingtower 0 goals, 1 pt). Great season end finishing undefeated on the top of the ladder!

Gavin Fox
Head of EISM Sport

SCIENCE COMPETITION

ICAS International Science Competition

Students from Oxley (Years 7–10) achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of New South Wales International Science Competition this year. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are conducted annually across 13 countries. There are over 2 million entries worldwide. Those students whose achievement was outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. *“All students from Oxley College are to be congratulated on their significant achievement”*, said Penny Hutton, Assessment Manager at EAA.

Oxley College is proud of those who gained Distinctions and especially those who achieved High Distinction as they were placed in the top 1% of the state. We had 76 students receive Credits and 26 Distinctions. Well done to the following who received High Distinctions:

Benjamin Winger
Jared Frost
Thomas Mullaney

Science Photography Competition - The Wonders of Science

To celebrate National Science Week students from Years 7 - 12 participated in a Science Photography competition. The Science Faculty congratulates all those who participated. The General Manager of Macmillan Publishing Australia judged the photos and commented on the high degree of talent. The winning entries were:

1st Prize: **Jamie Cubitt** (Year 10)

Runner up: **Brittany Gardner** (Year 10)

Heidi Ruhnau
Head of Science

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Anita Odd** and **Georgia Fredericks** (Year 6) who play soccer for the Croydon City Arrows and recently won the Eastern District U13 Girls competition!

CONCERN INVITATION

You are invited to a wonderful evening of music to raise funds for The Dining Room, a community meal service run by the St John The Divine Anglican Church in Croydon featuring:

- Maurie's Jolly Rollers (Vic Jazz Club)
- Sunbury Divas (Battle of Choirs finalist)
- Sons of Sunbury
- Senior Concert Band, Lodaré & Senior Boys Choir

When: Saturday, 17th October

Venue: St John The Divine Church (entry via Toorak Ave)

Cost: \$25 adults; \$18 students / concession \$10 child (under 15 yrs); \$50 family (2 adu + 2 child) Includes Supper. Arrive early --limited seating. Proceeds go towards providing meals for the guests of The Dining Room and for kitchen upgrade. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible

NOTICE BOARD

UNIFORM SHOP

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Gate 6, 15 - 49 Old Melbourne Road

Tuesdays & Thursdays (term time)
8.15 - 9am & 1.00 - 4.30pm

Extra Dates for 2009

Friday, 2nd October 10am – 3pm
Friday, 4th December 8am – 9am
2.30pm – 4.30pm
Uniform regulations and price list are available at the Office and Uniform Shop.

OXLEY WEBSITE

The Oxley Classifieds are a convenient way to buy and sell items directly related to the broader education of your child such as textbooks, uniform and musical instruments. To advertise or purchase second-hand items please go to:

<http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/index.php>

username: parent

password: oxley

The Vine newsletter is available online via the Oxley website www.oxley.vic.edu.au

SENIOR SCHOOL

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

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2009 CALENDAR

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| Sept | Thur & Fri | 10 & 11 | Junior School Concert |
| | Tues – Thur | 15 – 17 | Year 4 Camp |
| | Tues | 15 | Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews |
| | Fri | 18 | Years 3 – 6 House Basketball Last Day Term 3 |
| | Fri – Fri | 18 – 25 | Woolanin Trip |
| Oct | Mon | 5 | First Day Term 4 (Summer Uniform) |
| | Thur | 8 | Year 9 into 10 Information Night |
| | Fri | 9 | 89.9 Light FM Broadcasting from Oxley |
| | Tues | 13 | Junior Zone Athletics |
| | Thur | 15 | School at Work Year 11 VCE Drama Solo Performance |
| | Mon | 19 | Year 12 Assembly Year 11 VCE Drama Solo Performance |
| | Wed | 21 | Year 12's Last Day |
| | Fri | 23 | Year 12 Dinner Year 2 Sleepover |
| | Mon & Tues | 26 & 27 | Mock Election |
| | Tues | 27 | Prep – Year 3 Athletics |
| | Fri – Fri | 30 - 20 | VCAA Exams commence |
| Nov | Mon & Tues | 2 & 3 | Holiday & Melbourne Cup Day – pupil free days |
| | Thur | 5 | Year 7 Instrumental Concert |
| | Thur | 12 | School at Work |
| | Fri | 13 | Years 5-6 Participation Athletics Year 11 Study Day |
| | Mon - Fri | 16 – 20 | Years 1 – 6 Assessments & Year 11 Exams |
| | Mon – Thur | 23 – 26 | Years 7 – 10 Assessment Week Years 1 – 4 Swimming |
| | Mon | 23 | Years 5-6 Swimming Sports |
| | Wed | 25 | EISM Surf Carnival Year 11 Assessment Feedback |
| | Thur | 26 | Year 11 into 12 Orientation Day |
| Dec | Thur | 10 | Last Day Term 4 |
| 2010 | | | |
| Jan | Wed | 27 | First Day Term 1 |
| Mar | Fri | 26 | Last Day Term 1 |



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