

The VINE

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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

School weeks continue to be full of action and a demonstration of students' talents. We were delighted with the instrumental concert with Year 7 students performing some wonderful pieces and with the creativity on display at both the Year 12 Valedictory dinner and the Year 10 Formal dinner (photos of these events will appear in the next edition of The Vine). Apart from the social aspect of these events we are blessed to have students who model Oxley values in their speeches, prayers and artistic performances. The VCE Unit 2 Concert was another most enjoyable performance held today in the BPAC. And then, the recent Year 9 Mock Election politicized the past week with candidates using all allowable means to be considered as the best contender. Perhaps prophetically, I understand the Labor Party was swept into office! I congratulate everyone concerned with these Senior School occasions.

Junior School has had its fair share of events too. Congratulations to students and teachers involved in the Year 2 Swimming Program, the Year 2 String Concert, the Year 3 excursion to NGV and the Prep 2018 Information

Evening. There is no doubt the end of year program keeps us all very busy, but delighted to be involved.

Pastor Hal Oxley, founder of our College, celebrates his 101st birthday this month. His life is one of extraordinary foresight, courage and service. Inspired by his own teachers, Pastor Oxley realized that they are uniquely placed to influence the lives of young people. With the belief that God led him to begin a Christian school dedicated to the care of students, and as the founding Minister of Life Ministry Centre, he established the College in 1979 with around 90 students up to Year 8. He wrote *"Our aim is to produce a sound, academically trained person with a Christian foundation specifically in regard to standards, behaviour and absolutes; in short, a balanced, stable, mature and useful citizen of our community."* We congratulate Pastor Oxley on a truly outstanding vision for education, and for an exceptional and long life granted to him by God. Happy Birthday Pastor Oxley!

Blessings,
Douglas Peck



Year 7 Instrumental concert

"I am the vine; you are the branches". John 15:5a

Devotion

Disneyland, Friendly Fraud and Grace

I read this week about Susan Wilson, a nine-year-old girl from the UK, who booked herself a trip of a lifetime. On 24 August this year, accessing her father's mobile phone while he was asleep, Susan guessed his PayPal password and proceeded to book a holiday to Disneyland Paris!

She spent £400 on flights, £214.08 on a hotel gift card for a VIP trip to the Eiffel Tower and £391.84 on the Disneyland Express train and park tickets for the following day. That's a total of £1005.92 (AUD \$1730). Not bad for a night's work for one little girl! *"I don't think Susan realises the enormity of what she had done,"* Susan's Dad said. *"She said sorry and promised 10p to help pay it back."*

I don't know about you, but if it was me, I'm not sure if my first reaction would be to laugh, cry, crawl under a rock, send my daughter to her room for eternity, or just give her a big hug.

Susan's parents were open and honest as they approached PayPal to explain what had happened and request a refund. To their relief, PayPal refunded the money as a *goodwill* gesture, calling the transaction *friendly fraud*. Whilst they potentially had every right to hold them to the expense, PayPal showed grace towards the family in cancelling their debt.



I can't help but think about the silly mistakes I have made (and continue to make) in my life, not completely unlike that of young Susan. It is easy to feel like a fraud sometimes. I imagine God just shaking his head and smiling, as a compassionate Father looking down on his less than perfect child. *"Ahh Matt, what to do with you? But don't worry, nothing you do could ever make me love you less! Your debt is forgiven."* It is this kind of love and grace, forgiveness and compassion that draws me towards a deeper relationship with the living God.

The concept of grace goes even deeper, according to Rick Warren who says, *"As Christians, we tend to think about grace when it's connected to our salvation. But grace is about much more than just how we come to Christ. Our entire Christian walk must be fueled by the grace of God"*.

We are saved by grace. You cannot earn it, you cannot work for it, you cannot buy it. It is a gift, freely given. (Ephesians 2:8-9).



We are forgiven by grace. Though we don't deserve it, God wipes out our debt, forgets our wrongs (Isaiah 43:25).

We are sustained by grace. God never asks us to do anything He has not already given us the ability and the power to do. (Philippians 2:13).

We are healed by grace. God brings healing to our wounded spirits and broken hearts (Psalm 147:3).

We are set free by grace. We can rest in Jesus Christ, who takes the weight of our burdens upon Himself (Matthew 11:28-30).

We are given talents by grace. God has given each of us the ability to do something well, and we are to use those abilities for Him (Romans 12:6).

We are used by grace. Despite our failings and insecurities, by His grace, God uses us to fulfill his purposes in this world (Ephesians 3:7).

We are transformed by grace. By His grace, God makes us new, daily, through the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).

We are matured by grace. Our relationship with God is not passive, it grows, leading us to a deeper knowledge of who God is and His immeasurable love for us (2 Peter 3:18).

May God's grace captivate you this week!

Pastor Matt
Chaplain

Senior School

There have been many highlights around the College in the last fortnight spanning all year levels. On Year 12 Last Day our most senior students arranged a celebration for all students from Prep to Year 12. There was an assortment of rides and a petting zoo which appealed to old and young alike. Sheep, ducks, rabbits, and others were hand fed and stoically approached each young person who wanted to experience the joy of engaging closely in a living part of God's creation.

Teachers dressed up for the morning to locate the missing *Delorean*. Staff's previously hidden talents were revealed in dance, singing and other festive activities in a battle between the 20th and 21st centuries. The pageant concluded with all Year 12 students on stage in complete unity, celebrating this important milestone, the end of formal classes and the commencement of *swot vac*.

As Junior School students returned to classrooms to enjoy their treats, Senior School took part in a round robin of sporting events encompassing soccer, table tennis and basketball. The aroma of sausages and onions drifted across the outdoor pitch as the annual carnival unfolded and there was great joy and sportsmanship.



Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Year 12 week culminated with the Valedictory Dinner where each student was presented to the audience. Musical items were performed as we witnessed some of these amazing young people entertaining us for the penultimate time. As students finish Year 12, there is obviously a great sense of joy and hope for their future along with a feeling of loss as we pray for their entry into the next chapter of their lives.

Year 10 students prepared for their Formal and entry into the VCE. Formal Evening showcased some remarkable talent with violin, piano, guitar, voice, double bass and even an erhu played with exquisite skill. A truly magnificent evening enjoyed by all.

Year 9 students rallied together to forge political relationships for Mock Election, an invaluable opportunity to learn firsthand how Australia's electoral system, including preferential voting, operates. Congratulations to all party members for their enthusiasm and passion for this event which provides leadership, organisational and speaking opportunities to all students.

As our senior students prepare for examinations at the end of the year, we realise that assessments are taken very seriously but hope that we all remember results are not the measure of a person.

We will pray for strength and stamina for our families and recall the words of Isaiah 40, *"Even youths get tired and weary; even strong young men clumsily stumble. But those who wait for the LORD's help find renewed strength; they rise up as if they had eagles' wings, they run without growing weary, they walk without getting tired."*

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

Splash! Becoming water wise is a vital skill, especially with summer fast approaching. Our Prep – Year 2 students enjoyed their swimming lessons last week, concentrating on stroke development and confidence in the water. Thanks to our teachers and support staff who assisted with this program. Years 3 – 6 will commence their swimming program next week, with a focus on developing their swimming and survival skills at a higher level.

Our Year 6 students enjoyed participating in the Year 9 Mock Election last week. They quickly grasped the power of persuasion as they listened to policy speeches and witnessed the election process firsthand by making their vote count. Students enjoyed asking the candidates carefully constructed questions about policy and promises, often amused by the candid responses.

We have enjoyed welcoming our Prep 2018 students to the *Step into Prep* Orientation sessions, which assist Pre-schoolers to make a successful transition to the school environment. During these sessions, students meet selected staff, participate in activities in the Prep classrooms and meet future classmates. We look forward to meeting Prep 2018 parents at our Prep Information Evening tonight, Thursday 9 November, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room.

Our students remain focused and are engaged in consolidating their learning in preparation for their transition to the next year level. Final assessments are being conducted as we move into our assessment and reporting period. It brings us such joy to celebrate the unique learning journey of every student at Oxley. We also look forward to celebrations such as the Prep Nativity, Year 6 Graduation, Final Junior Assembly and the Parent Volunteers Morning Tea. We will enjoy warmly welcoming our parent community to these functions. Please see the calendar on the back page for key dates.

John 4:14 *"...but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

We have been learning about the oxygen cycle as part of our inquiry topic, *Living Things*. We were doing what clever scientists do by recording predictions and using their senses to make observations. We discovered even plants take in oxygen and release carbon dioxide, just as we do. How amazing living things are!

Year 1

We had a fabulous time at swimming! It was exciting to go on the bus every day to Kingswim. We worked hard to improve our skills and had lots of fun along the way. In Maths, we have been studying chance and data, and determining whether an event is certain to occur, likely, unlikely or impossible. We are also studying history and our grandparents can teach us a lot about what life was like years ago. We can't wait to run Grandparents Chapel and host our grandparents for the afternoon. We have some special things planned! We've looked at our own history too, and how we have changed and grown. We each brought in a baby photo to display and had fun trying to guess who's who!

Year 2

As predicted, we have had an amazing fortnight! An absolute highlight was the sleepover. After enjoying a delicious meal of pizza and icy-poles, we participated in two activities. Michael, from *Rookeepers*, brought his amazing Australian animals. We all had photos taken with a dingo and a really big snake! For our second activity, we did marbling and decorated terracotta Australian animals. It was then fun to relax in front of a movie. We were also thrilled to discover our silkworms have started to spin cocoons.

Year 3

This week we thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria. We studied artworks, discussed how the artist created them and the message communicated to us. Afterwards, we found a quiet spot in the Botanical Gardens to sketch the natural environment. It was such a great experience to be still and listen to the sounds around us. We focussed on the details we could see and were very proud of the beautiful sketches we created. Our Science focus is comparing the features of living and non-living things, so we certainly made some valuable connections with what we have been learning in the classroom. We would like to thank our fabulous Art teacher, Mrs Elliott, for organising such a great excursion for us.

Year 4

In Science, students have planted seeds and many have germinated already! It is wonderful to see the students' excitement as their investigations grow before them! In Maths, students have looked at different angles and have been identifying which angles are less than or greater than a right angle. They even had fun on the playground finding each type of angle! Our Poetry unit has been very rewarding, with students compiling their *Poetry Pockets*. It will be fantastic to hear them share their favourite

during our upcoming *Poetry Café* celebration. Finally, we are looking forward to our visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens on Friday 17 November.

Year 5

We have enjoyed reading our class novels in Book Clubs. We are using reading strategies including making connections, inferring, questioning and predicting. We have been reflecting on the author's purpose, noting key changes in characters' personalities and identifying underlying themes. We have been sharing our thoughts and ideas in small group discussions. In Writing, we have been sharing writing pieces from our *Passion Project*. We have been finalising our third text on a topic we are passionate about. This week, we have showcased our ability to use descriptive language to paint vivid pictures in the imagination of our readers. In Maths, we are learning how to graph and interpret data. We have created parallel line graphs to represent two sets of data. We have been continuing to learn about ways animals and plants adapt to survive in different environments. We have conducted experiments to determine whether or not camouflage helps living things survive in the desert. We made predictions and recorded our findings, making comparisons about our results in our Science journals.

Year 6

What a busy time! Last week we hosted Year 6 Chapel and heard some amazing stories of difficult times when some of our Year 6 students had pushed through and persevered. We wrote buddy letters to the incoming Year 7 cohort in preparation for our Orientation Day in a few weeks. In English, we have been learning all about poetry and created some amazing limericks, couplets and rhyming poems. In ICU, we have been adding switches to our electrical circuits and learning about fair tests. So much is happening and we are really enjoying Term 4!

Year 9

Excursion to Samaritan's Purse

Over the past fortnight, Year 9 students have spent a day volunteering at Samaritan's Purse Distribution Centre for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Many of the students have packed a shoebox themselves at some point so it was a great opportunity to be further involved and see what actually happens to the shoeboxes. Throughout the day in the warehouse our Year 9s were opening up the shoeboxes that people had generously donated. They checked that the gifts were suitable, adding more items if a box was lacking a little, and then packing the shoeboxes into cartons. Barcodes were then scanned so that each shoebox can be tracked to its exact overseas destination.

"I really enjoyed opening up the shoeboxes and looking at what people had put in them to give to the children. It made me imagine a child opening up this box and seeing the different gifts and wonder how it could change someone's life"

Zoe Sibley (9.19)



Callum on the production line

"While we were packing the shoeboxes I started talking to some of the other volunteers who were there. One person told me how they had gone to Vietnam to give out the shoeboxes and how it was amazing that something so small could have such a big impact"
 Georgia Collins (9.19)



Charlie securing a Christmas box

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the experience and take the opportunity to consider children around the world who are growing up in tragic circumstances. Hopefully, many of our Year 9s will consider applying for the Cambodia Trip in their Senior School years and experience the joy of distributing the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes as well. Thank you to Mr Fox, Mr Gaschk, Mr Bird, Mr Burow, Mrs Ives and Ms Latham for helping to make these excursions so worthwhile.



Year 9.19 at Samaritans Purse Distribution Centre

Mock Election

We congratulate class 9.21 (Labor Party) and leaders Taylah Thomas and Ethan Anderson for being the 2017 Mock Election winners!

It was a very well run campaign by all parties and included all the hallmarks of a typical federal election. Propaganda posters flooded the Year 9 area, Senior School building and Staff Room, depicting party leaders hugging trees and shaking hands with important people. There were impressive speeches by the respective ministers and challenging questions posed to them by the constituents of Year 6. For the first time, each of the Greens (9.19), Labor (9.21) and Liberal (9.20) created their own websites to announce their ministerial positions and promote their policies.



Kirmin campaigning to Mrs Kotzé

It was extremely pleasing to observe the Year 9s take their roles so seriously and thoroughly research the policies of the three major political parties. The competitive nature of an election was evident as each party sought to get a step ahead of their opponents through *opposition research* and the publication of fake news articles questioning the citizenship status of specific ministers. In the end *the truth* came out, exposing these underhanded tactics for what they really were.



Lucas and Ethan in the Labor Party room

When it came to the crunch on election day, one party clearly won the voters over with their team effort and front-foot approach to engage the general public, and that was Labor. The Vine spoke to Labor Leader, Taylah Thomas, in the days after their election victory and she had this to say in reflection, *"the highlight of the whole*

campaign for me was being able to look around and see how everyone pitched in. Whether it was writing speeches, making badges, decorating our party room or creating posters, it really was a whole team effort and I want to thank all of the loyal Labor team members."



Nathan with Mr Knee

Amid rumours of Russian collusion we would like to categorically deny any such claims and state that we are fully confident in the integrity of our campaigns and voting processes.

On behalf of all the students and staff who have enjoyed Oxley's Mock Elections, we would like to recognise and thank Mrs Judith Backholer for the value she has added to this great program over many years through her leadership and organisation.



Sarah, Daniel and Riana greeting prospective Liberal voters



Summer, Taylah and Euphy enjoying the Mock Election

Tim Eddy
Year 9 Coordinator

Senior Sport

Year 12 Final Day Celebrations

As is our tradition at Oxley, the Year 12 Final Day was celebrated with a concert, followed by a day of Inter-House competitions in basketball, table tennis and soccer. We were blessed with great weather throughout the day for a relaxing, yet competitive atmosphere.

The Year 7-9 students started the day outside with the soccer competition and allocated time on the rides, while the Year 10-12 students played basketball and table tennis inside. After a short lunch break, the groups swapped over before gathering together to watch the Year 11 vs Year 12 Boys' Basketball match (won convincingly by the Year 12s this year.)

Senior School Inter-House Competition Results

It was a very even competition, with each House winning a division each. Zion Crusaders won the soccer, Gibeon Warriors won table tennis and Tabor Trojans won the basketball. The overall competition was won by Zion Crusaders (403 points), followed by Tabor Trojans (383 points) and Gibeon Warriors (379 points). It was a very close competition between the three Houses.

The results for the day were as follows:

Place	Basketball		Table Tennis		Soccer	
	House	Points	House	Points	House	Points
1 st	Tabor Trojans (White)	159	Gibeon Warriors (Red)	112	Zion Crusaders (Blue)	174
2 nd	Gibeon Warriors (Red)	135	Zion Crusaders (Blue)	111	Gibeon Warriors (Red)	132
3 rd	Zion Crusaders (Blue)	118	Tabor Trojans (White)	98	Tabor Trojans (White)	126

Overall points:

First	403 points	Zion Crusaders (Blue)
Second	383 points	Tabor Trojans (White)
Third	379 points	Gibeon Warriors (Red)



Blue House Captains

Congratulations to all students who competed for their House. Thank you to staff and students who assisted

with scoring, umpiring and other jobs throughout the day. The combined efforts of everyone made this a most enjoyable and successful day.

Lastly, I wish all the Year 12 students God's greatest blessings as they undertake their examinations.

Year 7 Cricket Carnival

Oxley wins Indoor Cricket Tournament

This year the format for the EISM Year 7 Cricket Carnival changed from outdoor to indoor cricket. On Wednesday 1 November, Oxley competed against Eltham, Nunawading, Alphington, Knox and Rudolf Steiner at the Ringwood Indoor Cricket Centre.



Year 7 Cricket Champions

It was a great day for Oxley as we were crowned the champions after we defeated Alphington in the Grand Final match. The short, fast-paced 8 over matches kept all our students involved throughout the tournament. Our Year 7 boys really enjoyed the indoor cricket. Congratulations for being the first winners of the indoor cricket tournament for Year 7.

Frederik Kotzé
Head of Sport

Music

Many of our students have either just sat or are currently preparing for their music examinations. Congratulations to the following students who passed their St Cecilia School of Music examinations recently.

Zac King	Preliminary Grade Cello
Charlotte Marshall	Preliminary Grade Cello
Charli White	Preliminary Grade Cello
Steph Tracey	Grade 2 Cello
Jason Annis	Preliminary Grade Viola
Levi Barlow	Preliminary Grade Viola
Lily Bennett	Preliminary Grade Viola
Eric Mottrom	Preliminary Grade Viola
James Pong	Preliminary Grade Viola
Chloe Brookes	Grade 1 Viola

Gabriella Swyny	Grade 1 Viola
Karen Wang	Grade 1 Viola
Austin Ly	Grade 2 Viola
Ava White	Grade 2 Viola
Mikayla Wildish	Grade 2 Viola
Kayla Thorpe	Grade 3 Viola
Ruby Peacock	Grade 5 Viola
Isabella Collins	Preliminary Grade Violin
Subomi Dalley	Preliminary Grade Violin
Paige Gillam	Preliminary Grade Violin
Vivaan Iyer	Preliminary Grade Violin
Zara Jansz	Preliminary Grade Violin
Jeremiah Lambert	Preliminary Grade Violin
An An Li	Preliminary Grade Violin
Eloise Moreau	Preliminary Grade Violin
Chiara Rivet	Preliminary Grade Violin
Tirion Roberts	Preliminary Grade Violin
Caitlyn Fong	Grade 1 Violin
Kayla Foo	Grade 1 Violin
James Kim	Grade 2 Violin
Hovan Truong	Grade 2 Violin
Aimee Whiting-Le Cras	Grade 2 Violin
Mimi Fisher	Grade 3 Violin
Keishi Sasuga	Grade 3 Violin
Kei Kurihara	Grade 5 Violin
Erin Weller	Grade 7 Violin

Our string students are to be congratulated on their great effort as they prepared for examinations.

As I write this, there is just over a month to the end of the school year, however, with a performance occurring every week and preparations for the end of year events, we still have a lot of rehearsals in the Music Department. Parents of students in our junior choirs and Vivace are reminded that students in these ensembles will now rehearse together on from 8.15am on Wednesday mornings. For the remainder of 2017 there will no longer be any rehearsals for Vivace on Monday afternoons or Cherub Choir on Tuesday mornings. Students in junior string ensembles will receive information about their end of year rehearsals soon. Students in senior ensembles will continue their scheduled rehearsals until Friday 17 November. There will be no rehearsals during exam week and then our intensive end of year rehearsals will begin on Friday 24 November. A rehearsal schedule for the end of year rehearsals will be sent home soon.

Re-enrolment forms have recently been sent to current private music students. As there have been some changes to the Private Music Tuition Policy and Information Guide, we recommend parents read the new policy carefully before completing the Application for 2018. Re-enrolments must be received by Friday 17 November to guarantee a place in the 2018 timetable.

New students who are interested in learning an instrument through the College in 2018 are encouraged to submit an application form as soon as possible for the best chance of being placed on the music timetable. The Private Music Tuition Policy and Information Guide and Application for 2018 is available from the Music Department, the Administration Office or on the Parent Portal of the Oxley Website.

Please note the following important dates in the Music Department for the remainder of 2017.

Thursday 9 November	VCE Unit 2 Concert
Wednesday 15 November	Allegro perform at School at Work
Thursday 16 November	Year 2 Strings Concerts
Friday 24 November	Presentation Evening Rehearsals begin
Wednesday 6 December	Presentation Evening

We continue to ask parents to advise Mrs Peacock directly if your child is going to be absent from their music lesson for any reason. Lessons missed, including changed lessons, without any prior advice will be billed as a charged lesson. Please call 9727 9675.

Students in Sinfonia and Concert Band are reminded that rehearsals for these ensembles will be held after school on Thursdays in 2018.

Angela Peacock
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

Art



Caitlin with her Year 12 Artwork

The annual Lilydale Show will be held on the weekend of 18 and 19 November at the Lilydale Recreation Reserve. Many of our students were chosen to have their art on display at the Show. Please take the time to visit the Show and view the many great displays and incredible artwork produced by our students. Well done to the students chosen and congratulations to all who received an award.

Michele Davies
Art Assistant

Maths

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Oxley students did very well during this year's Australian Mathematics competition. **High Distinction** is awarded to students in the top 3% of each year level and **Distinction** is awarded to students in the top 20% of each year level.

The following students received a Distinction:

Year 7: Elijah Barlow, Callum Shattock, Luke Shepherd, Emily Sopar, Samuel Steer, Sarah Sun and Harvey Williams

Year 8: Dylan Berg, Saskia Hupertz, Charlotte McGregor, Esther Penman, Emily Spratt, Jeremy Tam and Michael Xu

Year 9: Natalie Biedrzycki, Callum Bish, Euphy Cheng, Ethan Moore, Katrina Rhodes, Sophie Wilkinson and Erin Weller

Year 10: Rachel Cui, Jodie Ivey, Liam Jarrott, Mark Lian, Alexander Newell and Thomas Pallaghy

Year 11: Richard Zhang

Year 12: Adrian Zhao

Sophie Broadley-Thomson (7.14), Matthew Neil (8.23) and Mitchell Rippingale (8.24) received a High Distinction – an excellent result!

Mitchell Rippingale also received the Best in School award which is given to the student with the highest score in the school. Well done Mitchell!

Congratulations to all the students on an outstanding performance.

Jeannette Kotzé
Head of Mathematics

Shoebboxes

A big thank you to our Oxley, LMC and Oxley Kids communities. Once again, you have responded with great generosity towards Operation Christmas Child as 602 shoebboxes have been filled and sent off to Samaritan's Purse. In the coming weeks our Year 9 students will assist in the sorting and preparation of these boxes for shipping at the Mitcham Processing Centre.

Your gifts will be distributed to children experiencing deep poverty in places such as Cambodia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Thailand, Vanuatu and Vietnam. In early January, twenty-six Year 12 students will help to distribute hundreds of these boxes when they visit Cambodia.



Junior School students helping pack shoeboxes

Philippians 2:3-4 says, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." We are blessed to be a blessing. I sincerely thank you all, for the blessing you are!



Shoebox Christmas Tree display

Pastor Matt
Chaplain

Australian Girls Choir



Recently I returned from touring with the Australian Girls Choir. The tour lasted over 3 weeks and included stops in San Francisco, Phoenix, Flagstaff, Palm Springs and Los Angeles. During our tour we performed concerts for the public, met local school children and joined with local choirs for performances and workshops. We visited landmarks such as the Grand Canyon and Golden Gate

Bridge and were privileged to be invited to perform at Universal Studios (before going on the rides!) The highlight of my trip was definitely meeting all my wonderful host families, who invited me into their homes and treated me like family. I feel very blessed to have had such an amazing experience and will remember it fondly for many years to come.

Miranda Lantry (7.16)

Congratulations

Breakdance Champion

Congratulations to **Connor Katsaras (5J)** and his team for coming second in the AASCF State Dance competition.



Connor was also the Intermediate Breakdance Champion at his dance school for the year. Well done Connor!

Orienteering Champion

Victorian Orienteering recently ran a sprint orienteering event at the College. **James Love (7.14)** competed and placed a respectable 9th out of 33 with a time of 15:09 – an amazing effort given there is no age grading in sprint events! The winner of James' course completed the 2.5k course in 11:50.



Overall there were 138 competitors competing across 3 courses, including Pastor Matt and his family!

Administration

Examination Timetables

For your convenience Year 7 - 11 examination timetables are now available on the website
<http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/examtimetables>

End of Year Information

All Oxley 2018 families will receive a letter in the mail next week with information to assist with planning for the 2018 school year. Booklists are now available online at www.lilydalebooks.com.au

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays for the extended times of 9.00am - 3.00pm for your convenience from 14 November until 5 December for Prep and Year 7 2018 uniform fit outs. Please call the uniform shop on 90367359 to make an appointment.

Melissa Brydon
Office Manager

Students Drivers (P-plate and L-plate)

A reminder that student drivers, whether on a P-plate or L-plate, are not permitted in the Teardrop car park at any time. These students must park on the western side of LMC.

Andrew Holland
Business Manager



Enrolments are now being taken at Oxley Kids for 2019 and beyond. As we have waiting lists for all classes, please contact us as early as possible to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Call 9727 9200 or see our website www.oxleykids.vic.edu.au

Kim Sopar
Oxley Kids Director



Get into TENNIS!

Join Pro Touch Tennis Academy at Oxley Christian College. We offer a wide range of programs for all ages and levels of tennis players.

For further information please feel free to call or check out our website.

Phone: 0402 290 454
Email: info@ptta.com.au,
Website: www.ptta.com.au.



Oxley Christian College is pleased to offer a range of academic scholarships. Academic scholarship recipients will be able to demonstrate strengths in a range of academic areas and a commitment to contribute fully to the life of the school while supporting its Christian ethos.

All current and prospective students applying for a scholarship must sit a scholarship examination. The scholarship examination will be held in February of every year at Oxley. Registrations for 2019 Scholarships are now open. Please use the following link to complete the registration via the Edutest website. www.oxley.vic.edu.au/scholarships

2018 Junior School Art Calendar

The Junior Art department proudly presents a Junior School 2018 Art Calendar featuring beautiful artwork created by our talented Prep - Year 6 students. The artwork is varied and each month displays different artworks, including textiles, clay, sculpture, drawing and painting.

All profits will go to the Amari Community Development Organisation, Uganda.

"Amari was established in 2008 to help relieve the effects of poverty in developing nations through education, development and welfare programs. Our emphasis is on the education and support of orphaned and vulnerable children, principally in Uganda. We invest in children both academically and spiritually through Christian education. We are based in Buliisa District, Uganda." - Marita Simpson (Founder of Amari)

We invite you to support this worthy project through your purchase of calendars for family and friends this festive season.

Calendars are \$20 each, A3 in size, and all orders must be received by Friday 17 November for Christmas delivery. For more information please email: development@oxley.vic.edu.au



2018 Junior School Art Calendar

Order Form

Please complete and return to the Office
by Friday 17 November for Christmas delivery
(Exact money please as no change is given)

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____ Home Group: _____

No. of Calendars: _____ @ \$20 each = \$ _____

(Please tick)

Cash / cheque (payable to Oxley Christian College)

Please debit my credit card:

Type: Visa / Mastercard / AMEX (please circle)

Name on card: _____

Account Number: _____

Expiry date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Please note: There is NO account billing for this calendar.

Notice Board

2017/2018 Calendar

UNIFORM SHOP
 Gate 7, 15-49 Old Melbourne Rd
 Ph: 9036 7359

Tuesdays & Thursdays (term time)
 8.15 - 9.00am & 1.00 - 4.30pm

Uniform regulations and price list are available at the Office or online at:
<http://www.bobstewart.com.au>

CLASSIFIEDS
 The Oxley Classifieds are a convenient way to buy and sell items (directly related to the education of your child) such as textbooks, uniform and musical instruments.

To advertise or purchase second-hand items:
<http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/classifieds.php>

username: parent
 password: oxley

OXLEY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
 The College may, from time-to-time, review and update various policies and procedures. Online / digital copies of College policies and procedures can be found on the Oxley website (under 'Publications'), or on the Parent Portal (under the 'Docs' tab) which is accessible from the College website.

OXLEY KIDS
 Early Learning Centre
 Open 6.30am - 6.30pm
 9727 9200

OXLEY ONLINE
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Nov	Wed - Fri	1-24	Year 12 Examinations
	Thursday	9	Year 1 Grandparents Afternoon (1.20pm LMC) VCE Unit 2 Concert (12.40-1.00pm BPAC) Prep Information Evening (7.00pm Staff Room)
	Friday	10	Year 5-6 Mooroolbark Community Sports Day Year 11 Study Day Year 9.21 Samaritan's Purse Excursion
	Mon-Thurs	13-16	Years 3, 4 and 6 Swimming
	Mon-Fri	13-17	Year 11 Examinations
	Monday	13	Year 5 Excursion
	Tuesday	14-17	Year 5 Swimming
	Wednesday	15	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	16	Year 2 Strings Concerts (10.00am & 11.30am, BPAC)
	Friday	17	Year 4 Excursion
	Mon-Thu	20-23	Years 7-10 Examinations
	Wednesday	22	Year 11 Examination Feedback Day
	Thursday	23	Year 11 into 12 Orientation
	Friday	24	Correction Day (student free)
	Monday	27	Report Writing Day (student free)
	Tuesday	28	Year 10 Examination Feedback Day
	Wednesday	29	Year 10 into 11 Orientation Prep Nativity (11.30am, LMC) Year 7 Activity Day Year 9 Excursion
	Thursday	30	Year 6 Graduation (6.00pm Staff Room, 8.30pm BPAC)
Dec	Friday	1	Year 6 into 7 Orientation
	Tuesday	5	Junior School Final Assembly
	Wednesday	6	Presentation Evening Rehearsal Junior School Volunteers Morning Tea Junior School Tabloid Sports Presentation Evening (8.00pm Robert Blackwood Hall)
	Thursday	7	Senior School Final Assembly Last Day Term 4 (dismissed at 12.40pm)

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Jan	Wednesday	17	Book Collection Day (10.00am-12.00pm Stadium)
	Wednesday	31	First Day Term 1
Feb	Saturday	3	Scholarship Testing (9.00am-12.15pm Staff Room)
	Mon - Wed	5-7	Year 11 Camp
	Tuesday	6	Year 10 Camp Information Evening (7.30pm BPAC)



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