



The Newsletter of
Oxley Christian College

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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

Our College is pleased to announce the 2018 musical production as *Singin' in the Rain*. We are one of the first to be able to access rights to this production. *Singin' in the Rain* is a musical comedy based on a 1952 movie starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. Set in Hollywood in the 1920's, it tells a comedy-of-errors story of two movie stars and their transition from silent films into talking pictures. This is a good choice for Oxley that will provide a range of lead roles to suit the current cohort of students. There are also supporting roles and ensembles required by the show that will involve a large number of students from all year levels. The popularity of this show and its larger than life characters will entertain and capture the imagination of our audience, allowing the Performing Arts Department to continue the development of a great sense of community in the school. It is expected that *Singin' in the Rain* will be performed early in Term 3 next year. Our previous musical productions of *Seussical* and *Broadway Stories* contributed to the growth of a now thriving Performing Arts community. This announcement comes on top of some wonderful ensemble and individual performances at Oxley's recent ensemble evening and this week's Senior School Music Assembly.

I am sure our community is captivated by various debates being advanced in the media and its associated hype. Along with the majority, I am so grateful for the democratic form of government we live under in Australia. However, as I reflect on the current relentless obsessions of the media and some levels of government, I cannot help but feel that our lives are being disproportionately and unjustifiably influenced by the social prejudices of a cultural Marxism and the dominant views of totalitarian politics. As many others have observed, the freedoms we have previously taken for granted and that are written into law, can no longer be openly exercised without having to

seriously consider potential consequences. Those groups playing the game of political correctness and of being a victim under the guise of identity politics, seem to believe that democratic freedoms are separable. They are not; or at least they are not divisible without consequences in the long term. We cannot have freedom of speech for one group but not another. We cannot have freedom of religion without the freedom of speech. There cannot be disparate freedoms of association, of fair trials under law, of the right to vote and the right to protection from violence, without damaging the very notion and ideals of a Western liberal democratic state.

Whilst the aforementioned freedoms and rights are indispensable components of a democratic state, we must also live within the truth of those matters that are both civil and often pre-political. For example, we know that the freedom of individuals is usually anchored in accepting responsibility for others, otherwise known as *seeking the common good*. When we fail to do that, the state attempts to regulate the freedoms in some way. There are accepted ways in which we *live in truth* in a democracy. These include that truth means we do not adapt to a lie, that truth is not exercised through violence, that truth does not depend on diminishing others or reducing their *personhood* in any way. Living in truth can be very difficult in circumstances of mass indifference or the trivialisation of responsibility for self and others. However, we do have the great biblical exemplars of Christ, His early disciples and many others down through the ages, who lived under totalitarian regimes and were able to impact their society through God's grace, even in the face of opposition and threats.

Douglas Peck

Giant SLAYER

See inside The Vine for more details



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

Devotion

Blessed to be a Blessing

It has been said:

"If you have food in your fridge, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of the world.

If you have money in the bank, your wallet, and some spare change you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness you are more blessed than the million people who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the agony of imprisonment or torture, or the horrible pangs of starvation you are luckier than 500 million people alive and suffering.

If you can read this message you are more fortunate than 3 billion people in the world who cannot read it at all."

What an incredible time in which we live. What a blessed and prosperous country we call home.

I have been so blessed by our school community this week. We launched another year of Operation Christmas Child and our Year 12 students hosted a Trivia Night to raise money towards new school buildings in Cambodia. \$4319.90 was raised!



'Back to School' Trivia Night

Many students I have talked with have already expressed their excitement about their shopping expeditions as they fill their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with gifts of love and joy. Hundreds of shoeboxes have already been taken home! What a generous community we have. As Chaplain, I love that our students are presented with opportunities to think beyond themselves and towards the needs of others.

Thank you Oxley, for your generosity towards Samaritan's Purse and the people of Cambodia. The new classrooms, teaching equipment, water filtration units, maternal health clinics, and the thousands of shoeboxes filled with gifts, given over the years, is making a real and quantifiable difference. It is changing lives, sustainably!

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-16 Paul writes to the Corinthians to encourage them in their duty of charity. We can identify at least four things from this portion of his letter regarding giving.

1. When we give, we should give generously, not reluctantly or under compulsion. We are to give as we feel led, no arms twisted behind our backs.
2. We will not lose out because of our generosity, God loves a cheerful giver and we in turn will be blessed through our giving.
3. Charity is evidence of our surrender to Christ, our yielding to His influence and truths.
4. By providing for the needs of others, we express a direct thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.' Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"*

We are blessed to be a blessing, are we not? May God bless you that you in turn might be a blessing to others!

Matt Daly
Chaplain

Senior School

*Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise Him with the harp and lyre,
praise Him with timbrel and dancing,
praise Him with the strings and pipe,
praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
praise Him with resounding cymbals.*

Senior School Ensemble Evening was something to behold. Seven different choirs, ensembles and bands featured nearly 100 students, swelling the BPAC auditorium with their delightful chorusing. From the Jackson 5 Motown opening number, through Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah until the grand finale *An Imitation on Film* written inhouse by our own Mr Aaron Chan, the room resonated with sound played with polish and pride. Congratulations to all students and staff who made this evening not only a possibility, but an absolute delight!

A week earlier the BPAC had been the site of the VTAC Information Evening where parents were informed of the processes and pathways available at the end of secondary education. Thanks to Mrs Carol Oswald who presented to the audience the way in which the ATAR is calculated, and some of the tips and strategies involved in preparing for tertiary education. She shared her wealth of experience in the field of careers and helping students to get ready for the next step.

As you read this, many of the Year 8 students will be excitedly preparing for an expedition to the Yarra Ranges Tech School, a government initiative hosted at the Lilydale Lakeside Campus. Students will have the opportunity to work in teams in a simulated Work Experience environment to provide a solution to a realistic business scenario by programming high-tech robots. Students will work in groups in a truly open-ended task to achieve agreed outcomes. This is an exciting opportunity and both Mr Gaschk and Mr Zhou have worked hard with the staff of YRTS to make this a possibility. We greatly look forward to hearing what our students have to say about this great new initiative!

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

Term 3 finds our students participating in rich learning experiences in the classroom. In addition, students are offered opportunities to engage in learning in other areas of the school. Extra-curricular programs seek to enhance the learning that takes place in the classroom. We also offer several clubs, including the Lego, Knitting, Running and Coding Clubs, which are well supported by students of all ages.

Our recently appointed Semester 2 Home Group and Enviro Team Captains were recognised at a special leadership Chapel on Thursday 10 August. I had the pleasure of presenting the leaders with badges and it was

wonderful to witness the students' eagerness for their new role. We thank all students who served in these roles in Semester 1. Your contribution to the school community is greatly appreciated. We also acknowledged the service of **Olivia Bishop (6S)**, who is currently supporting our school leadership team in the role of acting Vice Captain.



Semester 2 Home Group Captains

We look forward to celebrating Book Week next week! Students are reading and learning about the texts shortlisted for the Children's Book Council Awards in both their Library and Art lessons. Many of the books are on display in our Resource Centre. A special Book Week Chapel will be held on Thursday 24 August at LMC from 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Year 3 students are busy preparing for the annual Father's Day Stall, to be held on Wednesday 30 August. Please keep your eye out for communication about this event in due course. Don't tell Dad!

Junior School Volunteer Briefing Sessions

Thank you to the parents who willingly volunteer in our classrooms each week. With new regulations in place, and Child Safe Standards to uphold, it is imperative that our volunteers are fully aware of their role and responsibilities when supporting teaching and learning at Oxley. We invite any parents who would like to volunteer in the classroom to book in for a Volunteer Briefing session, to be held on Monday 21 August at 3.00pm and Thursday 7 September at 9.00am. Please contact the Office to register for one of these sessions.

"So keep at your work, this faith and love grounded in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. Guard this precious treasure placed in your heart by the Holy Spirit who works in us." 2 Timothy 1: 13-14.

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

This semester, we are having Sustainability lessons with Mrs Gaschk. It was very exciting to put on our gumboots and go to the Enviro Barn for our first lesson. We had a tour of the Enviro area and then had donuts and tea! This week, we stayed in the Prep area and harvested the vegetables that were growing with Mrs Gaschk. We picked some enormous radishes, some wiggly carrots and some very green leafy spinach. We also planted some new seedlings. We learnt how to water and care for them. It will be exciting to watch them grow.



Luke, Scarlett and Jessica with their harvested vegetables



Ben, Alyssa and Acacia with some wiggly carrots and radishes

Year 1

Once upon a time In Year 1 we are creating our own traditional tales! We are using descriptive language and following a narrative format. In Bible, we learnt how Daniel stayed faithful to God, and how God blessed his faithfulness. Proverbs 28:20a says *"A faithful person will have many blessings."*

In Maths we have been studying place value and can represent a two digit number in many different ways: with Numicon, bundling sticks, Unifix blocks, tally marks, on a place value chart and as an addition sum.

We are enjoying learning our special song for the Junior School Production.



Year 1 creativity with Rachel, Steffan, Dillon, Joanna, Micah, Weylen and Bryce

Year 2

We have enjoyed continuing our exploration of Science in Year 2. It has been fascinating to see water vapour, clouds and precipitation appear in our water cycle bags. We were thrilled to see our seeds grow. It's nearly time to cut the grass! We have noticed that the bean seed is taking longer to grow than the grass seeds. Although we can see the roots, we have yet to see leaves appear above the surface.

In Maths, we are investigating multiplication. Applying our knowledge of addition has allowed us to accurately count the total of different arrays. In Reading, we are finding the main ideas in non-fiction texts. This will help us in our Science investigations. We are excited to practise our songs for the Junior School Production with the Year 3s and look forward to performing later this term.



Ava and Scarlett with their water cycle bags

Year 3

Year 3 is enjoying being scientists and exploring the world God created. We conducted experiments to see the impact that heating, cooling and freezing has on substances like oil, honey, chocolate and cordial. Making predictions using our background knowledge, and using the correct scientific vocabulary to explain our observations, are some of the skills we are developing. Scientists follow procedures so we are also reading and writing procedural texts. A common type of procedure is a recipe, so naturally we HAD to taste the finished product after taking notes and following all those instructions!

Year 4

This week is Forces Challenge Week! In ICU, we have been *feeling the force* while investigating different types of forces. In English, we have been reading and writing procedures. It is now time to show our teachers all that we know! We are working with a partner to create a game which uses a contact force (friction) and non-contact force (gravity and magnetism). We will write a procedure to tell others how to play our game. An important step of the process is to play our game with another pair to test it and to receive feedback. Once any changes have been made, we will play our game with our Prep buddy! May the force be with us!

Year 5

In Mathematics, students learnt how to add and subtract fractions with a common denominator. Practising the strategy of drawing a diagram has helped students to visually show their thinking. This has helped to increase the accuracy of our answers. In our ICU topic, *What's The Matter*, students have investigated solid objects and their properties. By rubbing different objects against each other, students categorised solids in order of their hardness. In reading, we are continuing to enjoy our class novel, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Students have drawn on their prior knowledge and experiences to make connections with the text. This helps them connect with the characters, giving a greater reading experience.

Year 6

Students are busily rehearsing lines and actions for the Junior School Musical *Giant Slayer* and are nearly ready to perform on 13 and 14 September! The next weeks of rehearsals will be both challenging and exciting.

We are looking forward to our excursion to IMAX Theatre to see *Forces of Nature* – an impressive movie about volcanoes, tornadoes and earthquakes. We will also visit the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) to experience the history of movies in Australia, in readiness for making our own film clips.

Senior Sport

Oxley to Host EISM Basketball Grand Final

Oxley will be hosting the Senior EISM Girls Grand Final for Basketball on Wednesday 23 August as well as the Year 8/9 Girls Basketball on Thursday 24 August, all starting at 1.30pm. These events will take place in the Oxley Stadium. Congratulations to the students who have performed at such an outstanding level and we wish you every success for this last game of the year!

The Wednesday Senior Grand Final is a great way to farewell our Year 12 students who have participated in EISM team sports this year. All Year 10 and 11 students should attend the Grand Final as well as all Year 12s who participated in EISM Sport in Terms 2 and 3.

After the Grand Final students will get together on Court 3 for a special Sport Assembly where medals will be

presented to the Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Best Team Player (BTP) in each team. Parents are welcome to attend the medal presentation.

We also look forward to seeing our Year 8/9 Girls Basketball Team playing in Grand Finals on Thursday 24 August. All Year 8 and 9 students will attend the Grand Finals with a medal presentation afterwards.

A big thank you to all our students who represented Oxley Christian College during Terms 2 and 3 in EISM Sport.

Other Sports Information

After the grand final, all students who participated in EISM Sport should return their uniforms. This is a great opportunity to return all sporting apparel, so please ensure you don't have any EISM uniforms at home.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity at the end of this term to try out for new team sports in Term 4.

Years 8 and 9 will have Girls Softball, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball (2 teams) and Girls Tennis in Term 4. Boys will have Cricket, Hockey, Volleyball (2 teams) and Tennis. There will also be a mixed Badminton team.

For Year 7s in Term 4 there will be Girls Tennis, Volleyball and Table Tennis and Boys Basketball, Soccer and Table Tennis.

There is also a Year 7 Boys Indoor Cricket and Year 7 Girls Softball competition on Wednesday 1 November. This is a whole day event and Year 7s who put their names down for this opportunity will commence training at the start of Term 4.

Frederik Kotze
Head of Sport

Music

The Senior Ensemble Evening was held on Thursday 10 August. Students from Senior Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Concert Band, Sinfonia, Camerata, Allegro and Allegrezza all performed beautifully. The audience remarked on the wonderful talent of our students, and how much they have improved since last year.

Our Music Assembly was held on Monday 14 August. Each Senior ensemble performed an item for their friends in the school community. Once again the ensembles gave a wonderful performance that was appreciated by the Senior School students. Our Music Captain, Joel Fung (12.9), gave a devotion on the comparisons between being a great musician and leading a good life. He explained how musicians are celebrated for their unique personalities and gifts, that they develop and nurture their passions, and finally that they share their unique skills and passion with those around them. These are all actions that can be related to living a good life.

Our Music Assembly finished with the launch of our 2018 musical *Singin' In The Rain*. Students are able to collect audition packs from Mrs Peacock in the BPAC. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 30 August, Friday 1 and Saturday 2 September. All students auditioning for the musical must also attend dance auditions on Monday 4 September (Years 10 – 11) or Monday 11 September (Years 7 – 9). The musical will be held from 8 – 11 August 2018. Students need to be prepared to attend auditions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in 2018. Additionally there will be some Saturday rehearsals and a full week of rehearsals in the third week of the July school holidays.



Vocal Ensemble performing at Music Assembly



Mattias and Tahlia performing with Camerata



Sinfonia performing in front of the whole Senior School

If there are any queries with regard to the musical or auditions, please contact Mrs Angela Peacock on 9727 9675.

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

Please note the following important dates in the Music Department for Semester 2.

Wednesday 30 August	Singin' In the Rain Auditions
Friday 1 September	Singin' In the Rain Auditions
Saturday 2 September	Singin' In the Rain Auditions
Tuesday 5 September	Vocal Ensemble perform at School at Work
Wednesday 13 September	Junior School Production
Thursday 14 September	Junior School Production
Thursday 12 October	Concert Band perform at School at Work
Thursday 12 October	VCE Unit 4 Concert
Friday 13 October	Arts Festival
Monday 16 October	Soiree Evening
Wednesday 18 October	Soiree Evening
Thursday 19 October	Soiree Evening
Saturday 28 October	SCSM String Examinations
Thursday 2 November	Year 7 Instrumental Concert
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

Please note that as one term's notice is required when cancelling private lessons, it is now expected that, unless a student has already given notice, all students currently undertaking private music lessons will continue to the end of the year.

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 prior advice will be billed as a charged lesson. The phone number to call is 9727 9675.

Angela Peacock
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

2017 Junior Musical



Giant Slayer

This year's Junior School Musical is The Giant Slayer. Based on the biblical story of David and Goliath, this musical will hit you right between the eyes! With terrific songs, telling the story of how a young lad took on the impossible and came out on top, you will be filled with hope as you follow the story of a man after God's own heart. We look forward to this wonderful performance. Please add these dates to your diary - Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 September - and consider inviting family and friends to what promises to be a wonderful show. Ticketing information will be available on Friday from the College website from 3.30pm: www.oxley.vic.edu.au

2018 Senior Musical



Singin' in the Rain

The Senior College has been abuzz with excitement this week, following the announcement of our 2018 Senior Production during Music Assembly. *Singin' in the Rain* is a musical comedy, based on the 1952 movie musical starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor. Set in Hollywood in the 1920s, it tells a comedy-of-errors style story of two movie stars and their transition from silent films into talking pictures.

There is an abundance of unique and dynamic roles available to showcase the singing, acting and dancing talents of our students. Audition packs are available from Mrs Peacock's office in the BPAC. Auditions will occur in the final weeks of Term 3, so students should act quickly

to secure their preferred audition time. We're looking forward to a wonderful, vibrant show!

Claire Hogan
Head of Drama

Year 7 Winter Week

Winter Week was a fun and frosty experience! From the decorations strung around the Year 7 classrooms, to the sounds and smoke of a roaring fire; there was lots to see and hear.

The effort students went to, to create a Winter atmosphere was quite extraordinary. There was even a dog dressed as an elf for the occasion and a snowball fight in one of the rooms! The lockers in the classrooms had been decorated with tinsel and white sheets for snow and there was even a Christmas tree!

Many students dressed up in Winter-themed costumes such as Olaf from Disney's *Frozen*. Some classes had even gone out of their way to make origami snowflakes and Winter-themed ornaments to hang around the room!



Isabella and Kayla rugged up on Winter Week



Dr Peck and Mr Whittle choosing the best decorated classroom

The real meaning behind Winter Week was to enjoy the season and to help each class become a team. It has definitely been a Winter to remember!

Callum Shattock (7.15)

Congratulations

Hamish MacDonald (10.2) was successful in being selected for the Kilsyth representative basketball team to play in the Victorian Youth Championships against Nunawading for a three game series over the past 2 weeks. Hamish's team won games 1 and 3, therefore winning the overall Championships. Congratulations, Hamish, on your dedication to your sport and recent performance.



Hamish pictured with Coach Mark Landells.

Mongolia Jamboree

I just attended the 31st Asia Pacific Region Jamboree, in Mongolia. A Jamboree is a gathering of scouts. Our Jamboree had 5,500 scouts from all over the world, with 61 scouts from Australia. The Australian scouts all met up in Singapore where we flew as a group to Beijing.

In Beijing, we had three days of sightseeing and visited the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and the Beijing Aquarium. We also visited a Chinese theatre, rode in rickshaws, ate at traditional Chinese restaurants, tasted traditional teas and went to the markets. For me the highlight of China was the Great Wall because of its heritage, sheer size and beauty. The most surprising thing was that the stall holders at the markets would ask up to 10 times more for something than the price they would actually accept. I noticed that Beijing has much more creative architecture than Australia.

After Beijing, we caught the Trans-Siberian Railway to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. The train ride took 27 hours and we were woken up several times in the night for passport inspection. At the Jamboree, we did activities such as camel and horse riding, archery, learning how to create fire and traditional hunting weapons as well as learning how to create shelters. Most of our free time was spent trading with scouts from other countries. We traded badges, shirts, scarves and other items. I found that clip-on Koalas were highly sought after by international scouts. At the end of the Jamboree the Australian Scouts donated our tents to the Mongolian Scouts. After the Jamboree, we stayed with a local family for two nights. I was lucky enough to stay in a traditional Mongolian nomadic tent-like house called a Ger.



James on a camel ride in Mongolia

We then flew back to Beijing and then home. Next year Australian Scouts are going back to Mongolia to build some permanent facilities for the Mongolian Scouts.

James Love (7.14)

ENROL NOW!

2018

Parents who are intending to enrol children (who are not already enrolled at Oxley Christian College) for 2018 are strongly encouraged to do so now. Please obtain a Business Statement and Enrolment Application Form from the Office and return the completed Enrolment Application Form with required attachments to our Registrar, Mrs Caroline Lewis, as soon as possible, as we have limited vacancies in some year levels.

2019

We are also accepting enrolment applications for 2019 and beyond (particularly Prep and Year 7) and again, we encourage you to submit your completed Enrolment Application Form as soon as possible.

Notice to Withdraw

Parents are reminded of their obligation to give the College one full term's notice, in writing to the Principal, if your children are not continuing at Oxley Christian College in 2018. The lack of one term's notice will result in the payment of one term's Tuition Fees. It is also a legal requirement for you to inform us of the school to which your child's enrolment is transferring.

Caroline Lewis
Registrar and Enrolments Policy Manager

Administration

Parent Access During School Hours

Parents are reminded that during school hours (approximately 9.00am-3.30pm) there is restricted access to College buildings and surrounding grounds. Should you have reason to visit the College during school hours, in accordance with our Child Safe Standards and Emergency Management Plan, your entry and exit must be registered at Student Reception. Note: All visitors during school hours must wear a visitor's lanyard or badge to identify that their entry to the school has been validated.

Following this procedure will assist us to maintain a safe and secure environment for our students, our staff, and our visitors.

Andrew Holland
Business Manager

Car Parking

Please Park in Parking Bays Only



Due to a recent incident where a car narrowly avoided a student crossing the road (from between two cars parked on the main road), we urgently remind parents not to park on the sides of the main road, which hinders the vision of drivers turning into and out of parking bays.

All road users are also requested to maintain speeds at no faster than walking pace at drop-off and pick-up times, and to only park in lined parking areas.

For student safety, your compliance is necessary.



Disability Parking

Please remember that the disabled car parking spaces outside the Administration Office are only for those vehicles that display a valid disability parking sticker, or have otherwise received permission from the College to park in those places.

Andrew Holland
Business Manager

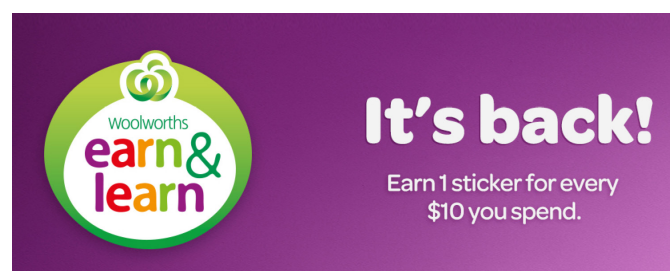
Year 10 Melba Program

Once again, Oxley Christian College is pleased to be continuing our program with Melba Support Services. Year 10 students (in small groups) will each spend an allocated day with the Melba Support Staff who work alongside adults with mental and / or physical disabilities. This program (running from Monday 21 August to Friday 15 September) has been a valuable part of our curriculum for over 15 years. It has been rewarding to see students who were initially hesitant about the experience return from their day having learnt much and rating the day as highly enjoyable and valuable.

The experience is considered a part of the Work Experience Program, providing students with an insight into the role of such occupations in supporting members of our community. The Year 10 level had an introductory session with a Melba staff member on Wednesday 16 August. Please ensure students have returned their paperwork regarding their participation in this program. If your Year 10 student has not yet shown you the letter and forms, please assist us by following up with them to return these overdue forms as soon as possible.

Nicole Latham
Year 10 Coordinator

Earn & Learn



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program, we will be able to earn educational resources for the Junior School. Whilst we are not recommending that families change their normal shopping habits, we would like to let parents who regularly shop at Woolworths know about our involvement.

From Wednesday 26 July to until Tuesday 19 September (or while stock lasts), we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will receive one Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the sticker onto an Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and, when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at the Chirnside Park Woolworths store. Sticker sheets can be collected in-store or downloaded from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn. Please speak with Sharee Gaiser if you have any questions. We thank you for your support.

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

First Aid

Meningococcal W Immunisations

As previously advised, and because of the rise of reported cases of Meningococcal W, the Government has funded a once-off program to immunise students in Years 10-12 against this disease. As part of this program, the Shire of Yarra Ranges has requested that the College provides contact details for all students in these year levels. As part of the enrolment process, you will have already agreed to the sharing of certain information with Government departments and agencies. However, if you would like to opt out for this specific purpose, you will need to register your preference with Mrs Wendy Booth in the First Aid Office by close of business Friday 18 August either by phone 9727 9940 or by email at wbooth@oxley.vic.edu.au.

Wendy Booth
First Aid Officer

Resource Centre

Book Fair 2017

Thank you to the Oxley community for their amazing support of and enthusiasm towards Book Fair 2017, the most successful we have ever had. Apart from the Book Fair being our fundraiser it is also a pleasure to chat with parents and an opportunity for their child / children to show off what is happening in their Resource Centre.

Resource Centre Staff



Ava and Hannah enjoying the Book Fair



Antony and Aaron with Mum, Linkham

Our Junior School students are continuing to read enthusiastically for the Premiers' Reading Challenge. Altogether, 3,602 books have now been read and 65 students have now completed the required number of books.

The Challenge will finish on Friday 1 September, so all reading needs to be entered by that date. If you need assistance to enter the reading data for your child please contact the Resource Centre.

Congratulations to these recent reading champions.

Prep

Micah Duckworth
Mia Frazer
Lincoln Johnston
Luke Liu
Hannah Nelson
Scarlett Tander
Ethan Wang
Ryan Wang

Year 3

Charlotte Geoghegan-
Biggar
Karen Wang

Year 4

Lillianna Filleul

Year 5

William Bennett

Lani McGregor

Aileen Zhang

Year 6

Nicholas Doggett

Brooke Waldrom

Year 1

Matthew King
Amelia McLeod
Charlie Piper

Year 2

Yasmin Calder
Charlotte Filleul
Lathaniel Hill
Olivia Kennedy
Aaron Scarborough

In the Resource Centre, our Term 3 focus is traditionally all about Book Week and literature studies of the award-winning titles shortlisted by the Childrens' Book Council of Australia. Again, there is an exciting range of titles to explore through Library, Art and English areas of the curriculum.

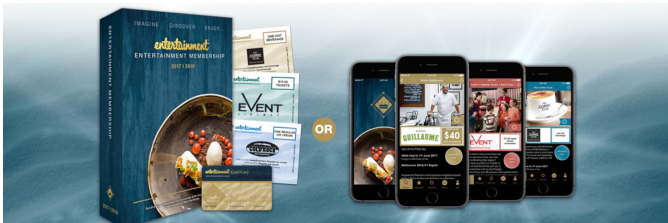
This year's theme, *Escape to Everywhere*, promotes the idea that books allow us to escape the world and go into places where other countries, times and cultures (real and imagined) can be experienced. Reading can help some people escape problems they are having in their lives, as they live for a few minutes or hours as another character.

Ruth Hogg
Resource Centre Manager

Parent note

The Coalition for Marriage is leading a campaign to preserve traditional marriage. They are comprised of more than 80 groups from across Australia, led by the Australian Christian Lobby, Marriage Alliance, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. Their website has a number of resources for your interest: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

Entertainment Books



By purchasing your Entertainment Membership from us, you support our fundraising efforts. This year we are raising funds for Robotics Kits for Junior and Senior School. To order your Book or Digital Membership securely online visit: www.entbook.com.au/188693c3

Thank you for your support!

School Banking

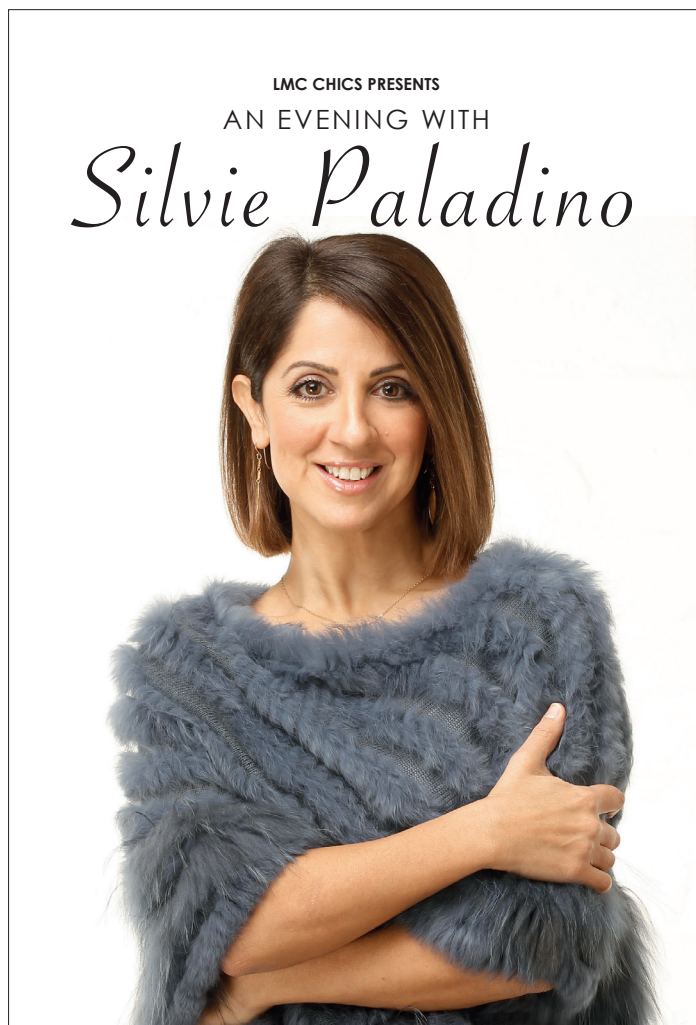


Thank you to all our school bankers! The College receives a commission payment from the Commonwealth Bank for the deposits made at school. Funds raised through the commission payments are donated to the Amari Project, established in 2008, to help relieve poverty in developing countries. \$525 was raised through our involvement in Semester 1. We thank our school bankers for their ongoing support of this program.

Commonwealth Bank has a new School Banking app for your phone. The app will allow you to:

- Check your child's balance
- See how many deposits they have made this year
- Track how many tokens they have earned
- Set up savings goals for your child
- Create a list of chores your child can do for pocket money

Glenda Pillifeant
School Banking Program Coordinator



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Silvie will be performing and sharing her life journey

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Bookings essential: trybooking.com/284750



This event is hosted by Life Ministry Church / LMC Chics
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2017 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/index.
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username: parent
password: oxley

OXLEY KIDS

Early Learning Centre
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9727 9200

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information including Open Days,
visit:
[http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/
category/careers](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/category/careers)

Aug	Mon-Fri	21-25	Book Week
	Mon 21- Fri 15 Sep		Year 10 Melba Program
	Wednesday	23	Year 4-6 District Athletics
	Thursday	24	Year 10-12 Immunisations
	Mon-Fri	28-1	International Week
	Wednesday	30	Junior School Father's Day Stall
	Thursday	31	Junior School International Costume Dress-up Day
Sep	Friday	1	Year 11 Dinner (7.00pm Chateau Wyuna, Mt Evelyn)
	Sunday	3	Father's Day
	Mon-Fri	4-8	Year 9 Camp
	Tuesday	5	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Wednesday	13	EISM Cross Country
	Wed-Thu	13-14	Junior School Production
	Tuesday	19	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-9.00pm)
	Thursday	21	Year 2 and 3 Expo (2.30-3.30pm in classrooms)
	Thursday	21	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-9.00pm)
	Friday	22	Last Day Term 3 Years 3 to 6 Basketball Day
Oct	Monday	9	First Day Term 4
	Wednesday	11	Year 9 into 10 Information Night (7.00pm BPAC)
	Thursday	12	School at Work (9.30am BPAC) VCE Unit 4 Concert (7.00pm BPAC) Year 4-6 Divisional Athletics
	Friday	13	Arts Festival (5.00pm - 9.00pm Senior School Art)
	Monday	16	Soiree Evening (6.00pm & 8.00pm, BPAC)
	Wednesday	18	Soiree Evening (6.00pm & 8.00pm, BPAC)
	Thursday	19	Soiree Evening (6.00pm & 8.00pm, BPAC) Year 4-6 Regional Athletics
	Monday	23	Year 12 Final Assembly
	Tuesday	24	Year 12 Final Day
	Thursday	26	Year 7 immunisation
	Friday	27	Year 2 Sleepover Year 12 Dinner
	Mon-Fri	30-3	Prep – Year 2 Swimming Lessons
Nov	Wednesday	1	Year 12 Exams start Year 10 Job Search Day
	Thursday	2	Year 7 Instrumental Concert (7.00pm, LMC)
	Friday	3	Year 10 Formal Dinner



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