



The Newsletter of  
Oxley Christian College

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## From the Principal

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the school community I congratulate everyone involved in the spectacular musical production of *Singin' in the Rain*. As the fabulous five performances only got better and better, I think the audiences realised the highly professional class of this presentation. There was an enormous energy and talent on display alongside the obvious friendships of cast and crew that have been strengthened over the year of preparation. Events like this make it such an honour to be a part of the Oxley community and to continue to recognise the legacy of the Arts from our previous Principal, Mrs Sally Broadley.

Thank you to all the families who supported this production, especially in getting students to and from

rehearsals. We are in awe of the commitment of so many people in making this event the huge success it has been.

It is a pleasure to highlight the leadership of this musical through the Producer and Director **Ms Claire Hogan**, Assistant Director **Mrs Rhiannon Theunissen**, Musical Director **Mr Aaron Chan** and Choreographers **Ms Claire Hogan** and **Mrs Stephanie Barnden**. Then there is the host of support personnel involved in the set construction, sound and video, lighting, costumes, props, managers, the band, photography, catering, advertising and so on, and so on. I know the memories of this event will live in the students for decades to come. Congratulations everyone! Enjoy the photos.

Douglas Peck



Ethan playing Don Lockwood in *Singin' in the Rain*

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

# Senior School

*Good morning, good morrrning ...*

It will always be hard to say 'good morning' without thinking of Kathy Selden being played in *Singin' in the Rain* by Emily Heber-Percy or Hina Sasuga, expertly accompanied by Don Lockwood (Ethan Anderson) or Cosmo (Liam Wilson-Gardner). The musical was an absolute sensation and afforded a huge number of students the opportunity to feature and display their immense talents.

Who could forget Lina (Eliza Mitchell) with her unique voice, or RF Simpson (William Spratt) being browbeaten into submission by the 'shimmering, glowing star', no thanks to Zelda (Jessica Dziadosz). There were too many stars to name them all, but Roscoe (Isaac Lantry), Rod (Joshua McDowell), Dora Bailey (Rachael Hallang) and the Diction Coach (Lucas De Groot) led the charge in delivering night after night of entertainment, enjoyed by the crowds which flooded to the BPAC.

Many production enthusiasts seemed unaware that the music featured for the night was in fact live, and played by a superb quintet, such was the flawless quality, ably led by Mr Aaron Chan. The work performed in set construction was a work of art, as well as of science. Thanks to the Property and Maintenance team for their very noticeable contribution.

A show like this really is a team undertaking, and our thanks go to a large number of people who helped to pull it together including Car Parking Attendants, Front of House, Costumes, Hair and Makeup, Sound and Lighting, Backstage, Cleaning – the list goes on and on.

I will reserve some special thanks for Miss Claire Hogan and Mrs Rhiannon Theunissen who have poured their time and energy into this venture over the best part of a year, to make it the safe and special sensation that it was.

Let me summarise by saying to everyone involved, to the guests who came along, thank you for your part in making this event the success that it was. And now we look forward to seeing the choice of performance for 2020 – what drama will unfold?

It is easy to overlook the many other things which have occurred in the last fortnight with so much focus and energy on the musical. Last week saw about 50 families attend a VTAC briefing delivered by Mrs Carol Oswald, which was invaluable in assisting parents to learn what the different possibilities are beyond secondary education. Processes, offerings and options were all expertly described and information was provided to help to set students on the next step of their journey through life.

It is great to have the security of knowing that at all times in our lives, God is in control and has a plan prepared millennia in advance, specifically for each one of us. One of my favourite passages of the Bible, and one which I find the most challenging to adhere to, is found in Matthew 6:25, *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,*

*what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?* I find it an extremely comforting thought that God is in charge.

Greg Barker  
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

# Junior School

Term 3 finds our students demonstrating a greater level of independence in their learning. As classroom routines and expectations are now more familiar, children are generally confident to take greater risks in their learning. Teachers often give students greater responsibility for their learning and the outcomes achieved. In your conversations at home, why not ask your child about the skills (what they can do as a learner), knowledge (what they know that they didn't know before) and understanding (the meaning of the facts) because of their day at school.

Our newly appointed Semester 2 Home Group and Enviro Team Captains were recognised at a special Leadership Chapel on Thursday 9 August. Mrs Sutton and I had the pleasure of presenting the leaders with badges and it was wonderful to observe the students' gratitude and pride. We thank all students who served in these roles in Semester 1. Your contribution to the school community is greatly appreciated.



Semester 2 Home Group Captains



Semester 2 Enviro Captains



## House Group Captains

4K	Tayla Eleveld	Caleb Want
4P	Kayla Foo	Carlos Youssef
5A	Gabriella Swyny	Shenghao Jin
5R	Jaimie Mann	Ryan Kanavitage
6K	Zara Jansz	Charlie Freeman
6W	Lani McGregor	James Taylor

## Enviro Captains

Prep M	Olivia Hu
Prep W	Thomas Kennedy
1J	Jaden Sia
1P	Caleb Waldrom
2M	Fynn Manderson
2W	Imogen Ryder
3AB	Scarlett Webber
3CB	Miranda Swyny
4K	Jessica Lynch
4P	Charlotte Marshall
5A	Michael Pezzano
5R	Mikayla Scharp
6K	Steph Tracey
6W	Aaron Kennedy

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 23 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 29 August. Please keep your eye out for communication about this event. Don't tell Dad!

*Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.* Proverbs 4:6-7 (NIV)

Sharee Gaiser  
Head of Junior School

## What Did You Do at School Today?

### Prep

On Thursday 2 August, we celebrated our first 100 days of school. We loved participating in many fun activities, including making hats, a necklace with 100 Cheerios and decorating biscuits to make the number 100. During the day, we enjoyed a visit from Mrs Gaiser and shared with her some of the things we have learnt since starting school. We have learned to read and write, make new friends, count to 100, recognise diagraphs and, most importantly, have learned that God loves us. We sang

*Happy 100 Days* and enjoyed eating the biscuits we created. It has been a blessing to see the Preps progress and establish new friendships. We are looking forward to the next 100 days of school!

### Year 1

We thoroughly enjoyed having a guest speaker come to our classroom this week to talk to us about Oxley Christian College. Who visited? Mr Taylor! He is an expert at maintaining and managing all the grounds and environments at our school! He was so interesting to listen to. He told us about the many changes that have taken place over the years. In Maths, we had fun making an analogue clock with hands that really move. We learnt where to position the hands to show *o'clock* and *half past*, and considered the activities we do at different times of the day and night.

### Year 2

It has been an amazing fortnight of learning and discovery in Year 2. At our *Hands on Science* incursion, we learnt all about water. Like real scientists, we set up experiments and watched what happened, we even created a model of the water cycle. It was fascinating to discover that gravity helps move water from one spot to another. After our incursion we were inspired to investigate further. When getting a drink of water, we placed bowls under the taps and managed to save nearly four litres (just from Year 2!) We used that water to grow sprouts. Imagine what we could do if we all collected water from under the taps! The Year 2 scientists will keep questioning and investigating, and we will let you know what we discover!

### Year 3

We are focusing on reading and writing non-fiction texts this term. We can identify the features in these texts and are enjoying exploring the meaning of new scientific words. Our learning at the Enviro Barn, and our inquiry topic of *Feathers, Fur and Leaves*, provides many opportunities to read and write about real life topics. Shhh, don't tell our Kinder Buddies, but we will be sharing our finished Information Reports with them at our next visit. Do you think we should write an Information Report about the new chickens we have at Oxley Kids?



Xander and his Kinder buddy sharing Lego blocks



San Lian enjoying a puzzle with her Kinder buddy

## Year 4

Students have kindly donated over 100 books to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation! What a fantastic and generous achievement, and thank you to all parents who helped to collect and bring them to school. In English, students have been putting *Listicles* together and Elena presented an excellent example on *Attack and Defence* in the animal world. During ICU, students undertook various investigations on force and magnetism. Especially with gravity, the students learnt that the *force is with you!*

## Year 5

Students have had a wonderful time developing a fair test experiment to explore, observe and record the viscosity of different liquids. Viscosity affects the rate at which liquids flow. The higher the viscosity the slower the liquid flows. During our experiments, we received a mixture of results. We then explored possible reasons for our varied results. We are having so much fun being scientists!

## Year 6

We are wearing our creative hats while composing poems full of *gold nuggets*, such as effective verbs, metaphors, personification and invented words. We look forward to sharing our published work with our Year 2 buddies very soon! In ICU, we are busy researching a natural disaster and wondering how people prepare for and respond to them. Watching the second act of *Singin' in The Rain* has made us all excited for our Junior School Production, *The Mender*! We are perfecting our words and actions to WOW you in four weeks' time!

# The Mender

The 2018 Junior School Musical is *The Mender*. Written in 2007 by past Oxley staff, Brian and Fenna Hogg, this story takes place in a toy mender's workshop where children bring their special toys to be repaired. *The Mender* is a dear old man, who has the special skills to lovingly restore even the most broken of toys and return them to their owner. We look forward to all students in Junior School participating in what promises to be a fantastic show. Please add these dates to your diary – Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September – and consider inviting family and

friends. Book early to avoid disappointment as tickets sell fast. Ticketing information is now available via the following link: [www.oxley.vic.edu.au/themendertickets](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/themendertickets)

Oxley Christian College Junior School Musical

# The Mender

**Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 September**  
**7.30pm**

Adults \$15 Children \$10 | Venue: LMC Auditorium  
 Ticket information will be in the next edition of the vine

## Bowling Success

Charlotte Hunter (6W) and Anneliese Hilton (6W), competing as team *Rock N Bowl*, won first place in the Monday Magic League at Oz Tenpin Chirnside Park. It was their first bowling competition and were incredibly excited to achieve such a wonderful result.



Rock N Bowl team with their first place trophies



# Music

Congratulations to all of the talented cast of our musical *Singin' in The Rain*. The whole cast showed exceptional singing, acting and dancing skills. Well done to all involved!

Now that our 2018 musical has finished, our Senior Choir will recommence rehearsals. By the time you read this newsletter our first rehearsal will have taken place, but students are still welcome to come along and join in. Rehearsals take place in the BPAC on Tuesdays, 3.45pm – 5.00pm. Students of all singing abilities are welcome to attend.

Parents are reminded that private music lessons are scheduled weekly. If a lesson is missed for any reason, including absences from school, it is counted as a paid lesson.

Private instrumental students are reminded to ensure their lesson times are written into their School Diary and their Lesson Diary. Both diaries should also be brought to every lesson. Senior students are also able to check lessons on SEQTA. This is very important as the Music Department is no longer able to call classes to find Senior students for their lessons. Lessons missed are charged as paid lessons.

If you have any queries about performances or private instrumental lessons, please call the Music Department on 9727 9675.

**Angela Peacock**  
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

# Resource Centre

## Book Fair 2018

A really big *thank you* to all the families, students and staff who supported Book Fair 2018. The enthusiasm and excitement of the students entering the Resource Centre was quite infectious and guaranteed a successful Book Fair. This year, monies raised exceeded previous years, a marvellous result.



Allan (4P) enjoying the Book Fair

## Book Week Events

Junior School students celebrate Book Week throughout Term 3 in Library classes. However, we specifically look forward to celebrating official Book Week during the week 18 – 24 August. On Wednesday 22 August, all Junior School students will attend a drama performance incursion, featuring some of the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books and focusing on this year's theme of *Find Your Treasure*.

Junior School Book Week Chapel will be held on Thursday 23 August at 1.30pm. This is always a special occasion to celebrate children's literature and our students' engagement with quality books judged to be the best in Australia this year. Parents are warmly invited to attend and share this service with us.



We are very proud of all our Junior School students who have continued to read steadily to complete, and sometimes exceed, the required number of books for the *2018 Premiers' Reading Challenge*. To date, a resounding 4,850 books have been read and 91 students will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Premier of Victoria. Congratulations to our most avid readers! The *2018 Premiers' Reading Challenge* closes on Friday 31 August. Please make sure all reading is recorded by that date.

Our most recent reading champions are:

### Prep

Aryan Bhat  
Jeremy Feng  
Keagan Foo  
Xavier Geoghegan-Biggar  
Harlan Greaves  
Lincoln Johnston  
Luke Liu  
Matthew Pham  
Lachlan Weighell

### Year 3

Ava Greaves  
Harry Van Haaster

### Year 4

Chloe Bullen  
Will Duckworth  
Anthony Tartaglia  
Charlotte Geoghegan-Biggar  
Karen Wang

### Year 1

Acacia Connelly  
Koen Dittberner  
Noah Morte

### Year 2

Sukhan Grewal  
Elizabeth Pham  
Imogen Ryder  
Kai Sedgman



**Ruth Hogg**  
Resource Centre Manager



















# Enrolments

## 2019

Parents who are intending to enrol children (who are not already enrolled at Oxley Christian College) for 2019 are strongly recommended to do so now as we have limited vacancies in some year levels. Please obtain an Enrolment Application Form, Fee Schedule and Business Statement from the Administration Office.

## 2020

We are also accepting enrolments for 2020 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

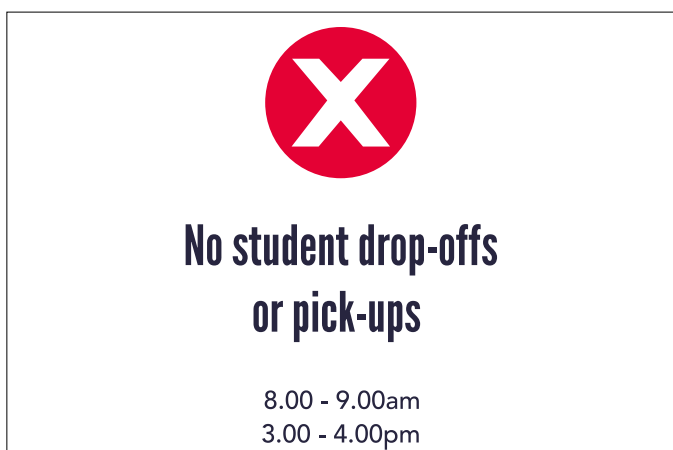
Parents are reminded of their obligation to give the school one full term's notice, in writing to the Principal, if their children are not continuing at Oxley Christian College. The lack of one term's notice will result in the payment of one term's Tuition Fees.

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

## Teardrop Carpark – Notice to Parents

Have you noticed this sign at the entrance to the tear-drop car park?



We would like to highlight the importance of why you should obey this sign.

### For student safety

The tear-drop area has not been designed for large volumes of traffic – it is for use by parents and visitors who need to drop off instruments at the BPAC, or who

have business at the Office. This area becomes a high-risk area when large volumes of traffic ignore our signage and enter this area without acceptable cause. Please be aware that we have had several incidents in this area and you may be jeopardising the safety of students if you enter this area without acceptable cause, during peak times (student drop-off and pick-up times).

### For best traffic flow

With the volume of vehicles entering the LMC / College property during peak times, the optimal flow of traffic is where vehicles:

- Enter Gate 1 and travel directly through the roundabout (in a northerly direction) to the correct student drop-off / pick-up areas around the LMC auditorium.
- Depart from the correct student drop-off / pick-up areas around the LMC auditorium, patiently queue, and travel directly through the roundabout (in a southerly direction).

Note: The flow of traffic is disrupted when vehicles enter / depart the roundabout from the roads on the east or west sides of the roundabout (without acceptable cause).

We thank the vast majority of parents that comply with the road rules within the LMC / College property, and hope that all parents understand and appreciate that our rules are primarily for the safety of our students and other visitors to the property.

Please also note that the road rules that apply on public roads outside the LMC / College property also apply within the property. Hence, you should:

- observe speed limits; and
- not park in unmarked spaces, or in yellow-lined areas obstructing the vision or movement of other vehicles, or in disabled parking spaces without a valid permit.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager should you need any clarification.

Andrew Holland  
Business Manager

## Parent Survey 2018

Last Days Survey Closes Midnight Friday 17 August

It is not too late to complete this years Parent Survey, please use the link provided here:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018OxleyParent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018OxleyParent)

The 2018 survey will close on Friday 17 August at midnight. We really appreciate feedback, as much of the survey from last year contributed to new staff appointments and planning conversations for this year.

Douglas Peck  
Principal





If you are considering Oxley Kids for kindergarten or long day care for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us as we have very limited vacancies for 2019 and are now taking bookings for 2020 and beyond. Phone 9727 9200 to find out how we can to help your child begin their Oxley journey!

Kim Sopar  
Oxley Kids Director

## Charity Knitting

Thank you to all Oxley community knitters who have handed in knitted items for kogo. It is still really cold out there and many people in need are so appreciative of all the love put into a handmade item!



The latest tally is: 27 toys, 37 beanies, 3 pairs of bootees, 3 baby jumpers, 4 children's jumpers, 1 adult jumper, 8 pairs of fingerless gloves, 19 scarves, 120 squares (equivalent to 7 blankets) and 3 full blankets.

If you would like to knit an item for charity, there is wool available from Student Reception in the Main Office. Any knitted or crochet items are welcome, this includes toys. There is also a request for knitted Teddy Bears, and it has been requested that these be knitted in acrylic wool only due to possible allergies in newborn babies. Patterns are available on their website [www.kogo.org.au/patterns](http://www.kogo.org.au/patterns).

Dru Law  
Senior School teacher

## Resilient Kids Conference @ Crossway

The 2018 Resilient Kids Conference is being held on Saturday 8 September at the Crossway Centre in Burwood East.

Bringing together some of Australia's top experts on issues affecting our children and teens, this is a great opportunity for parents to spend a day learning some great ideas on how to help young people navigate life.

Topics include resilience, gratitude, growing up online, navigating porn culture and advocating for your child with Autism.

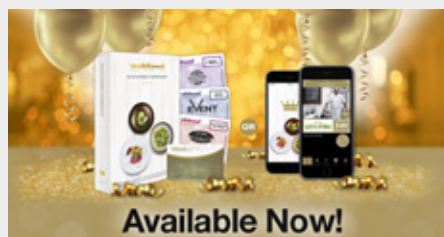
Tickets are \$69 for a full day and can be purchased at [www.resilientkidsconference.com.au](http://www.resilientkidsconference.com.au).

I have attended the conference in previous years and have found it to be an excellent resource, reminder and encouragement.

Speakers include Dr Justin Coulson, Melinda Tankard Reist and Susan McLean.

I would encourage you to consider attending.

Danielle Bruce  
College Psychologist



## Entertainment Books

Get your Entertainment Membership now to help Oxley raise funds for our Student Clubs. Hurry, Entertainment Memberships sell out quickly. Go to [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18693c3](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18693c3)

TOP EXPERTS ON ISSUES AFFECTING OUR CHILDREN & TEENS, 1 DAY ONLY IN MELBOURNE!

# Resilient Kids

## CONFERENCE

**SPEAKING TOPICS INCLUDE**

- 9 Ways to a Resilient Child
- Gratitude - A Positive New Approach to Raising Thankful Kids
- Building Resilience in the Early Years
- Growing up Online
- Navigating Porn Culture

**ONLY \$69 FULL DAY**  
Bookings Essential  
Crossway Centre  
2 Vision Drive, Burwood East, VIC

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT**  
[resilientkidsconference.com.au](http://resilientkidsconference.com.au)

Ticket price does not include food and beverages on the day

**WENDY MASON & LISA MARAVELIS**  
Early Childhood Experts

**SHARON WITT**  
Our Host for the Day

**MELINDA TANKARD REIST**  
Author, Speaker, Advocate for Girls

**DR JUSTIN COULSON**  
One of Australia's most respected relationship speakers, author and researcher

**DANNIELLE MILLER**  
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# 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](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

The Vine is also available online via  
our website:  
[www.oxley.vic.edu.au](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au)

Aug	Fri - Fri	17 - 24	Book Week
	Mon - Fri	27 - 31	International Week
	Wednesday	29	Junior School District Athletics Father's Day Stall
Sept	Mon - Fri	3 - 7	Year 9 Camp
	Wednesday	5	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	6	Year 7 Immunisation
	Tuesday	11	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00 - 9.00pm Senior School Building)
	Wed - Thur	12 - 13	Junior School Production (7.30pm LMC)
	Friday	14	Year 11 Formal Dinner
	Monday	17	Year 5 Science Incursion
	Wednesday	19	Year 3 Excursion Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00 - 9.00pm Senior School Building)
	Thursday	20	Step Into Prep transition program
	Friday	21	Year 3 - 6 Basketball Competition Last Day of Term 3
Oct	Monday	8	First Day of Term 4 VCE Performance & Language exams start
	Tuesday	9	Year 9 into 10 Parent Information Evening (7.30pm BPAC)
	Thursday	11	VCE Music Concert (7.00pm BPAC)
	Friday	12	Year 12 Dinner
	Monday	15	Soiree Evening (6.00pm and 8.00pm BPAC)
	Wednesday	17	School at Work (9.30am BPAC) Year 1 Excursion Soiree Evening (6.00pm and 8.00pm BPAC)
	Thursday	18	Step Into Prep transition program Soiree Evening (6.00pm and 8.00pm BPAC)
	Friday	19	Prep - Year 2 Athletics
	Monday	22	Year 12 Final Assembly
	Tuesday	23	Year 12 Final Day
	Wednesday	24	VCE Auslan Exam
	Friday	26	Year 2 Sleepover
	Mon - Fri	29 Oct - 2 Nov	Prep-Year 2 Swimming Lessons
	Wednesday	31 Oct	Year 10 Job Search Day VCE Exams commence
Nov	Thursday	1	Year 7 Instrumental Concert



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