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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

Term 3 continues to move on rapidly as the many College events are celebrated and anticipated. As I reflect on some of these, I am again reminded of the gifts and talents we share within the school community. Our photographs show the delight of students as they participate in the many creative areas of curriculum. I especially note the fabulous Music Assembly held Monday 14 August, where each Senior ensemble performed an item. The assembly finished with the launch of our 2018 musical *Singin' in the Rain*, which will be held early in August 2018.

Coming up in a few weeks is our Junior School Musical based on the biblical story of David and Goliath. This musical will hit you right between the eyes! *Giant Slayer* is an upbeat performance with terrific songs telling the story of how a young boy took on the impossible and came out on top. It is a message of hope in this challenging age, presented through great melodies, contemporary rhythms and a simple, amusing script.

In the visual arts area, we have watched the progress of a delightful mural, painted by students in Years 4 to 6. This work led by an *artist in residence* has captured the imagination and skills of many students as they contributed their artistic talent to the final product mounted on the external wall of the Junior Art room. Congratulations to Joanna Elliott, our amazing Art teacher!

This last week we have also been celebrating International Students Week, beginning with their Senior School Assembly. Of course, in keeping with the Oxley tradition, we have been blessed by great quantities of food and enjoyment as the week progressed. Congratulations to all families involved in these wonderful events of the past three weeks.

Douglas Peck



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

Devotion

Inspirational International Students

On Friday night, as I sat and enjoyed a Cambodian style dinner with our 2018 Cambodia Discovery Trip team, I commented to a student that "my favourite food is... food!" It is true. I said, "When some people visit other countries, they look to explore the country and it's culture by perhaps visiting landmarks, experiencing their music or dance, or perhaps their art and history. I, on the other hand, love to explore a new land with my taste buds!"

I don't know about you, but I love to try new foods. The spicier the better. However, I love to return to the familiar tastes of home. I wonder what home tastes like for you? Mum's lamb roast, with roast potatoes, carrots, peas and gravy? Perhaps a homemade meat pie? Dad's spaghetti bolognese? Maybe a Bunnings sausage!

While on a previous trip to Cambodia, surrounded by rice dishes (available for breakfast, lunch and tea), it was BBQ Shapes that got me through. A small bag a day, equalled a taste of home! As I munched, I was comforted by familiar tastes and smells, memories of childhood, and an odd sense of security. Somehow, it helped ward off the thoughts of homesickness and gave a short welcome break from consistent rice dishes (even though I do love rice).

As we celebrate International Week at Oxley, I am reminded of just how inspirational the students are. They have joined us from around the world to study in Australia. Students from China, Hong Kong, Macau, Vietnam, Burma, Malaysia, and elsewhere. Some moving to Australia with their families, many leaving their families behind, and the comforts of home, to venture to an unknown land, surrounded by strangers, unfamiliar food and culture.



International Students leading singing at Chapel

When I speak with students in our International Students program, and ask them what they most miss about home, it is usually consistent. Friends and

family, and food! Homesickness is a reality for most in their first year, but it will often come and go in waves. A missed birthday, or cultural celebration, or perhaps a time where the stress of school work is building up, makes the heart cry out for home. Going without their favourite food, might seem small, yet can be highly significant. Then there is the time difference to deal with, causing many to stay up late to communicate with home, causing tiredness the next day. So many practical, emotional and cultural differences to navigate.

This is why I am inspired by our International students. They are so brave, so resilient, and so hard working. Each student brings a unique quality and experience to our College, which helps to shape the way we see the world and broaden our understanding of it. These wonderful students are engaging with our school community in deeper ways than ever before, and I congratulate our International Captains, **Frank Li** and **Angel Tan**, for the proactive ways they are helping students to integrate and communicate, whilst setting a high standard for academic pursuits. We are blessed to have you as student leaders this year!



International Captain Angel, sharing her testimony at Chapel

Our amazing International students would not be with us, if it was not for our incredible Homestay Parents. Families who open their homes and lives to young men and women, who arrive timid, a little worried about the unknowns, with most unused to Australian culture. Our Homestay Parents help them navigate these crucial first few months and nurture them, and with time, often see them as an extension of their own family. We thank you for your efforts, your care and concern. We recognise some of the challenges you face in guiding a teenager through some of the most formative years of their lives.

I praise God for our International students, for what we are able to offer them and for what they offer us.

Hebrews 13:1 *"Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it."*

Matt Daly
Chaplain

Senior School

Friday night was a special night in the life of Oxley Christian College as more than 20 students participated in a team building activity and dinner in preparation for the January Mission Trip with Samaritan's Purse to Cambodia. This long running and highly valued program has seen a large number of students consider their place in God's world and how we in developed countries are in the luxurious position of being able to change the lives of people thousands of kilometres away. Many students return from Cambodia committed to playing a larger role in helping others as they understand some of the realities experienced by people in situations of poverty.

Jesus talked of this opportunity and a possible response in Matthew 25, *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*

Year 10 students have been participating in the Melba program, an opportunity to connect with people with special needs and to start to understand the blessing these people are to our world along with some of the challenges that this entails. We have greatly appreciated collaborating with Melba and gaining an insight into the world of others and look forward to this life changing program continuing for many more years to come.

Year 8 students have been trialling our new arrangement with the Yarra Ranges Tech School (YRTS) and learning to program robots which has been a truly rewarding and exciting opportunity in which we have been invited to participate.

All Year 10 and Year 11 students will have done some investigation recently and taken part in careers discussions as they have nominated the subjects required for their desired future steps. This is a challenging time for many students and we encourage them to continue reflecting on their future but keep trusting that, if they work hard and place their faith in God, things will fall into place – God has a special plan just for them!

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

Anticipation abounds! We are counting the sleeps to the opening night of *Giant Slayer*. With final preparations being made to costumes, sets and the script, we know this show will be a brilliant showcase of our students' dramatic abilities. We thank all staff and parents who have willingly given both time and energy to ensure this event is a success. We hope that you enjoy the show!

Recently, NAPLAN results were distributed to all students in Years 3 and 5. Whilst these results represent your child's performance in a one-off test, teachers use many forms of data, collected over time, to inform their teaching and learning. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have questions or wish to discuss the report further.

Thank you to the Year 3 students, staff and parents for their support of the Father's Day Stall on Wednesday 30 August. It was a great success. Happy Father's Day!

Our annual Year 3-6 Basketball Competition will be held on the last day of term, Friday 22 September. The students have been training with their senior coaches and are keen to take to the court and have fun. Parents are invited to join us in the Stadium to help cheer on our players from 9.40am to 2.00pm.

The next Parent Volunteer Briefing, for parents wishing to volunteer in Junior School classrooms and on excursions, will be held on Thursday 7 September at 9.00am, at Visitor Reception. Please contact the Office to RSVP.

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School



Thomas, Mrs Elliott, Ivan Smith and Stacey in front of the Junior School Mural

Junior School Mural

We would like to thank our artist in residence, Ivan Smith, who taught the Years 4, 5 and 6 students techniques on how to paint a sea themed artwork. Some students worked with Ivan painting the mural which is now on display in the Junior Playground. Congratulations also goes to the Years 2 to 6 students who painted a fish on a pebble. The fish were mounted on to the mural with the help of Mrs Claire Jansen and Mrs Joanna Elliott. We also thank Mr Mike Odd and his team for installing the artwork. Together with Ivan, we have created a beautiful artwork that has enhanced the Junior School playground.

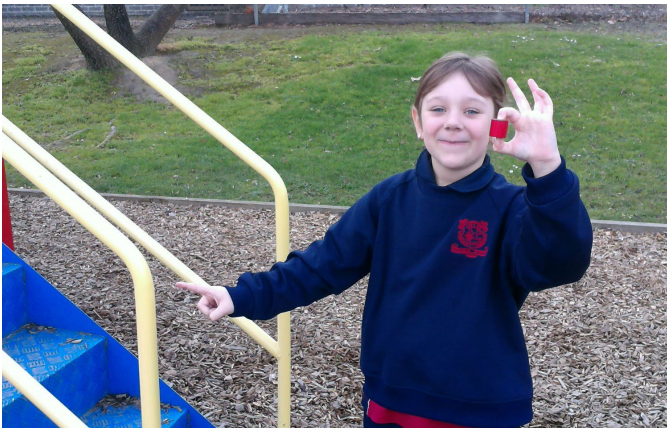
What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

Prep students have been learning about 3D shapes in our environment. They have talked about shapes they know and described some features of cones, cubes, cylinders and spheres. They went on a shape walk around their classroom and school and were amazed by all the 3D shapes they could see. Some of our discoveries include; a tree trunk is a cylinder, there is a cone on top of the playground, a lunch box is a cube and all basketballs are spheres. We are real shape detectives!



Jaden notices that the tree is in the shape of a cylinder



Alyssa discovers a cylinder shape in the playground

Year 1

We have been dividing shapes and groups of objects in half. We are careful to make sure each half is equal. We know that one half plus one half makes one whole. In English we are beginning to create some amazing poems using rhyming words. Dr Seuss books have been a great inspiration! In ICU we are studying our school environment and taking note of changes we observe in both the landscape and the sky. We are considering what changes may occur in two weeks and even how things might look when we are grownups! Our song for the Junior School Production is sounding lovely and we are having lots of fun with the actions.

Year 2

What an exciting two weeks it has been! We worked in cooperative groups to become natural resource experts. Each group researched a different resource including water, sun, wind, rainforests and coal. It was fantastic listening to the groups share their discoveries and to learn from one another. The next step for us is to plan our

own inquiry. This week we are writing a research question to investigate. It is so exciting that we get to decide what to investigate and how to present our learning. On the last Thursday of term we are going to have an Expo to present our findings. We would love to invite you to come!



Jaymie, Harry, Ava, Tom and Samara display their water poster



Charlotte, Levi, Eve, Miranda and Mason display their rainforest poster

Year 3

Gearing up to be Philistines in our Junior School Musical, *Giant Slayer*, we have been rehearsing our songs and actions with Year 2. You will be amazed at how fierce we look and sound! We enjoyed a session with author and illustrator, Andrew Plant, who was very entertaining and inspired us to be creative with our storytelling. The storyboards we created were wordless books. In Christian Studies we have been learning about the attributes of God. He is eternal, sovereign, all powerful, is everywhere and knows everything. Wow, what an awesome God!

Year 4

Lights, camera, action! We have been working hard learning the actions for our Junior School Production, *Giant Slayer*. We cannot wait to dazzle you when we are on stage! In ICU, we made some amazing games and thoroughly enjoyed playing them with our Prep Buddies. We are now thinking about the properties of different types of materials and are working out the difference between a natural and processed material. Maybe you can help us? In English we are polishing the techniques used to persuade someone to think like us. Be on the lookout – we may try to convince you to serve extra dessert or let us NOT tidy our room...

Year 5

We have enjoyed celebrating Book Week. Students were inspired to journal their stories based on experiences and conversations. We loved getting tips from author, Mark Wilson, on how to make our stories 'come to life' through illustrations. A visit from *Hands On Science* required us to be scientists. We compared the properties and behaviours of states of matter. We put our lab coats on and enjoyed experimenting with substances, candles and mini hot air balloons (with a large plastic bag and a hair-dryer). We are researching and writing an information report on a famous scientist or inventor. It has been interesting to put names to faces and to find out more information about the lives and discoveries of individuals, including the Wright Brothers, who invented the first airplane, Rachel Carson, who was the founder of Environmental Science, James Naismith, who invented the sport of basketball and the brilliant Albert Einstein, who came up with the Theory of Relativity. We have spent time rehearsing and practising our songs and choreography for the production, and cannot wait to showcase our abilities to an audience.

Year 6

We have been exploring volcanoes, earthquakes and how other natural disasters occur. We visited the IMAX theatre to see *Forces of Nature*, which provided examples of natural disasters and an insight into the lives of people who monitor them as a job. We also visited ACMI and learnt about the history of film, collecting some interesting ideas for when we make our own videos next term. We've been hard at work learning lines and choreography for the Junior School Musical, which we can't wait to show you in just over two weeks time!



Year 6 enjoying their excursion to IMAX and ACMI

School Uniform

New Girls' Summer Dress

At the end of 2016, we informed the College community that the girls' summer dress was being redesigned, to include a new distinctive fabric and dress pattern.

Here are some images of the new dress, worn by Year 10 student, Sally Johnston-Bailey.



Our College uniform supplier, Bob Stewart, has now confirmed that stock of the new dress will arrive at the Uniform Shop by the start of Term 4. As previously advised, there will be a two-year transition phase.

Andrew Holland
Business Manager

Junior Musical



This year's Junior School Musical is *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 invite your family and friends to what promises to be a wonderful show. Ticketing information is now available via the following link: www.trybooking.com/RFIP

Tickets are selling fast so book now to avoid disappointment!

Junior Sport

2017 District Athletics

On 23 August, 47 students from Year 4-6 competed at the District Athletics carnival at Morrison Reserve. Competing against seven schools from our district, students demonstrated strength, agility, speed, endurance and balance to achieve success in their events. Oxley Christian College was particularly successful in the field events, placing in the top two in 50% of their events. Students finishing in the top two places now advance to the Division Finals on Thursday 12 October.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day. We're looking forward to seeing our athletes perform at the next level.

Joshua Gaschk
Junior Sport Coordinator



Alannah displays her 1st place ribbon for 9/10 year old 1500m



Eloise is excited to have made 2nd place in 9/10 year old discus

| Name | Event 1 | Place | Event 2 | Place | Circular Relay |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9/10 Year Olds | | | | | |
| Eric An | | | | | 3 rd |
| Subomi Dalley | 100m | 2 nd | Hurdles | 3 rd | 3 rd |
| Chloe Daly | Discus | 3 rd | | | |
| Lillianna Filleul | 1500m | 2 nd | | | |
| Danny Gong | Triple Jump | 2 nd | High Jump | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Eloise Moreau | Discus | 2 nd | | | |
| Alannah Moulton | 1500m | 1 st | | | 3 rd |
| Breanna Steuart | High Jump | 1 st | Triple Jump | 2 nd | |
| Gabriella Swyny | | | | | 3 rd |
| Ava Van Haaster | 100m | 3 rd | Hurdles | 3 rd | 3 rd |
| Ava White | | | | | 3 rd |
| Austin Williams | | | | | 3 rd |
| 11 Year Olds | | | | | |
| Olivia Bishop | Discus | 2 nd | | | 2 nd |
| Lucas Blacker | Discus | 1 st | | | |
| Max Broadley-Thomson | Long Jump | 2 nd | High Jump | 1 st | 1 st |
| Caitlyn Burnside | Triple Jump | 2 nd | | | |
| Aryan Chekka | | | | | 1 st |
| Une Geisler | 200m | 3 rd | Hurdles | 1 st | |
| Jessica Graham | 800m | 3 rd | 1500m | 2 nd | |
| Ryan Jarrott | 100m | 1 st | 800m | 1 st | 1 st |
| Darcy Lyons | | | | | 1 st |
| Lani McGregor | | | | | 2 nd |
| Melina Pignataro | Long jump | 1 st | | | 2 nd |
| Keishi Sasuga | 1500m | 2 nd | | | |
| Ruby Serra | Shot Put | 2 nd | | | |
| Caleb Waite | 1500m | 1 st | | | |
| Aimee Whiting-Le Cras | 1500m | 1 st | | | 2 nd |
| 12/13 Year Olds | | | | | |
| Mitchell Eisele | Discus | 3 rd | | | |
| Sachin Eleveld | Shot Put | 1 st | 200m | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Thomas Moreau | Hurdles | 2 nd | | | 3 rd |
| Stacey Mubaira | 100m | 3 rd | 200m | 1 st | |
| Thomas Steuart | Triple Jump | 2 nd | High Jump | 2 nd | 3 rd |
| Spike Sutton | | | | | 3 rd |

Senior Sport

End of Winter Season for EISM Team Sports

We have come to the end of our EISM Winter Season for Years 8/9 and Senior (Years 10-12) team sports with a number of teams making the finals. There was a great atmosphere in the Stadium when our Girls Basketball teams played their finals on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 August. Thank you to all our students for the way you represented Oxley during the Winter Season.

Results were as follows:

- Senior Girls Basketball team runners-up to Huntingtower (28 - 31)
- Years 8/9 Girls runners-up to Knox (28 – 33)
- Senior Girls Table Tennis team runners-up to Huntingtower. Huntingtower (4-14) defeated Oxley (3-11).
- Years 8/9 Girls Table Tennis team runners-up to Huntingtower. Huntingtower (7-25) defeated Oxley (2-9).
- Years 8/9 Girls Netball B team runners-up against Kingswood (28-29).

Congratulations to all our students who received Most Valuable and Best Team Players medals from Mr Whittle, during a special Sport Assembly. Students who were not present at Assembly to receive their medals must collect their medals from Mr Kotze in the PE office. The recipients of medals were:

EISM Senior Sport

| Team | Most Valued Player | Best Team Player |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Girls Basketball | Miranda Gartner | Abbey Ceh |
| Girls Hockey | Emily Noonan | Elysia Coupland |
| Girls Netball A | Kate Stebbins | Ashley Penglase |
| Girls Netball B | Elise Sibley | Zara Saunders |
| Girls Table Tennis | Angel Tan | Sylvia Penman |
| Boys Football | Samuel Fung | Jack Anderson |
| Boys Basketball | Ryland Witnish | Bill Mason |
| Boys Table Tennis | Frank Li | Caleb Sang |
| Boys Soccer | Srayash Chitrakar | Dylan Wallace |
| Indoor Soccer | Ben Fisher David Fullarton Aaron Levey Lachie Morris Dylan Zhang | |

EISM Year 8/9 Sport

| Team | Most Valued Player | Best Team Player |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| Girls Basketball | Ella Whiting-Le Cras | Saskia Hupertz |
| Girls Hockey | Jessica Dziadosz | Casey Thurrowgood |
| Girls Netball A | Imogen Gellert | Tamara Loh |
| Girls Netball B | Georgia Collins | Lani Cubbit |
| Girls Table Tennis | Katrina Rhodes | Sadie Sutton |
| Boys Football | Caleb Weinmann | Angus Hubbart |
| Boys Basketball | Francis Lian | Josh |
| Boys Table Tennis | Ethan Moore | Callum Bish |
| Boys Soccer | Chris Pezzano | Campbell Mole |
| Indoor Soccer | Lawrence Crowe Aaron Ferrazza Ethan Lantry Bella Vanderhorst | |

Year 8/9 will have the opportunity over the next three weeks to try out for Term 4 EISM sport. The girls will have the opportunity to try out for softball, volleyball (2 teams), soccer, tennis and badminton. The boys can try out for cricket, hockey, volleyball (2 teams), tennis and badminton. The Year 7 students will finish their rounds before we start trials for Term 4.



Senior EISM Table Tennis Team



Years 8/9 EISM Table Tennis Team

EISM Cross Country

Reserves for the EISM Cross Country team should ensure they are fit to participate. We have a few students who are unable to participate and we will soon call on some of the reserves to represent the school on Wednesday 13 September at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster East.

Frederik Kotze
Head of Sport

Senior Girls EISM Hockey

This year the Senior Girls Hockey team played in Division 1 against some strong teams of the bigger schools in the EISM competition. Throughout the season we grew as a team and gained our first win on 26 July, against Huntingtower's second team, with the score being 1-0. We ended the season with 2 wins and 2 draws out of the 8 games we played. We also won against Kingswood with two draws against Eltham and Kilvington. The team consisted of **Angel Aing (11.15)**, **Elysia Coupland (11.15)**, **Emma Neil (11.15)**, **Olivia Vanderhorst (11.15)**, **Briallen Wienmann (11.16)**, **Abby Wheeler (11.15)**, **Sema Akan (10.4)**, **Chelsea Ball (10.4)**, **Chance Mathers (10.3)**, **Victoria Phillips (10.3)**, **Hina Sasuga (10.1)**, **Claudia Schulz (10.3)**, and **Casey Wallace (10.1)**, as well as **Chloe Sansom (10.3)**, who played as our goalie for this season and did an amazing job. The whole team worked really well together and improved their skills during the season.

The Best Team Player was Elysia Coupland. She was always a bubbly supportive member of the team who never gave up. Elysia was always trying to get the ball and, because of this, her skills improved during this season. It was a great honour to be Captain of the hockey team this year and I've enjoyed working and being part of this team.

Emily Noonan
Team Captain



Senior Girls EISM Hockey team

Emily Noonan (11.14) was an amazing Captain. She was a huge encourager and great example of sportsmanship throughout the season, and we were blessed to have her skilled leadership. Emily was deservedly awarded the Most Valuable Player and I hope to see her represent Oxley in hockey in 2018 when she undertakes Year 12.

Nicole Latham
Team Coach

Music

As we head toward the end of Term 3 we are starting to prepare for our end of year performances. In Term 4 we start with our VCE Unit 4 Concert. This will be an opportunity for our VCE Music students to perform their VCE Music pieces for family and friends. Students are required to perform these items as part of their studies. The following night, selected ensembles will have the opportunity to support the VCE Art students in playing background music at their evening showcase.

We will hold our Music Soiree concerts in the second week of Term 4, with all private instrumental students performing at one of the concerts. Six concerts are held over three nights. These small concerts are a very important part of the students' education with their instruments. The concerts provide an opportunity for students to learn how to present themselves onstage and also how to be a respectful and courteous audience member. The Soirees provide an opportunity for students to perform for family and friends and to increase their confidence when performing. Students will receive information about the concert they have been allocated by the end of Term 3.

We have a large number of string students preparing for St Cecilia School of Music examinations in late October. A number of piano students are also preparing for AMEB examinations at the end of term.

By the time you read this newsletter we will have started our *Singin' in the Rain* auditions. It is an exciting time for the school community. The students start off with individual auditions and will also participate in a dance audition in the following week. Good luck to all students involved!

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.

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|------------------------|--|
| Friday 1 September | <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> Auditions |
| Saturday 2 September | <i>Singin' in the Rain</i> 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 |

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

Angela Peacock
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

Resource Centre

Book Week

Junior School students celebrated Book Week with author and illustrator incursions for each year level. Preps, Year 1 and Year 2 students were inspired by Sue deGennaro's passion for collecting odds and ends that she transforms into collage illustrations and for her creative drawing techniques. Andrew Plant was incredibly dramatic and funny as he showed Year 3 and Year 4 students his storyboards and helped us understand how much work is involved in creating illustrations for picture books (it takes more time than the text!). Year 5 and Year 6 students were privileged to see Mark Wilson's vivid illustrations about war history, animals and environmental issues – the topics he mostly illustrates and writes about. He shared with us the importance of sharing and recording family stories that could make interesting picture books, as he has done.

Book Week Chapel was another wonderful opportunity to come together as a Junior School and celebrate literature and reading. Thank you to 2M and 4KB who presented wonderful dramas about *The Fabulous Friend Machine* and *Chip*, to 4KB who were our judging panel and to Preps who shared their ideas about how they escape when they read and their responses to *All I Want for Christmas is Rain*. There was lots of enthusiastic participation and some serious reflection as we thought about what God might want to teach us through some of

the ideas in picture books. We noted too, that the best book of all to read is, of course, the Bible! Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who participated in this special event.



Sue deGennaro displays her creativity with Prep, Year 1 and 2



Andrew Plant entertains and informs Year 3 and 4



Book Week Chapel



Book Week Displays

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who have taken home an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. As soon as your shoebox is full and ready, you can return it to either your Home Group teacher or the Office. Over 600 boxes have already gone out, let's see if we can get all of those back! Well done **Ava Greaves (2M)** for being the first to return a completed Operation Christmas Child shoebox! Thanks Ava!



Ava brings her completed shoebox to Mrs Lamont at Student Reception

Entertainment Book



Father's Day is just around the corner! For those of you who don't know what to get Dad this year ... how about an Entertainment Book?

Everyone who purchases an Entertainment Book online will receive a bonus \$10 Woolworths WISH eGift Card (while supplies last)! In addition, FREE DELIVERY is also available until the end of August!

By purchasing your Entertainment Book through Oxley, 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/18869c3

Thank you for your support!

Trivia Night

Thank You!

Our student-led Trivia Night attracted over 140 people and raised over \$4,000 towards new school buildings for Anlong Trach School, Cambodia. We would like to

thank the sponsors of our Silent Auction, who donated generous gifts and services to be auctioned off during the night. Most of the donated items went for retail value or above.

Thank you to:

Bayswater Roller City
Bungunyah Apartments
Carter Real Estate
CMS Australia
Cold Rock
Enchanting Cakes
Gone Dotty
Harley Heaven
Holy Basil Thai

Ivan Smith
Marula Tree Flowers
My Body Dental
Reading Cinemas
Chirnside Park
Shear Obsession
Switchback Hair Salon
Terrace Jewellers
The Teddy Bear Shop



Prasat Rang School Cambodia. Oxley donated \$11,000 to help build a new school, completed in 2016.

Pastor Matt
Chaplain

Congratulations

Charlie Oastler (9.19) is flying high after being awarded a gliding scholarship through the Australian Air Force Cadets!



Charlie has been in the AAFC since he was 12, and after sitting both a written and practical examination, is the youngest Leading Cadet in his squadron to receive a scholarship. A huge congratulations to Charlie!

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

First Aid

Student Illness – Reminders

We have had many confirmed cases of infectious illnesses in the school recently. Letters have been sent home to those year levels affected to assist you to monitor the health of your own child/children.

In determining whether you should send your child to school, we would ask that you take note of their signs and symptoms when making an assessment. If they are unwell, please allow them to have a day away from school to recover or seek further medical care. A temperature is not the only indicator of the severity of an illness. Any cold or flu-like symptoms may be contagious and the child should avoid contact with others. For example: a cough and runny nose will be easily transmitted to other students. Likewise, with gastro-intestinal issues, such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is a requirement that the child be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We encourage you to please keep unwell children at home to prevent the spread of illness or disease to other students, some of whom are compromised due to other medical conditions.

First Aid Officer Car Park

Most of you will be aware that there is a designated car park for First Aid staff outside the main Administration building. You are not permitted to park in that car park at any time of the day for any reason. Please leave this space free as indicated.

Collecting your Child from First Aid

If you are called by First Aid staff to collect your child due to illness or injury, we ask that you report to the Student Receptionist who will notify First Aid staff that you are waiting. Please do not proceed to the First Aid Office without first reporting to Reception.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Wendy Booth
First Aid Officer

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 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

Charity Knitting

Once again, a very big thank you to all our community knitters who have contributed to our charity knitting. Our recent contributions to charity brings our total up to 35 scarves, 4 baby jumpers, 8 children's jumpers, 19 pairs of wrist warmers, 130 squares (equivalent to 8 blankets), 6 complete blankets, 2 hairbands, 5 pairs of bedsocks and 116 beanies (all sizes). A great effort indeed! I would like to encourage you to keep knitting as the recipients of these items are truly appreciative of the time and effort you have put into making them. Please hand in any knitted items to the Office.

KOGO (Knit One Give One) has extended their outreach to include Tasmania, this means that we can extend our knitting to all year round. There is also a request for knitted teddies, to be knitted in acrylic wool (due to possible allergies in new born babies). Patterns and further information are available on their website: www.kogo.org.au.

Dru Law
Senior School Teacher

Notice Board

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.
php](http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/index.php)

username: parent
password: oxley

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

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

To see the latest in tertiary
information including Open Days,
visit:
[http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/
category/careers](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/category/careers)

2017 Calendar

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| Aug | Thursday | 31 | Junior School International Costume Dress-up Day and Food Fair |
| 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 (7.30pm LMC) |
| | 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 | VCE Visual Arts Exhibition (5.00pm - 9.00pm Senior School Art Building) |
| | 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 |
| | Friday | 20 | Prep-3 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 |
| | Mon-Tues | 30-31 | Year 9 Mock Election |
| Nov | Wednesday | 1 | Year 12 Exams start |
| | Thursday | 2 | Year 7 Instrumental Concert (7.00pm, LMC) |
| | Friday | 3 | Year 10 Formal Dinner (7.30-11.00pm) |
| | Sat-Tue | 4-7 | Melbourne Cup Weekend |
| | Wednesday | 8 | Year 10 Job Search Day |
| | Thursday | 9 | VCE Unit 2 Concert (12.40-1.00pm BPAC) |
| | | | Prep Information Evening (7.00pm Staffroom) |



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