



The Newsletter of
Oxley Christian College

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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

In the last edition of *The Vine*, we celebrated the musical talent of our Senior School students and we look forward with anticipation to our Junior School's presentation of *The Mender* next month.

Our Cherub and Seraphim choirs combined recently, as our Junior School students represented Oxley to a sell-out audience at the Oxfam Music Festival at Box Hill Town Hall. It was a grand occasion and we congratulate all who participated!

Last week, we joined with schools across the country to celebrate Book Week, a national opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Australian authors and illustrators to children's literature. This annual event is promoted by the Children's Book Council of Australia

with further details inside of the fun events that took place at Oxley.

Sporting triumphs take place on a regular basis and this week, Oxley teams will be competing in EISM grand finals. Also this week, we have enjoyed highlighting the contribution of our international students. As we go to print, among other things, our students have enjoyed sharing an international lunch and our Junior School has entered into the festivities by dressing in national costume, raising awareness of our multi cultural community at Oxley.

These are but a few examples of the diverse range of activities and educational opportunities open to our Oxley students. A wonderful place to learn and grow.

Douglas Peck

Oxley Christian College Junior School Musical



Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 September

Visit www.oxley.vic.edu.au/themendertickets to book now!

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

Senior School

It is a delight each Assembly day to begin the fortnight by watching all the Senior School students chatting happily as they make their way to LMC. They provide a reminder that school is a joyful and safe place, a place to learn, a place to meet friends, a place to study and learn about life and a place to form an understanding of who God is, and who we are in Him.

As our delightful students wended their way to International Assembly, adorned in blue blazers we prepared for the annual event that commences International Week, and we were in for a real treat. The auditorium was resplendent with flags from around the world providing a great reminder that we are part of a global community, with wealth and freedom unimagined by people in many other countries.

The program commenced in prayer, then a short introduction from Mrs Ong, Head of the Language Faculty before students proceeded to run the event. **Syliva Penman (11.16)** introduced the morning and spoke briefly about what we could expect before handing over to the German choir. A lovely rendition of *Irish Blessing* was delivered in German which concludes with the prayer, "May God hold you ever in the palm of His hand".

After heartfelt applause, the students privileged to be involved in the most recent China trip shared some of their memories and experiences. Students do not need to study Chinese to participate in this cultural experience and it was interesting to hear which aspects of this great nation appealed to different people. For some, the shopping in Shanghai was the highlight while for others visiting the Great Wall of China in the snow was the most memorable moment. Still others enjoyed the food experience, contrasting and comparing dishes from Shanghai, Suzhou, Xi'an and Beijing. While some could not exceed the excitement of visiting the Terracotta Warriors, or seeing how the cocoons of silk worms were converted into beautiful garments.



Phennapha and Hannah dancing at Assembly

Two dances took place during the Assembly with **Phennapha Chitchon (9.22)** demonstrating a traditional Thai dance while **Hannah Jansen (9.20)** entertained the audience with a Chinese Fan Dance. The time, courage and commitment of these two ladies was obvious as

they displayed their talents flawlessly in front of their peers. A traditional Vietnamese costume was also worn and displayed, together with a brief history of the outfit which was educational to us all. Many thanks to **Truc Dang (10.2)**.



Truc telling the history behind her traditional Vietnamese costume

Caleb Sang (11.14) talked of his journey from Burma, also known as Myanmar, to Australia via Malaysia. He spoke of the work that he has done while in Melbourne to assist refugees in settling into Australian customs and way of life, and how this has helped others to reduce the pain of relocation. His is a truly remarkable story and a good reminder of the variety of experiences that people bring to their communities, no matter how old or young.

Awards were presented to those who had performed at a high level for German Language and it was rewarding to recognise the hard work of some of our students involved in mastering a different tongue.



Caleb talking about his journey from Burma

Many thanks to the Language Faculty, and to all the students involved in events that are occurring during this week, including International Assembly. It certainly helped us to celebrate our multicultural students not only for their cooking and languages but the numerous aspects of their cultures and heritage brought to our College. We value the diversity and flavour our International Program brings to Oxley.

Chapter 25 in the book of Matthew contains the well known parable of the sheep and the goats which spells out quite clearly how to treat strangers, whether from another city, another culture or another country when

Jesus says, *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.* These are some of the hallmarks of the righteous and an interesting point of reflection for we who live in the land of plenty.

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

Junior School

The countdown has begun! With less than two weeks to our Junior School Musical, *The Mender*, our Junior School classes are enthusiastically rehearsing their item, finalising costumes and promoting the musical to their family and friends. Tickets are still available for both performances on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 September. Please book online at <https://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/themendertickets/> or contact the office. Tickets are selling fast so book early to avoid disappointment.

On 29 August, qualifying students from Years 4-6 competed at the District Athletics at Proclamation Park, Ringwood. With much energy and encouragement, students proudly represented Oxley in a range of track and field activities. Thank you to Mr Joshua Gaschk for his organisation of the day and for training our students in the lead up to the athletics.

It was C. S. Lewis who said, "You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me." I would have to agree (and so would many of our staff!) Last week, we celebrated Book Week, culminating in a special Chapel organised by Mrs Leanne Saward and Miss Eleesha Higbed, with support from both Junior and Senior students. A selection of short-listed books were presented and students from Prep to Year 6 voted for their favourite book. Thank you to Mrs Saward and the Resource Centre staff for organising such an exciting Book Week for our students.

Congratulations to Year 3 students who assisted with the Father's Day Stall this week. All Junior School students carefully chose special gifts for their dad, stepdad, grandfather or other male relation. All profits raised from this stall will be allocated to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. Later in the term, Year 3 students will be shopping at Chirnside Park to buy items to fill many Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

Students in Years 3-6 continue to train with Mr Gaschk and coaches from Year 10 for the annual House Basketball Competition. This event will be held on Friday 21 September in the Stadium. Parents are welcome to attend. Upon arrival, please register your attendance on the sign-in forms in the Stadium foyer.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

In Writing, we have been learning about different types of poems and have enjoyed writing some of our own. We learnt that some poems rhyme but many do not. We liked writing poems using our senses, describing what we can see, hear, taste, smell and feel. We wrote poems about colours, imagining what they might feel and taste like, and poems about our feelings.

Here are some of our amazing poems.

Green

Green makes me happy.
Green smells like the grass
Green tastes like mint.
Green looks like leaves on the trees.

By Thomas Kennedy

Feelings

I feel happy when I lift up my dogs, anywhere
I am excited when I am going to get my rollerblades
I am extremely grumpy when I have pineapple in my
lunch box!
I have lots and lots of feelings

By Rose Moulton

Fishing

1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a thumb alive
6,7,8,9,10 then I let it go again
NO FISHING TODAY!

By Matilda Monaco

Year 1

We are clever little IT users! We have learnt to use *Publisher* to create a table, and to find images using *Safesearch* to insert into our documents. In ICU we loved looking at photos of Oxley's early days, and noticed all the changes that have happened to our school over time. It has been wonderful going with Mrs Gaschk to the Enviro Barn and learning more about the environment. We look forward to International Day and seeing all the wonderful costumes from around the world!

Year 2

It has been an exciting two weeks in Year 2! In ICU we have been exploring natural resources and their importance to life on Earth. We have been learning about the different stages of the water cycle and conducted an experiment to create our own water cycle in a bag. It has been fascinating to observe the water evaporate, condensate and precipitate in front of our eyes! Through research, we discovered that it is very important to conserve natural resources. We decided that it would be a good idea to collect excess water from the drinking taps using containers. Instead of this water going down the drain, we have used it to grow sprouts and plants. We are all very excited to begin our personal inquiry on nature's awesome resources and how we can conserve them.

Year 3

With the musical just around the corner, we have been busy learning lyrics during Performing Arts lessons for our item in *The Mender*. This week, we added extra choreography and movement, so you can see all of our beautiful faces when we are on stage. We are portraying carousel characters, so look out for pirates, 1920s dolls, cowboys and ballerinas, to name a few. We're sure you will be dazzled by our performance on the night!

Year 4

We have been excitedly working on our times table challenge, improving our speed and accuracy and beating our personal best scores. We started exploring our new ICU topic, *Material World*, by completing a material hunt around the classroom. We realised that it's pretty hard to find a material that is still completely in its natural state and has not been processed in some way. We managed to find a couple on our hunt, including peacock feathers, a shell and air! We are looking forward to exploring materials around us and discovering what properties they are made of in the coming weeks.

Year 5

We are currently researching a famous scientist or inventor to see how scientific discoveries directly affect people's lives. This ties in with our focus on writing information reports. We know how to look for specific features in information texts to locate important information. In Mathematics, we've been learning about grid references, and giving accurate directions to locations on a map using north, south, east and west. Next time you go on a family vacation, our wonderful Year 5 students will be ready to replace your GPS!

Year 6

We have had a very busy couple of weeks! We have been refining our research skills as we learn about natural disasters and how they affect the surface of the earth. There was so much to learn and summarise, that we had to select the most important facts to include in a way that would make sense to us. We studied an individual disaster and then formed expert groups, explaining precautions that communities could take to limit the danger and threat that it may pose.



Darcy, Charlotte, Angelica, Akhani

Math Assembly – more than numbers

On Monday 13 August, I had the privilege of running the Maths Assembly for 2018 together with **Will Spratt (11.13)**. As the Captain and Vice Captain of the Mathematics Faculty this year, we decided to run a fun and engaging activity with the students across the Senior School.

Prior to Assembly, the students were given a sheet to fill out in Home Group where they aimed to complete as many maths questions as they could in one minute with the highest scorers from each year level having the opportunity to represent their cohort on stage during Assembly. I was very impressed by the efforts made by all the students this year with special congratulations to the following six students who topped their year level.

Year 7 – **Hayden Ma (7.17)**

Year 8 – **Karishma Mevasia (8.24)**

Year 9 – **Tony Tao (9.21)**

Year 10 – **Ethan Zhou (10.5)**

Year 11 – **Jax Xiao (11.13)**

Year 12 – **Liam Ting (12.9)**

These high achievers competed on the stage answering questions in front of the live audience, attempting to score as many points as possible within the time limit. Well done and thank you to everyone who participated on the day. You all made for a very entertaining and energetic round of competition!

After a heated battle, the two best scorers, **Hayden** and **Ethan**, advanced to the final round where they faced a difficult math question. The first of the two to give the correct answer within the time limit would win it all and it is my pleasure to congratulate **Hayden Ma (7.17)** who came out as our Maths Champion for 2018!

Special thanks to Mrs Kotze for her assistance and arranging the fantastic prizes.

David Fullarton
Mathematics Captain

Music

It has been an unusually quiet period in the BPAC over the last two weeks. Many students are now working hard towards examinations and performances at the end of the year. Please see the list of upcoming events and performances.

Date	Event / Performance	Ensembles / Students Involved
5 Sept	School At Work	Melodia
7 Sept	Recording	Melodia
21 Sept	Recording	Melodia
11 Oct	VCE Concert	VCE Unit 4 Students

15 Oct	Soiree Evening	Private Instrumental Students
17 Oct	School At Work	Senior Choir
17 Oct	Soiree Evening	Private Instrumental Students
18 Oct	Soiree Evening	Private Instrumental Students
19 Oct	Twilight Arts Festival	Camerata, Melodia
26 Oct	SCSM String Exams	Selected String Students
27 Oct	SCSM String Exams	Selected String Students
1 Nov	Year 7 Instrumental Concert	Year 7 Students, Sinfonia & Band
8 Nov	School At Work	Sinfonia
8 Nov	VCE Unit 2 Concert	VCE Unit 2 Students
8 Nov	Grandparents Chapel	Allegretto*
15 Nov	Yr 2 Strings Concerts	Yr 2 Students, Andante
23 Nov & onwards	Presentation Evening Rehearsals	Camerata, Melodia, Band, Sinfonia, Senior Choir
28 Nov	Prep Nativity	Junior Choirs
4 Dec	Junior School Final Assembly	Allargando*, Junior Choirs & Vivace
4 Dec	Parent Helper Afternoon Tea	Allegro

**Please note that there will soon be a change in name of our Allargando and Allegretto ensembles. Parents will be advised shortly of the new ensemble names.*

Private instrumental timetables are now being prepared for Term 4. They will be sent to students in the final week of Term 3. Students are reminded that ensemble rehearsals and private music lessons will continue as usual from the first week of Term 4.

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

Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge finishes for Oxley Junior School students on Friday 31 August. Please make sure all reading is recorded by that date. Students who have met the reading criteria will receive a certificate from the Victorian Premier late in the year. Congratulations to all the students who have taken part in this successful program to encourage a lifelong love of reading. We have broken all previous records with 104 students finishing the Challenge so far and 5,567 books now read. Our latest reading champions are:

Prep	Year 1	Year 2
Evelyn Ryder	Micah Duckworth Ashton Filleul Mia Frazer	Ezekiel Ryder
Year 3	Year 4	Year 6
San Lian Buansing Yasmin Calder Daniella Licina	Lily Bennett Zak Kirby-Beach	William Bennett Jessica Graham

Book Week Incursion



Junior School students were enthralled with a Performance Education drama incursion, inspired by this year's Book Week theme, *Find Your Treasure*. Interactive singing, dancing, storytelling, comedy and questioning were included in this immersive and engaging experience. Students were encouraged to ponder issues about caring for our world, working cooperatively and how reading brings us together. These are some of the real *treasures* God has given us.



Book Week Chapel

Book Week Chapel provided another wonderful opportunity to celebrate literature and reading during Book Week. Our Senior School English captains, **Ben Fisher (11.15)** and **Mark Lian (11.15)**, capably led the service and shared some positive attributes of pirates with Junior School students. Thank you to Miss Higbed and Year 11 English students who performed a drama, inspired by the shortlisted picture book, *I Just Ate My Friend*. A Prep video drama of *Mopoke* and a Storybox Library presentation of *Rodney Loses It* provided additional opportunities for students to vote for their favourite title ... *Mopoke*! Thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to this special event.



Anthony, Paige, Levi and Monty the lion (all from 4K)



Ruth Hogg
Resource Centre Manager

Sport

IOS Netball Team – Vic Championships

The College was represented by nine of the girls in the Institute of Sport at the recent 2018 Netball Victoria School Championships held at Knox Regional in Ferntree Gully on Wednesday 15 August. We registered our team to participate in the Championships to give our students some extra exposure to competition and to recognise their commitment to training in the Institute of Sport.



Our Junior team of three Year 7 students, **Alicia Barker (7.15)**, **Breanna Robinson (7.14)** and **Izabella Barnett (7.17)** and six Year 8 students **Maddie Durik (8.24)**, **Tiana Witnish (8.24)**, **Hannah Vos (8.34)**, **Ella van Roosmalen (8.23)**, **Sarah Sun (8.24)** and **Chloe Taylor (8.34)** put on a great performance against some very strong schools such as Luther College. All the games were played outdoors on a very cold and windy day. The team played eight games in total with one win and a few very close games where they just came short of a win.



Training in the Oxley Institute of Sport commenced at the start of Term 2 and will finish at the end of Term 3. Students train twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 7.15am till 8.15am to further develop their sport skills in netball, basketball and tennis. Students commented on the quality of the coaching and felt that they had learnt a lot from the external coaches assigned to the Institute.

Attending training sessions as a member of the Institute is very important if students want to improve themselves and excel in the sport they feel passionate about. For this reason attendance is recorded at every session and an explanation letter from parents is expected for absences.

We are looking forward to having more students joining the Institute in future, working towards achieving their sporting goals.

Frederik Kotzé
Head of Sport

Teen Robotics Team impresses the Judges

Congratulations to James Kennedy (7.15), as part of Team 89999A, who recently won at the Vex Robotics Competition *Turning Point* Season! The team received the Judges Award for a very detailed Engineering Diary.



James proudly holding the Judges Award



James with the whole team

Kristi Reeves
Year 7 Coordinator

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



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 help your child begin their Oxley journey!

Kim Sopar
Oxley Kids Director



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2018 Calendar

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

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

OXLEY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

OXLEY KIDS

Early Learning Centre
Open 6.30am - 6.30pm
9727 9200

OXLEY ONLINE

The Vine is also available online via our website:
www.oxley.vic.edu.au

Sept	Mon - Fri	3 - 7	Year 9 Outdoor Challenge Camp
	Wednesday	5	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	6	Year 7 Immunisation
	Friday	7	Senior School Interim Reports distributed
	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
	Tuesday	18	Year 3 Excursion
	Wednesday	19	Prep Science Incursion 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)
	Wednesday	10	Prep Excursion
	Thursday	11	VCE Music Concert (7.00pm BPAC)
	Friday	12	Year 12 Valedictory 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 Twilight Arts Festival
	Monday	22	Year 12 Final Assembly
	Tuesday	23	Year 12 Final Day VCE Languages Exam
	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



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