

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome you to the final school term for the year, and especially the students who have joined Oxley this term. Congratulations to College families on making it to this point on the calendar. We look forward to the celebration of student achievements after completing another wonderful year at the College, and especially the final weeks for our Year 12 cohort. Routine events will kick off in the coming weeks with the Year 9 into Year 10 Information Evening, the VCE Arts Exhibition, a number of Soiree evenings and Junior School Athletics. We look forward to welcoming parents and friends at these events.

At our first assembly of the Senior School we introduced and prayed for the student leaders selected for 2018. During last term, Senior School students were invited to vote for School Captains, Student Leaders and House Captains. Pastor Daly, along with Mr Whittle, Miss Hogan and Mr Kotzé were involved as part of the interview process over the last few weeks of last term. College Captains and Vice Captains are yet to be decided and those appointments will be made known at Presentation Evening, as is our normal tradition. I congratulate the students on their appointments and look forward to their contribution to College life over the next 12 months.

In the last few weeks of the College year, I take the opportunity to alert families to the need to maintain high standards of student presentation. I refer to how the College uniform is worn and our ongoing requirements for a neat presentation of students with appropriate haircuts, general appearance and behaviour. We will be discussing these matters with Senior students, along with other matters we are obliged by law to raise with 18

year olds. This latter focus is on the mandatory reporting obligations adults have for various types of abuse. If this is of concern to parents, please contact me at the College.

I shared with our Senior School leaders a Psalm of King David that reads something like this:

Acclaim Yahweh, praise God all people of the earth Worship Him, and come into His presence with gratitude and joy.

Be sure you know that the Lord is God

He made us, we belong to Him; we are His people.

Give thanks and praise as you enter His courts, and bless His Holy Name.

For the Lord is good, His faithful love lasts forever, across all generations

It is constant from age to age. (Psalm 100).

This knowledge is for us all – not just for those in leadership. It really needs to be heart knowledge rather than just head knowledge. It is crucial information for leaders. Such knowledge is awesome and life-changing. In it we understand who we are – that we are the people God has made and therefore the people who should respond to Him. We are held in place by cords of love, so to speak, across all generations. God wants us to know that no matter what happens in our time, no matter what happened before we were born, no matter what happens after we die; His love, and our belonging, is across and over all generations.

Christian blessings, Douglas Peck



Devotion

Martin Luther



October 31 will mark the 500th anniversary of when a young Monk, Martin Luther, nailed a document, his Ninety-five Theses, to the door of a church in the town of Wittenberg. The beginning of changes to the church and the world, he could never have foreseen.

Back then, the world was unsure about Martin Luther and his writings. There was great division. One Catholic thought Martin Luther was a demon in the appearance of a man. Another, who first questioned Luther's theology, later declared he alone is right! Today, the verdict is nearly unanimous, with both Catholics and Protestants affirming he was not only right about a great deal, but he changed the course of Western history for the better.

It began one fateful day, the 21 year old Luther was caught in a severe thunderstorm where a bolt of lightning struck the ground near him. In desperation he cried out for help and vowed to give away all his possessions and enter the monastic life, if only he be saved.

During his studies as a Monk, he struggled with a number of concepts, particularly with the concept of righteousness. Luther said, "I hated that word, 'the righteousness of God,' by which I had been taught according to the custom and use of all teachers ... [that] God is righteous and punishes the unrighteous sinner." He knew that by this teaching, he could not live by faith because he was not righteous.

As he studied further, he began to see a way through his dilemma. "I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that through which the righteous live by a gift of God, namely by faith... Here I felt as if I were entirely born again and had entered paradise itself through the gates that had been flung open."

Luther's religious, social, political and cultural influences are global. The Reformation encouraged the development of an image of humanity that was based on a new Christian concept of freedom. It influenced enlightenment and basic human rights, just like modern democracy. Luther's translation of the Bible into German caused the growth of a uniform written German language and opened a door to education to many who had had no access before. There is hardly any sphere of life that wasn't touched by the influence of Luther and the Reformation.

A few of my favourite quotes attributed to Luther include:

"This life therefore is not righteousness but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished but it is going on, this is not the end but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified."

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands that I still possess."

"So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and Hell, tell him this: "I admit that I deserve death and Hell, what of it? For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is, there I shall be also!"

Pastor Matt Chaplain

Sources

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VISUAL ARTS

EXHIBITON

5.00pm - 8.00pm Friday October 13 in the BPAC Year 12 Art folios Year 12 VCD folios Drama solo performances Ensemble music groups Light supper provided

Everybody welcome

Senior School

You may think that school during the third term break would be a lonely place but nothing could be further from the truth! There were language classes running in the first week of the break, and at least two practice examinations, lectures or workshops running each day of the second week of the holidays, and the school has been well populated by students excitedly preparing for these activities. There has been an air of anticipation about the place as well as a genuine feeling of camaraderie amongst the Year 11 and Year 12 students as they prepare, and take this opportunity to search for areas of relative strengths and weaknesses in readiness for the end of year examinations.

My sincere thanks to all teachers who have graciously and willingly offered their time and expertise, to students for the earnest way in which they have sought to optimise this time, and to parents for their support of this program. We acknowledge that there is a lot more to success than obtaining a good ATAR for your VCE studies, but we also believe that doing your best in whatever you set your hand to is important.

Proverbs 22:6 assures us, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it" and this certainly relates not just to the subjects being taught, but also Christian values, a knowledge of who God is, and other important aspects of a complete and fulfilling life. We also understand, the importance of each student obtaining their best possible ATAR to afford the widest range of tertiary and other opportunities.

Term 4 also begins with a rush with Year 9 into 10 Information Evening, a VCE Unit 4 Concert and the Arts Exhibition all taking place in the first week. I greatly look forward to seeing many students and parents at one or perhaps several of these stimulating events. Each of them plays an important part both in the life of the College, but more importantly in the growth and development of each student involved.

Greg Barker Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

Welcome to Term 4! What wonderful adventures and quality family time students and staff enjoyed, preparing us to focus well for the remainder of the school year. We also extend our warm congratulations and blessings to Mr Joshua and Mrs Beth Gaschk on their recent marriage.

Our annual Year 3 - 6 Basketball Competition was held on the last day of Term 3. Thank you again to staff for their support and to the Year 3 - 6 students for their enthusiastic participation. It was a wonderful way to end the term. Congratulations to White House, the overall champions for the day.

Congratulations to our final Peacemaker Prize recipients for Term 3. It is wonderful to see these students modelling behaviours that encourage inclusion, peace and positive interactions in the classroom and playground. I look forward to morning tea with these students this week.

Class	Peacemakers
Prep R	Jayden Hume
Prep W	Jedd Reardon
1EP	Joshua Lynch
1KP	Dillon Kanavitage
2M	Riley Scarff
2W	Levi Steer
3AB	Caleb Want
3CB	Tayla Eleveld
4KB	Austin Ly
4DK	Hannah Steer
5A	Atlanta Schaeche
5J	Max Broadley-Thomson
6R	Thomas Steuart
6S	Faith Brereton

In Term 4, students may wear summer or winter uniform during the two week transition time. Please ensure girls' summer dresses are at the correct length, with the hem to the bottom of the kneecap (when standing with head up straight). For further information about uniform standards, please refer to page 12 in the Student Diary.

Selected Year 4 - 6 students, who were successful in their events at the District Athletics in Term 3, competed in the Division Athletics today. We look forward to celebrating their efforts.

We also look forward to seeing our Prep – Year 3 students compete in their upcoming House Athletics Carnival on Friday 20 October on our main oval. Students have been training and preparing well for this event and parents are encouraged to attend and cheer the students on.

Please refer to the Calendar on the back of The Vine, as well as our website, for information about upcoming events in the Junior School.

Class Placement for 2018

Parents are provided an opportunity to communicate in writing any specific information which could have a significant impact on their child's class placement for 2018 (e.g. cousins, neighbours in the same level, etc.). As situations can change, requests made in previous years are not taken into consideration. As staffing for each year level is yet to be confirmed, specific requests for teachers will not be considered. All correspondence should be addressed to the Head of Junior School, marked confidential, by Friday 27 October to be considered.

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit." Proverbs 15:13 (NIV)

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

We went on our first school excursion to Scienceworks during the last week of Term 3. For many, it was the first time they had been on a bus. We attended a show about forces and investigated how toys move with a push, pull or twist. Everyone was excited about exploring Nitty Gritty City and discovering how things in a city move and work. After watching rockets being launched at lunchtime, the bus took some very tired Preps back to school. We are looking forward to an exciting Term 4!

Year 1

It has been a wonderful start to Term 4! We have enjoyed recounting our holidays by writing a postcard to a friend. Our sound of the week is a tricky trigraph, 'tch', and we are building our rhyming skills. In Maths, we are learning about Australian coins and recognising the features and value of each coin. In ICU, we are beginning our History unit, *Then and Now*, and looking forward to interviewing a grandparent about their childhood experiences.

Year 2

WOW! What a great end to Term 3. It was so exciting to have our parents, special friends, Year 6 buddies, Mr Andrew Piper, Mrs Kate Broadley and Mrs Sharee Gaiser come and see our inquiry projects. We really enjoyed teaching our visitors about what we learnt through our research. Many visitors gave us feedback about what they liked about our projects. So what's next? This week we have started thinking about our Passion Writing Project. We have chosen to write three different text types on a topic we are interested in. It will be so exciting to share our writing at our next Expo late in the term. If that is not enough excitement, we are also getting ready for our sleepover on Friday 27 October. Life in Year 2 is awesome!

Year 3



Jonathan explaining his work at our Science Expo

At the end of last term, we held a Science Expo. We invited the school community to visit our classrooms to showcase our Inquiry on *Change*. We were so proud to discuss the results of our experiment with a live audience. Thanks and appreciation goes to the mums, dads, grandparents and teachers who supported our learning. We are looking forward to another fun-filled Science focus in Term 4. We are studying how living things can be grouped and distinguished from non-living things. Our

display of items found in nature is growing as we add specimens for our classes to observe and enjoy.

Year 4

We hope you all enjoyed our musical, Giant Slayer. We loved it! We had a wonderful time preparing and think our actions and songs were fantastic! Our ICU unit this term, Among the Gum Trees, is a great opportunity for us to learn all about germination, pollination and how some animals can be friends or foes to gum trees. In English, we are developing our creative skills through poetry. We cannot wait to share them with you! In Mathematics, we are hosting the Potato Olympics! This will involve measuring the vital statistics of our given potato and investigating which one will roll the greatest distance. We will keep you updated!

Year 5

We have gone from triumphant performances in the Junior School Production to reaching the climax and end of our class novel, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We have experimented with balloons, hot water and gases, whilst developing our own States of Matter game cards in ICU. At the end of another full and busy term students enjoyed watching Narnia in the BPAC and sampling a Turkish Delight treat on the side! We had a multimodal lesson where we looked at camera angles, lighting, music and visual imagery, which led to discussion of the clever tactics movie directors and producers use to create a blockbuster movie. Students made comparisons between the on-screen story and the written story of Narnia. We finished the term with the Year 3 - 6 Basketball Competition, which was thoroughly enjoyable to participate in.

Year 6

We are full of energy this term and looking forward to our last term in Junior School. Amongst the interesting and challenging day to day classroom activities there are many exciting events to look forward to: Mooroolbark District Participation Sports Day, Year 6 Graduation and Year 7 Orientation. In ICT we are filming our news reports of a natural disaster using iPads and green screens. In ICU, we are beginning to investigate circuits and switches in our electrical energy unit. How electrifying!

Music

Welcome back to the Music Department for Term 4. Traditionally this is our busiest term of the year with two VCE Concerts, six Soirees, two year level concerts, and Presentation Evening at the end of the year. Dispersed among these many concerts over 50 private music and VCE students will be sitting examinations.

All private music students should have now received their timetable for Term 4. Students can see Mrs Peacock if they need a new copy of their timetable. Each student is reminded to bring their school diary as well as their music diaries to every music lesson. In order to help students remember to come to their lessons, the music teacher

will ensure details about upcoming lesson times are written into both diaries.

Students should also have received a notice detailing the day and time of their Soiree performance. Students need to arrive at the BPAC 20 minutes prior to their concert in order to meet with their teacher and prepare their instrument.

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

Thursday 12 October	Concert Band perform at School at Work
Thursday 12 October	VCE Unit 4 Concert
Friday 13 October	Visual Arts Exhibition (Camerata & Allegro)
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

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.

Please note that Sinfonia and Concert Band ensemble rehearsals will be held after school on Thursdays in 2018.

Angela Peacock Performing Arts & Events Administrator

Congratulations



Congratulations to Charles Cunningham (7.17) who trains at Melbourne Football Academy as well as his domestic soccer team (who incidentally are the Eastern Metropolitan League Champions) and was recently picked to go to the Sydney International Cup at the Academy of Sport in Sydney.

Charles was also chosen to be Captain of the U13 team. Throughout the weekend he was praised, not just for his skills, but also for his leadership and qualities as Captain. The team finished third in the Cup competition, losing only to the winning team. A great achievement.

Well done, Charles!

Kristi Reeves Year 7 Coordinator

Congratulations also to Emma Dowling (8.33) who has been invited by Basketball Victoria to take part in the 2017 / 2018 National Intensive Training Program (NITP).



The NITP is Basketball Australia's model for players to develop the individual and team fundamentals necessary to become an elite level basketball player. The program follows a systematic, thorough and unified approach to identify and develop elite athletes and is responsible for the development of many international representatives.

The Victoria Metro offering the NITP will provide Emma with the opportunity to develop her individual skillsets under the tutelage of an elite group of coaches. Workouts will be designed to improve the absolute fundamentals of the game - footwork and dexterity - all while addressing various national style of play concepts that are delivered out of the Centre of Excellence in Canberra.

The program will run from the start of Term 4 and continue over 26 weeks through to 31 August, 2018. Emma has come under the attention of coaches through her performance for her domestic club. She is playing for U/19 Melbourne Metro club who won their A Grade Grand Final on Saturday 16 September. Emma was awarded the Most Determined Player by the referees.

We wish Emma all the best for her early morning training sessions commencing next term with the NITP.

Frederik Kotzé Head of Sport

Art

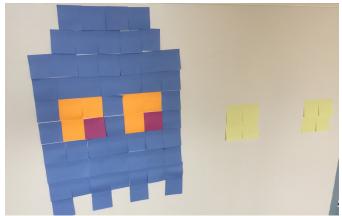
Installation Art

Installation art is when a work of art is created then installed into a space. Installation artworks are created with the aim of impacting a different audience or to alter the perception of the space in which it has been installed. Installation art is a growing trend in contemporary art practice, because it has the potential to reach a much larger audience due to the public nature of the works.



Pacman art post-it note creation

Year 9 Art created their own installation artwork in the Senior School building corridors using post-it notes. Our Pacman post-it note creation was inspired by the giant post-it note mural that was created for the opening of a new shoe line in the Brazil fashion store Galeria Melissa. The mural was comprised of 350,000 post-it notes and continually changed over the span of five months. Our students used 400 post-it notes and loved the experience. It was quoted "the best art lesson we have ever had!"



Installation art brought the Senior School building corridors alive

Zart Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Aiden Creedy (10.3), Sarah Hudson (10.2), Madeline Ius (10.1), Isaac Lantry (10.2), Paige Leamey (10.2), Tarquin McKenna (10.4) and Katie Parker (10.1) whose artworks have been selected into the Zart Art Exhibition. Zart Art supplies schools with equipment, workshops and professional development throughout Victoria. Our students' work will be displayed in the Box Hill Zart Art store as part of a wider art education exhibition with the purpose of encouraging emerging

artists and promoting art education in Victorian schools. The artwork will be on display until 15 November and is located at 4/41 Lexton Road, Box Hill North. Please take the time to check out this wonderful exhibition.



Sarah and Paige with selected artworks displayed in the Zart Art Exhibition

Anne Ives Senior School Art Teacher

Year 9 Ceramics Pottery Wood Firing



Year 9 Ceramics students watching the firing process

On Thursday 14 September, my Ceramics class went up to the Barn to fire our pots. Unlike an electric kiln, we made a wood fire kiln by using bricks to contain the wood chips and newspaper that we set on fire. I had a really fun day because while our pots were firing, we got to roast marshmallows and chat to our friends. When we removed our pots from the kiln the next week, some of the pots had large spots of shiny black on them, which is what we wanted. These areas were very hot in the kiln where the oxygen couldn't reach it, that's why they turned a black colour. Overall I had a really fun and insightful experience. I learnt so much about the process of firing clay and the different ways it can happen.

Tamara Loh (9.21)

Firing our pots was a great experience. It was different to firing our pots normally in that we had to make a kiln and fire it with wood. It also gave me a great opportunity to socialise and to get to know my classmates better.

Eleanor Newell (9.20)

Careers

Help Needed



Calling anyone who may be interested in being a part of our interviewing team for Year 10 Job Search Day on Wednesday 8 November from 12.30pm until 3.30pm. The required skill is simply being able to listen and make the students feel comfortable. A list of questions is provided and you would interview around six students on an individual basis. Our aim is for students to have an opportunity to experience what it is like to apply for a particular position and communicate their interests and strengths to an adult. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Oswald on 9727 9948.

Carol Oswald Careers Coordinator

Billanook Way Parking

The College has, on various occasions, reminded parents about car parking arrangements for dropping off and collecting students. We have also asked parents (who choose not to use the car parking facilities at the College) to be mindful of our neighbours. Again, the College has received complaints from neighbours and other users of Billanook Way, highlighting that parents may be parking illegally and putting students and other vehicles at risk.

To ensure the safety of our students, and as a courtesy to our neighbours, and also to avoid potential penalties related to traffic infringement notices, we again request parents use the car parking facilities within the grounds of the College for dropping off and picking up students.

Note: Gate 8 (leading to Billanook Way) is only for the purpose of providing students access to: (a) the bus stop at Billanook Way; (b) homes in the Chirnside Park Village estate; and (c) footpaths leading to the Chirnside Park Shopping Centre.

Your understanding and compliance with this request is essential.

Andrew Holland Business Manager

Administration

Lost Property

All lost property will be displayed outside the Resource Centre from Wednesday 11 until Friday 20 October. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of accordingly. Smaller belongings such as watches, glasses and USB sticks can be claimed from Student Reception. A reminder to ensure items are named so they can be quickly returned to their owner.

Student Free Days

A reminder that Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 November are Student Free Days due to the Melbourne Cup holiday. The Office will be closed on these days.

> Melissa Brydon Office Manager



Oxley Kids is now taking enrolments for 2019 and beyond. As places fill fast, do not delay if you would like your child to attend kindergarten at Oxley Kids. Please call 9727 9200 to book a tour of our beautiful, facilities and discuss how we can work together to give your child a great start to life.

Kim Sopar Oxley Kids Director

Help us Finish the Christmas Tree!



It is now time to return your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes if you haven't already. They are due back to the school Office by this Monday 16 October.

You still have this weekend if you haven't had a chance to go out shopping yet. Remember to fill your shoebox with something to love, something to play with, something for personal hygiene, something to wear, something for school and something special.

Thanks to everyone who has taken a shoebox for your support! If you get a chance, come and see our incredible shoebox display in the Reception foyer.

Pastor Matt Chaplain

Notice Board

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

School Holiday Hours: Friday 6 October 10.00am - 4.00pm

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 secondhand items: http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/

<u>classifieds.php</u>

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

Oct			School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	12	VCE Unit 4 Concert (7.00pm BPAC)
			Year 4-6 Divisional Athletics
	Friday	13	VCE Visual Arts Exhibition (5.00pm - 8.00pm BPAC)
	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 (5.30pm, S8 & S9) Year 12 Dinner (7.00pm - 11.00pm Vogue Ballroom)
	Mon-Tues	30-31	Year 9 Mock Election
	Mon-Fri	30-3	Prep – Year 2 Swimming Lessons
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 Karralyka Centre)
	Monday	6	Student Free Day
	Tuesday	7	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
	Wednesday	8	Year 10 Job Search Day
	Thursday	9	VCE Unit 2 Concert (12.40-1.00pm BPAC) Prep Information Evening (7.00pm Staffroom)
	Friday	10	Year 11 Study Day
	Mon-Fri	13-17	Year 11 Exams
Wednesday 15 Thursday 16 Mon-Thu 20-23 Thursday 23 Friday 24	Wednesday	15	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	16	Year 2 Strings Concerts (10.00am & 11.30am, BPAC)
	20-23	Years 7-10 Exams Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons	
	Thursday	23	Year 11 into 12 Orientation
	-		Correction Day (student free)
	Monday	27	Report Writing Day (student free)
			Year 10 into 11 Orientation
	Wednesday	29	Prep Nativity (11.30am, LMC)
	Thursday	30	Year 6 Graduation (6.00pm Staffroom, 8.30pm BPAC)
Dec	Friday	1	Year 6 into 7 Orientation
	Tuesday	5	Junior School Final Assembly



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