



The Newsletter of
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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

Somewhat necessarily, this editorial will focus on the Oxley students in Year 12. I cannot help but continue to be impressed. What a couple of weeks it has been! We have had the privilege of three evenings of Junior and Senior School Soirees, an evening of Unit 4 Music Performance, and the Unit 4 Drama and Visual Communication and Design exhibition evening – all held in the BPAC. I congratulate the students and staff involved in these particular events, and indeed all VCE students for both their performance in studies and in general around the College. This editorial follows on from the Year 12 final assembly in which students featured again in music performance, readings, speeches and prayers. All this was capped off by another eventful final day of celebration, public performance and sport as our Year 12 prepared their exit from Oxley. At the time of writing, we have the Valedictory Dinner to look forward to, and I am sure that will be another delightful event.

To the obviously close-knit young adults in their final year of senior schooling, we honour you for the commitment you have made in completing a well-rounded education at Oxley Christian College. I speak on behalf of the staff when I simply say, it has been our privilege. You have been a significant part of your teachers' lives and interests, and we know you have appreciated what has been done on your behalf to meet the requirements of the VCE.

We also honour the global perspective and traditions of community that are brought into focus through the international students who have studied at Oxley. To those students, we record our deep appreciation for the courage in moving to Australia and for enlarging our vision and perceptions as we learned together about the unity of humankind inherent in the diversity of culture. Thank you for being a part of our College.

Whilst many students have shown great leadership amongst their peers and probably over a number of years, Oxley has traditionally set apart many formal roles for leadership and at various levels. Thank you for every student who has shown us the servant nature of being a leader. On this occasion I again acknowledge how well our College captains Gabrielle, Brenton, Grace and Jacob, and International captains Angel and Frank, have served the student body over the year, and thank them for being excellent role models.

In the preparation and sitting of VCE exams we pray that final study efforts are on track and will result in the outstanding grades that are commensurate with the work that has been put in. We commit this wonderful group of young adults to God's absolute generosity of grace and gifting, so as to complete a delightful time at Oxley, and to look forward to next year with confidence.

Blessings,
Douglas Peck



Class of 2017

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

Devotion

This week we farewell the Class of 2017, as they complete their formal days of schooling and head into time of study and then the examination period. They are a special group of Year 12 students who will be dearly missed by the school community. We wish them well in their future endeavours and look forward to celebrating with them on Friday night at Valedictory Dinner and then acknowledging their achievements at Presentation Evening.

Class of 2017, may God richly bless you, may He keep you and guide you as you journey forward into what lies ahead in His plan for you!

I have asked our College Vice Captain, **Grace Spratt (12.8)**, to leave us with this week's devotion. Thank you Grace!

Pastor Matt
Chaplain

*Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life;
You will fill me with joy in Your presence,*

Having realised a lack of fulfilment and a need to change her lifestyle, Bronnie Ware left a decade of banking to work in palliative care. Listening to her clients as they imparted their lives and lessons to her, she came to write a book titled *The Top 5 Regrets of the Dying*.

Amongst these was the reflection; *I wish I had let myself be happier.*

For many people, a lack of happiness comes from an incongruous allotment of priorities - sacrificing work for family, thrill-seeking for stability. Or alternatively, not having the courage to take a leap into the unknown. For others, learning to let go of concerns, or furthermore experience and express joy is a challenge.



The adage *gratitude breeds happiness* is a tried and true one, but Bronnie broke it down to practicality in our lives. Having kept a daily gratitude journal, she found that *while I was appreciating things at the end of the night when I was writing them down, it had still taken some training to get into the habit of always appreciating things as they were happening.*

Having listened to multiple clients expressing their regret at not being thankful for their life until it was coming to an end, Bronnie realised a need to not let their advice go unheeded. She began to develop a new habit, *saying a silent prayer of thanks at the very time each of the gifts was received.*

As so many of God's followers before us have discovered, to experience true joy we must nurture a life that enables Him to move in us, and furthermore learn to realise and express gratitude for this in the moment. Bronnie found that blessings came to her more when she was in a place of gratitude, living out the biblical command to *give thanks in all circumstances*. (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Note that we are told to express gratitude in *all circumstances* - indicating a need for consistency in acknowledging our situation and taking a moment to be thankful for it. God knew, I think, that in encouraging His followers to express their thanks he was both expanding their awareness and strengthening their communication and relationship with Him.



Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Yet we must be reminded that these gifts cannot be merely imparted, as fruits must grow and be nurtured. Our Lord is the vine, and we are the branches. *"Those who remain in Him, and He in us, will produce much fruit."* (John 15:5) True joy, then, comes from a partnership with God and the subsequent growing of the fruits He has blessed us with.

We are reminded today to learn from those before us, like Bronnie, not allowing their life lessons and teachings to fall on deaf ears. I encourage you all to continue striving forward along the path God has paved for you, towards the joy that comes through His teachings and way of life.

Grace Spratt
Vice Captain

Senior School

This last fortnight has been highly artistic as we have experienced an amazing sequence of evenings of demonstrations of student giftings. Those who have attended will surely agree that we were blessed to witness some evenings of professional quality with students displaying their abilities in a plethora of manners.

The VCE Unit 4 Concert Evening commenced with Beethoven on the piano from **Jack Anderson (12.10)**, followed by **Jake Maxwell (12.8)** portraying Hendrix and Tommy Emmanuel on an assortment of guitars. **Kevin Chan (12.10)** did Mozart, and others, proud on the piano while **Chris Chan (12.6)** explored some old masters including *Fernando Sor* on classical guitar. **Brianna Edwards (12.10)** used voice to span the centuries from *The Parting Glass* to *Still Hurting*, showing the timelessness of good music. **Joel Fung (12.9)**, the Music Captain for 2017, rounded off the evening with an amazing rendition of *Mozart's Sixth Piano Sonata*. A truly memorable evening!

Friday 13 October presented still more amazing displays of art with VCE Drama student solo performances of non-naturalistic styles, which portrayed a number of different characters, woven into a script of their own creation in line with a selection of briefs. Each student performed an incredible feat of memory merged with art to entertain the audience, taking them on a ride of highs and lows, with raucous laughter and occasional tears.

The BPAC was simultaneously the site for the Arts Festival where a range of Art and VCD folio work was showcased, adorning walls and benches. Two dimensional and three dimensional work competed for prominence in a high quality display, showing a range of artistic styles and techniques, learnt and refined over the years.

The following week featured three Soiree Evenings, with over 150 individual performances revealing a wealth of talent using a diverse range of musical instruments including piano, guitar, flute, drums, clarinet, cello, saxophone, trombone and others. Students from Junior and Senior School played to an attentive audience and the BPAC resonated with the beautiful sounds produced.

It has been a truly humbling experience to see the enormous wealth of talent displayed by our young people and I believe that Psalm 100 was indeed enacted during the last couple of weeks, where we are instructed to *"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing."*

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

As a P-12 school, it is a privilege to share in the Year 12 Final Day activities organised by our Year 12 students, including a performance, costumes and carnival rides! Celebrating this occasion is a highlight of our year. We join in praying for the Year 12 students as they prepare for the upcoming examination period.

Congratulations to all students who participated wholeheartedly in the Prep – Year 3 Athletics on Friday 20 October. How wonderful it was to witness the energy, enthusiasm and strong sense of teamwork on display. Thank you to parents and other visitors who cheered us on. Gibeon Warriors were the overall winners on the day.

Thank you to all students and their families for supporting Operation Christmas Child and the annual shoebox appeal. It was wonderful to collect the boxes at last week's Chapel service and pray a blessing over them. We look forward to hearing about the blessing these generous gifts will be to children around the world.

Year 2 students will be involved in a stimulating introduction to the school Camping Program on Friday 27 October. Staff and students have been counting down the hours to the sleepover. A wonderful program, which includes games and an animal experience that reinforces concepts taught in Science, has been organised and is well supported by Junior School staff. Sleep well Year 2 students and teachers!

Please make sure that your child's uniform is in keeping with our Student Uniform Standards, as outlined in the school diary on pages 12-13. Students have been reminded about hairstyles, hemlines (below the knee for girls' school dresses), jewellery and hair ties. Thank you to parents for their ongoing support in this area.

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.

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

In Science, students are learning about living things and what they need to survive. On Monday, four lively and very cute rabbits arrived in each Prep classroom. For two weeks, the students will be helping to look after the rabbits and ensure they get the food and water needed. They are very fun to watch and play with.



Prep R having fun watching the rabbits



Joshua reading with Ginger the rabbit

Year 1

On a beautiful, sunny day at Mont De Lancey we experienced aspects of life from the 1850s. We now have a greater appreciation of our modern conveniences and technologies. We had a great time with the old-fashioned games such as quoits, sack races, billy carts, tug-of-war and stilts. It was warm work cooking damper over the open fire, yet it was delicious with a cool glass of homemade lemonade.



Vincent and Bryce billycart racing



Weylan playing on stilts

We created lavender sachets to make our clothes smell nice and used scraps of material to create wooden peg dolls. The school Ma'am was very strict, yet impressed with our beautiful behaviour and attempts to replicate the old fashioned cursive font on blackboards. We realise our lives are very different today!



Olivia and Eden at School



Tug-o-war



Shayla on stilts

Year 2

Our exciting term has begun and we are having a fantastic time! We were excited when our Silkworms arrived. Before we saw them, we were challenged to draw a picture of what we thought they looked like. After careful observation, we drew and compared our annotated drawings. It has been interesting watching how much they eat and their growth. We are excited to see what happens next. The writing of our *Passion Projects* is going well. We have been improving our word choice and reading texts to find out even more about our passions. In Maths, we have applied our knowledge of fractions to better understand the meaning of quarter past and quarter to times. We are practising reading the time on both digital and analogue clocks. In the next instalment of Year 2 news, you will hear all about our Sleepover! Excitement levels have certainly been high this week!

Year 3

We have experienced so many exciting things this term. Last week we went on an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary. We saw all sorts of Australian animals as part of our Science focus on living things. One of the highlights was the *Birds of Prey* show. Some of the birds swooped down so low that we could feel the wind rush past our heads! In English, we are writing Information Reports about Australian animals, so seeing our chosen animal in its natural habitat really helped with our research. After publishing our finished pieces, we will visit Oxley Kids to read them to our Kinder buddies.

Year 4

It has been a very entertaining time recently. We created some wonderful samples of Poetry, including: Haiku, Diamante, Limerick and Acrostic. During Maths, students have been measuring the vital statistics of their *Potato Olympians*. We found that our Potato Olympians weighed between 140g and 220g, and had an average girth of 20cm. In ICU, students are investigating conditions which impact the germination of a Eucalyptus seed and have planned collaboratively and commenced experiments. It will be exciting to see how many of the seeds grow!



Eloise with her Potato Olympian

Year 5

We have been busy this week. We are exploring the structural features that help plants and animals survive in the dry, hot and arid conditions of a desert environment. Students conducted investigations, using annotated drawings to label the features of plant leaves. We collected leaves from six different plant species. Students predicted, recorded and observed the changes to the leaves that were placed in sealed bags on our classroom window. Students observed droplets of water inside the sealed bags containing the large Loquat leaf after being placed in sunlight over a few days. Students explored whether leaves with a smaller surface area help plants to retain water longer. Over the course of a day, two sponges were placed in direct sunlight. Students recorded the weight, using digital scales, of a water-saturated unfolded sponge, and a water-saturated folded sponge to see which one had lost the most water. They created line graphs to analyse and compare results, looking for patterns and relationships. Students shared evidence with one another, discovering that desert plants often adapt and have smaller leaves with less surface area to protect them from the sun's rays during the day so that they can live and survive in hot desert environments.

Year 6

How did Benjamin Franklin feel when he discovered electricity? He was shocked!

In Year 6, we are learning about electrical circuits in our unit, *Circuits and Switches*. We have made simple circuits using wires, batteries and light bulbs, before drawing circuit diagrams using scientific symbols. This week we are testing circuits to see if modifying variables affects the brightness of the bulb. In Sport, we are training for the Mooroolbark Community Sports Day – sprinting, throwing a discus or Shot Put, and working with a team in Tunnel Ball and Captain's Ball. The Year 5/6 Inter-School Volleyball, Softball and Basketball Teams have played Division Finals this week. The Volleyball Team won their match and will compete in the Regional Finals. Well done!



Year 5 and 6 Volleyball Team Division Champions
Back Row: Benjamin, Marcus, Rory, Anastasia, Georgia
Middle Row: Chloe, Annalyse, Alyssa, Faith
Front Row: Micah, Max, Riley

Captains Speeches

Year 12 Final Assembly

Brenton Ashley-Cooper:

Good morning Dr Peck, Mr Barker, parents, teachers and fellow students.

Taking a moment to step back and reflect, we realise this is our Year level's last ever Assembly, which fills us with so many emotions. Emotions of excitement as we're all growing up and about to open new doors in our journeys, but also of sadness as we come close to ending a major chapter in our lives. We feel like we are saying goodbye to an old friend, one that has been with some of us for up to 16 years, one that has been a major shaper of the people we are today, and will be for the future.



Looking back to the start of the year, we chose a theme that we hoped our year level would strive for but also one that we thought already represented us as a cohort accurately, the theme of unseen. We hoped people would support, encourage and help each other consistently throughout a year that we knew was going to have its tough times as well as its unforgettable moments. We aimed to be there for one another without needing to be asked, to be thanked or recognised, doing something for a friend because it made their journey a tiny bit easier even if it made our load a little heavier.

The year definitely had its highs and lows, but together we pushed through. Pushed through the pressure of ATAR results, numerous SACs, the constant homework load and mess sometimes left in the Common Room. To come out better, stronger and closer as a year level. We looked after each other, and it was all thanks to the small acts people did on a daily basis to keep our momentum going through the year. Everyone had an influence on another person's journey this year. To all of you, we thank you for the support, kindness, selflessness, patience and strength each of you showed so we, as a united cohort, could achieve the magnificent year we have experienced.

We recognise today that many of those acts of kindness and selflessness were unseen and perhaps performed without thanks, but while sometimes things go unnoticed by the human eye, we want to encourage all of you that there is always One who sees and is glorified when you reach out to others.

2 Corinthians 4:18 says "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."



Gabrielle Wilson-Gardner:

Our year level's artwork encompasses this theme by visually expressing how we are each unique individuals, yet created to be a part of a purpose much greater than what we can see. Each block reflects an irreplaceable contribution of each student in our Year 12 cohort, with the sides of the wooden blocks revealing the various bright, colourful stories that make up our vibrant and enthusiastic year level. However, when joined together the blocks reveal a greater image of a tree facing various seasons, with its roots spelling out the word "unseen". Like a tree, our source of strength and growth cannot be seen, but is strong enough to face all seasons of life. We hope this block montage can serve as a reminder and encouragement for everyone here to broaden our perspective and reflect on the divine calling placed on each person's life.

It certainly is surreal to stand here before you all today, acknowledging that after many years it is indeed our final ever Assembly here at Oxley. The journey through school is undeniably a rollercoaster of many different emotions and experiences, all of which influence and shape us into the young adults who confidently graduate and step out from this community into a world of vast opportunities.



To our teachers, coaches, mentors and family, we are so very thankful for the lasting influence and guidance you've had on our lives. We especially appreciate the patience and persistence you have shown throughout these strenuous years, and the way you both challenge

and encourage us to aim higher, dig deeper and push through. You are the greatest blessing in our lives, and words cannot thank you all enough.

To the Year 11s who are just about to embark on this journey, we pray for a year of victory and peace. We encourage you to take up every opportunity to lead and inspire the school, while also taking time to reflect and grow in your own sense of identity. Know that you are surrounded by the most supportive and encouraging environment, and with that in mind seek to thrive in all you do, challenging yourself to overcome personal hurdles and achieve new goals. Be sure to treasure your friendships with each other and with your teachers, as we can assure you that the goodbyes come all too soon. Seek to uplift and encourage rather than complain or panic. Finally, work hard, bounce back, and enjoy the many unpredictable ways God will reveal more of His plans for your life.

And to our Year 12 family, an incredibly proud and wholehearted congratulations. We've had a truly wonderful journey together over the years, and our final escapade tomorrow will be brilliant. Thank you to every single Year 12 student for your inextinguishable enthusiasm and willingness to serve. It has been such a privilege to be a part of this accepting and uplifting year level, and I can barely contain my excitement for the incredible future that lies ahead and all the crazy opportunities that await us.

As a final encouragement to everyone here this morning, Romans 12:2 expresses the importance of maintaining our focus and perspective on the unseen, greater calling placed upon our lives by our Creator. It states:

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is—His good, pleasing and perfect Will."



Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You that we can gather here today as one united community in Your name, thank You for the blessings of this school and every person here. We pray for the paths of every student, please guide them through the journey You have set before them, may they have faith and place their strength in Yours. We also pray for every teacher, we thank You for their passion to teach and help us grow, may You bring them good health and safety over the remainder of the year. Thank You for the tradition that allows us to celebrate this time of year together as one, and we dedicate all our success to You God. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.



Photos taken during Year 12 final assembly

Brenton Ashley-Cooper:

This year's journey isn't over just yet, so to close we just want to pray for the paths for each individual in this blessed community, as the year draws to an end. Let's pray.





Music

We have had a very busy start to Term 4 in the Music Department. On Thursday 12 October, our talented VCE Unit 4 Music students performed in their final concert. The six students who performed included **Jack Anderson (12.10)** who played on the piano, **Jake Maxwell (12.8)** on the guitar, **Kevin Chan (12.10)** also played on the piano, **Chris Chan (12.6)** on classical guitar, **Brianna Edwards (12.10)** sang for us and **Joel Fung (12.9)** also played on the piano. These students showed how much dedication and practise they have put into learning their chosen instruments. Many of our VCE Unit 4 Music students will have already sat their practical examination and after hearing how well they performed at the concert, we are sure they will have done a great job in their examination too. A big congratulations to all VCE Unit 4 Music students.

On Friday 13 November, our Camerata and Allegro string ensembles played for guests at our VCE Arts Exhibition. They played beautifully and their efforts contributed to the successful evening of art, music and drama.

From Monday 16 October to Thursday 19 October, we held six Soiree concerts for our private instrumental students. Over 170 students performed throughout the week varying in age from Year 1 to Year 12. Some students who performed have just started learning their instruments this year, whereas others are at Grade 8 level. We had three main goals for each student for our Soiree evenings, to perform an item to the best of their ability, to demonstrate an understanding of stage presence and etiquette, and to demonstrate an understanding of being a polite audience member. All students did a fantastic job in achieving these three goals. Well done to all!

Over the next two weeks all private instrumental students will receive the 2018 Music Tuition Policy and Application Form. We ask parents and students to read the policy carefully before deciding to continue with tuition in 2018 as there are some changes to be implemented in 2018. These changes will help ensure stability in student music timetables.

Please note the following important dates in the Music Department for the remainder of 2017.

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.

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

Angela Peacock
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

Junior Sport

Prep - Year 3 Athletics



On Friday 20 October, students in Prep to Year 3 competed in an Inter-House Athletics Carnival. Despite windy conditions, students ran, jumped, threw and worked cooperatively in teams to help their house score as many points as possible. The final scores saw Tabor Trojans (657) finish 3rd, Zion Crusaders (671) 2nd and Gibeon Warriors (716) were the champions. In the final Inter-House event of the year, students showed determination and good sportsmanship, making the event enjoyable for everyone involved. Well done to each student who competed on the day!



Division and Regional Athletics

This year, 25 students competed at the Yarra Division Athletics Championships. Having finished first or second in the Mooroolbark District Athletics, students attended the day with a mix of confidence and nerves. Oxley students were very competitive on the day and produced some impressive results in a range of events. **Thomas Moreau (6S)**, **Max Broadley-Thomson (5J)** and **Breanna Steuart (4KB)** came 3rd in the Hurdles, Long Jump and High Jump events respectively, almost qualifying for the Regional Athletics. **Ryan Jarrott (5J)**, (amongst other events), ran in the Boys 11 Year Old 800m race and finished 2nd by a whisker. **Max Broadley-Thomson** also came 2nd in the Boys 11 Year Old High Jump. **Stacey Mubaira (6R)** competed in the 12/13 Year Old Girls 200m race, finishing in 2nd place. **Une Geisler (5J)** was the 11 Year Old Boys Champion in the 80m Hurdles, flying through the finishing line in 1st place.

At the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Athletics, **Stacey**, **Ryan** and **Une** competed again in the 200m, 800m and 80m Hurdles respectively. In a tough competition, they showed grit doing their personal best. Against a large group of students, **Ryan** achieved 10th place. **Une** came 6th in his 80m Hurdles heat and **Stacey** finished 5th in her heat. Congratulations to all students who represented Oxley Christian College at such a high level.

Division Playoffs

In Semester 1, Year 5 - 6 students competed in the District Inter-School Sports competition. Three teams won all of their matches and progressed through to the Division Finals, including the Volleyball, Softball and Boys Basketball teams. The Volleyball and Softball teams played against Montrose Primary School with the Softball team (14-9) almost qualifying for the Regional Tournament. The Volleyball team, showcased developed skills to win their match in straight sets (25-3, 25-16). The Boys Basketball team was defeated by Ruskin Park Primary School on 23 October in a tight match, scoring 28-23, a great effort! Congratulations to the Softball and Basketball teams for a terrific season and good luck to the Volleyball team at the Regional tournament!

Joshua Gaschk
Junior Sport Coordinator

Information Technology

IT Assembly

"With great power comes great responsibility". This particular Spiderman quote holds some wisdom. It could be used to describe technology quite well. As a race, we humans are more powerful with the invention and use of technologies, such as robots, artificial intelligence, internet and smartphones, etc. This, however, can either lead to greater happiness or destruction of our lives.

We are already seeing some negative impacts machines and newfound technology have had on us. Some

technologies are meant to connect us, instead, they isolate us even more; they are meant to make the world more productive, however, they can be the biggest time wasters. If we keep misusing technology, what do you think will happen to our earth in the future?

The good news is that we can stop heading in this direction. It's up to us to decide how to use our technologies to help others and to make our world a better place.



IT Captains Sylvia and Jodie speak about IT at Assembly

Sylvia Penman (10.1)
IT Faculty Captain 2017

Touch Typing Competition

Touch typing helps to improve efficiency in document writing and productivity which is very useful when trying to complete homework in an efficient manner. Senior School held the annual touch-typing competition at the end of last term. Congratulations to the following award recipients.

Students

Place Winners	Student	Words per minute
First place	Sylvia Penman (10.1)	122
Second place	Jeremy Tam (8.23)	119
Third place	Jodie Ivey (10.2)	83
	Brittany Gaiser (11.15)	82
	Adrian Tang (12.7)	73
	Sophie Broadley-Thomson (7.14)	68
	Angel Tan (12.6)	56

Staff

Place Winners	Staff	Words per minute
First place	Miss Chin	107
Second place	Ms Green	100
Third place	Mrs Theunissen	90

Jodie Ivey (10.2)
IT Faculty Vice-Captain 2017

Year 8 Tech Excursion

During Term 3, Year 8 students worked in groups to complete one robotics programming challenge during a whole day excursion at Yarra Ranges Tech School. The scenario was that students were put in charge of helping to create a high-tech children's wing at a hospital. This included improving not only the functionality of the hospital but also young patient morale. The overall idea was to use new technologies, in this case, robots, to make the hospital more enjoyable for young patients.



Ivy and Connor completing a robotic challenge at Yarra Ranges Tech School

Leslie Zhou
Head of IT

Science

Oxley Student Excels in National Science Competition

Peter Wei (11.13), has excelled in the Australian Science Olympiad in Chemistry. He achieved a High Distinction (top 10%) in Australia, which is an incredible effort. Entry in this competition was voluntary, and Peter's keen interest in Science prompted him to have a go. We are very proud of Peter's achievement and I am sure that his Chemistry teacher, Mr Matt Wynne, is delighted with this result.



Trevor Whittle
Head of Students (7-12)

Inclusive Education

G.A.T.E.WAYS December Festivals of Workshops for Prep - Year 6 students.

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an organisation that provides a range of challenging and innovative programs to add variety to meeting the educational needs of gifted and talented children. The G.A.T.E.WAYS end of year festival extravaganza is a lovely way to finish the year, particularly for students who have been involved in G.A.T.E.WAYS programs throughout the year.

The Prep *Festival of Workshops* will be hosted by Brighton Grammar Middle School on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 December from 9.15 - 3.00pm. The Year 1-6 Festival will be hosted by Fribank Grammar School in Brighton on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December from 9.30am - 3.15pm.

Over the course of the four days, approximately 1400 children will attend from all over Melbourne and sometimes further afield! They will participate in a large range of workshops from robotics to philosophy, mathematics, all areas of science, art, writing, literature, problem solving and thinking skills, technology, engineering... and more!

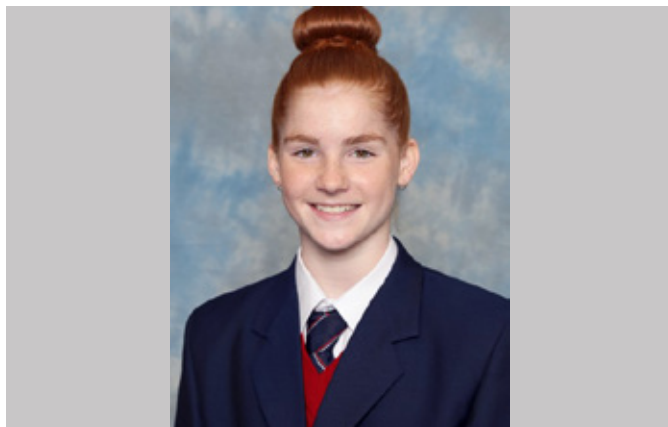
This is a PARENT ENROLLED program. Information about the specific programs can be found on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website www.gateways.edu.au.

Merryn Burt
Junior School Inclusive Education Coordinator

Gifted and Talented

Student achievements

Congratulations to **Audrey Oastler (7.17)**, who has had her short story, *In the Storm*, published in the latest edition of the magazine, *Oz Kids in Print*. Audrey's writing has been shortlisted for the 2017 Young Australian Writer's Awards through the Australian Children's Literary Board. Well done, Audrey!



Sharon Sandison
Head of Inclusive Education

Congratulations

Archery Champion

Congratulations to **Jazmyn McDonald (7.16)** who won the state title for ABA Archery on the weekend. Jasmine showed great tenacity and stamina to win her division at the two day event.

Well done Jasmine!



Oxley on Top in Youth Quest

Rachael Hallang (11.13), one of our outstanding Year 11 students, is to be congratulated for her fine efforts in the *Lions Youth of the Year Quest*.



Rachael was the clear winner in our district round and now goes on to compete in the divisional finals. The *Lions Youth of the Year Quest* is a competition which aims to celebrate the achievements and skills of students in Year 11 and is open to all schools. After a rigorous interview with a panel of three judges, a planned speech, and two impromptu speeches, Rachael claimed the first prize.

In attendance on the night to support Rachael were her parents, Rex and Paula, Mr Anderson and Mr Whittle.

Well done Rachael!

Trevor Whittle
Head of Students (7-12)

Young Professional Engineer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Oxley graduate, **Sarah Zhang (Class of 2005)**, who was awarded the 2017 Young Professional Engineer of the Year in Sydney at Individual Awards 2017 on 5 October.



Sarah has been working as a Senior Engineer at AECOM since 2016 after returning from New York. Well done on winning this prestigious award, Sarah!

Ian Broadley
Head of International Programs

Resource Centre

Book Reviews

Last term, Year 3 Literacy Horizons students wrote book reviews for some of the titles shortlisted by the Children's Book Council of Australia in 2017. Three of our students – **Jeremiah Lambert (3AB)**, **Zac King (3CB)** and **Nicholas Bruton (3CB)** – are congratulated for having their reviews published on the Alphabet Soup website.

They can be viewed at:

<https://alphabetsoup.net.au/category/book-reviews/book-reviews-by-kids-book-reviews/>



Ruth Hogg
Resource Centre Manager

Administration

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.

Examination Timetables

For your convenience Year 10 and 11 examination timetables are now available on the website www.oxley.vic.edu.au/examtimetables

Melissa Brydon
Office Manager

Bushfire Season

With warmer weather now approaching, a reminder that the College has an Emergency Management Plan that includes processes and guidelines that are followed by the College for bushfire risks.

Our prime consideration is the safety of students, staff and visitors to the College. Accordingly, the College may cancel camps or excursions, or may even be required to close the school when Emergency Services declare a Code Red (Catastrophic) fire danger day, or when the risk of bushfire is heightened. Parents will be advised (by SMS and other means) if the College is to close, or if camps or excursions are to be cancelled, with as much forward notice as may be possible.

It is important that all families (particularly those in bushfire prone or high risk areas) have a family fire safety plan. The plan should include information about alternative care arrangements for children in the event that the College is required to close. Families are encouraged to practise the plan and be familiar with procedures to be followed in the case of a bushfire or house fire.

Andrew Holland
Business Manager

Charity Knitting

Once again, a very big thank you to all our community knitters who have contributed to our charity knitting. Our recent contribution to charity brings our totals up to; 44 scarves, 9 baby jumpers, 8 children's jumpers, 19 pairs of wrist warmers, 171 squares (equivalent to 10 blankets), 8 complete blankets, 2 hairbands, 7 pairs of bed socks and 153 beanies. A very impressive 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. All knitted items are to be handed in at Student Reception. All knitted items received after 30 November will be kept in storage to be displayed on Open Day on the Charity Knitting table.



KOGO (Knit One Give One) has extended their outreach to include Tasmania, which means that we can extend our knitting to all year round. There is also a request for knitted teddies, but they have asked that all teddies be knitted in acrylic (due to possible wool allergies in newborn babies). Patterns are available on their website www.kogo.org.au/patterns

Dru Law
Senior School Teacher



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2018 Junior School Art Calendar

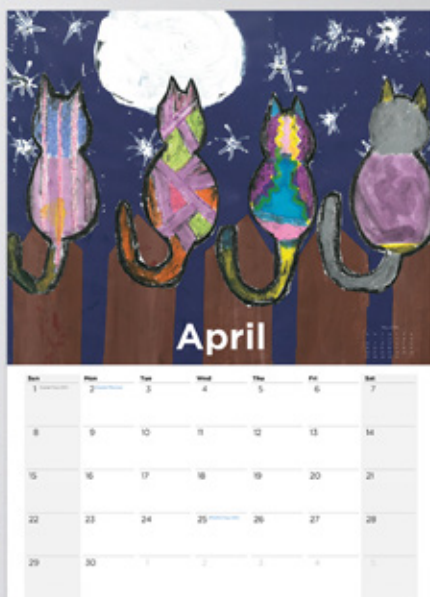
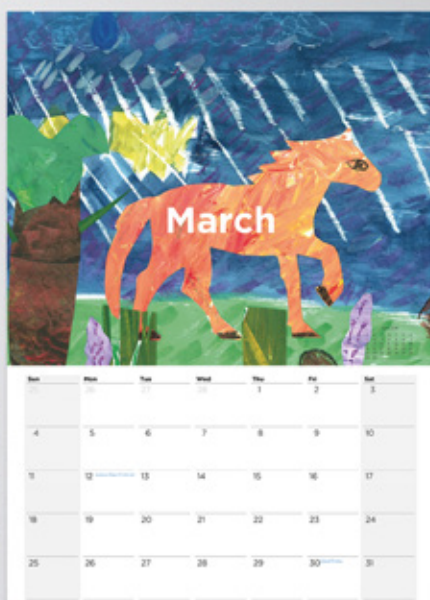
The Junior Art department proudly presents a Junior School 2018 Art Calendar featuring beautiful artwork created by our talented Prep - Year 6 students. The artwork is varied and each month displays different artworks, including textiles, clay, sculpture, drawing and painting.

All profits will go to the Amari Community Development Organisation, Uganda.

"Amari was established in 2008 to help relieve the effects of poverty in developing nations through education, development and welfare programs. Our emphasis is on the education and support of orphaned and vulnerable children, principally in Uganda. We invest in children both academically and spiritually through Christian education. We are based in Buliisa District, Uganda." - Marita Simpson (Founder of Amari)

We invite you to support this worthy project through your purchase of calendars for family and friends this festive season.

Calendars are \$20 each, A3 in size, and all orders must be received by Friday 17 November for Christmas delivery. For more information please email: development@oxley.vic.edu.au



2018 Junior School Art Calendar

Order Form

Please complete and return to the Office
by Friday 17 November for Christmas delivery
(Exact money please as no change is given)

Name: _____

Student's Name: _____ Home Group: _____

No. of Calendars: _____ @ \$20 each = \$ _____

(Please tick)

☐ Cash / cheque (payable to Oxley Christian College)

☐ Please debit my credit card:

Type: Visa / Mastercard / AMEX (please circle)

Name on card: _____

Account Number: _____

Expiry date: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Please note: There is NO account billing for this calendar.

Notice Board

2017/2018 Calendar

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

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<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/
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username: parent
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information including Open Days,
visit:

[http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/
category/careers](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au/category/careers)

Oct	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	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	16	Year 2 Strings Concerts (10.00am & 11.30am, BPAC)
	Mon-Thu	20-23	Years 7-10 Exams Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons
	Thursday	23	Year 11 into 12 Orientation
	Friday	24	Correction Day (student free)
	Monday	27	Report Writing Day (student free)
	Wednesday	29	Year 10 into 11 Orientation 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
	Wednesday	6	Presentation Evening Junior School Volunteers Morning Tea Junior School Tabloid Sports
	Thursday	7	Last Day Term 4 (dismissed at 12.40pm)

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Jan	Wednesday	17	Book Collection Day (10.00am-12.00pm Stadium)
	Wednesday	31	First Day Term 1
Feb	Saturday	3	Scholarship Testing (9.00am-12.15pm Staff Room)
	Mon - Wed	5-7	Year 11 Camp
	Tuesday	6	Year 10 Camp Information Evening (7.30pm BPAC)
	Monday	12	Year 12 Retreat



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