



The Newsletter of
Oxley Christian College

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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

What a pleasure it is to welcome families back to school and especially the new students to Oxley this term. We look forward to all the special College events scheduled over the next 9 weeks and trust students will thoroughly enjoy the challenges, opportunities and new learning embedded in each of our programs.

Oxley Christian College Open Day is upon us and we look forward to showing off our magnificent site once more. I warmly invite families to experience the amazing hospitality of our parents, students and staff, and to experience the learning environment of the College. This year, our alumni invitation is to the graduates of 2014, 2009 and up to 1999, to meet at 1.00pm in designated rooms for a roll call. Details are available on the College alumni Facebook page.

Congratulations to our Year 9 students and staff on a very successful City Cite program last term. We received many complimentary emails about our students from members of the public, so well done! And congratulations last week to students and staff who organised the annual ANZAC service. Another great example of our students' desire for service and recognition of others.

While Easter celebrations have come and gone, we ought not allow the occasion of the first Easter to just fade into the distance of a past memory. The original Easter events are crucial to who we are; and show that God loves us all and that He seeks an ongoing relationship with us through Christ. Easter has made it possible to be welcomed into the family of God. Our hope is that is the reality for Oxley families.

But equally, our frustrations with the wider culture, centre on its withdrawal from faith perspectives in shaping our common life, and this has become a huge issue for religious freedom. The marginalisation and ridicule of the Christian faith in public settings continues to steal away God's truth from this generation. Like Pontius Pilate on the first Good Friday, hearing Jesus say that "Those on the side of truth listen to, or hear my voice", our culture has responded "Truth? What is truth?" Indeed, our society says there is no shared or collective truth. Nevertheless, we also assert that everyone who hears truth, hears the voice of the Christ. Of course, all this relies on our acceptance of the authenticity of His divine status.

May God's grace and blessings cover our College community this term.

Douglas Peck

 **OXLEY**
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

OPEN DAY

See you this
SATURDAY 4 MAY
11.00am to 2.30pm

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

Devotion

Victory at the Cross

Upon His sentencing, Jesus was forced to carry His own cross, approximately 135 kgs in weight, through the town and up to the place they called Golgotha, the skull place. He was so beaten and bruised by this point that He needed assistance to take it all the way. At this place they drove nails through His hands, pinning Him to the cross. They nailed a sign above Him that said "The King of the Jews".

As the life in His body began to leave Him, Jesus cried out, *"Father, into Your hands I entrust My spirit. It is finished"*. Then, bowing His head He gave up His spirit.

At the moment Jesus gave up His spirit, the curtain in the sanctuary of the temple, suddenly split in two. The earth quaked and the rocks split. Those guarding Jesus, were terrified and said *"This man really was God's son!"*

Soldiers came to expediate the criminal's death by breaking their legs. They did this because it was the Sabbath and the Jews didn't want bodies to remain on the cross on this holy day. But Jesus had already passed, overcome by His injuries and the cruel crucifixion. So distressed His body had become He had actually sweated blood during the process. The soldiers pierced His side to make sure He was dead, a mixture of blood and water flowed forth.

Jesus' body was laid to rest in a tomb, a stone rolled in front of it. Pilate ordered his soldiers to make the tomb as secure as they could make it, placing a guard of soldiers outside it.

Now if this is where the story stopped, a depressing story it would be and only a story it would remain. If this was the sorrowful conclusion, this story would be resigned to history books and only a few would know of it. But this was not the end. It was only the

beginning. Three days later, Luke Chapter 24 tells us that when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to visit the grave, they found it empty! Jesus had risen from the grave and was alive! Jesus had defeated Satan, conquered death, and provided a path to righteousness. No more shame, no more guilt, no more condemnation. Jesus Christ has declared victory over them all.

This is why, instead of remembering a dark past, Christians instead celebrate Easter. There is a time to be somber and reflective, as we remember the pain and suffering of our Saviour, some go without red meat on Good Friday. Some fast, they go without certain food or technology or the like for the month leading up to Easter. Some have a pattern of prayers they follow, some will do a walk through the city following a carried cross. People acknowledge it in so many different ways. Such is the importance of Christ's life, death and resurrection to Christians.

But we also celebrate! We celebrate new life, the egg is a symbol of new life! The new life Christ has, as He is risen, and the new life we have in Him and because of Him!

Jesus, having risen from the dead, went and presented Himself to His disciples and crowds of hundreds. He allowed Thomas to place his hands on His wounds to know He was real and not a ghost. Hundreds witnessed Him alive. Then as a grand finale, Jesus ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand side of the Father.

"God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" - Billy Graham

That is the good news we celebrate, the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's the news of victory, joy, peace and hope. It's news worth sharing!

The tomb is empty, because Christ has risen!

Matt Daly
Chaplain

explore

life
faith
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Alpha

Alpha Course begins Thursday 30 May, 6.30pm-9.00pm at Life Ministry Church
(Ends 29 Aug)

Free Registration: lmc.org.au/courses or contact 9726 8111

Senior School

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them."

These words rang out at Oxley, at football grounds around Australia, and at a variety of other venues, uniting a nation. I trust that you had time over the last week to reflect on the sacrifices of our service men and women, and the part they played in establishing our nation with great freedom and opportunity.



April 24 saw a grey and misty morning as the backdrop to our annual Commemorative Service. A crowd gathered as our students delivered an event which honoured those who have played a part in our history. Our Melodia Ensemble performed *O God Our Help in Ages Past* and *Advance Australia Fair*. **Emily Spratt (10.1)** read a stirring reflection of her understanding of the Great War, and the way it impacted the people involved and affects Australians today. A wreath laying together with the Ode, Last Post, One Minute's Silence and Rouse continued the formality of the morning. The ceremony closed with prayer and a moving rendition of *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by **Celine Robinson (10.2)**. The occasion was a fitting prelude to the thousands of ANZAC parades and commemorations which took place across our nation and New Zealand the following day.

On the first day of term we welcomed scores of parents eager to catch up with teachers to discuss student's progress and discussing suggestions to assist their learning. This is a great way to deepen relationships as we seek to enhance each child's educational achievements.

This year we have trialled a new format with evening and twilight opportunities available for parents to meet with teachers. Booking numbers for this year were consistent with 2018 and it is great to see so many parents deeply involved in their children's education. Please feel free to provide any feedback to me about how you have found the experience, and any suggestions you may have.

The holidays may seem a long time ago when you read this, but we trust that you were able to enjoy some time with your families, even while work continues for most.

I pray that you were able to find time to quietly reflect upon the true meaning of Easter, and the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us, that we may live free from the bondage of sin, with great hope and certainty about our future.

If you ever wonder about whether you are loved, the words of John 15:13 should put your mind at ease. *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* Jesus did this for each of us.

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

Junior School

In recognition of ANZAC Day, the Dawn service provided students with the opportunity to reflect on the liberty we enjoy as Australians because of the sacrifice of many during times of war. The contribution of all Senior and Junior School students was greatly appreciated. Beautifully handcrafted ANZAC wreaths were placed by Prep – Year 6 students beside the commemorative ANZAC Poppy Garden. Thank you to all families who attended this memorable ceremony.



On Friday 3 May, students will finish school at 1.00pm to enable rooms to be set up for Open Day. On this day, students are permitted to wear their sports uniform to school. This will allow families the opportunity to clean uniforms and shoes in readiness for Open Day. We look forward to welcoming your family on Saturday 4 May from 11.00am to 2.30pm to celebrate the diversity of learning at Oxley Christian College. Please take this opportunity to visit all Junior School classrooms, as well as our wonderful specialist areas. The Enviro Barn will also be open so make sure you drop in there.

The annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Tuesday 7 May. Funds raised will support Samaritan's Purse. There will be a wide variety of gifts for sale, ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$10. If your child would like to participate, please send money in a named purse, wallet or envelope on the day. A plastic bag is also required for students to carry home their gift.

The Prep – Year 6 House Cross Country will be held on Monday 13 May. Come along and see the enthusiasm of our students and witness the many personal goals being reached. The Year 6 Community Action Leadership Group will provide sausages at the end of the race and raise funds for Amari. An order form was sent home and is due to Home Group teachers by Friday 3 May. No late orders will be accepted after this date.

On Tuesday 14 May, students in Year 3 and 5 will commence the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy over a three-day period. These national assessments provide a snapshot of learning and are one example of information that teachers access to inform teaching and learning. Please ensure that students in these levels promptly arrive at school on these days.

Our School Banking day is on Monday only with no other substitute days. Any wallets received on any other day will be sent home according to Commonwealth Bank policy. More information about School Banking can be found by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."
Galatians 5: 22-23

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

We have been looking at the sounds 'j' and 'm' in spelling this week. Our word of the week was 'jam'. We brainstormed different types of jam, including strawberry, blackberry, plum, apricot and pineapple. Our favourite jam was strawberry. We made hot toast with jam, learning to carefully spread the butter and the jam. We wrote lots of describing words about the jam. We thought it was soft, hard, crunchy, fruity, red, brown, smelly and rough. We all agreed it was delicious!



Xander and Ethan enjoying jam on toast.

Year 1

We are excited about our new ICU unit, Schoolyard Safari. So far, students have discovered interesting facts about

Australian animals. We discovered that marsupials, such as kangaroos and koalas, carry their young in pouches. We also learnt that nocturnal animals, such as possums and bilbies, only come out at night. Additionally, during reading activities, we discovered new vocabulary such as cuscus, marsupial, nocturnal and native. Finally, we thoroughly enjoyed creating kangaroos with 3D pouches which held baby joeys.

Year 2

We have had a fabulous start to Term 2! In History, we are learning about life in the past and how technology has developed over time. Last week, we made butter using cream, a jar and a marble. It was hard work! We decided that we wouldn't like to make butter like this every day because it was exhausting. In writing, we are learning about narratives. We have been focusing on using powerful adjectives to describe the physical appearance and personality of our main character. Our next step is to brainstorm intriguing ideas for the plot of our story.

Year 3

We have been excited to investigate a celebration of their choice. When using key words to research information, we have used a range of sources, including books and online information. Students have been developing their skills to complete vertical subtraction with trading in Mathematics. We are excited to show off our learning on Open Day!

Year 4

Throughout our focus on Australian History, we have studied the lifestyle of Indigenous Australians and the impact of European settlement on their way of life. If you visit our rooms on Open Day, you will see our group inquiry showcasing this learning. Did you know that Aboriginal people were sustainable in the way they used and lived on the land? Their respect for, and use of, resources sourced from their local environment is a lifestyle many aspire to today. Lucky for us, we're fortunate to learn about sustainability in a very practical way, when we visit the Enviro Barn each fortnight.

Year 5

We have begun to explore the solar system and are developing an understanding of how massive our universe is. Using a very interesting material, we created a scaled model of the solar system on the oval. For our scale, one sheet of toilet paper represents 50 million kilometres. We discovered that 90 sheets of toilet paper laid side by side was equivalent to the distance between Neptune and the Sun. We enjoyed creating a wreath with our buddies for the ANZAC Dawn Service and remembering those who sacrificed their life for us. What a timely reminder as we also remembered Jesus's sacrifice at Easter.

Year 6

We are happy to return following school holidays. We have started our inquiry, called *Night of the Notables*. On 25 June, Year 6 will present many famous immigrants

for all to see. We are very motivated and excited for the upcoming auditions for the Lion King Junior and have been learning songs to prepare for this exciting event. In Maths, we have focused on written strategies for addition problems. It has been hard, but very engaging and our brains are now filled with knowledge. Year 6 is very excited about these fun events and has had a wonderful start to Term 2.

By Radha Robertson and Stella Lantry

Earn & Learn

Help Us to Earn Learning Resources

From Wednesday 1 May to Tuesday 25 June 2019 (or while stock lasts), when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator. Stickers are placed on an Earn & Learn sticker sheet. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Oxley Christian College Collection Box, either at the College or at your local Woolworths store.

We can then redeem the stickers for valuable education equipment for the Junior School. Whilst we are not recommending that families change their normal shopping habits, we would like to let parents who regularly shop at Woolworths know about our involvement.

Sticker sheets can be collected in-store or downloaded from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Please speak with Mrs Sharee Gaiser if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

NAPLAN

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

The National Assessment Program – Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held from Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 May 2019. We strongly encourage all students to complete this valuable assessment.

The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's personal report. It will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards, e.g. the acceptable standards for students across Australia. Although it is only one piece of data from a given day, we are confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information visit www.nap.edu.au.

Sharee Gaiser and Melanie Hayley
NAPLAN Coordinators

First Aid

Anaphylaxis

We have a large number of students with confirmed Anaphylaxis at the College. While there are over 160 foods that people can be allergic to, the most common amongst our students is peanuts and tree nuts. As part of our Risk Management procedures we ask that you do not allow your student to bring nuts or nut products of any kind to be consumed at school, and please do not send other containers that may have contained nuts or nut products.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis

Risk Management and Communication documents have been sent home this week for all students with Asthma and /or Anaphylaxis. Please make sure you read, sign, and return these documents to the First Aid Office without delay.

If you are concerned about any health issue relating to your child, you are more than welcome to make an appointment to see me, or phone me during office hours which are 8.15am to 4.15pm Monday to Friday. The direct line for the First Aid Office is 9727 9940

I will be away on Long Service Leave from the end of Term 1 until 23 May 2019. Mrs Kerry Best has joined the staff at Oxley and, together with Mrs Delyse Lamont, will ensure that students are looked after in First Aid.

Wendy Booth
First Aid officer

Congratulations

Jazmyn Takes Out Double Gold in Mildura

We congratulate Jazmyn McDonald (9.20), on her outstanding achievements in the ABA National Titles and ABA National 3D championships. This is a prestigious annual archery tournament!

Jazmyn took out gold in both tournaments in the Junior Girls Bowhunter Unlimited Division.

An incredible achievement earning Jazmyn position of Australia's number one rated Junior girl in her sport.



Charity Knitting



Greetings fellow knitters. It has reached that time of year when the weather is getting colder and winter woollies are needed. We will continue to knit for kogo, and they have said that they are in desperate need of baby cardigans or jumpers.

Alannah & Madeline Foundation are running a campaign this winter *Beanies not Meanies* and would appreciate purple knitted beanies. Squares, beanies, scarves and wrist warmers are always welcomed.

If you are able to hand in anything that you have knitted by the beginning of May, I will place it on the Charity knitting display on Open Day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Oxley Christian College.

Dru Law
Senior School Teacher

Entertainment Books

Help raise funds for our Student Clubs!

Give mum the VIP treatment with Entertainment! Packed with thousands of valuable offers across dining, retail, attractions and travel, an Entertainment Membership is the gift she can enjoy all year round.

Entertainment books are available for purchase to help Oxley raise funds for our Student Clubs. Entertainment books have hundreds of valuable offers, cost only \$70.00 and help our fundraising at the same time. Hurry, Entertainment Memberships sell out quickly. Go to www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18693c3.

Thank you for your support!



Enrolments

2020

Parents intending to enrol children (who are not already enrolled at Oxley Christian College) for 2020 are strongly advised 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.

2021

We are also accepting enrolments for 2021 and beyond (particularly Prep and Year 7) and again, we encourage you to submit your completed Enrolment Application Form as soon as possible.

Notice to Withdraw

Parents are reminded of their obligation to give the College one full term's notice, in writing to the Principal, if 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



ANZAC Day Dawn Service



Oxley Kids welcomes our OSHC families to Term 2. We pray you had a refreshing break.

We have limited places available for 3 year old and 4 year old kindergarten for 2020. Contact us today for

more information or to arrange a tour: 9727 9200 or office@oxleykids.vic.edu.au.

Kim Sopar
Oxley Kids Director

Notice Board

2019 Calendar

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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

To advertise or purchase
second hand items:
[http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/
classifieds.php](http://online.oxley.vic.edu.au/classifieds.php)
username: parent
password: oxley

OXLEY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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

OXLEY KIDS

Early Learning Centre
Open 6.30am - 6.30pm
9727 9200

OXLEY ONLINE

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

May	Friday	3	Early Dismissal – 1.00pm
	Saturday	4	Open Day (11.00am – 2.30pm)
	Monday	6	Prep Excursion VCD Excursion
	Tuesday	7	Homestay Information Evening (7.00pm - 9.00pm, BPAC) Mothers' Day Stall EISM Athletics
	Wednesday	8	Year 10 Photography Excursion Year 7-10 Cyber Safety Incursion
	Thursday	9	Oxley 40th Anniversary Photo
	Friday	10	Year 9 IT Excursion Year 11 Geography Excursion Year 3 Hand on Science Incursion Year 8.23 and 8.24 Geography Excursion
	Monday	13	Junior School Cross Country (9.30pm - 12.30pm Main Oval) EIS Athletics Championships
	Tuesday	14	Year 6 Excursion
	Tues-Fri	14-17	NAPLAN (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
	Wednesday	15	Year 8.33 and 8.34 History Excursion
	Wed-Fri	15-17	Year 4 Camp
	Thursday	16	Year 11 Food and Year 12 Business Excursion
	Monday	20	Year 2 Excursion
	Wednesday	22	National Simultaneous Storytime Year 3-6 District Cross Country Year 1 Excursion
	Thursday	23	VCE Unit 1&3 Concert (7.00pm - 10.00pm BPAC)
	Friday	24	Year 10 Immunisations Year 8.23 and 8.24 Geography Excursion
	Tuesday	28	Senior School House Cross Country
	Wednesday	29	School at Work (9.50am - 11.30am, BPAC)
	Friday	31	Year 10 Coaching and Advanced Fitness Excursion
June	Mon-Fri	3-7	Year 7-11 Exams
	Thursday	6	Year 5 Excursion
	Wednesday	12	VCE GAT Year 10 Special Program



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