



The Newsletter of  
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## From the Principal

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we are almost halfway through the College year. Our leadership group takes this opportunity to thank the school community for such generous support on our Open Day. In particular, we thank students who were ambassadors and provided many people with assistance and a welcoming smile. Despite the cold weather, it was a wonderful occasion with very positive feedback received from members of the public. Open Day is one of those occasions we can point to the tangible expression of community spirit at Oxley, and we were not disappointed with the grace at work among us. Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation for, and assistance on, the day.

This next fortnight involves national literacy and numeracy assessments. Sometimes these tests are controversial among stakeholders. Whatever thoughts parents have on NAPLAN, it does provide teachers with useful diagnostic information that can be used for the benefit of student learning. At Oxley, we know that students excel in an environment with good discipline, where teachers provide direct and explicit instruction and have a data-informed practice; where teachers collaborate and are involved in

professional learning events. We trust students will do their best and also learn from this experience of formal assessment without too much anxiety.

School Principals have been reading with interest the political and economic arguments being raised following the announcement of the federal election. While education and religious freedom have received little airplay, I am sure we will see more involvement of the next government in how schools operate, who they employ and what schools teach. We know that schools and universities are now key battlegrounds for the so-called culture wars. Australia's secular and Marxist culture is pushing aside the heritage and significance of the Judeo-Christian influence on Western civilisation. However, our political and legal systems are imbued with Christian morals and ethics, and to deny such a reality is to jeopardise many rights we now take for granted. As for Oxley, we still believe that the Christian Gospel is our most precious asset and that it demands clarity and intentional excellence in our work. On this last point, we trust our families hold a similar view.

We hope students are enjoying the term at Oxley.

Douglas Peck



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

# Devotion

## Patience

Our theme this year is *Virtue*. It is a common saying, “*patience is a virtue*”. This simply means that a valuable quality in a person is patience.

Patience is most commonly defined as the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. In other words, patience is essentially *waiting with grace*.

You, like me, may struggle to be patient at times. You would identify this by the fact that you’d rather have a tooth pulled out than wait another minute in line at the bank! Or perhaps you really struggle to wait for the little green man at the traffic light to go green. A one minute egg timer goes for too long! If it takes longer to cook the food than it does to eat it, is it really worth it?

Colossians 3:12-14 *Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Galatians 5:22-23 *The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (which includes patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Patience is hard in this day and age. It isn’t exactly encouraged by the lifestyles we live. Think about it... microwave dinners instead of slow cooked meals or Amazon next day delivery ordered and paid for instantly via an app rather than visiting a store. Digital information at our fingertips rather than visiting a library. We live in a world of instant gratification.

I remember someone saying to me once, if you want more patience, don’t ask God to give you patience. Ask for opportunities to learn patience. If you ask God for patience, what you may get in a line at the bank or even a traffic jam. God doesn’t always give you what you asked for. Instead, He provides the people, places and situations that allow us to develop and learn what we have asked for.

It could be that if you are stuck in a job you don’t like and you can’t find any other work, then God is building your patience. If you have hit an impasse in a relationship, then God is building your patience. Each nuisance, long wait, and affliction, every mosquito

bite, traffic jam, and body ache raises our threshold of tolerance ever so much. Even reading the Chaplain’s long devotions can make you a more patient person!

James 1:2-4 *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Patience actually comes from a position of power. A person may have the ability to take revenge or cause trouble, but patience brings self-restraint and careful thinking. Losing patience is a sign of weakness. We are patient through trying situations out of hope for a coming deliverance; we are patient with a trying person out of compassion. We choose to love that person and want what is best for them.

The Bible tells us that God Himself is patient with us. I’m so glad He is, because I can be slow to learn and pay attention sometimes!

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

Matt Daly  
Chaplain

*God, Grant us the serenity to accept the  
things we cannot change  
The courage to change the things we can  
And the wisdom to know the difference  
Grant us patience with the changes that take  
time  
Appreciation of all that we have  
Tolerance of those with different struggles  
And the strength to get up and try again  
One day at a time.  
Amen.*



Alpha Course begins  
Thursday 30 May – 6.30pm-9.00pm  
at Life Ministry Church  
(Ends 29 Aug)  
Free Registration:  
[lmc.org.au/courses](http://lmc.org.au/courses)  
or contact 9726 8111



# Senior School

Open Day 2019, on Saturday 4 May, was a resounding success and saw many families and visitors enjoying Oxley hospitality. The College was buzzing with conversations, and the great learning that occurs here. Delicious food was sampled, engaging demonstration lessons observed, entertaining musical items played, interactive displays provided and so much more. There was something for everyone, and it was a successful and enjoyable day.

An enormous thank you to all students who participated, whether it was setting up or packing down, musical or drama performance, cooking or serving, valet parking, student ambassadors or in any other capacity. This event relies heavily upon the participation and goodwill of many. Thank you to all the families who visited and supported students displaying the joy found in quality Christian education to the local community.

We recently trialled our revised Parent-Teacher interview format to one evening from 4.00 - 9.00pm and one afternoon from 1.30 - 6.00pm. Feedback from staff and parents so far has generally been positive, but I encourage you to let me know your views, as this may become our regular format. These were our best attended Parent Teacher interviews with over 1,700 bookings. We trust that you found the interviews informative and invaluable as teachers work with you to ensure we are aligned in assisting every individual.

We are privileged to offer a great many excursions, field trips, performances and other co-curricular activities. The Year 11 Geography field trip to Lake Mountain fulfilled predictions of high levels of rainfall and low temperatures. Plans were formulated for a range of scenarios, including whether or not to proceed, and what additional safety measures would be required. The event was slightly modified to allow for some rainfall, temperatures close to zero, and even a flurry of snow. The event was a great success and students thoroughly enjoyed it. Every activity that takes place involves much planning and preparation. I would like to acknowledge the many sensational staff who lead such events, and their well-considered and professional approach, balancing an innovative curriculum, cost, safety, logistics and other considerations.

In Assembly on Monday morning, we celebrated the achievements of a large number of students. Congratulations to all who received applause for their attainments, whether in Senior years or Year 7 sporting medals or Duke of Edinburgh medals and certificates. A special mention to **Miranda Lantry** who played a piano piece she had written titled, *Perceptions in Variation*. The auditorium swelled with the melodious music as she displayed her talents through this beautiful and complex arrangement.

Thank you and well done to **Sally Johnston-Bailey** for her well considered devotion on the virtue of *Empathy*, which gave us pause for reflection. Assembly concluded

with a Scriptural Snack from Matthew 11 and we thank our Year 12s for their initiative and willingness to lead. Our prayer is that all people will come to know God and the joy that comes from a life spent with Him. Students were invited to reflect upon the words of Jesus when He said, *"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Greg Barker  
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

# Junior School

Thank you to students, parents, families and friends who attended our Open Day on Saturday 4 May. What a pleasure it was to have our rich learning on display. Students savoured the chance to participate in a demonstration lesson or musical item. Year 6 student ambassadors directed visitors around the property and welcomed families as they toured the College. We thank all staff and students for presenting an exciting interactive program to our College community. We would like to congratulate the lucky winner of the competition for the *Microsoft Surface Go*, Jonathan Yannas (5M).



Our House Cross Country event was held on Monday 13 May. Students from Prep – Year 6 ran the course with such energy. We were blessed with spectacular weather too! Great sportsmanship was on display, especially from our student leaders who encouraged other students as they ran the race. The Year 6 Community Action Leadership Group served sausages, raising funds for Amari, a Community Development Program in Uganda ([www.amari.org.au](http://www.amari.org.au)). Approximately \$500 was raised on the day. Appreciation is also extended to the great team of parent volunteers who assisted with the BBQ and helped to cook the sausages to perfection.

Year 3 and 5 students participated in the annual NAPLAN assessments this week in both Literacy and Numeracy. Student outcomes are measured and celebrated in a variety of ways at Oxley and teachers use data from a range of sources to inform their teaching and learning. We congratulate the students for their efforts!



We hope and pray that our Year 4 students and teachers enjoyed their three-day camp to Mill Valley Ranch this week. This program offers students the chance to build independence and resilience. Improved social skills are also a bonus of attending a school camp, with children encouraged to interact with each other in a different environment. Travelling together, sharing mealtimes and accommodation teaches children the value of working together in a respectful manner. We look forward to sharing with you the memorable experiences enjoyed this week!

Parents, we also wish to remind you that Report Writing Day, to be held on Friday 14 June, is a Student Free day and students are not expected at school. Please put this date on your calendar.

## School Banking

Our School Banking day is on Monday only with no other substitute days. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Oxley Christian College.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2019 School Banking program information pack from the College office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking).

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour. Ecclesiastes 4:9*

Sharee Gaiser  
Head of Junior School

## What Did You Do at School Today?

### Prep

We were very excited to have our first excursion for the year to Casey Safety Village. We enjoyed riding a bike and learning how to be safe on the road. We even found a railway crossing, school crossing, traffic lights and pedestrian crossing. During our visit, we went to the Fire Safety House. We learnt about some of the hazards in our home. It is important for us to remember when there is a fire to *Stop, Drop and Roll*. When it was time to come home, we enjoyed the bus ride after a busy day. Some of us also enjoyed a nap.



Carvin and Sophie (Prep M)



Emilia (Prep W)



Hope (Prep M)







Josh (Prep W)

## Year 1

We diligently practised our parts for Open Day. It was wonderful to perform in front of our families and friends. This week we have been using a storyboard to create a narrative text. We are being careful to introduce the character and setting, and include the beginning, problem and solution. We are making our stories exciting by adding amazing adjectives.

## Year 2

We have had a wonderful week of learning. The students participated in the Open Day activities with enthusiasm and both classes presented well. It was fantastic to see the students' confidence grow as they read aloud in front of an audience. Well done! In Maths, we have been focussing on mass and learning the skill of hefting and comparing objects with different masses. Students enjoyed using the pan scales to test the mass of different items in the classroom. We have begun writing narrative texts and learnt how to grab the attention of an audience by beginning our text with an exciting sound, such as Kaboom! Splat! Crash! or Bang! We cannot wait to read our published writing.

## Year 3

We have started a new Science unit, *Melting Moments*, with a visit from *Hands On Science*. The students explored and carried out experiments to investigate ways heat can be generated and transferred to other objects. Annie, Kai, Olivia H, Lily, Grace and Elizabeth are pictured conducting exciting experiments.



## Year 4

We were very excited to share our learning with family and friends at Open Day. Both grades entertained the audience with performances inspired by our History and Science topics for Term 2. 4B performed a well-known folk song, called *Bound for Botany Bay*, and 4K performed an original rap song using Science vocabulary about rocks. Both classes then had a parent vs kids pop quiz. We would like to thank all families for coming to support us and we hope you enjoyed our performances.

## Year 5

In reading, we have been focusing on questioning. The answers to our deep-thinking questions are not always in the text we read and the answer has to come from our thinking. Questioning helps us to understand texts at a deeper level. It has been amazing to apply our strengthened questioning skills to many learning areas. In Science, we used questions to discover more about the planets, to better understand solar flares and the impact they have on earth. In Math, our understanding of key concepts is challenged by the questions our teachers ask. We are challenged to justify and explain how we know we are right. We look forward to another fantastic fortnight striving for knowledge through questioning.

## Year 6

The last two weeks have been spectacular! On Open Day, we saw many wonderful family members and visitors come to celebrate the school's hard work. We learnt so many things, and what we were most interested in was that some bees travelled from their hives because pollution was nearby. We thoroughly enjoyed taking on the role of an Open Day Ambassador, representing the College and answering visitors' questions. In Writing, we have used many different strategies to develop interesting characters in our narratives. Ask us about who we are writing about!

Written by Michael Buckle and Shenghao Jin (6K)

# Senior Sport

## Students performed well at EISM Championships

We were fortunate to have a total of 32 students representing Oxley Christian College this year at the EISM Athletics Championships on Monday 13 May at Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park. Seven of our athletes won four gold, two silver and two bronze medals against some very strong competition.

**Zoe Sibley** (11.13) won gold in the Girls Open 800m and silver in the Open Girls 1500m. **Audrey Oastler** (9.22) won gold in the Girls U/15 High Jump. **Eden Roberts** (8.23) won gold in the Boys U/14 800m and **Thomas Steuart** (8.23) won gold in the U/14 Boys Triple Jump. **Eloise Jefferies** (8.24) won silver in the Girls U/13 Shot Put. **Isabella Aing** (12.8) received a bronze in the Open Girls Triple Jump and **Liam Jarrott** (12.9) received a bronze in the Open Boys Shot Put. Congratulations to these students on a great achievement.



Championship winners

Less than a week before Championships we had a team of 100 athletes representing Oxley at the same venue in the EISM Division 2 Athletics. Below are the results from that event. Congratulations to all our athletes who represented Oxley at the EISM Division 2 Athletics.

Name	HG	Event	Age	Place
Miranda Gartner	12.8	Girls 100mB & 400m	Open	1st
Zoe Sibley	11.13	Girls 800m & 1500m	Open	1st
Bek Pocock	8.23	Girls High Jump	U/13	1st
Eloise Jefferies	8.24	Girls Shot Put	U/13	1st
Daniella Hupertz	7.15	Girls Triple Jump	U/13	1st
Audrey Oastler	9.22	Girls High Jump	U/15	1st
Ella Whiting-Le Cras	10.4	Girls 100mB	U/16	1st
Tarnya Anderson	10.2	Girls 800m	U/16	1st
Emily Pocock	10.1	Girls 100mC	Open	1st
Ryan Jarrott	7.16	Boys 800m	U/13	1st
Liam MacDonald	7.17	Boys High Jump	U/13	1st
Joshua Ho	7.17	Boys Long Jump	U/13	1st

Eden Roberts	8.24	Boys 800m	U/14	1st
Thomas Steuart	8.23	Boys High & Triple Jump	U/14	1st
Francis Lian	10.2	Boys 200m	U/16	1st



Zoe and Alicia

Name	HG	Event	Age	Place
Isabella Aing	12.8	Girls 200m	Open	2nd
Madeline Chester	12.8	Girls 200mB	Open	2nd
Alicia Madigan	12.8	Girls 800m & 1500m	Open	2nd
Tarnya Anderson	10.2	Girls 100m	U/16	2nd
Ella Whiting-Le Cras	10.4	Girls 100mB & 200mB	U/14	2nd
Lani Cubitt	10.1	Girls 100mC	U/16	2nd
Miranda Gartner	12.8	100m Hurdles	Open	2nd
Nathan Tillotson	7.16	Boys 200B	U/13	2nd
Liam MacDonald	7.17	Boys 800m	U/13	2nd
Daniel He	8.24	Boys Shot Put	U/14	2nd
Caleb Weinmann	10.4	Boys High Jump	U/16	2nd
Luke Moreau	11.14	100m Hurdles	Open	2nd



U16 Boys Relay team

Name	HG	Event	Age	Place
Francis Lian	10.2	Boys Long Jump	U/16	3rd
Isabella Aing	12.8	Girls Triple Jump	Open	3rd
Daniella Hupertz	7.15	Girls Long Jump	U/13	3rd
Tiana Knights	9.21	Girls 100mB & 200mB & Long Jump	U/15	3rd



Audrey Oastler	9.22	Girls 200m	U/15	3rd
Tarnya Anderson	10.2	Girls 200m	U/16	3rd
Ella Whiting-Le Cras	10.4	Girls 400m	U/16	3rd
Lani Cubitt	10.1	Girls Triple Jump	U/16	3rd
Isabella Saunders	9.21	Girls Shot Put	U/14	3rd
Samuel Steer	9.20	Boys 100m Hurdles	U/15	3rd
Angus Hubbard	10.2	Boys 100m B	U/16	3rd
Zac Jarrott	10.4	Boys 400m	U/16	3rd
Liam Jarrott	12.9	Boys 400m & Shot Put	Open	3rd
Luke Moreau	11.14	High Jump	Open	3rd

Dakoda received second place ribbons for her performance in the 12-14 Girls Backstroke Relay, the 12-14 Girls Breaststroke Relay and the 12-14 Girls Freestyle Relay. She also received a third-place ribbon for the Medley Relay. Une received two third place ribbons for the 12-14 Boys Breaststroke and the 12-14 Boys Medley Relay.

This is a great privilege and achievement to have two Oxley students representing the EISM at such a high level of competition and we congratulate Dakoda and Une on their outstanding efforts.

Frederik Kotze  
Head of Sport

## AFL Premiership Star Visits Oxley

On Thursday 2 May, former AFL player, Matthew Bishop, conducted a clinic and gave a talk about succeeding in football and life. Matthew played 150 games with Melbourne and Port Adelaide, the highlight being the Premiership in 2004.



The weather looked gloomy, but the event remained rain-free and the students enjoyed improving their skills before a practice match was played, which resulted in a thrilling draw. Everyone enjoyed a great afternoon of fun, fitness and fellowship.

Gavin Fox  
Senior School PE Teacher



U16 Girls Relay team

## Oxley Students Included in EISM Team Against Other Associations

Two of our swimmers, Dakoda Mathers (8.24) and Une Geisler (7.16), were invited by the Victorian School Association Competition (VSAC) to represent the EISM during the VSAC Competition on Monday 13 May at MSAC in Albert Park. Both Dakoda and Une were selected as a result of their outstanding performances during the EISM Swimming Championships on 25 March.

During the VSAC Competition, 11 School Associations compete in 60 events. Some of the School Associations include Girls Sport Victoria, Associated Grammar Schools Victoria, Associated Public Schools Victoria, Association and SEISA, to name a few.





# Junior Sport

## Prep-Year 6 House Cross Country

On Monday 13 May, Junior School students competed in the House Cross Country event. With a focus on reaching set goals, students demonstrated perseverance and commitment to give their best effort.

For the first time since 2001, Gibeon Warriors were named the champions, amassing 651 points in total. Zion Crusaders placed second (572) and Tabor Trojans (465) followed in third place.



Prep boy winners Joshua, Leo and Thomas



Lachlan, Thomas and Sawm in the Year 1 boys race

Congratulations to the following students for finishing in the top 3 of their race.

Year	Boys	Girls
Prep	1st Joshua Connelly 2nd Leo Palmer 3rd Thomas Caldwell	1st Ellen Frazer 2nd Ava Colverson 3rd Charisma Gray
Year 1	1st Lachlan Edwards 2nd Thomas Kennedy 3rd Sawm Buansing	1st Mia Gu 2nd Shazia Geisler 3rd Evie Ryder
Year 2	1st Joe Powell 2nd Jayden Hume 3rd William Xu	1st Hannah Nelson 2nd Mia Frazer 3rd Imogen Swyny
Year 3	1st Joshua Lynch 2nd Ryder Holland 3rd Jesse Thorpe	1st Jasmine Jones 2nd Charlotte Thorp 3rd Weylen Truong

Year 4	1st Donny Lian 2nd Lucas Mann 3rd Sean Wong	1st Charlotte Filleul 2nd San Lian Buansing 3rd Jasmine Liu
Year 5	1st Anthony Tartaglia 2nd Archer Hogan 3rd Jonathan Woodcock	1st Tayla Eleveld 2nd Lily Bennett 3rd Jessica Lynch
Year 6	1st James Ray 2nd Subomi Dalley 3rd Freddie Fryer	1st Lillianna Filleul 2nd Alannah Moulton 3rd Ava Van Haaster



Imogen, Hannah and Mia after their Year 2 girls race



Ellen, Ava and Charisma celebrating a Red House sweep

Congratulations to all of the students on excellent achievements!

## Year 5-6 Interschool Sports, Summer Season

In Term 1, students in Year 5-6 competed in the Mooroolbark District Interschool Sports. With 7 rounds of competition, students learned how to work as a team to achieve success in their allocated sport.



Interschool Sports Medals



The following students were voted Most Valuable Player (MVP) or Best Team Player (BTP) by their teams.

Event	MVP	BTP
Tennis	Olo Serra	Isaac Nassar
Rugby Tag	Anthony Tartaglia	Stella Lantry
Cricket	Ezra Simpson	Chloe Daly
Tee-Ball	Jordan Thorpe	Shiloh Thurrowgood
Girls Basketball	Lillianna Filleul	Breanna Steuart
Open Basketball	Eric An	Luka Marchione

**Joshua Gaschk**  
Junior School PE Teacher

## Music

It has been a great start to Term 2. Our music ensemble students all had an opportunity to perform for family and friends on Open Day and they all did a wonderful job.

Over the last few weeks the following students sat and passed their examinations. Well done to all!

Isabel Alcorido	SCSM Violin Grade 2
Jeremiah Lambert	SCSM Violin Grade 2
Tirion Roberts	SCSM Violin Grade 2
Levi Steer	SCSM Violin Grade 2
Kayla Foo	SCSM Violin Grade 3
Jadon Lum	AMEB Piano Preliminary Grade
Sean Wong	AMEB Piano Preliminary Grade
Weylen Truong	AMEB Piano for Leisure Preliminary Grade
Victor Som	AMEB Piano Grade 1

Listed below are a number of events for our students and families to enjoy during Term 2. Please make a note for your calendar.

Date	Event
Thursday 23 May	VCE Units 1 & 3 Concert
Saturday 25 May	Thanksgiving Breakfast (Melodia and Colla Voce)
Thursday 13 June	Soiree Evening
Friday 14 June	SCSM String Examinations
Thursday 20 June	Senior Ensemble Evening
Wednesday 26 June	Junior Ensemble Evening

In 2019, we are holding four Soiree evenings throughout the year. The first is on Thursday 13 June. Instructors have determined in which Soiree concert each of their students will perform, based on where they are in their learning program, which usually coincides with

when each student is ready for an examination. Where possible, we will place siblings in the same concert, but if they are not at the same stage in their program, this may not be possible.

The four Soiree dates are

- Thursday 13 June
- Thursday 29 August
- Monday 14 October
- Wednesday 16 October

A letter will soon be sent to parents with information about each student's Soiree date.

We would like to remind parents of our private instrumental students, Year 2 String students and Year 7 Instrumental students, that reports will no longer be prepared for these subjects. The Music Department encourages private instrumental students to undertake examinations in their selected instruments. Students who do so will receive a report from the examiner. Parents are also able to email the Music Department to request feedback on their child's technical skills.

Parents of private instrumental students are reminded that if they would like to withdraw their child from lessons from Term 3, advice should be given to the Music Department by Friday 17 May. Any student wanting to start learning a musical instrument in Term 3 must have their application submitted to the Music Department by Friday 31 May.

If you have any queries about private instrumental lessons or ensemble rehearsals, please call the Music Department on 9727 9675.

**Angela Peacock**  
Performing Arts & Events Administration

## Cyber Safety

### Susan McLean Cyber Safety Presentation

On Wednesday 8 May, we were privileged to have Mrs Susan McLean come and speak to our Year 7-10 students about staying safe online. Susan was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years and was the first Victorian Police member appointed to a role involving cyber safety and young people. She now travels around the world presenting to students, sport clubs and families about issues relating to cyber safety.

Susan's presentation covered the three R's of cyber safety; Respect, Responsibility and Reputation. Respectful behaviour online first requires us to be kind and to remember that we are part of a community and therefore we should learn to pull each other up in everything we do and not tear each other down. We also need to learn to be courageous and brave in using our voice to stand up for the good of others.

Susan encouraged all students to *Speak up, even if your voice shakes*.

Susan also shared some practical information for being responsible and protecting your reputation online:

- You are never anonymous online
- No student under the age of 14 should have a social media account
- Everything you do leaves a digital footprint
- Anything posted on the internet is now in the public domain
- Passwords should never be shared
- Anyone can be anyone online and so never accept someone as a *friend* unless you know and trust them in real life

Susan also talked about the issue of cyber bullying where the biggest barrier tends to occur when young people do not tell an adult what is happening. Statistics show that 30 per cent of bullying stops and 40 per cent reduces when a responsible adult gets involved in helping sort out issues of cyber bullying. Here at Oxley, we want every student to feel safe and respected and so we encourage anyone having issues online to find a trusted adult to talk to. This might include a teacher, coordinator or parent. Pastor Matt Daly and I are also always willing to talk these issues through with students and we welcome family comments on this topic.

If a student does experience cyber bullying, then they should:

- Tell a trusted adult
- Block the person who is being abusive
- Keep a copy of the communication
- Report the abuse using the available function on the app involved.

We would love you to take this opportunity to talk through these important issues with your child and remember that everything you do sets an example for how your children will interact online. Perhaps you could ask them what it is that they learned from the presentation, or what is the most difficult thing they have ever encountered online. Every conversation is a great opportunity to help support your child to think through these complex issues that they encounter frequently.

Danielle Bruce  
College Psychologist

## Congratulations

### Sporting achievements

Hard work, perseverance and a wonderful running ability contributed to Year 11 student, **Zoe Sibley**, qualifying for the Australian Junior Track and Field Championships held over the Term 1 break. Zoe ran the tough 3000m event and was placed 11th out of 23 runners with a

time of 10 minutes 40 seconds. This was a fantastic achievement, made more so by it being a Personal Best run 10 seconds over previous runs. Congratulations to Zoe and her family.

**Chanse Mathers** (12.10) has been selected on the Victorian Aerobic Gymnastics team for the sixth year. She will be competing at the Australian Gymnastics Championships at Melbourne Arena on Friday 31 May. To manage this training along with her studies is very impressive.



Chanse performing her routine

**Dakoda Mathers** (8.24) recently returned from the Australian Age Swimming Championships held in Adelaide over the Easter break. She qualified in 10 different events, managing a PB in seven of her events. The big highlights were that she achieved a top 10 finish in her 2 distance events, the 800m and 1500m.

Dakoda also took a huge 9.5 seconds off her 400 IM time to qualify for a National Final, where she achieved a further PB.

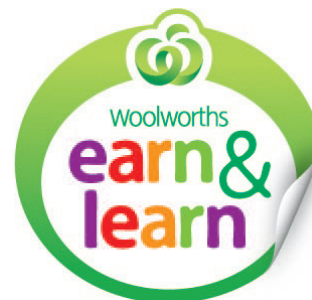
## Earn and Learn

### Help Us to Earn Learning Resources

Until 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



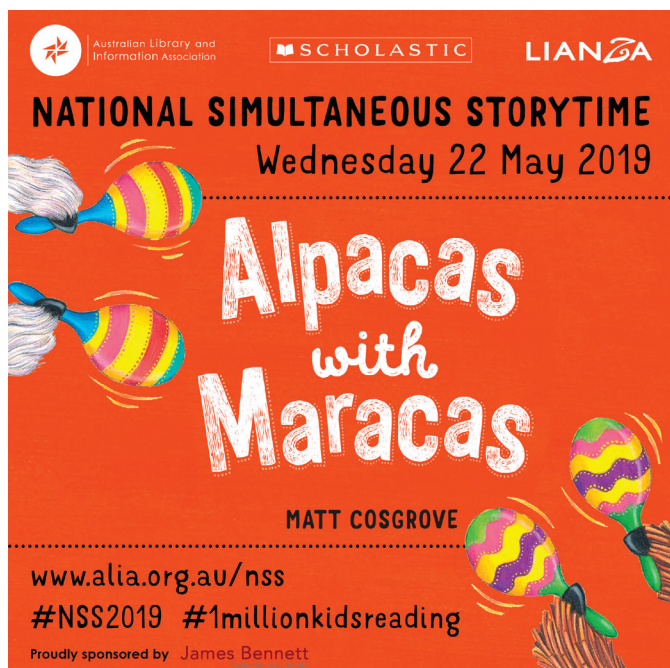


recommending that families change their normal shopping habits, we would like to let parents who regularly shop at Woolworths know about our involvement.

Sticker sheets can be collected in-store or downloaded from [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://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

## Resource Centre



Library and Information Week runs from 20 to 24 May. This week is dedicated to promoting Libraries (Resource Centres).

Activities will run throughout the week for both Senior and Junior students at recess and lunchtimes in the Resource Centre. The main event for Junior School will be the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 22 May in the BPAC at 11.00am.

Ruth Hogg  
Resource Centre Manager

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premiers' Reading Challenge is bigger and better than ever and we encourage all Junior School students to join in. It's very easy.

Students need to:

- Collect a username and password from your Home Group teacher;

- Head to the Premiers' Reading Challenge website <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc> and log on;
- Start reading!

To complete the challenge:

- Prep-Year 2 read or share 30 books (20 books from the Premiers' Reading Challenge List);
- Years 3-6 read 15 books (10 books from the Premiers' Reading Challenge list); and
- Record the books you read on the website before Friday 30 August 2019, when the challenge ends.

It's that easy! Happy reading.

Pina Sernio  
Premiers' Reading Challenge Coordinator

## Car Parking Reminder

For the ongoing safety of our students, we provide a necessary reminder to all parents about dropping off and collecting students (before and after school):

- Please only park in the car parks around the LMC auditorium.
- Do not park in the Teardrop Carpark unless
  - you are dropping off an instrument to the BPAC; or
  - you have business at the Administration Office

Please drive slowly and give way to students crossing roads.

## Dogs on College Grounds

For student safety and welfare concerns, dogs are not permitted to be walked on the property, even while on a leash.

Families are, therefore, requested to not bring pet dogs on to the College property, unless the dog is a therapy or helper dog.

If you are dropping off or collecting students, and your pet dog is in your car, the dog must remain in your car.



## Dropping off students on Billanook Way

Parents have been observed allowing their children to exit vehicles from the driver's side onto the busy and congested Billanook Way. This is a careless and dangerous practice! Students should always exit vehicles from kerbside doors.

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 would again request parents to 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:

- the bus stop at Billanook Way;
- homes in the Chirnside Park Village estate; and
- footpaths leading to the Chirnside Park Shopping Centre.

Your understanding and compliance with this request is essential.

Andrew Holland  
Business Manager

## 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 who are in desperate need of baby cardigans and jumpers.

The 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 have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the College.

Dru Law  
Senior School Teacher

## Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Closing Soon

**Reminder to Parents (holding a concession card). Don't miss out on your payment from the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)**

The Victorian Government has established the CSEF to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. These costs are included in the levies that are billed to your school account.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, (e.g. Centrelink Health Care Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card, or Pensioner Concession Card), or you are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

For more information about CSEF, and to download the CSEF application form, visit <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>.

Note: Application forms are also available at the Reception Desk at the College's Administration Office.

Application forms will only be accepted up to 28 June 2019.

Please note that the College is required to sight and copy any relevant concession cards that you may hold to support eligibility for the CSEF. Please bring your concession card with you when you deliver your application to the College Administration Office.

Upon approval by the Victorian Government, the allowance will be paid to the College, which will then be applied to your school account.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Dawn Pryor, Accounts Receivable Officer, or Mr Andrew Holland, Business Manager, on 9727 9900.

Andrew Holland  
Business Manager

## 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



Oxley Kids is currently taking applications for 2020 and beyond. If you are considering Kindergarten or Long Day Care at Oxley Kids, do not delay in contacting us.

Call 9727 9200, email [office@oxleykids.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@oxleykids.vic.edu.au) or come and see us.

Kim Sopar  
Oxley Kids Director



# OXLEY

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE



## Student Homestays

Hosting an international student can be a rewarding experience for you and your family

We are currently seeking local and caring homestay families for international students

If you would like to provide a nurturing home for a Senior School student, please contact our Homestay Coordinator, Robyn Holland, on 9727 9900 or [rholland@oxley.vic.edu.au](mailto:rholland@oxley.vic.edu.au) for further information.

In accordance with Oxley Christian College ethos, all homestays are required to comply with the College's Child Safe Policy and Code of Conduct, and other requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

## Entertainment Books

### Help raise funds for our Student Clubs

Entertainment books are now available for purchase! By purchasing a book you will be helping the College raise funds for our Student Clubs.

Entertainment books have hundreds of valuable offers for everyone in your family, and cost only \$70.00.

### Be quick as Entertainment Memberships are selling fast!

Go to –  
[www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18693c3](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18693c3)

*Thank you for your support!*







# Open Day 2019









# 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](http://www.oxley.vic.edu.au)

May	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
	Tuesday	11	VCE Physical Education Incursion (9.00am - 12.00am, Stadium)
	Wed	12	VCE GAT Year 10 Special Program
	Thursday	13	Soiree Evening (6.00pm and 8.00pm, BPAC)
	Wednesday	19	School at Work (9.50am - 11.30am, BPAC)
	Thursday	20	Ensemble Evening (7.00pm venue TBA)
	Monday	24	Year 9 Mock Elections
	Mon-Fri	24-28	Year 10 Work Experience
	Wednesday	26	Ensemble Evening (7.00pm venue TBA)
July	Friday	28	Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Excursion Last Day Term 2
	Thursday	18	Year 3 - 6 State Cross Country
	Monday	22	Term 3 Start
	Tuesday	23	Year 10 into Year 11 Afternoon
	Wednesday	24	Year 10 into Year 11 Evening
	Thu-Sat	25-27	Music Camp
Aug	Tuesday	30	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews
	Wed-Fri	7-9	Book Fair
	Wednesday	7	High School Musical Rehearsal
	Thursday	8	High School Musical Performance
	Wednesday	14	School at Work (9.50am - 11.30am, BPAC)



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