

The VINE



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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

It is a cliché to say that we as individuals or organisations only have significance in the wider context of our histories and our communities. But in the last week I have been privileged to be reminded of this in two events.

Firstly, the College involvement and part sponsorship of the Mayoral breakfast last Saturday, as part of the National Day of Thanks. This event was an opportunity for us to celebrate our heritage, to honour others, and to show our appreciation and gratitude to those who enrich our lives through voluntarily giving their time and skills to others in need. In view of our Christian heritage, we also paused in gratitude for all the blessings given to us by God that are often taken for granted. In spite of any hardships we experience, Australians remain rich by any definition.



Oxley Vocal Ensemble performing at the National Day of Thanks breakfast

At this event, our College Vocal Ensemble performed two items in addition to leading the National Anthem. Apart from the general applause received, many folk congratulated us on their exceptional performances. Some nine people were honoured for their voluntary work in the community and guest speaker Craig Wetjen told of his intentional legacy of photographic journeys that put his life and the lives of others on display. He closed by saying that our Birth Certificate records our beginning, a Death Certificate records our ending and, in his case, a series of photographic excursions record his living. In particular, his book *Men and their Sheds* reminds us that unless we take the time to engage with and understand others, a photographic record will

leave the interpretation of another's life to the viewer. Craig's intention is to authentically speak on behalf of his photographic subjects. He is an ambassador speaker on behalf of *Beyond Blue*.

Secondly, I was honoured to attend the fifty-year celebration of a *Choice in Schooling* event held at Victoria's Parliament last Friday evening. We tend to forget that Christian denominations were the first and only groups in Australia to organise schools, and that governments tried to cut off funding to denominational schools back in 1967. The electorate had another view, and so the current realities are focused on the politics of how much funding as opposed to a right to funding. After all, taxpayers fund the government education purse across the board.

The more recently developed Christian schools have a fifty-year history that is a frequent focus for political intrigue. And so the political advocate group known as the Australian Association of Christian Schools, of which Oxley is a member, organised a celebration of 'choice in schooling' that was held in the Upper House Chamber of the Victorian Parliament. A number of politicians were also in attendance to hear a wonderful speech from Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins MLC, who has been a strong advocate for Christian schools in all traditions. Again, unless we understand the political issues in education, and the prior right of parents to choose the education for their children, it is difficult to speak authentically on behalf of a Christian perspective. The celebration concluded with the singing of a hymn, led by students from Waverley Christian College.

It is striking that the sovereignty of our nation and its parliaments is firmly embedded in a Christian heritage, or at least a civic form of the faith. Understanding the depth and strategic nature of that heritage allows us to speak authentically into the modern political debates that are usually underpinned by a much different ideology. The tendency now is to uphold the secular notion of the irrelevance of religion within the public square. It seems religion has become somewhat an embarrassment in some circles. However, an authentic representation of faith in the public square is still warranted. A topic for another time.

Douglas Peck

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

Devotion

Giving Thanks

On Saturday I had the privilege of attending the National Day of Thanks Mayoral Breakfast at the Foothills Conference Centre. I sat amongst one hundred or more others, taking time to celebrate and thank those who serve our community as volunteers. The event is significant, attended by our local, state and federal parliamentarians, who each recognised by their attendance, volunteers as the lifeblood of our community.



Celebrated around Australia each year, the National Day of Thanksgiving was an initiative of John Howard when he was Prime Minister. The purpose was to encourage us to pause as a nation, to give thanks to God for our heritage and to honour the unsung heroes who sacrificially serve their communities. The day provides a special opportunity to thank our fellow Australians who have given extraordinary service as volunteers or as workers who have contributed far beyond that which is expected in their roles.

Every year I walk away from this breakfast humbled. Humbled by what I hear, humbled by those I share the room with. Humbled by the sacrifice I hear about, the lives of these volunteers, selflessly and diligently, week after week, year after year serving those around them. The names of these people would rarely be shone in lights, would be unknown to most of us, yet their contributions to the Yarra Valley and its surrounds, small or large, have had and will continue to have great impact.

Beyond my response of being humbled, I also feel a deep sense of thanks. Perhaps a little clichéd, to be reflective about thanks after attending a National Day of Thanks breakfast, however, clearly this is exactly the purpose of such an event. As I hear each year of someone who is giving up their own time, their own comfort and their own finances to help the homeless, or encourage a teenager through sport, or by mentoring, fundraising, building, creating, connecting, or feeding, I am deeply challenged. Challenged that I should

and I can do more. I am further challenged by their longevity. That we are celebrating and acknowledging 20, 30 or 50+ years of sacrifice, with often little, if any recognition.

So today as I reflect, I am thankful for these unsung heroes. I am thankful that I have a roof over my head, three meals a day and a bed to sleep in. I am thankful that I do not have to walk to work and that my car starts every time. I am thankful that I have fuel in the tank and enough money to send my children to a school of my choosing. I am grateful that I have a job, it pays my bills and I feel energised to go to it each day. I am thankful that I live in a country where I have freedom of speech, of movement and association, that I can attend church and worship Jesus without fear for my life. I thank God for His love and that His mercies are new every morning. I am grateful for today, this day, another gift. I am thankful for family, and recognise that single parent families, or those living away from extended family, face many struggles.

I praise God for health, for my mental and emotional wellbeing, my physical fitness and spiritual strength. Any of which could be at risk tomorrow, but today, I praise God that all are in check. I thank God for my own education, for those who have invested in me, parented me, mentored me, and guided me, without whom I would be half the man I am today. It is because of them, I choose to pass it forward.



We have so much to be thankful for. Today, what can you praise God for?

"Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!" Psalm 150

**Pastor Matt
Chaplain**

Senior School

The VCE Drama Ensemble Evening was a real highlight during May. A crowd of well over a hundred gathered in the BPAC as the performers used a single prop each to explore a range of ideas and issues in a non-naturalistic group performance that each group of four had written themselves. Ayden, Callum, Eliza, Gabrielle, Brianna, Bianca, Elena and Katherine had us erupting in laughter with their humour, and some in tears as they explored fairness and injustice over the decades in a gentle and yet provocative manner. Congratulations on an amazing evening!

Tuesday's procession of students to Mega Chapel was a blessing to observe. Mega Chapel is an annual highlight where we celebrate the huge variety in our school demographic, ranging from Prep through to Year 12 as we worship together. Senior School students hand in hand with Junior School students chattered joyfully as they made their way across the grounds to the LMC building. A range of songs to suit all ages was belted out complete with actions in some cases, complemented by an acknowledgement of birthdays and announcements led by Junior School, and a message from Senior School students delivered through drama about *running the race* which was accessible to all.

The National Day of Thanks is an annual initiative where a small group are specifically awarded but we acknowledge the service of the 5 million volunteers who help to make a difference to a nearby part of the world. On Saturday morning a small group of students who formed the Vocal Ensemble represented Oxley Christian College as they led the audience in the National Anthem and performed two other songs to entertain us all. Some 300 guests including Tony Smith MP, Christine Fyffe MP, Councillors for Yarra Ranges Shire, and heads of many local churches were gathered to pay tribute to 10 special people who have led amazing lives of giving to the needy, the marginalised, to refugees and migrants, to school children from poor families in need of a helping hand, to local communities in a range of different ways. It was a truly humbling time to hear of the decades of selfless service that many people provide to their neighbours.

When Jesus was asked by an expert of the law what it meant to truly love your neighbour as yourself in Luke 12, He responded with the parable of the Good Samaritan, the story of a man from Samaria, a people despised by the Jews, who showed amazing sympathy and generosity to someone beaten by robbers. The Samaritan gave time, compassion, practical assistance and financial aid to a stranger who needed it. Jesus then told the questioner to *Go and do likewise* suggesting that a large part of the law is to look after each other and to help out those who require it. It is a simple message and yet not always an easy one. Day of Thanks was a chance to stop and think about the meaning of life and of sacrificial love, and to honour some of those actively living out this commandment.

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

Setting specific, measurable and realistic learning goals gives students long-term vision and short-term motivation. As we enter our assessment and reporting period, staff and students are reflecting on and celebrating the learning that has taken place in Semester 1. Goal setting is one way to individualise learning, helping to set up opportunities for students to increase their motivation to achieve, increase pride and satisfaction in performance and improve their self-confidence. The support and encouragement parents offer to ensure their child experiences success at school is critical and highly valued.

National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign, focused on an Australian children's book, which aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. We congratulate our wonderful Resource Centre staff, who prepared a thought-provoking and engaging program for students on Wednesday 24 May.

Mega Chapel was a highlight for all on Thursday 25 May. It was thrilling to witness the anticipation and joy on students' faces as they walked with their buddy to Chapel. It is wonderful to see the school congregate and celebrate God's grace and goodness. The students appreciate the connections made with Senior School students and remember this event warmly.



Junior and Senior students leading Worship at Mega Chapel

Dates for your diary: Please be reminded that Monday 12 June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. In addition, Friday 16 June is Report Writing Day and students will not be required at school. In Term 3, we will conduct Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 1 (4.00pm – 8.30pm) and Thursday 3 August (4.00pm – 6.00pm). We welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's report and progress with you.

Please enjoy reading about the exciting learning taking place in our junior classrooms in this edition of The Vine.

"Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, and your vindication like the noonday sun." Psalm 37:5,6.

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

We have had a fun time in Prep with two new and exciting events. We attended our first Mega Chapel! The Year 10 students came to our classrooms to pick us up and take us to Chapel. We were so excited to see everyone from Prep to year 12 going to Chapel at the same time. Our Year 10 buddies sat with us, sang with us and watched Olly and Polly with us. We are looking forward to seeing our new Year 10 buddies around the school and saying hello.



Eliza taking Imogen to Mega Chapel

Our next event was the National Simultaneous Storytime. On Wednesday 24 May at 11.00am we went to the Resource Centre to listen to the story *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood. Students all around Australia were listening to the story at the same time! It was a funny story, which we really enjoyed. Thank you, Mrs Saward, for sharing that with us.

Year 1

What wonderful scientists we are in Year 1! We have been studying living things and enjoyed closely examining and drawing a diagram of a real plant. We marvelled at the tiny, hairy roots and were amazed to learn that the delicate leaves use sunlight to make food for the plant.

During our IT lessons we were *Garden Detectives*. We were very excited to explore a virtual garden, with the mouse acting as a magnifying glass. We discovered 24 minibeasts hidden in their habitats and grouped them according to their external features. In Maths we are learning all about 2D shapes. We loved walking around our wonderful school, finding shapes in so many unexpected places.

Year 2

What a fantastic fortnight of learning it has been. We have continued to captivate our audience's attention by hooking their interest and using suspense in our writing. Mega Chapel was amazing! It was so exciting to have Year 12 students collect and sit with us. The absolute highlight of the fortnight was our excursion to Puffing Billy. We compared train travel by travelling on a modern train, and then on Puffing Billy. We discovered that modern trains are four times faster than Puffing Billy.



Year 2 students enjoying Puffing Billy with Pastor Matt

The Lilydale Museum was wonderful. We learnt about cleaning in the olden days and we all took a sparkling clean coin home. We are looking forward to writing historical narratives. John, a real life historian from the Lilydale Museum, said he would love to read them. How awesome!

Year 3

We have been busily learning about Celebrations this term. We have compared local and worldwide celebrations and discovered that even though they all have differences, they reveal what people value. We each chose a celebration to explore further through a personal inquiry, presenting the information we discovered to the grade. Some people did PowerPoint presentations, others made spectacular posters and some children chose the challenge of presenting with a partner. We focussed on giving eye contact and using a clear, strong voice when presenting to the class.

In Maths we have been learning mapping and grid reference skills, which is FUN, FUN, FUN! We have written and followed directions to locate places in our school ground and learnt that instructions need to be specific. This week we have designed our own map using a bird's eye view perspective and written questions using our grid reference knowledge. If ever you get lost and need help with directions, Year 3 are now experts at reading maps, so we'll gladly help you find your way.

Year 4

We have been busy helping our Prep buddies use a map to find items at the Enviro Barn. It is wonderful to see students excited to spend time with each other. Year 4 students have been consolidating multiplication number facts and putting numbers into arrays. They love finding out which numbers make *squares* or *rectangles*, and which numbers are *primes*.

During ICU, we have investigated famous explorers and have recorded their discoveries on a world map. Perhaps some of the students will also go to the ends of the earth! We performed fantastically in the Cross Country recently, with many qualifying for the District competition – well done to all students!



Gabe and his Prep buddy Kingsley enjoy following a map together

Year 5

This week we embarked on an excursion to the IMAX theatre and Scienceworks. We viewed a documentary titled *A Beautiful Planet*, made in cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which proved to be a breathtaking portrait of Earth from space, providing us all with a unique perspective and increased understanding of our planet and galaxy. Students marveled at the stunning footage captured by the astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS), and loved the 3D effect which tickled our senses and gave us an unreal experience.

Students also discovered how space exploration is shaping our world at the Scienceworks Planetarium. From discovering a universe of unimaginable scale and beauty, to reaching down into our world and influencing the way in which we live. We learnt how space exploration is possibly our greatest adventure today, and the huge impact it is having on our lives.

Using compass directions, we were taught how to find and recognise planets, star constellations, satellites, and other features of space in the sky on any given Melbourne night.

We were all left with wonderment and awe after a day of viewing images of deep space and the cosmos; the grandeur of the nebulae and galaxies, the birth and death of stars, and some of the greatest mysteries of our celestial surroundings.

Year 6

In Year 6 we are learning about the history of immigration to Australia. Did you know that Caroline Chisholm helped 11,000 women settle into their new lives in Australia, ensuring that they found safe lodgings and good employment? Now, there are over one million Australians who can trace their ancestry back to one of those women. We can be thankful for Caroline Chisholm's wisdom and moral activism.

In Mathematics, we are learning how to measure angles with a protractor. Some angles we have learnt about are acute, right, obtuse, straight and reflex angles.

Examination Lead Up Tips



Examinations are nearly here! Hopefully a lot of revision and hard work has been happening in your household so that students can achieve their very best. For parent and student convenience, Year 7-11 Semester 1 Exam Timetables are available via our website:

www.oxley.vic.edu.au/exam-timetables

As we all approach this busy time, here are some tips which should assist students at home in your preparations.

- Eat a good breakfast each day – your body and your brain need fuel!
- Leave home in plenty of time to ensure you get to school on time
- Fill up your water bottle before examinations
- Check you have the required stationery and equipment in your bag
- Make sure some of your break time is spent relaxing with friends
- Eat a proper lunch each day
- Keep up your sport, dance, music and other commitments if possible
- Maintain your spiritual life and keep up your family involvement
- Don't stay up late - avoid those midnight cram sessions
- Encourage your classmates and hang out with positive people
- Remember that you have already performed a lot of assessment tasks and this is just one more, although an important one
- While it is great to do well in examinations, remember you are much more important than your exam results!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela

We wish students all the best and great success!

Junior Enviro Team

The Enviro Team has been working hard to keep our school looking beautiful. Each year level has two leaders who are responsible for counting rubbish free lunches on a Tuesday, collecting compost and emptying the recycling. The Enviro Team has been enjoying going to meetings at the Enviro Barn. Last week, the Enviro Team decorated paper bags ready to sell fruit and vegetables grown at the Barn.



Ava filling jars with olives

We are raising money to support the Helmeted Honey Eater and the Orangutans.

Please support us:

When: Wednesday 7 June at 3.30pm

Where: Yellow Square

What can you buy?

Jars of olives \$5 or paper bag \$2, filled with: rhubarb, silverbeet, pumpkin, avocado, feijoas lettuce, mandarins and cumquats.



Enviro Team decorating bags

Caitlin Backholer
Enviro Team

Lost Property

A number of small items of lost property are at Student Reception such as glasses, watches, jewellery, purses, keys, USBs and Myki cards. Please come to Student Reception to enquire.

Information Technology

International Web Design Competition Awards

It sounds superficial to put the visuals of a website over the actual information, but in reality, they're equally as important as each other. Not only does good web design make the page look nicer, but it also makes a website easier to navigate and find the information you need.

The extensive and somewhat frustrating process of making a website look presentable is something that about 6000 students, from all around the world, learnt in this year's Web Design Competition called Web.Comp, run by Grok Learning.

This competition ran for a total of five weeks. Most of the competitors started off with limited prior knowledge of web design, but by the end nearly everyone could confidently write their own code.



Mr Greg Barker congratulating Sophie, Sylvia, Jodie and Zachary at assembly

From Oxley Christian College we had four participants who gained outstanding results.

Sophie Wilkinson (9.21) - Perfect Score (100%)

Sylvia Penman (10.1) - Perfect Score (100%)

Jodie Ivey (10.2) - High Distinction (85-99%)

Zachary Steer (10.2) - High Distinction (85-99%)

Congratulations to all Oxley participants!

Jodie Ivey
IT Faculty Vice Captain 2017

The one student who managed to stay in the top five of the leader board throughout the competition and finished the end of the week in 3rd place was Jodie Ivey. Well done Jodie!

Leslie Zhou
Head of IT

Music Department

On numerous occasions throughout the year Oxley ensembles are invited to perform at events in the community. On Saturday 27 May our Vocal Ensemble performed at the National Day of Thanks breakfast. This breakfast provides the opportunity for the community to say a special thank you to people in a particular sector of the community. The event is organised by representatives from a number of churches throughout the community and is attended by a wide range of community members. It is always an honour for our Vocal Ensemble to perform at such an uplifting event.



Oxley Vocal Ensemble performing at the National Day of Thanks breakfast

On the same day our Camerata string ensemble was also invited to perform at the Evelyn Ridge Retirement Village Cancer Council Morning Tea. Our Camerata students represented the College very well and were also honoured to perform for valued members of our community.



Camerata performing at the National Day of Thanks breakfast

With just over four weeks to go until the end of Term 2, this is a reminder for any students who wish to take up private music tuition to complete an Private Music Tuition Application Form and hand it into the office by no later than Friday 16 June.

Percussion lessons have many benefits, including:

- **Greatly improves coordination:** students playing the drum kit will be playing rhythms using all four limbs within their first term of lessons

- **Performance opportunities:** there are many opportunities to perform in our various school ensembles - Training band, Concert band, Sinfonia, Percussion Ensemble and Chapel Worship Band
- **Socially:** playing in musical ensembles is a great way to meet like-minded people from many different age groups
- **Learn to read music in multiple clefs:** tribal, bass and percussion clef
- **Health benefits:** a study at Stanford University has suggested that playing rhythmic music may change brain function and even treat a range of neurological symptoms including attention deficit disorder and depression

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.

Angela Peacock
Performing Arts & Events Administrator

Year 10 Special Program

KEYS PLEASE

On Wednesday 14 June, Year 10 students (including those in the IE class) will be involved in a Special Program for the entire school day. There are no VCE classes on this day, due to the running of the GAT for all Unit 3 and 4 students, so no Unit 1 fast-tracking students will miss any lessons.

The program should be of great value to all students and includes:

- A Keys Please presentation that addresses the responsibilities of a learner driver in preparing for their license test. This is an informative and entertaining session.
- A special morning tea.
- A fitness session with a guest instructor.
- A guest speaker and workshop session on working towards goals, following passions, resilience and other attributes needed for success.

Much thought and planning has gone into organising this day and we hope that it is both enjoyable and valuable for all students.

Nicole Latham
Year 10 Coordinator

Sport

Junior Sport Report

On 16 May, Junior School students braved the fog and icy conditions to compete in our Inter-House Cross Country event. With some incredibly tight finishes, students pushed themselves to their limit to achieve the best result possible. Zion Crusaders once again finished first on 627 points, Gibeon Warriors in second with 527 and Tabor Trojans in third with 502 points.



Prep Girls 400m race - Scarlett, Hannah & Imogen



Prep Boys 400m race - Caleb, Jayden & Jedd



Year 3 Girls 1000m race - Hayley, Paige & Tayla

Congratulations to the following students for finishing in the top three for their year level:

	First	Second	Third
Prep Girls	Imogen Swyny	Scarlett Tander	Hannah Nelson
Prep Boys	Caleb Waldrom	Jayden Hume	Jedd Reardon
Year 1 Girls	Jasmine Jones	Weylen Truong	Shayla Walker
Year 1 Boys	Charlie Piper	Joshua Lynch	Jesse Thorpe
Year 2 Girls	Holly Hume	San Lian Buansing	Charlotte Filleul
Year 2 Boys	Xander Marchione	Donny Lian	Levi Steer
Year 3 Girls	Paige Gillam	Hayley Graham	Tayla Eleveld
Year 3 Boys	Jonathan Woodcock	Archer Hogan	Anthony Tartaglia
Year 4 Girls	Lillianna Filleul	Alannah Moulton	Ava White
Year 4 Boys	James Ray	Freddie Fryer	Luka Marchione
Year 5 Girls	Jessica Graham	Aimee Whiting-Le Cras	Lani McGregor
Year 5 Boys	Ryan Jarrott	Keishi Sasuga	Micah Barlow
Year 6 Girls	Stacey Mubaira	Georgia Sutton	Olivia Bishop
Year 6 Boys	Caleb Waite	Sachin Eleveld	Thomas Moreau



Year 6 Boys 2000m race - Thomas, Caleb & Sachin

We are now looking forward to seeing how our selected Year 4-6 students perform at the District Cross Country on Tuesday 6 June.

Thank you to family and friends who attended to support the students, and thank you to our Junior School Captains and Year 9 and 10 students for your assistance on the day!

Joshua Gaschk
Junior School Sport Coordinator

Senior Sport Report

Athletes Championship Performance

Oxley was once again well represented at this year's EISM Athletics Championships held at Lakeside Stadium on Monday 15 May, following a great performance from our students during the Division 2 Athletics competition earlier in the month.

With perfect weather, our team of 18 girls and 8 boys arrived at the event and threw themselves into their warm ups. They knew they were in for a challenge against the best athletes from around 20 other schools. All their preparation resulted in a terrific result, taking home 2 gold, 5 silver and 6 bronze medals.

All athletes were acknowledged during Assembly on Monday 29 May. **Zoe Sibley (9.19)** and **Grace Muller (10.1)** both had two outstanding performances in their 800m runs and both won gold. They also received the medals for Most Valuable athletes. **Caitlyn Groves (12.8)** and **Jacob Bell (12.10)** also received Best Team Athletes for their contribution to athletics during their Senior School years.

Congratulations to all our athletes who represented Oxley at the Championships and the inspiring sportsmanship you portrayed on the day. Medal winners are as follows:

Gold Medals	Event
Grace Muller (10.1)	U16 Girls 800m - Time 2:36.68
Zoe Sibley (9.19)	U15 Girls 800m – Time 2:34.03
Silver Medals:	
Brittany Cubitt (11.14)	Open Girls Long Jump – 4.47m
Zoe Sibley (9.19)	U15 Girls 1500m – Time 5:22.88
Audrey Lyons (7.17)	U13 Girls 100m – Time 14:16
Francis Lian (8.34)	U14 Boys Long Jump – 4.48m
Ainsley McLennan (7.14) Tiana Witnish (7.16) Audrey Lyons (7.17) Taylah Tillotson (8.34)	U13 Girls Relay Team
Bronze Medals:	
Brittany Cubitt (11.14)	Open Girls Triple Jump – 9.80m
Liam Jarrott (10.4)	Boys U16 Shot Put – 12.13m
Caleb Weinmann (8.23)	Boys U14 High Jump – 1.55m
Audrey Lyons (7.17)	Girls U13 200m – Time 29:50
Claire Noonan (7.17)	Girls U13 Shot Put – 7.90m
Tayla Tillotson (8.34)	Girls U13 Long Jump – 4.34m

Frederik Kotze
Head of Sport



Gold medal winners Zoe and Grace did Oxley proud



Audrey displays her Silver and Bronze winning medals



Brittany with her Bronze medal for Triple Jump



Caleb won Bronze in the Boys U14 High Jump



Claire and her Bronze medal in Shot Put



Liam won Bronze in the Boys U16 Shot Put

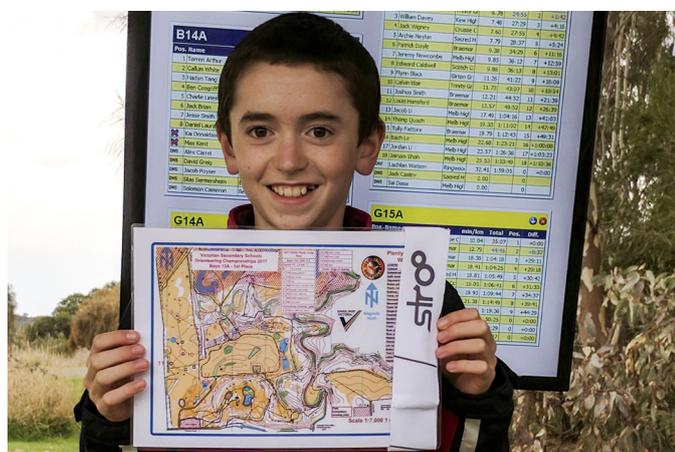
Congratulations

Congratulations to **James Love (7.14)** who came first in the 13A group in the VSSOC (Victorian Senior School Orienteering Competition) that was held at Plenty Gorge West on Friday 19 May.

Victoria Orienteering is conducted on behalf of School Sport Victoria. The competition consists of four classes – Senior (16 and above) and Junior (12-15) boys and girls.

James finished with a time of 22:59. There were over 460 students from 24 schools. James' points resulted in Oxley achieving an overall 12th position. The A course, which James competed in, is for more experienced athletes and is more challenging than the B Course. James said he really enjoyed the competition as it was very much a course that suits him with easy running stretches between checkpoints.

Well done James!



James comes first in the Victorian Orienteering Competition

Prep	Levi Daly	Emily King	Zoe King
Year 1	Cooper Norman	Emma Trevena	Weylen Truong
Year 2	Elijah Daly	Mason Trevena	
Year 3	William Duckworth	Vivaan Iyer	Tirion Roberts
Year 4	Chloe Daly	Caitlyn Fong	Iann Luo
Year 5	Raymond Luo	Hovan Truong	

Thank you to the 110 students and teachers who supported National Simultaneous Storytime. For author, Tony Wilson, this was the biggest moment of his life as over 600,000 students across Australia read his special book.



Prep and Year 4 students enjoying the National Simultaneous Storytime



Students watching Author Tony Wilson read his book

Resource Centre



Junior School students participation in the Premiers' Reading Challenge is gaining momentum with 2,154 books now read and 32 students who have met the reading requirements. We congratulate these wonderful new reading champions.

A highlight for our event was all of our Prep students and buddies cheering spontaneously and enthusiastically at the story climax when Cow eventually jumped over the moon! Important themes in this heart-warming story of a favourite nursery rhyme include friendship, reaching for goals and perseverance.

Ruth Hogg
Resource Centre Manager

Canteen News

Reminder of Lunch Order Requirements

Junior School

- Student's name and class to be written clearly on a paper bag
- Food order to be written clearly under name
- Appropriate money in bag (a ziplock bag can avoid missing coins)
- Orders to be placed in the classroom lunch order tub which is sent to the Canteen by 9.30am

Senior School

- Senior School lunch orders must be delivered to the Canteen by 9.30am (not at Recess)
- The Canteen is open from 8.10am each day to accept lunch orders
- Paper bags, pens and price lists are provided on the counter each morning.

Abiding by these requirements ensures there is no wastage at the end of the day, prices are kept low, and we can continue to offer you the best possible service.

Sue Dickson
Canteen Manager

Enrolments

ENROL NOW!

2018

Parents who are intending to enrol children (who are not already enrolled at Oxley Christian College) for 2018 are strongly encouraged to do so now. Please obtain a Business Statement and Enrolment Application Form from the Office and return the completed Enrolment Application Form with required attachments to our Registrar, Mrs Caroline Lewis, as soon as possible, as we have limited vacancies in some year levels.

2019

We are also accepting enrolment applications for 2019 and beyond (particularly Prep and Year 7) and again, we encourage you to submit your completed Enrolment Application Form as soon as possible.

Caroline Lewis
Registrar & Enrolments Policy Manager



Limited Vacancies 2018

Oxley Kids has only limited vacancies for 4 year old kindergarten for next year. Contact us on 9727 9200 to book a tour or find out more.

PARENT ONLINE AWARENESS EVENING



In a world where the influence and impact of social media is only going to grow, Frontline Youth, the youth group of Life Ministry Church, have decided to run an information and awareness evening in regards to how you can help to protect your children and equip yourselves in dealing with these issues.

Friday 9 June 7.30pm – 8.30pm
in the Chapel at Life Ministry Church

If you would like to attend, please register your name at www.lmc.org.au/onlineawareness or contact Nic or Andy.

Please feel free to invite anyone who may be interested.

Our Frontline program will continue as normal. Youth will have life groups and will then return to LMC for pick up at 9.30pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Nic or Andy.

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2017 Calendar

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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:
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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:
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username: parent
password: oxley

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Early Learning Centre
Open 6.30am - 6.30pm
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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

To see the latest in tertiary information including Open Days, visit:
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Jun	Mon-Fri	5-9	Year 7-11 Exams
	Monday	12	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	Wednesday	14	Junior School ICAS Spelling Year 11-12 GAT test (no official classes) Year 10 Special Program
	Thursday	15	Junior School ICAS Writing
	Friday	16	Report Writing Day (student free)
Jul	Wednesday	21	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday	22	VCE Unit 1 & 3 Concert (7.00pm BPAC)
	Friday	23	Year 7 Immunisation
	Mon-Fri	26-30	Year 10 Work Experience
	Wednesday	28	Junior School Ensemble Evening (7.00pm BPAC)
	Friday	30	Last Day Term 2
	Monday	24	First Day Term 3
	Wednesday	26	Year 10 into 11 Information Evening (7.30pm BPAC)
	Thu-Sat	27-29	Music Camp (1.00pm, Oasis Mt Evelyn)
	Aug	Tuesday	1
Wed-Fri		2-4	Book Fair
Thursday		3	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-6.00pm Senior School Building)
Monday		7	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
Wednesday		9	VTAC Information Evening (7.00pm BPAC)
Thursday		10	Senior School Ensemble Evening (7.00pm BPAC)
Monday		14	Music Assembly
Tuesday		15	Junior School ICAS Maths Year 9 Camp Information Evening
Friday		18	Year 11 Dinner
Mon-Fri		21-25	Book Week
Sep	Thursday	24	Year 10-12 Immunisations
	Wednesday	23	Year 4-6 District Athletics
	Mon-Fri	28-1	International Week
	Wednesday	30	Junior School Father's Day Stall
	Friday	1	Year 11 Dinner (7.00pm Chateau Wyuna, Mt Evelyn)
	Sunday	3	Father's Day
	Mon-Fri	4-8	Year 9 Camp
	Tuesday	5	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Wednesday	13	EISM Cross Country
	Wed-Thu	13-14	Junior School Production
Tuesday	19	Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-9.00pm)	



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