



The Newsletter of
Oxley Christian College

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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

Ps Graham and I are delighted to inform our community that after nearly a year of preparation, the College is now at the stage of seeking a planning permit from the City Council for our new building project. This involves the replacement of all relocatable buildings on the College site with new Junior School buildings and a Middle School building. In addition, our ICT facilities will be moved into the main administration building. This program will be done in the following phases. Early next year we should be able to begin the Junior School buildings for opening in 2021. Phase 2 will involve moving out some relocatable rooms and erecting the Middle Years structure for occupation in 2022. This is indeed an exciting project and one well worth the managed disruption around a building program in each section.

The College has been working closely with Brand Architects in order to be at this stage. The concept design for our new buildings is available in the Parent Portal on our website. We invite you to enjoy the viewing of our project.

Oxley's strategic approach has been to consolidate our Junior School enrolment. Our new buildings will certainly augment the expected ongoing interest in enrolments.

Through conservative and good financial management, we have been able to limit fee increases even during this building program. However, the College building fund is available for parents to make a donation that can be claimed on their taxable income. We commend this project to our community and ask for your prayers to cover this new building phase.

Congratulations to the Junior School on its production of *Disney's The Lion King JR*. What an amazing couple of evenings of story line, costumes, music and choreography. Thank you to our talented students and staff who brought characters to life and gave us glimpses into timeless Biblical images of love, courage and restoration. Thank you to our parents for your support and encouragement and to everyone involved in the production. Thank you for all the behind the scenes support from so many staff and student leaders. Our Junior School has excelled once again and brought a great deal of joy to our community.

We hope everyone has a most refreshing term break and look forward to concluding another excellent year as we undertake the last term of the year together.

Blessings
Douglas Peck



Self Portrait
Natalie Biedrzycki, Year 11
Medium: Watercolour

VCE ART & VCD EXHIBITION

Friday 11 Oct 2019

4.30pm - 7.30pm

Senior School Visual Arts Building

All welcome

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

Chaplain's Corner

Tricky Teens

To all of our Dads, I hope you had a spectacular Father's Day and that you received the love and honour due to you. Being a dad in the 21st century, or any century for that matter, is a tricky business! Our kids need good dads. Dads who love them, who take interest in their lives and provide good role modelling. We need dads to help shape children into young men and women who are kind, honest, resilient, contributors to their communities and leaders who will shape the values and the future of our nation. Amen?

Proverbs 22:6 *Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*

Ephesians 6:4 *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

Hebrews 12:11 *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

I recently bought a book, *Tricky Teens* by Andrew Fuller. I could not go without sharing his opener with you, I hope it blesses you!

'Dear Teen,

I am your parent. I am not your friend, pal, bestie, mate or BFF. I repeat, I am your parent. This means there are times that I will use the word "No". This means what it sounds like. You will not like it when I use this word. Toughen up and get over it.

There will be times that you will think you hate me. There may be times that you think I am the worst parent on earth. There may be times that you are right, even though you won't hear me admit it.

As a parent I am responsible for raising you to be a decent successful human being who treats themselves and others with tolerance and respect. That is my job and I take it willingly because I love you and want the best for you. This means that I will watch you with a level of surveillance that most intelligence officers would envy. I will track you like a bloodhound.

I will detect illicit substances with the intensity of a Customs Officer. I will scrutinise your love interests. I will check whether you have school work to do and whether you are doing it to the best of your ability.

I will speak to your teachers without asking your permission. In fact, I will talk to whomsoever I please without your agreement. I will call the parents of your friends at times, especially when there are parties.

In the house that I work to pay for, there will be rules. You will not like all of these rules. These rules are in place so I don't go crazy while raising you.

You have the right to argue with me. You do not have the right to remain silent or brush me off with vague comments like "don't know", "as if" or "that is so random".

I'm sure we are going to get along just fine.

Through all this, please know that I love you for who you are and will continue to do so even if you screw up.

Love,

Your Parent'

God bless!

Matt Daly
Chaplain

Samaritan's Purse

Each year we have the opportunity and the privilege to partner with Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child to provide a gift to a child who is underprivileged, living in a developing country and in desperate need of love, hope and the good news of Jesus Christ. Oxley has been putting together Christmas Shoeboxes for over 18 years and was one of the very first schools to take part when the program was first established in Australia.

Please remember that all shoeboxes must be returned to the College by the end of Term 3, 20 September 2019.



Senior School

International Week commenced with a grand and diverse showcasing of talent at International Assembly. The International Captains, **Irene Hwang (12.7)** and **Rick Yu (12.8)**, together with the Languages Captains, **Erin Weller (11.13)** and **Georgia Collins (11.16)**, welcomed the College to this special event. The Junior School ensemble played the Guzheng, traditional Chinese zither, and there were tongue twisters in German to test the audience. **James Kim (10.1)** and **Ben Fisher (12.10)** shared the benefits of studying a second or third language. Each segment was a polished performance. **Eric Feng (11.14)** concluded the Assembly with a rendition of a Chinese song played on the recorder.

Other highlights of the week included a banquet prepared by international students under the watchful eye of Mrs Ong and her crew. Students prepared rice, noodles, a large assortment of curries and desserts, and my personal favourite, Taiwan Fried Chicken. Students and teachers were delighted to partake in the fare from other nations and a big thank you is extended to all involved.

Year 8 *One Day Wonder* was a highly successful addition to this year's events calendar. Mr Gaschk, and a number of teachers working with AusCamp, delivered a quality program including kayaking, orienteering and cooking to assist in preparing students for Year 9 Adventure Camp. Lysterfield Lake Park made this achievable in one day while developing invaluable skills and further establishing teamwork and social skills in our students.

Year 9 Camp set off without a hitch as the whole year level made their way by bus to Lake Nillahcootie. They then explored the countryside at their own pace using a variety of modes of travel. Students had mentally prepared for this for weeks, practising their skills of packing a ruck sack, rolling up tents and stuffing sleeping bags into their protectors. Mr Eddy and the Home Group teachers have worked with students over a period of time to prepare them for this adventure. The camp takes many students out of their comfort zone but yet allows them to experience great successes which they may not have expected. While some focus on the minor annoyances, such as cooking without electricity, most obtain great personal satisfaction and stories that last a lifetime, some of which contain a kernel of truth, from the adventures that unfold. For many the 14km hike, the opportunity to abseil down 60m walls or a canoe loaded with luggage across watery terrain to conquer the challenges is priceless. Trangias are provided to heat water for cooking noodles, but nothing matches the experience of pizza or potatoes cooked in a campfire. The taste is unmatched and the carbohydrates have been truly earned. Congratulations to all who took on challenges of Year 9 Camp and overcame obstacles achieving something remarkable.

Food appears to have been an important theme over the last two weeks and this is no surprise, as it is an essential ingredient of a human existence. It is also a great

centrepiece for drawing people together. Jesus also realised that although vital, there are more important things in life than food. We see this in His response when tempted, answering in Matthew 4:4, *It is written: Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.* May you partake of His goodness.

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal – Head of Senior School

Junior School

At the time of writing, a steady stream of costume-clad students passes by my office, heading to the Dress Rehearsal of *Disney's The Lion King JR*. It is hard to calculate the hours spent preparing for an event such as this. Much of the work happens behind the scenes and outside normal school hours. Without the incredible support of staff, the spectacular work of the students would not be realised. We thank all staff, who have readily sacrificed time and energy to ensure a successful show. Recognition is also extended to the myriad of student and parent volunteers, who have assisted with costumes and make up application for the performance. To the students, we say *Bravo!* – your enthusiasm and energy were tangible throughout every practice and performance. We are so proud of you!



Recently, NAPLAN results were distributed to all students in Years 3 and 5. Whilst these results represent your child's performance in a one-off test, teachers use many forms of data, collected over time, to inform their teaching and learning. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have questions or wish to discuss the report further.

Our annual Year 3-6 Basketball Competition will be held on the last day of term, Friday 20 September. The students have been training with their senior coaches and are eager to take to the court and compete in what promises to be an exhilarating event. Parents are invited to join us in the Stadium to support the players from 9.40am to 2.00pm. Please remember to sign in at the Stadium foyer when you arrive.

As students return from a well-earned break in Term 4, they may wear summer or winter uniform during the

one week transition period. Please ensure girls' summer dresses are at the correct length, with the hem to the bottom of the knee. It would be appreciated if parents can also make use of the holiday break to check hair length and socks. Please refer to pages 12-13 of the 2019 Student Diary for details of our Student Uniform Standards.

2020 Class Placement

Parents are provided an opportunity to communicate in writing, to the Head of Junior School, any specific information which could have a significant impact on their child's class placement for 2020 (e.g. cousins, neighbours in the same level, etc.). As situations can change, requests made in previous years are not taken into consideration. Staffing for each year level is not yet confirmed so specific requests for teachers will not be considered. All correspondence should be addressed to the Head of Junior School, marked confidential, by Friday 25 October to be considered.

We pray that our staff, students and their families have a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school for Term 4 on Monday 7 October.

The Lord replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

We have been working very hard to develop our writing skills. This term, as well as learning how to write procedural texts, we are learning about poetry. First, we looked at many different poems and together decided that they: *sometimes rhyme, but don't have to; are a story and a song together; can be from our imagination or real; and we can visualise when reading poems.* Next, we brainstormed lots of ideas to write about. We began writing a colour poem. We chose our favourite colour and used our senses to describe the colour. We made sure we made good word choices and chose interesting words and descriptive words. We are looking forward to writing more and showing our families our own poetry.

Year 1

We have been writing beautiful poems! We made up similes like: *as cute as a baby kitten*, and alliterations such as: *Tim and Tina talked to ten terrible tigers*. Including rhyming words has made our writing fun and interesting. We are taking care to revise, edit and publish our poems like real authors!

Year 2

Wow! We have had a fantastic fortnight in Year 2. In writing, we have been learning about the different tools used in poetry. It has been lots of fun exploring poems written by different authors. We particularly enjoyed

reading Dr Seuss. His use of made up words, rhyme and alliteration made us laugh and giggle! In Maths, we have been investigating transformations. Using Numicon and pattern blocks, we have compared the differences and similarities between slides, flips and turns. We loved using our own bodies to observe how objects change when they are flipped and turned.

Year 3

We have been looking at symmetry in nature and were challenged to create a six-armed snowflake out of a circular piece of paper. Did you know that every snowflake is unique and has six arms? We found it easy to create snowflakes that had four and eight arms. However, it was quite a challenge to create a six-armed snowflake. Do you think you can do it? Give it a try!



Year 4

The Junior School is focusing on writing Poetry this term. Year 4 has been learning to choose words that help our reader visualise and get a deeper understanding of the intended message. Some of the poetic tools we have experimented with are metaphors, similes and personification. We hope you enjoy the poem Blake Roberts (4B) wrote for Father's Day.

DAD

He is a jacket, warm and safe.
He has a heart, as pure as gold.
He is a calculator, solving my problems.
He is an open book, open to my questions.
He is a lighthouse, lighting my path.
He is a safe, keeping me secure.
He is a tree, keeping me stable.
He is a warrior, who never gives up.
He is hot chocolate, keeping me warm.
He is perfect, just the way he is.

Year 5

We have been passionate and pictorial poets, learning how alliteration can be used to captivate and engage our audience. One of our poems was based on real issues: *drought, animal rights and racism*. Writing about real issues helped our passion to shine in our poems. An outstanding line came from Cain Simmonds (5M) who wrote *Dry dust floating around like fog* when describing the drought. In Maths, we are applying our knowledge of 3D objects to create nets and construct accurate models.

We explored the volume of prisms. We have loved working on our masks with Mrs Ashmore and enjoyed learning our moves with Mrs Hill for our performance in *The Lion King JR*.

Year 6

We have had an amazing week so far! We have been busy practising for production, perfecting our actions and songs. We really enjoyed performing for you all on Wednesday and Thursday night. In Maths, eight students had the opportunity to represent Oxley in the Maths Games Day at Genezzano College. They worked well in their teams, solving problems and competing in strategy games. In English, we are writing poems; it is amazing to see everyone's creative ideas.

Written by Ava van Haaster 6K



Ava, Lillianna, Breanna and Jeremiah about to tackle some math puzzles



Anna, Ava, Eco and Danny at the end of Math Games Day

Market Day 2019

Annually, the Junior School runs a Market Day. Students can choose to have a stall to sell things and raise money to support Amari and our sponsor children, Patrick, Beatrice and Wallin.

When:

- Friday 11 October. First Friday of Week 1 Term 4.
- At recess and lunchtime.

Where:

- On the top oval and outside the Year 5/6 classrooms



Stall holders Daniella, Olivia, Scarlett, Annabelle and Charlotte

Important Information:

- All students who want to sell items must have a permission slip signed by their parents.
- Each stall is assigned half a table and students are in charge of their own advertising and stall presentation.
- All people selling food must list ALL ingredients. No nuts please!

We are looking forward to having Market Day next term and raising money for our school charity.

By Isabel Alcordo and Emily Duckworth (4B)

Congratulations

During the Term 2 break, Lucy Weighell (5R) competed in the 2019 State SC Championships in Adelaide. Lucy managed to improve her personal best time in all her events. She has represented Oxley Christian College at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Championships, and has shown consistent development of her skills during that time.

Lucy received the following results in her events, 100m Freestyle – 1:21.28, 50m Backstroke – 42.07, 100m Backstroke – 1:34.45, 50m Freestyle – 35.63

Congratulations, Lucy, on your incredible achievements!



Lucy in the pool





Sport

Winter Season for EISM Sport Finishes With Great Results

The Senior Boys Basketball team are Premiers for the second year in a row. The team finished the season on top without losing one game throughout the season. What a great way for **Matt Gates (12.7)**, **Liam Jarrott (12.9)**, **Mark Lian (12.10)** and **Hamish MacDonald (12.7)** to end their EISM team sport in Senior School with such a great win.

The team won convincingly 57-22 against Knox to be crowned Premiers for 2019 with the support of their coach, Mr Gavin Fox. Hamish MacDonald was awarded Best Player on the day by the opposition team.

Three of the Year 8/9 teams played in the Grand Finals. The Netball B Girls were also crowned Premiers after winning their game. Congratulations to the team and their coach Mrs Cindy Woodcock. The Senior Netball B Team were Runners-Up to Kingswood.

The Year 8/9 Soccer team had a great season and played the Grand Final with only half of their team due to Year 9 being away on camp. Due to an injury, the match was called off after only 10 minutes, which resulted in a draw and a shared premiership title with Bialik. Congratulations to the team and their coach, Mr Dave Cutler.

The Year 8/9 Girls Table Tennis team lost in the Grand Final, but are to be congratulated on a great season with coach, Mrs Jenny Humphreys. Congratulations to all our students for the way in which you represented Oxley during the EISM Winter Season.

Although the Year 7 teams don't play Grand Finals, they performed very well overall. Congratulations to all our Year 7 teams for a great term of EISM Sport. Year 7 and Year 8/9 started trials for Term 4 EISM Sport and we are looking forward to a great Term 4 Sport.

Below is the list of students who were rewarded Most Valuable and Best Team Players for their teams. Congratulations to all these students for putting in a such great effort.



Senior Boys Basketball

Senior Sport

Team	MVP	BTP
Girls Netball A	Georgia Collins	Imogen Gellert
Football	Nathan Arena	Alex Ayton
Girls Hockey	Jessica Dziadosz	Chloe Sansom
Girls Basketball	Miranda Gartner	Sally Johnston-Bailey
Girls Table Tennis	Casey Haycraft	Euphy Cheng
Boys Table Tennis	Benson Zeng	Larry Li
Boys Soccer	Chris Pezanno	Campbell Mole
Boys Basketball	Liam Jarrott	Matt Gates
Girls Netball B	Leila Rivet	Alicia Barker
Indoor Soccer		Team1: Bella Vanderhorst
		Team2: Kevin Yu
		Team3: Jenson Zhou
		Team4: Dylan Berg
		Team5: Jeremy Kleinert

Year 8/9 Sport

Team	MVP	BTP
Girls Netball A	Maddie Durik	Karishma Mevasia
Boys Football	William Coleman	Pierson Booth
Girls Hockey	Ella Walker	Aylin Akan
Girls Basketball	Olivia Bishop	Chloe Anderson
Girls Table Tennis	Lana Frid	Rojeen Aryan
Boys Table Tennis	James Leslie	Jack Powell
Boys Soccer	Charlie Cunningham	James Love
Boys Basketball	Xavier Leslie	William Waller
Girls Netball B	Leila Rivet	Alicia Barker
Indoor Soccer:		Team 1: Emma Mole
		Team 2: Dakoda Mathers
		Team 3: Audrey Oastler
		Team 4: Ben Wang
		Team 5: Davanshi Agrawal

Year 7 Sport

Team	MVP	BTP
Boys Volleyball	Max Walker	Brodie McCann
Boys Football	Micah Barlow	Ryan Jarrott
Girls Hockey	Lani McGregor	Ellie Parker
Mixed Table Tennis	Simon Wang	Josh King
Girls Netball A	Summer Lee	Jessica Graham
Girls Netball B	Jade Dyason	Imagen Howarth



Year 8/9 Girls Netball B



Senior Girls Netball

Oxley Swimmers Perform Well

Students, Dakota Mathers (8.24), Une Geisler (7.16) and Ruan Rademeyer (7.15), took part in the Victorian Short Course Championships at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) a couple of weeks ago with some great results.



Dakoda in the zone

Dakoda did very well with a personal best in all ten events she participated in. She won gold in the 13 Year old 200m Individual Medley, silver in the U/14 1500m Freestyle, silver in the 13 Year old 200m Breaststroke, bronze in the U/14 400m Individual Medley and a top 10 finish in all the other events except one. Dakota and Une have also been selected to represent Victoria in the upcoming Swimming Australia State Team event in Canberra in October.

Une qualified for ten events, and made nine finals, which resulted in four bronze medals in 100m Butterfly, 200m Individual Medley, 200m Breaststroke and 100m Backstroke. Ruan qualified for six events.

Frederik Kotzé
Head of Sport

Junior Sport

Mooroolbark District Athletics Championships

On 28 August, 49 students from Year 3-6 competed at the Championships. Despite the winter weather, students competed at a high level with the knowledge that 1st and 2nd placed competitors would progress to the Yarra Division Athletics Championships. Our students performed magnificently, having success particularly in the long distance running events.



9/10 Year Old Boys celebrate their win



Gabe in the discus

The following students were successful in receiving a 1st or 2nd place in their event.

9/10 Year Olds	11 Year Olds	12/13 Year Olds
Nifemi Dalley 2nd - Circular Relay	Hayley Graham 1st - Circular Relay 1st - Triple Jump	Eloise Moreau 1st - High Jump
Jasmine Jones 2nd - Circular Relay 2nd - 800m	Ava Van Haaster 1st - Circular Relay 1st - 200m 1st - High Jump	Lillianna Filleul 1st - 1500m 2nd - 800m
Kate Beyer 2nd - Circular Relay	Charlotte Marshall 1st - Circular Relay 1st - Shot Put	Subomi Dalley 1st - 100m
Olivia Kennedy 2nd - Triple Jump	James Ray 1st - 1500m 2nd - 800m	
Daniella Licina 2nd - Shot Put	Tayla Eleveld 1st - Circular Relay 1st - Long Jump	Austin Ly 2nd - Triple Jump
Charlotte Thorp 2nd - Long Jump	Danny Gong 2nd - Long Jump	
San Lian Buansing 2nd - 1500m	Alannah Moulton 1st - 1500m 2nd - Hurdles	
Olivia Hunter 2nd - Circular Relay 2nd - Hurdles	Anthony Tartaglia 1st - 200m 1st - 800m	
Xander Marchione 1st - Circular Relay 2nd - 100m 2nd - 800m	Archer Hogan 1st - Discus 2nd - 1500m	
Lucas Mann 1st - Circular Relay 1st - 800m 2nd - Discus	Ezra Simpson 2nd - 100m	
Elijah Daly 1st - Circular Relay 2nd - Hurdles	Dami Sun 2nd - Triple Jump 2nd - Hurdles	
Charlie Piper 1st - Circular Relay 1st - Long Jump	Jonathan Woodcock 1st - 1500m 2nd - High Jump	
Ryder Holland 2nd - 1500m	Jonathan Yannas 2nd - 800m	
Joshua Lynch 1st - 1500m		
Jordan Thorpe 1st - Triple Jump		



Ezra approaches Dami at the 2nd changeover



Kate waits for Olivia to pass the baton

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day, and good luck to those who are competing at the Yarra Division Athletics Championship!

Joshua Gaschk
Junior School Sport

International Week 2019

International Week Assembly

The International Assembly was held inspirationally by both local and international students. The program commenced with the singing of the National Anthem after which Mr Cuddon spoke about what International Week was about. Awards were then presented to two international students, for their outstanding performances in academics and sport. Students from the Junior School Chinese Horizons Program then performed the Guzheng. Guzheng, a traditional Chinese zither with a history spanning more than 2500 years, was admirably embraced by Oxley's lovely Junior students. Students from Korea and Vietnam introduced an aspect of their culture. Korean students Ben Fisher (12.10) and James Kim (10.1) introduced Korean music while Vietnam student Jessica Tieu (10.2) presented a video about Vietnamese food. Eric Feng (11.14), international student from China, played a Chinese song on the recorder.

by Rick Yu (12.8), International Captain



Charlie in the Circular Relay



Eric performing a traditional Chinese song

International Food Fair

The International Food Fair of 2019 was excellent and I enjoyed the atmosphere of students cooking together with laughter as we helped each other out during the day. We learnt from last year's mistakes, and achieved our goal, which was to finish all the cooking and packing before the start of lunchtime, so that students could collect their lunches on time. We even finished 20 minutes earlier this year! I have helped with the International Food Fair for the last three years and, as always, I love to see all the international students from different year levels work together as a team and cook delicious food. As this is my last year of high school, I was glad to be part of the International Food Fair team. Even though everyone was exhausted, feedback from students that they loved the food made it all worthwhile. Overall, it was a great opportunity to be involved and make a contribution to this lovely, big community.

by Irene Hwang (12.7), International Captain



Michelle, Celia, Sheldon and Irene topping up dishes at the Staff lunch

International Week Senior School Chapel

At International Week Senior School Chapel, we celebrated the multicultural community that is Oxley. Chapel started with a short game using chopsticks to pick up ping pong balls. This was an intense game, but in the end White House came out on top. After this, an all international Worship Team led the Senior School in praise and worship after which Mr Aaron Chan spoke about identity and change. He told us about the

meaning of his Chinese name, the importance of names and the many things that have shaped his identity. It was fascinating to hear a new perspective on this topic and, most importantly, it reaffirmed to us the knowledge that our identity can be found in Jesus.

by Georgia Collins (11.16), Chinese Captain



Mr Chan speaking on identity and change

International Week Junior School Chapel

As Language Captains, Georgia and I had the pleasure of hosting the Junior School International Week Chapel. I personally loved the idea of being able to introduce German to them and hopefully spark a love for the language in preparation for Senior School. In order to introduce the German language, I ran a tongue twister game with them. The students were to try their best to mimic Frau Sparrow's pronunciation of a common German tongue twister *Frisches Fritz fischt frische fische*. Although the challenge seemed impossible, all volunteers confidently had a go and had some fun tying their tongues in knots! I absolutely loved being able to share with the students the importance of loving, respecting and caring for one another despite our differences. To top off the chapel, the Chinese Horizons class beautifully performed *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* on the Guzheng, a traditional Chinese stringed instrument. The Chapel was an excellent celebration of the wide range of talents and diversity we have in our School!

by Erin Weller (11.13), German Captain



Chinese Horizons class performing on the Guzheng

Year 9 Camp

What an adventure our Year 9s had last week camping and hiking through the Strathbogie Ranges! They carried on their backs everything they needed from tents to Trangias, clothes to cutlery, food to fuel and from snacks to a shovel. The sense of achievement was enormous as they hiked over the infamous Lightning Ridge, abseiled down Lima Rocks and Rocky Ned and canoed themselves with their hiking packs around Lake Nillahcootie.

It was a truly amazing experience unlike anything most of them had experienced before, a tough challenge, but one that has bonded them together as well as expanded their imagination of what they can achieve.

We are very grateful to the Oxley teachers who camped and hiked every step of the way, all week, right alongside our Year 9s. We couldn't have done it without your encouragement and support!

Tim Eddy
Year 9 Coordinator





Music

The Music Department has been a hive of activity. Over the last month we have had a number of students sit examinations with AMEB, held auditions for our 2020 musical, *Mary Poppins*, undertaken rehearsals for the Junior School musical, *Disney's The Lion King JR*, and have held another Soiree Evening concert.

Congratulations to the following students for sitting and passing the following AMEB examinations.

Daniel Balla	Trumpet Comprehensive Grade 3
Oliver Billson	Piano for Leisure Grade 1
Elena He	Clarinet Comprehensive Grade 4
Claire-Annai Hilton	Saxophone Comprehensive Grade 3
Jonathan Ho	Piano Grade 1
Eric Hong	Piano for Leisure Preliminary Grade
Ethan Lantry	Trombone Comprehensive Grade 3
James Love	Clarinet Comprehensive Grade 3
Shenghao Jin	Clarinet Comprehensive Grade 4
Charlotte McGregor	Flute Comprehensive Grade T3
Alannah Moulton	Piano Grade 3
Luke Neil	Trumpet Comprehensive Grade 3
Alex Salomon	Saxophone Comprehensive Grade 5
Hina Sasuga	Violin Associate in Music
Mary Spratt	Piano for Leisure Grade 4
Karen Wang	Piano Grade 4
Liam Wilson-Gardner	Saxophone Comprehensive Grade 5

A special mention and congratulations needs to be given to **Hina Sasuga (12.10)** who was awarded her Associate in Music on the Violin. A very big achievement and well done on all the rehearsing put in for this fine effort.

Many students will be sitting examinations in Term 4 with our AMEB 5th Metropolitan, AMEB 2nd Country, and SCSM October Series examinations.

Our second Soiree Evening was held on Thursday 29 August with separate concerts for Junior and Senior students. Soiree Evenings are not only an extension of each students private instrumental learning, but the small concerts also help students to play through the inevitable nerves (even our most experienced students still get nervous when they perform). The concerts give students an opportunity to learn how to be professional on stage, how to work with an accompanist and how to be a respectful audience member. We would like to say well done to all the students who performed at our Soiree evening. For many students, this was the first time performing in front of an audience.

Please make a note of the following performance dates for Term 4.

Thursday 10 October	VCE Unit 4 Concert
Monday 14 October	Soiree Evening

Wednesday 16 October	Soiree Evening
Saturday 26 October	SCSM String Examinations
Thursday 31 October	VCE Unit 2 Concert
Thursday 7 November	Year 7 Instrumental Concert
Thursday 14 November	Year 2 Strings Concert
Friday 22 Nov – Wed 4 Dec	Senior Ensemble Rehearsals
Tuesday 3 December	Junior Final Assembly
Wednesday 4 December	Presentation Evening

Just a reminder that if any student cannot attend an ensemble rehearsal, we ask a parent to advise the school via the Absence Line or directly to the Performing Arts and Events Administrator. If a student is absent from an ensemble rehearsal without prior advice from a parent, an SMS message will be sent to parents to confirm they are aware of their child missing the rehearsal.

As per the College Policy, if a student misses their private instrumental lesson for any reason, other than a school based event, the lesson will be counted as a paid lesson and will not be rescheduled.

We would like to remind parents that it is very important for every student to attend the last rehearsal before a performance. It is at this rehearsal that details related to the performance are given. Instructors do not have time to provide this information at the time of a performance.

Timetables for Term 4 Private Instrumental Lessons are currently being prepared. They will be forwarded to students in the final week of Term 3. 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 Administrator

Year 10 Photography Excursion



On Wednesday 4 September, Year 10 Photography students travelled to the city to learn about Slow Shutter Speed Photography. Students walked around the banks of the Yarra River where they were able to set up our tripods and capture some amazing photos of Melbourne at night. This was a great opportunity for students to practice their photography skills and appreciate the beautiful city of Melbourne that we live in.



The rain poured down at the end of the evening which made for an adventure as we took shelter in the nearest McDonalds (much to the joy of the students)! All in all this was a great experience and the students captured some incredible photos.

Andy Knee
Senior School Teacher

Charity Knitting

Thank you to all Oxley community knitters who have handed in knitted items for KOGO. It is still really cold out there and many people in need are so appreciative of all the love put into a handmade item. I will be collecting knitted items for KOGO until mid-November.

The latest tally is: seven toys, 63 beanies, five pairs of bootees, three baby jumpers, 14 children's jumpers, four pairs of fingerless gloves, 19 scarves, five strips (i.e. four squares in one strip), 115 squares (equivalent to seven blankets) and nine full blankets.



Any knitted or crochet items are welcome. There is also a request for knitted blankets as they are in great demand. Patterns and instructions are available on their website. www.kogo.org.au/patterns.

Dru Law
Senior School Teacher

2020 Fees

The Fees Schedule for 2020 will be released by 20 September 2019. Parents will receive an email providing details to access the Schedule.

Should you wish to be billed for Annual Tuition Fees (payable by 5 December 2019 to receive the 5% discount), please contact Mrs Dawn Pryor, Accounts Receivable Officer either by phone on 9727 9956 or email dpryor@oxley.vic.edu.au.

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 has only very limited vacancies in some kindergarten classes for next year. Contact us urgently if you require kindergarten for your child in 2020.

We will be taking bookings for Before School Care and After School Care for 2020 from 8 November 2019 onwards. For current families, check your emails next term for the booking update form.

Kim Sopar
Oxley Kids Director

Notice Board

2019 Calendar

UNIFORM SHOP

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

School Holiday hours:
Friday 4 October – 10.00am - 4.00pm

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

Sep	Monday	16	School at Work (9.50am-11.30am, BPAC) Junior School Buddy Picnic
	Tuesday	17	ICAS English Prep Hands on Science Incursion
	Wednesday	18	Year 3 Excursion Year 5 Excursion VCE (Unit 1 & 2) Physical Education Excursion Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews (1.30pm-6.00pm)
	Thursday	19	ICAS Maths Step Into Prep (12.45pm-2.15pm) Year 2 Natural Resource Expo)
	Friday	20	Last Day Term 3
Oct	Monday	7	First Day Term 4 VCE Oral Exams begin
	Tuesday	8	Year 3-6 Division Athletics Year 9 into 10 Information Evening (7.30pm, BPAC)
	Wednesday	9	Year 10 Dance
	Thursday	10	VCE Unit 4 Concert (7.00pm, BPAC) Prep Excursion Year 5 and 6 Links Excursion Year 2 and 3 Late Night (1.00pm - 7.00pm)
	Friday	11	VCE Visual Arts Exhibition Junior School Market Day
	Mon-Fri	14-18	Prep-Year 2 Swimming
	Monday	14	Soiree Evening (6.30pm, BPAC)
	Wednesday	16	Soiree Evening (6.30pm, BPAC) Year 10 Dance
	Thursday	17	School at Work (9.50am-11.30am, BPAC) Year 3-6 Regional Athletics
	Friday	18	Valedictory Dinner
	Monday	21	Year 12 Final Assembly
	Tuesday	22	Year 12 Final Day
	Wednesday	23	Year 10 Dance
	Thursday	24	Year 5 Excursion Step into Prep
	Friday	25	Year 7 Immunisations Prep-Year 2 Athletics
	Saturday	26	SCSM Exams
	Monday	28	Year 3-6 State Athletics VCE Unit 2 Concert (1.05pm-1.55pm BPAC)
	Tuesday	29	Year 7 Book Launch VCE Unit 2 Concert (1.05pm-1.55pm BPAC) Junior School Enviro Captains Excursion



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