



The Newsletter of
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From the Principal

Dear Friends,

It was a privilege to attend the Mayoral National Day of Thanks breakfast last Saturday morning. Oxley staff and the many representatives of other organisations were very appreciative of our Senior Vocal Ensemble who acquitted themselves brilliantly with the National Anthem and two items during the morning. Tim Costello was the guest speaker who followed an awards ceremony for some nine recipients of recognition for voluntary service to the community. Tim's address focused on the significant benefits of voluntary service underpinned by a theology of community and empathy as understood within the Christian faith.

In the modern period, there is often a negative reaction to our public expressions of being Christian. Perhaps it becomes an easy response to feel under threat from the negative press about religion. Far more difficult is to maintain an outlook of gratitude for all the positive contributions of faith in the public square. On the other hand, secularism's narrow portrayal of religion as a matter of private choice, separable from economic, social and political life and facilitated by the rise of toleration, deprives faith of its authenticity. However, as we know, the command to 'have no other gods before Me' involves a cosmological commitment, affecting every facet of life. It is the heart and soul of personal identity and the means of living with integrity.

In recent weeks, the Australian Government has received the Ruddock report it commissioned on Freedom of Religion. We are yet to see what it says and what it

might hold for Christian schools. Meanwhile, we would maintain the understanding that a Christian school rightly functions as a community, but that there are societal and historical factors that hold schools back from being a genuine community. We are created as individuals but we reach fulfilment in community. However, a community is not simply a collection of individuals, nor is it merely an organisation. The latter is an arrangement used to achieve certain goals with effectiveness and efficiency. Rather, a community is a unified human organism with a distinct identity characterised by a shared life in which all its members participate. This definition by Stuart Fowler requires a lot of unpacking. Clearly, however, we can never experience the fullness of community while our thinking and lives are governed by individualistic values and end points. The communal identity of a school is characterised by a shared educational vision, and for a Christian school, a shared vision is one deeply embedded in the Christian gospel.

Among others, one of the gospel conditions for community is characterised by service, replacing the question of 'what will I get', with the question of 'what can I contribute?' Indeed, the richest forms of self-fulfillment and happiness come from a passion for giving. Moreover, as Tim Costello mentioned, the deepest forms of empathy, as shown by our giving to others, belong with those who have experienced firsthand the troubles of this life. That is, we most closely identify with the needs of others and respond with compassion when we have experienced similar difficulties, poverty or displacement. It is a profound reminder of not being too rich to be able to identify with those in need.

Douglas Peck



Charlotte, Amelia, Sarah and Jasmine on their way to Mega Chapel

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

Devotion

National Day of Thanks

On Saturday I had the privilege to attend the Mayoral National Day of Thanks breakfast. The breakfast was hosted by the Mayor of our Shire and organised by local churches. It was held to recognise the National Day of Thanks, an event which recognises those in our community who share of their gifts, talents, skills and expertise but most importantly, their time and their hearts, to give back in some way to those around them.

The event, with 200 in attendance and featuring our very own Melodia Vocal Ensemble, acknowledged people from various walks of life, who donate their time to help others. There were those who volunteer providing community care, serving their local football league, running a Men's Shed, and providing emergency accommodation to those who need it. It acknowledged those who help the elderly, the CFA Fire Brigade and also our local Member for Parliament Christine Fyffe, who is soon retiring, for her areas of service over many years to our community.



Melodia Vocal Ensemble perform at the National Day of Thanks Shire of Yarra Ranges Mayoral Breakfast

The guest speaker at Saturday's breakfast was Reverend Tim Costello, one of Australia's best known community leaders and a sought after voice on social justice issues, leadership and ethics and, of course, a former CEO of World Vision.

He said during his talk that he was walking down the street one day and saw a girl wearing a T-shirt. The T-shirt said *Kate is my religion*. He stopped her and asked, "Excuse me, is your name Kate?" She said "Yes". "And are you your own religion?" She responded, to his shock, with "Yes, I worship and adore myself." Have we truly become so wrapped up in ourselves that self-worship is T-shirt worthy?

He also said that "*depression is in epidemic proportions, as we as a society try and find happiness by seeking it. Yet seeking it, is most certainly a recipe to almost never finding it.*" Helping others, thinking

of others as more important than yourself, the bible tells us, is what will bring happiness. Treating others as we ourselves wish to be treated and encouraging others will see us, ourselves, encouraged. Serving our community sees us become community as a byproduct and helps us know our place, feel as though we belong and in turn helps to bring a sense of fulfillment.

Tim Costello shared about a man who runs a very successful blueberry farming business in Victoria. The man was speaking with Tim recently and he shared how he had now opened three birthing centres, at a cost of \$800,000 each in Uganda, to help those who had been fleeing from South Sudan. Over 1 million have fled, including 14,000 unaccompanied children.

Speaking of his motivations to give in this way, he said that when he was growing up, his family were the poorest in his street but were happy. Since then he has learned about the law of diminishing and increasing returns. As he became more successful and more wealthy he felt more pressure to have a nicer and nicer car. However, when he finally bought that new BMW, he didn't feel any happier. Yet, when he opened the first hospital he said he had never felt happier. And when he opened the second? He felt even happier again.

We are created to live in community, and it is through community that we learn and understand empathy. Empathy is placing ourselves in the experience of another, to feel what they might feel and understand what they might think or experience. In turn, it enables us to truly be thankful for the blessings we have and to show compassion towards those who might be in need.

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

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:16

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." Philippians 2:3

**Pastor Matt
Chaplain**

Senior School

Thursday 24 May saw eight students from VCE Units 1 and 3 performing to an amazing standard at the Broadley Performing Arts Centre. Musical pieces spanned more than three centuries, including some of the great masters; Bach, Mozart and Beethoven, and ranging through to contemporary pieces by Sara Bareilles and Alicia Keys.

The evening began with **Christy Ho (12.9)** with her fingers dancing across the keys of the pianoforte in a performance all would have happily paid a large sum to have heard at Hamer Hall. She was followed by **Brittany Jacinto-Garcia (11.15)** showcasing her vocal talents, **Elysia Coupland (12.7)** with her mastery of the trumpet, the only brass instrument highlighted on the night, **Charli Pruis (11.15)** transporting us *Into the Woods* with *The Last Midnight* and **Wendy Wang (11.15)** also tickling the ivories of the piano. **Chloe Sansom (11.15)** exhibited her vocal talents to sensational effect, while **Fion Cheng (12.7)** and **Hina Sasuga (11.14)** rounded off the evening in amazing style with the piano and violin respectively.

The audience was mesmerised from beginning to end by the skills and prowess of these fine musicians, and they, together with their families and teachers are to be congratulated for such a fine evening of entertainment.

Students in Years 7 and 9 have completed NAPLAN tests. As a school, we do not prepare specifically for the NAPLAN, and so are able to use it to help to inform our teaching and learning practices. We do study the data to evaluate areas of strength and areas to work on, and although no single test will ever tell you everything you want to know, it does provide a useful data point for checking student progress, particularly in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

Several Oxley musicians attended the annual Mayoral Breakfast to celebrate the National Day of Thanks on Saturday 26 May. More than 200 guests joined in singing the National Anthem with the septet followed by their wonderful performance including *The Water is Wide* and *Touch the Sky*.

This thanksgiving breakfast celebrated nine volunteers individually who have given freely of their time over periods of years or decades to their local community in diverse activities including fundraising, developing public walks in Millgrove, Men's Sheds, football club treasury and player mentoring, nursing home involvement, temporary accommodation provision, school chaplaincy and job seeker assistance, to name a few. The common denominator was a desire to give to the community and as Reverend Tim Costello, the special guest speaker stated, *"You don't find happiness by seeking it. You find it by serving."*

Reverend Costello's engaging talk was a great one about the real purpose of life, our interdependence, our need to live together and the communal nature of people, and despite what the world may sometimes say, life is not just about us.

One phrase repeated by the Oxley vocalists was, *I touch the sky when my knees hit the ground*. This aligned perfectly with Reverend Costello's theme about our purpose in life and reflects what Jesus frequently spoke about. Volunteers honoured at the Mayoral Breakfast represented only a small portion of those across the country and around the world, who do what they do, not for reward or their own glory, but because they know it is the right thing to do. They are living out the second great commandment in a tangible way, which Jesus conveyed in Matthew 22:39, *"Love your neighbour as yourself"*.

Greg Barker
Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School

Junior School

As we enter our assessment and reporting period, staff and students reflect on and celebrate the learning experienced in Semester 1. Celebrating goal achievement is a powerful motivator for children. Our students regularly identify learning goals they wish to achieve across specific areas of the curriculum. Many of these goals are SMART goals – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely. It is a privilege to celebrate student success and effort. We see firsthand an increase in student motivation, pride, satisfaction and improved self-confidence. Parents, you have such a unique role to play in supporting and encouraging your child as they reach their learning goals.

For the past two weeks, our Junior School staff have been working with a Literacy Consultant, Mrs Di Wilkinson. With a focus on Writing, staff have observed writing lessons and teacher led student writing conferences in classrooms, all the while reflecting on and refining their own practice. As a staff, we are building common practice and language around the teaching of writing. It is exciting to witness a child's writing development over time. At all stages of a child's writing development, our staff work hard to honour the writing efforts of the students in their care. They find authentic opportunities for students to share their work with others. Our students particularly enjoy sharing their writing with an audience whilst sitting on a special author's chair!



Radha shares her writing in the author's chair

What fun it was to attend Mega Chapel on Tuesday 22 May. Joy and expectation was tangible as students walked with their buddy to the Chapel. We are blessed to gather and celebrate God and our strong sense of community.

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 23 May. It was so much fun to see our students fill the Resource Centre to overflowing!

Dates for your diary: Please be reminded that Monday 11 June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. In addition, Friday 15 June is Report Writing Day and students will not be required at school. In Term Three, we will conduct Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 31 July (4.00pm – 8.30pm) and Thursday 2 August (4.00pm – 6.00pm). Booking information will be included in your child's Semester 1 report. We welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's report and progress with you.

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."
Proverbs 3:3

Sharee Gaiser
Head of Junior School

What Did You Do at School Today?

Prep

This week, we attended our first Mega Chapel. We excitedly waited for the Year 10 students to pick us up. A buddy held our hand and walked us down to the Chapel. It was so crowded as everyone from Prep to Year 12 was there. We sang songs and showed our Year 10 Buddies how to do the actions. After watching a video with Olly and Polly, it was time for Chapel News! We loved going to Mega Chapel with our buddies and can't wait until next year.

Year 1

We are exploring positional language in Mathematics. We watched *Rosie's Walk*, by Pat Hutchins, and drew a map with descriptions showing the way she moved around the farm: across the yard, around the pond, over the haystack, and under the beehives, to name a few. Next, we created our own maps with different characters moving around in different places - what fun! In English, we are learning about narrative writing. Firstly, we created characters with particular interests as a basis for our stories. In Bible, we continue to look at the amazing life of Moses and how God worked so powerfully through him. God can work through us too!

Year 2

It has been a wonderful two weeks in Year 2! On Friday 18 May, we went on an adventure to Puffing Billy and the

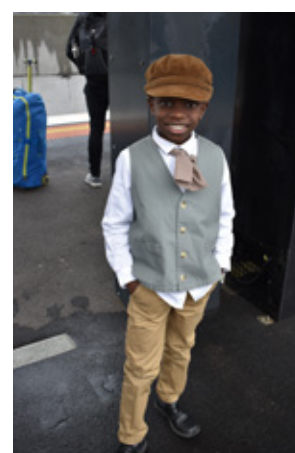
Yarra Ranges Museum dressed in old fashion clothes. We compared past and present forms of travel, taking a trip on both a Metro train and Puffing Billy. We discovered that a modern train is faster than a steam train.



Year 2 enjoying their Puffing Billy adventure



Esther learning about Puffing Billy's whistle



Jaz dressed in old fashion clothes



All aboard Puffing Billy

At the Museum, we explored the local history of Lilydale and how it has changed over time. Our favourite part was making toy dolls using pegs. Using our new knowledge about the past, we have started to write historical narratives in Writing. We cannot wait to share our stories with the staff at the Museum to showcase our learning!

Year 3

In Mathematics this week, we have been learning about angles. We have searched for objects which have angles that are smaller and larger than a right angle. It is amazing how many angles you can discover in the yard when you search carefully. We made angles with our bodies and labelled them as acute, obtuse or a right angle. Angles are everywhere!

Year 4

We have been busy publishing narratives and they are fantastic. In learning about the first contact of the First Fleet settlers with the Indigenous population, we have been able to look at history through the eyes of others. Being able to listen and understand another point of view is crucial to fostering compassion and kindness. In Mathematics, we are learning about angles, such as Acute, Right, Obtuse, Straight and Reflex. We will be having a go at using a protractor to measure them, so be prepared to give us all sorts of jobs at home!

Year 5

Last week we attended the IMAX theatre, Scienceworks and the Planetarium to discover more about space and its influence on the way we live today. We viewed a documentary at IMAX, which proved to be a breathtaking portrait of Earth from space that increased our understanding of our planet and galaxy. Students were amazed at the stunning footage captured by the astronauts aboard the Hubble Telescope and loved the 3D effect which was an unreal experience.



Freddie discovering more about space at Scienceworks

We learnt how space exploration is possibly our greatest adventure today, and the huge impact it is having on our lives. What a wonderful day!

Year 6

What a wonderful excursion we had to the Immigration Museum! We explored how every suitcase tells a story. Working in teams, we examined documents, clothing and artefacts to learn about the stories of people from different places, and stages in history, who have made Australia their home. At Sandridge Bridge, we reflected on the ten traveller sculptures, each one representing a period of migration to Australia.



Jak and Connor at the Immigration Museum

At school, we are combining our new knowledge with the research we have conducted on our notable immigrant, busily preparing for the Night of the Notables. We are excited to be sharing our learning with our family on Thursday 14 June.

Congratulations

State Pony Club of Victoria Champion

We congratulate **Ivy Schey (9.20)** on her outstanding performance in the recent Pony Club Association of Victoria state horse trials championships which were held at PCAV Park Gladysdale.



Ivy at the Victoria state horse trials championships

Ivy's team, the North Metro Sparklers, won their division against stiff competition from other teams from Victoria wide. According to Ivy's mum, the riders compete individually for a full year to train and to qualify for this prestigious event. A fantastic result for outstanding effort and teamwork!

Trevor Whittle
Head of Students (7-12)

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

You don't have to wait to get a taste of university life. The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian Year 11 and Year 12 students, and select secondary students living close to the New South Wales and South Australian borders.

The inspiration for and namesake of the program, Professor Kwong Lee Dow OAM is a former University of Melbourne Vice-Chancellor, a distinguished education scholar and a contributor to curriculum reforms internationally. He plays an active role in supporting our Young Scholars.

Recipients of the award are offered a range of experiences and opportunities including: a taste of university life; the chance to meet and connect with other award recipients; the opportunity to develop leadership and community engagement skills; and access to University of Melbourne's resources, academics and events at the Parkville campus.

Nominations for this award are sought from schools in September of each year and the nominees are drawn from current Year 10 students. A special category is made available for International Students who are studying in a Victorian school and who are currently in Year 11.

Oxley Christian College is pleased to announce that this year this prestigious award for an International Student was been given to **Hina Sasuga (11.14)**. Hina Sasuga commenced her study at Oxley Christian College, as a student in Year 7, at the commencement of the 2014 academic year, having only recently arrived from her home in Japan. In the time she has been a member of our College, Hina has shown a very dedicated approach to her studies resulting in outstanding achievements in her academic studies as well as extensive involvement in the co-curricular program offered by the school.

Hina has notable talent in the field of music and drama and participates in many ensembles and school productions. This year she has been made the College Music Captain.



Dr Peck presenting Hina with her Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Award

We congratulate Hina on receiving this award and wish her well for her future studies.

Maxwell Cuddon
Head of International Students' Studies

Examination Week Tips



Examinations are nearly here! We hope all students in Years 7-11 have been revising regularly and working towards achieving your best. As we all approach this busy time, here are some proven tips which should assist you at home in your preparations to perform your best.

- Eat a good breakfast - have some brain food!
- Get to school on time to avoid rushing
- Fill up your water bottle before exams
- Leave your blazer and phone in your locker
- Check you have the required stationery and equipment
- Use the bathroom beforehand
- Relax with good friends at recess and lunch
- Eat your lunch!
- Pray for calm and memory recall
- Don't stay up late - avoid those midnight cram sessions
- Encourage your classmates and hang out with positive people

While it is great to do well in exams, remember you are NOT your exam results! We learn from them and do things a little better each time.

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

For parent and student convenience, Year 7-11 Semester 1 Exam Timetables are available via our website.

www.oxley.vic.edu.au/examtimetables

We wish you all the best and great success!

From your teachers

Resource Centre

National Simultaneous Storytime



Around 200 Junior School students packed into the Resource Centre, eagerly anticipating this year's National Simultaneous Storytime reading of Hickory Dickory Dash.



National Simultaneous Storytime reading in the Resource Centre

The backstory to the favourite nursery rhyme had everyone well and truly hooked. Would the mother mouse find her missing sons before the clock struck one? Where could they be hiding? Where's a favourite hiding place in your house? Students are now speculating about other back stories. Why does the cat wear a patch? Which nursery rhyme will Tony Wilson (author) and Laura Wood (author) turn to next? Humpty Dumpty perhaps? Stay tuned in 2019 ...



Lincoln enjoying the activities involved with the reading

Thank you to all the teachers and students who came and supported this special event and the extra activities at lunchtime.

Premier's Reading Challenge



The Premier's Reading Challenge continues to excite and engage our Junior School readers as they have now completed a total of 2,879 books. We congratulate our newest champions who have completed all the required individual reading.

Prep	Olivia Hu	Izzy Krause
	Danielle Motha	Georgia Sholakis
Year 1	Daniel Cui	
Year 2	Sophie Degenhardt	Charlie Piper
Year 3	Cooper Gration	Jasmine Liu
Year 4	Paige Gillam	Elena He
Year 5	Caitlyn Fong	
Year 6	Raymond Luo	

Ruth Hogg
Resource Centre Manager

Art

In Monday's *Inspire Assembly*, Anne Southall from La Trobe University, Bendigo, presented one of our Year 12 students, **Amber Liang (12.8)**, with a certificate and \$500 prize for a drawing she entered into a competition. Amber was the sole winner of 75 entrants. Her drawing will be printed onto a poster for the *Hard Yards Conference*, a conference on the many difficulties that school children face. The poster will be sent to all schools in Victoria.

Excerpts from Amber's speech given at *Inspire Assembly*.



Amber receives her award from Anne, along with her parents and Mrs Liney

Good morning, guests, teachers, students and visitors. My name is Amber Liang and today I'd like to talk to you about how I overcame a number of difficulties during my participation in the *Hard Yards* drawing competition. I hope you enjoy my story and take something meaningful from my message.

Firstly, I'd like to thank a few people who have helped me and contributed to my success. Thank you, Mum and Dad, for your never ending support when I was feeling down. Thank you, Mrs Liney, for your encouragement when I was lacking self-confidence. I don't think that I'd achieve this without you, so I thank you.

At the beginning of last term I noticed a poster on one of the doors of the Art building announcing a drawing competition. Of course I was interested and wanted to find out more about it. It turned out to be a competition asking young people to design a poster for the Hard Yards Conference which needs to depict someone overcoming difficulty. It was one of those topics that's not asking you to draw something specific, but open to interpretation, and I was already having second thoughts as I've never done something like that before. But Mrs Liney encouraged me to participate, no matter what the outcome may be. So here is the first thing I learnt, that is to believe in yourself, because there won't always be people encouraging you. If you always doubt yourself you'll end up missing out on a lot of awesome opportunities. Well, then I said, "what can I do but try?"

After several other difficulties, it was Friday afternoon, the deadline was 5.30pm that Sunday, and I had only done a rough sketch. What was worse was that I discovered that I needed to submit the artwork by post to La Trobe University in Bendigo! And the post doesn't run on weekends!.

It's all over, I thought. All hope is lost. But no! Mrs Liney suggested that I email the university. It was strange: before that point I always had the "yeah, whatever, it doesn't really matter" attitude, but upon hearing that, I suddenly got super determined. I didn't care if the post didn't run on weekends; I'd walk to Bendigo if I needed to!

Fortunately, Dr Keefe, the competition organiser, agreed to wait for my submission. I'd like to thank her as well, because my effort will be for nothing if she refused to extend the deadline. I was over the moon. I worked like crazy for the weekend, staying behind my desk for a solid 15 hours each day creating my artwork. Persistence is so important, because for many times in those two days I was so close to giving up! By Monday my fingers were numb from holding the coloured pencils. It was no joke to say that I 'poured my heart' into the artwork, as cliché as it sounds. I posted the drawing and then promptly forgot about it... until Friday morning of the week before last, when I got a scam call! Would you believe it? The lady on the phone congratulated me on winning \$500, if only I give her my credit card number! I was of course flabbergasted! It turned out that I'd mistaken Dr Keefe for a scammer (sorry)! Needless to say, I cried a little when I confirmed via email that the good news was indeed genuine, and it all worked out from there. So this is my story about the importance of self-confidence, determination and warning against procrastination!

Amber Liang (12.8)

Junior Sport Report

Prep-Year 6 House Cross Country

On Monday 14 May, Junior School students competed at the Prep-Year 6 House Cross Country. Students trained on the course during PE time and were set to push themselves as hard as they could.



Tahlie, Caitlin and Rose celebrate their top three placings



Jeremy finishes with a high 5!



Year 2 girls get off to a quick start



Weylen and Charlotte race to the finish line

Congratulations to each student who participated in the event! Please see the results below.

1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Prep Girls Caitlin Lambert Tahlia McInnes Rose Moulton	Prep Boys Thomas Kennedy Lachlan Edwards Shia Want
	Prep Results Gibeon Warriors – 91 Tabor Trojans – 86 Zion Crusaders – 69	
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Year 1 Girls Scarlett Tander Acacia Connelly Mia Frazer	Year 1 Boys Caleb Waldrom Luke Graham Jayden Hume
	Year 1 Results Gibeon Warriors – 74 Tabor Trojans – 37 Zion Crusaders – 130	
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Year 2 Girls Jasmine Jones Weylen Truong Charlotte Thorp	Year 2 Boys Jaz Kanyike-Simpson Charlie Piper Jude Sharkey
	Year 2 Results Gibeon Warriors – 68 Tabor Trojans – 53 Zion Crusaders – 118	
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Year 3 Girls Charlotte Filleul Holly Hume San Lian Buansing	Year 3 Boys Lucas Mann Levi Steer Dami Sun
	Year 3 Results Gibeon Warriors – 104 Tabor Trojans – 92 Zion Crusaders – 42	
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Year 4 Girls Tayla Eleveld Hayley Graham Lily Bennett	Year 4 Boys Archer Hogan Jonathan Woodcock Anthony Tartaglia
	Year 4 Results Gibeon Warriors – 88 Tabor Trojans – 67 Zion Crusaders – 80	

1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Year 5 Girls Alannah Moulton Lillianna Filleul Ava White	Year 5 Boys James Ray Subomi Dalley Freddie Fryer
	Year 5 Results Gibeon Warriors – 56 Tabor Trojans – 68 Zion Crusaders – 115	
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Year 6 Girls Aimee Whiting-Le Cras Jessica Graham Mary Spratt	Year 6 Boys Ryan Jarrott Keishi Sasuga Une Geisler
	Year 6 Results Gibeon Warriors – 47 Tabor Trojans – 84 Zion Crusaders – 109	

The final results were

1st Zion Crusaders – 663
2nd Gibeon Warriors – 528
3rd Tabor Trojans – 487

Congratulations Zion Crusaders for your outstanding efforts!

Mooroolbark District Cross Country

On Tuesday 29 May, 51 students from Years 3-6 competed at the Mooroolbark District Cross Country. Having had success in our House Cross Country, selected students were required to run 2km (9-10 year olds) or 3km (11-13 year olds) around Lillydale Lake.



District Cross Country team

The top 10 students per race received an invitation to the Yarra Valley Division Cross Country, and the top 3 place getters received a medal for their efforts.

Students who finish in the top 5 also receive points for their school (1st place gets 5 points, 2nd 4 points, 3rd 3 points, 4th 2 points and 5th 1 point). In 2017, Oxley Christian College placed 2nd behind Lilydale Primary School with 21 points. This year, our students finished 1st with 33 points, 17 points ahead of the school who placed 2nd.



Our phenomenal medal recipients
Back row Aimee, Paige, Jonathan
Front row Anthony, Ryan, Keishi and Une

The following students have been selected as part of our Division team (including emergencies).

9/10 Year Old Girls

3rd Paige Gillam
4th Alannah Moulton
5th Hayley Graham
6th Charlotte Filleul
8th San Lian Buansing
9th Tayla Eleveld
12th Holly Hume

9/10 Year Old Boys

2nd Jonathan Woodcock
3rd Anthony Tartaglia
6th Archer Hogan
12th Lucas Mann

11 Year Old Girls

4th Lillianna Filleul
6th Ava White

12/13 Year Old Girls

1st Aimee Whiting-Le Cras
5th Mary Spratt
7th Mikayla Wildish

12/13 Year Old Boys

1st Ryan Jarrott
2nd Keishi Sasuga
3rd Une Geisler
7th Micah Barlow
11th Jai Manderson

Congratulations to our incredible team for your efforts!

Joshua Gaschk
Junior Sport Coordinator

Gifted and Talented Education

The Year 7 Da Vinci Decathlon

Sixteen Year 7 students recently competed in the Year 7

Da Vinci Decathlon at Methodist Ladies College. Here is Thomas Steuart's report about the day out:

The Da Vinci Decathlon is a competition where groups of Year 7 students compete against other schools in ten different subjects. These include normal subjects you find at school like Mathematics, Science and English and others that you don't such as Codebreaking and General Knowledge. We had two teams, both did extremely well and were up against some very tough competition. It was an amazing opportunity for everyone and we all thoroughly enjoyed this experience.



Year 7 Da Vinci Decathlon team

On the day there were three sessions that had multiple events in each. Both teams had to split up so that there were people assigned to each event. There were tasks that had to be completed within a certain time limit and we had to work together and help each other along the way. Some of the favourite events were General Knowledge and Codebreaking. I think that these topics were the favourites because they were different to our normal subjects that we have at school.

We had a lot of good laughs throughout the day. Everyone encouraged one another. The clear highlight of my day, the ultimate moment, the thing that I will take with me from this experience, was the huge raspberry and white chocolate muffin that was served at recess by the hosting school!

I would like to thank Mrs Sandison and Mr Whittle for taking us and supervising us on this trip. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work that Mrs Sandison has done behind the scenes; organising this event and providing training sessions for the students.

Thomas Steuart (7.16)

Music

On Thursday 24 May, our VCE students displayed their musical talent at our VCE Music Unit 1 and 3 Concert. Students performed on an array of instruments that included piano, trumpet, violin and voice. They performed with great professionalism and showed that all the long years of practice are well worthwhile. It was

also great to see so many people attend the concert and support our students.

On Saturday 26 May, our vocal ensemble, Melodia, performed at the annual National Day of Thanks Breakfast which was hosted by Mayor Len Cox of the Yarra Ranges Council, and organised by Pastor Graham Nelson. The National Day of Thanks is a unique opportunity for Australians to celebrate and give thanks for our God-given heritage as a nation, and to demonstrate to others the values of honour, respect, thankfulness and gratitude. This year the guest speaker was Tim Costello. Once again, it was a great honour for our Melodia ensemble to be invited to perform at this event and their performance was greatly appreciated by the guests.

Four students recently sat their AMEB examinations.

Hayley Graham	AMEB Cello Grade 2
Mary Spratt	AMEB Piano for Leisure Grade 2
Hannah Steer	AMEB Piano Preliminary Grade
Karen Wang	AMEB Piano Grade 3

Well done, girls!

Upcoming performances in Term 2.

Date	Time	Event	Ensemble
15 June	All Day	SCSM String Exams	Selected string students
21 June	9.30am	School at Work	Vivace
	7.00pm	Senior Ensemble Evening	Sinfonia Concert Band Melodia Camerata
27 June	7.00pm	Junior Ensemble Evening	Cherub Choir Seraphim Choir Vivace Andante Allegretto Allargando Allegro
30 June	To be confirmed	Jubilate Choir Concert	Melodia

Private instrumental students are reminded to ensure their lesson times are written into their School Diary and their Lesson Diary. Both diaries should also be brought to every lesson. Senior students are also able to check lessons on SEQTA. This is very important as the Music Department is no longer able to call classes to find senior students for their lessons. Lessons missed are charged as paid lessons.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Cambodia Fundraiser Trivia Night & Silent Auction
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Email: mdaly@oxley.vic.edu.au



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Uniform regulations and price list are
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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.

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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

2018 Calendar

June	Mon 4 - Thur 7	Year 3 - 6 Swimming Lessons
	Mon 4 - Fri 8	Year 7 - 11 Exams
	Monday 11	Queen's birthday public holiday
	Tuesday 12	Junior School ICAS Writing Junior School Divisional Cross Country
	Wednesday 13	Junior School ICAS Spelling Year 11-12 GAT test (no official classes) Year 10 Special Program
	Friday 15	Report Writing Day (student free)
	Tuesday 19	Junior School Regional Cross Country
	Thursday 21	School at Work (9.30am BPAC) Senior Ensemble Evening (7.00pm LMC)
	Saturday 23	Cambodia fundraiser Trivia Night (7.00pm LMC)
	Mon 25 - Fri 29	Year 10 Work Experience
	Wednesday 27	Junior Ensemble Evening (7.00pm LMC)
	Friday 29	Last Day of Term 2
July	Monday 23	Term 3 Begins
	Wednesday 25	Year 10 into 11 Information Evening
	Tuesday 31	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00-8.30pm Senior School Building)
Aug	Wednesday 1	VTAC Information Evening (7.30pm BPAC)
	Thursday 2	Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews (4.00 - 6.00pm Senior School Building)
	Wednesday 8	Senior School Production (7.30pm BPAC)
	Thursday 9	Senior School Production (7.30pm BPAC)
	Friday 10	Senior School Production (7.30pm BPAC)
	Saturday 11	Senior School Production (2.00pm and 7.30pm BPAC)
	Tuesday 14	Junior School ICAS Maths
	Thursday 16	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Wednesday 29	Junior School District Athletics Father's Day Stall
	Friday 31	Year 11 Dinner
Sept	Tues 4 - Fri 7	Year 9 Camp
	Wednesday 5	School at Work (9.30am BPAC)
	Thursday 6	Year 7 Immunisation



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