

PIN OAK

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FATHER'S
DAY

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Acknowledgement of Country

The writers, editors, and designers of Oxley's Pin Oak begin today by acknowledging the Gundungurra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn and work and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Oxley community.

Alumni Careers Day

As you might remember from your school days, it is hard to imagine what opportunities are out there after you leave school. One of the most valuable ways to explore careers is by hearing people's career journeys and being able to ask them questions. If you are an ex-student of Oxley College... that's where you could get involved!

The Alumni Careers Day is a chance for you to informally mentor Oxley students and share your career journey in study and work and other pursuits since you have left school.

Date: Monday 17 October

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Location: Oxley College, Burradoo

Year groups involved: Year 10 and Year 11

Likely activities involved: Talking to small groups of students about your career, and possibly addressing all students as a group in your introduction.

Other details: Morning tea provided

Please show your interest by emailing the Careers and Futures Coordinator at FODXGLD@oxley.nsw.edu.au

Loaded for Lismore

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the Northern Rivers of NSW, the misery caused by homelessness and loss of household and personal belongings continues. We have all seen the images, EX W P D \ ¿ Q G L W K D U G W R L P D J L Q H
the toll this disaster has had on people and communities. Some of us will have friends or family in these areas and hear the ongoing struggle of temporary housing in rental properties or in the homes of kindly, more fortunate residents.

While immediate needs of clothing have been largely met by donations, there is an ongoing shortage of furniture for those who hope to be rehoused soon.

In recent weeks a small group of concerned residents of the Southern Highlands in partnership with Oxley College, have been working towards arranging donations of quality, pre-loved furniture that are no longer used by our families to be collected, packed into a container and transported to a distribution centre in the Northern Rivers. As people are gradually rehoused they will be able to request essential furniture from this centre.

We have called this project 'Loaded for Lismore' and have acquired some storage space at Unit 33, 6-10 Owen Street in Mittagong, where G R Q D W L R Q V R I T X D O L W \ I X U Q L W X U H F D Q E
into storage prior to be transported in the container.

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18th September and Saturday 24th September between 9 and 11 am only.

There will be volunteers present to assess the quality and suitability of donations and assist with unloading. Hopefully, some Oxley students will be willing to assist in this operation – certainly a suitable activity for Duke of Ed or Service Learning.

Most requested items include beds and mattresses, chairs, tables, bookcases, chests of drawers etc.

So, reaching out to the Oxley community, please consider donating furniture which you may otherwise be storing in sheds or spare rooms... Thank you! By Tim Dibdin



Navigating Whole School Wellbeing – AISNSW
Compass Initiative

“Wellbeing is the foundation of quality of life and human
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social competence are predicated on children feeling safe,
challenged, supported and connected to others” – Oxley
College website

At Oxley, we seek to ‘care for the whole child’ and ensure
that this remains at the forefront of the education we provide,
through evidence-based and contextual practices, using a
consistent language across the College.

We are partnering with the Association of Independent Schools
(NSW) over the next 12 months to develop a whole-school
approach to wellbeing. In 2019 (prior to the pandemic) we
developed an Oxley Wellbeing Framework, a key step in creating
a College-wide approach and language about wellbeing.

Derived from the work of Martin Seligman and research in
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As the days get warmer and we change seasons into Spring we also see a change of season for our students. Many of our students are planning and making decisions about 2023. At this time of the year, the school is well into planning for the following year. Changes to our subjects, our SURJUDPPHV RXU URRPV DQG RXU VWD ä -XVW OLNH 6SUL

Year 8 have just had their Elective Taster day. They tried out subjects that haven't been part of their mandatory programme of study during Stage 4. They experienced a taste of Physical

JUNIOR GALLERY



Northern NSW & QLD Regional Interschools Snowsports Championships

Junior School

The following students recently represented Oxley College at the Regional Interschools Snowsports Championships - Brayden Anstee, Harper Anstee, Henry Burton, Phoebe Burton, Oscar Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Theo Lawford-Smith.

Results

Alpine Individual Div 4 - Bronze medal

Oscar Johnson

Alpine Team Div 4 - Silver medal

Brayden Anstee, Oscar Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Henry Burton

Ski X Team Div 4 - Bronze medal

Brayden Anstee, Oscar Johnson, Oliver Johnson

OLD OXLEYAN

Can you tell us a little about your career journey since leaving Oxley College?

- Initially worked in hospitality as a chef, and worked in USA, and UK.
- Currently serving in the Royal Australian Navy in Submarines. I joined in 2005, and trained up to be an electronics technician. It's a very challenging, yet rewarding career.

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to the plans you had for yourself in Year 12?

My career plans when leaving Oxley were almost polar opposite of how my life unravelled.

Good grounding and routines at Oxley has helped my approach to the demands of the Navy.

Even when joining the Navy I didn't realise where it was going to take me, but I have generally always enjoyed self improvement and challenge.

I'm now based in Western Australia, married with teenage daughters. Having an good moral compass is always essential to get t 16.7 (at)0.5 ((vy 0046e.ap)00.5 (ey (HQ2) (dn•A3ra FEF Td [(app,3t tr(HQatth)0.8 (teeself)9.7 ()TJ 0 Tb0.5 (of)0.5 (5()0.9he)0.5 rh 6.9206antab18 (e me, but I h (joi)0o(e)1 (i0.9he)9(vi(co10.a.6.990.team.0.8 9wiB)-5)20.e)0.5 (Ha)61f 9es at O.8dsud [(1f)d m



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For once, with this article – I fear I am taking an academic leap. The topic I attempt to discuss today is shrouded in the mysteries of higher education, in secrecy, and most likely, a large pile of dust. In a word: Batman. That's right, this week I am stepping outside of the safety of classical philosophy. I humbly ask my readers to bear with me, and the comic book lovers of Oxley not to yell at me when I inevitably get something wrong.

Bruce Wayne stands as an agent of the values of Gotham. Afraid of commitment, dashingly handsome, and ridden with childhood trauma, he is the ideal bachelor. Wayne industries was estimated to have a revenue of \$31.3 billion in 2007, and has a massive impact on the happenings of Gotham, funding most major medical research, and owning the Daily Planet, Gotham's major news provider. It is very easy to see how problematic this can be. A corporate superpower having major power within society, run by a violence-addicted alcoholic whose hobbies include running

SENIOR GALLERY



Roxanne Spreag's Memorial Assembly

Friday 26 August 2022

Recently, we hosted a special presentation at our Senior School Assembly led by Old Oxleyan and parent, Alexandra (Ali) Francipane. Ali delivered a moving speech about her close Oxley school friend who tragically died in a car accident in the July holidays of 2003 when she was just 16 years old. We were honoured that Roxy's sister, Zanaida Adams, could also attend this special occasion.

"This morning we will be unveiling "Roxy's bench", which is a memorial for Roxanne Spreag who was part of the grade that graduated from Oxley in 2004.

For us as a grade of young and carefree teens, we were suddenly confronted with this unimaginable loss and as Roxy was buried on Norfolk Island, we decided to create a memorial so that we could still feel connected to her here at Oxley. We created 'Roxy's Garden' at the back of the PCC.

Nearly 20 years later, it was Mrs Ethell's idea to purchase a bench on which a new plaque could be placed - and so here we are today.

Each and everyone of you have something in common with Roxy. She wore the uniform you wear and sat where you sit today.

I can remember being at Oxley and hearing people talk about the "Oxley community" and at the time it really didn't resonate with me how special it is. Everyone here is part of the Oxley community - whether it is for six years in the Senior School or for 13 years from Kindergarten to Year 12 or even just for a term.

By attending Oxley you are part of something bigger than yourself and with each generation, we lay the foundations for our school to continue to grow beyond our own years.

Roxy's bench does not belong to me or to my grade, but to the entire Oxley community as a whole. It is everyone's responsibility to remember those we have lost and uphold a special place for them here at the College.

I really encourage you to use Roxy's bench, not to sit and feel sad about things we cannot change, but to make it a place of fun and laughter where you and your friends can talk, plan and dream for your futures.

My advice - slow down and take joy in the little things for they surely create the fullest life.

In honouring Roxy, please remember - life is short, so live completely and forgive quickly. Love truly, laugh uncontrollably and be sure to make every opportunity count."

GOOD & OTHER NEWS

BOOK WEEK

From Monday August 22 – Friday 26 August, the Junior School celebrated Book Week. It was a wonderful week-long celebration of literature, inspired by the 2022 theme, "Dreaming with Eyes Open."

The week began with a creative task, where students were given a collaborative task to design a Book Week themed artwork to be painted on the library windows. The windows in the library are now looking vibrant and colourful, adding a warm invitation to enter the house of literature at our school.

This year the parade was hosted by our wonderful Year 5 library monitors, who bringing books to life! It's always nice to see hand-made costumes, utilising items at home, and to hear students talking about how their costume came together and showcasing the book that has inspired them to dress up in their costume.

On Wednesday, we had an author visit from the highly acclaimed, Jacqueline Harvey. Students were entertained and humoured by her hilarious stories, as she shared her passion for writing and explained how she became an author. The feedback from students about her visit was all very positive, being the highlight of the week for many. Jacqueline also generously signed copies of her books, for students who brought them in from home. A group of extension writers from Years 4-6, also participated in a writer's workshop, gaining some valuable advice

The next day, students brought in books from home to be donated to a local charity called 'Reading Friends Australia.' This charity is based in Moss Vale and has been providing a reading program to local schools using trained volunteers. Reading Friends Australia also donates books to local children via their Blue Box initiative. We are proud to report, the Junior School donated a total of 766 books to this wonderful local charity. Some excellent drone photography was taken to capture the display of books on the courtyard. Following the book donations, senior school students spent some time reading to the junior school students, in a buddy reading experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Below is some of the feedback provided by each grade.

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- Enjoyed a whole week, not just one day.
- Donations, swirl, drone photo, cool!
- Buddy reading, connect with Senior School students.
- House collaboration, working with younger students
- Enjoyed book parade and being in costume.
- Liked painting on windows in Library.
- Having an author visit was special.
- Jacqueline Harvey stories, super funny, great opportunity to meet an author, interesting to know what an author does.
- Artworks, grades working together, collaborating ideas.
- Author visit, book signing, writer's workshop was informative
- Book donations was a nice touch

AUTHOR VISIT - JACQUELINE HARVEY

In Week 6, the Junior School had its Book Week most exciting things we did, was having Jacqueline Harvey visit the school on the Wednesday. Jacqueline Harvey is a bestselling author that has written up to 51 books and is currently writing more. Her stories include, Alice-Miranda, Kensy and Max, Clementine-Rose, Wild and Wool and Fair Cat.

Before recess, Jacqueline Harvey autographed many students' books. Then after recess, she spoke to each stage. Jacqueline spoke to enthralled kids about herself, her books and being an author. The talk included where she got the ideas from for her books, places that she'd been to, and hilarious stories from when she was a teacher. One of my personal favourites were the stories about her former student, Robbie. Hysterical tales about the kid who got run over!

After lunch Jacqueline Harvey hosted a workshop for students from years 4-6 who are in The Writers' Studio. In the workshop we had fun with a range of writing exercises and Jacqueline Harvey told us more about her life as an author. The writer's workshop wrapped up the day and we all had a blast.

We were lucky enough to have Jacqueline Harvey this year- who knows who will come next!

By Evelyn Hammond, Year 5

NEWSFLASH

GD CHAMPS

This Sunday 11 September, the GD champs will be held at Welby. This is a mountain bike race that celebrates the life of Old Oxleyan, George Dummer, who is greatly missed by many. So get your mates together and get involved! Any aged high school student can enter. All you need is a bike and a helmet and a sense of adventure. The enduro format consists of three timed

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Some great successes at recent Mountain Bike Championships.

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On Friday 26 August, 31 Oxley students participated in the ACT Schools Mountain Bike Championships at Stromlo Forest Park.

Congratulations to our Junior Girls team (Elsie Hanson, Chloe Doughty, Olivia H) who took 1st place and our Senior Mixed WHDP 3KRHLQ[6SDUNH +DUU\ *UHHQ¿HOG third.

It was a very successful day, our riders learnt a lot from the competition and how racing made them focus on their form and technique.

HSC DRAMA NOMINATIONS

Recently, my classmates and I went on an excursion to the water treatment plant that supplies fresh, clean water to the Wingecarribee Shire and surrounding areas. It was put into making sure the water we drink is safe. The water treatment plant uses 20% of the power usage in the shire, which really brings into focus just how important it is and fresh water, think about how lucky you are to have such clean drinking water so easily accessible. Think not only about making sure you don't waste the water, but also about all the work that went into cleaning and looking after this precious resource. - By Sophie Christensen, Year 8

We visited the water and wastewater facilities in the area and we got to see the water processes in the actual facilities. I was fascinated by how it started to what it ended up looking like. The water treatment involves screening, mixing of the reticulation network and then to our taps and drinking water. Then we went to the wastewater treatment and learnt about how they clean the water and then put it back into