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Father's Day Gallery



Year 12 Design & Technology Exhibition



Headmaster's Report

YEAR 12 FAREWELL

I have only known this Year 12 group for five months, but they have impressed me mightily with their friendliness, collegiality and good spirits. I have been most thankful for the way in which they have made me welcome at Oxley.

I saw much evidence of the community spirit of the School from so many of the Year 12s. Nyssa Bunyan organised lunchtime outdoor music concerts for all of 7-12. Abby Ismay and Brayden Boaden organised the 1980s themed disco and were fantastic in the way that they led this for everyone from Years K-12. (And I gained a whole new respect for Brayden when he told me how he preferred 80s music to the music of today.) Many of the House Captains could be guaranteed to dress up for the occasion - as evidenced at various House Functions. Thankfully they never got to the extent of Haemish Wellard's purple tutu at House Athletics. Oliver Taylor-Helme is making an Oxley Year 12 video and putting a great deal of effort into the editing and production. Olivia Spring and Lily Swanson are doing a great job at organising the formal. I was impressed with their dedication to the event, looking to change the date to make sure that every person in the year could attend.

Zoe Binder and Luther Canute have led the year very well. Our fortnightly lunches were an opportunity to hear how they were travelling (such as how the Design and Technology project was going) and what their year group was thinking. They also gave me many insights into the school, which I was grateful for.

I had an opportunity during Term Two to speak to each of the Year 12 students for twenty minutes about their work in 2014 and what they were planning to do. There is such a strong variety. Many are looking to be involved in commerce, finance and industry. Some are looking for a career in the arts and music. I am pleased to see quite a few Year 12s keen to get involved in essential services such as health and education as well. I have been impressed with the focus shown by many students such as Laura Farag and Stephanie Oberman. I do trust that all of them will be using the next three weeks to work as hard as possible to get the ATARs that will help them to achieve their aspirations.

I have been impressed too with so many of the students' talents. It is always a dangerous exercise to mention individuals, for fear of leaving out other equally deserving people - so I hope my selections in this paragraph are taken as representative rather than definitive. I have been most impressed with Toby Orchard's cycling exploits, Susannah Newton's singing and ukulele playing for her HSC music, Riley Byrne's painting, Lachlan Vild's specially designed (and very innovative) luggage for Design and Technology, Max Moran's outstanding individual



performance of an 'innocent' man in HSC Drama, and Glen Maly's cathartic playing of the drums. I thought James Guy's winning public speaking speech on Kayne West (and his comparisons with God) was excellent.

I enjoyed watching many of the student's games on the weekend, such as the top-of-the-table First Fifteen, to the girl's teams who got into the Finals. The Captains- Alister Marnoch, April Wells, James Guy, Lachlan Vild and Olivia Spring all shepherded their teams well. I have been impressed with many, many others too, but I only have one page. I hope that the other pages of Pin Oak do them all justice.

As the curtain comes down on up to six years of their lives at Oxley, I hope that this Year 12 take away friendships, attitudes and learning that will last a lifetime. They seem to be such a terrific group of people and I regret not getting the opportunity to spend longer with them (then again there is always Pathways). I wish them all the best in the HSC and the decades to come.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS YR 12

Luther Canute	Colours	Academic
Laura Farag	Colours	Academic
Victoria Fay	Colours	Academic
Zoe Binder	Half Colours	Academic
Nyssa Bunyan	Half Colours	Academic
Riley Byrne	Half Colours	Academic
Gabrielle Abbott	Tab	Academic
Tessa Campbell	Tab	Academic
Adam Dempster	Tab	Academic
William Maker	Tab	Academic
Alister Marnoch	Tab	Academic
Jack Moran	Tab	Academic
Max Moran	Tab	Academic
George Storrier	Tab	Athletics
Maxwell McIllhatton	Half Colours	Football
Benjamin Wilson	Tab	Football
April Wells	Colours	Hockey
Olivia Spring	Half Colours	Netball
Brayden Boaden	Half Colours	Rugby
James Sutherland	Half Colours	Rugby
George Storrier	Tab	Rugby
Oliver Taylor-Helme	Tab	Rugby
Haemish Wellard	Tab	Rugby



VIETNAM WAR VETERAN'S MEMORIAL SPEECH

I am honored to stand in front of you today, those who went through so much for what you believed was for the good of Australia. You fought in the longest Australian Conflict from 1962 to 1975 in Vietnam risking your lives to come home to a country that did not welcome you officially until 1987. I cannot imagine how impossibly hard this and the events of the war must have been for you and the strength you would have needed to get through it.

Unlike World War 2, the National Service act called upon you based on your birthdays. This meant that many of you here today would have been called up to war while the rest of your colleagues continued life as normal. You would have come home to a society that had moved on without you and where, unlike in the world wars, no one understood what you lived through. Many Australians may have even blamed you, rather than the politicians, for what happened. I am led to believe that many veterans were subject to abuse about events that occurred during the war. I am fortunate enough myself not to even begin to understand the extremities you lived through. All I can do is extend my sympathies to you and your families for what happened in the war and the way in which you were treated upon your return.

But I stand here today as a representative of the younger generation not just to express my sympathies but also to say thank you for what you did. Because although the Vietnam War was an atrocity, through it you helped shape a society that could question its governments' actions. People were no longer afraid to stand up and ask questions. This, I believe, is vital for the prevention of a similar war in the future of Australian society.

The Vietnam War helped move Australia into a period of liberalisation and ultimately the end of policies such as the 'White Australia Policy'.

The Australian society post-second world war was a conservative one. In the late 1970's this began to change. The era of the Vietnam War was a time for social upheaval in Australia. Groups were forming to promote positive change. Those that sought social change in many issues un-related to the war now had the common factor of opposing what happened in Vietnam. The war, in a sense, banded them together and gave them enough strength to change important aspects of Australian society. The events of the Vietnam War helped to unite people. They now had a common cause. This unification most notably led to the changing of the White Australia Policy at the end of the decade.

The most important outcome of the war to our generation, however, is that it led to reluctance to become involved in overseas disputes. The Vietnam War swayed public opinion within Australia in regards to war and what was acceptable. The government today could not get away with going to war like it did in Vietnam. Our generation will not experience a conflict like the Vietnam War and for that I thank you. I thank you because through your efforts in the war you changed the entire social structure of Australia. After the war people were no longer afraid to question the government and the governments' policies on war. Every one of you, who fought, fought so that now my generation won't have to. For that I am honored to be standing here today. Thank you.

By Nick Antoniak

Deputy Head Reports

Deputy Head Learning K-12: Kate Cunich

It has been a joy in recent weeks to witness so many classroom experiences where students have been engaged in rich learning. Year 3 in particular have revelled in presenting their "Curiosity Project" : an activity for which they could choose any topic or "big idea" that interested them and pursue it in any way that they wished. The result has been an amazing array of topics indicative of the things that intrigue young minds, from the Big Bang, to gerbils and life after death! I urge you to ask a Year 3 student or Mrs Marsh about this wonderful learning opportunity.

In a similar way, the HSC Design and Technology Exhibition was a tribute to students who have had an initial idea and grappled with the design process, encountering many challenges along the way. The final display of highly sophisticated projects was most impressive and all students and Ms Smart should be congratulated on the extremely high standard of work.

We have also had the opportunity to celebrate student academic success in the ICAS competitions this week. Students in Year 3 – 11 received certificates for Science while Year 3 – 6 students were also recognised for their achievement in Spelling and Writing. We are told that



English and Maths certificates are not far away. Congratulations to all students who have challenged themselves and made the effort to participate in this highly regarded academic competition.

We also take this time to farewell our Year 12 students. This great bunch of wonderful characters has made a special contribution to Oxley and we wish them well not only in the remaining weeks of their HSC but also in every pursuit they undertake in the exciting world that awaits them. We know that they leave here not only with the skills that will equip them for their future, but most of all with a sense of curiosity and inquiry that will lead them to continue to thirst for knowledge and answers that can change the world.

Deputy Head Pastoral K-12: Peter Ayling

Social Media

There are so many social media sites that our students are using and by the time we hear about them they are probably already exploring the next way to communicate with their friends. The link below lists the most common forms of social media our students are using. For example if your son or daughter is using KIK did you know the legal age for using this site is 17? Many of these sites do not have filters or do not retain any history and this can allow for inappropriate use of these sites. We encourage the use of social media sites however we need to be careful about students communicating with people they do not know or tagging photos with GPS coordinates. Please explore the site listed below. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/About%20the%20technology.aspx>

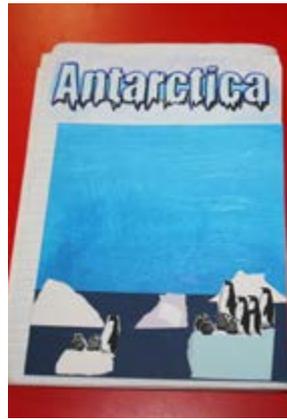
Pipe Band Update

We currently have over 20 students who have expressed an interest in playing the Bagpipes or Drums. We will be employing Rob Parker as the Pipes Tutor and Anthony Clarke as the Drum Tutor. We are in the process of arranging a meeting to discuss costs, tutoring and getting started. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting early next term.



Year 12

It has been a pleasure working with Year 12 over the past three terms. My first experience with any Year 12 students at Oxley College was when I attended the Year 7 Orientation Camp with the Year 12 Leaders for 2014. I was impressed by the warmth, care and compassion they displayed to the Year 7 cohort. They took a real interest in getting to know them and have helped them settle into life at Oxley College. Throughout the year I have enjoyed informal discussions about their day to day life and interests. As they leave the College for the last time I would like to wish them well. I hope they follow their dreams and passions. I hope they continue to be young men and women of compassion and integrity and make a difference in the world in which they live.



Week 9 Awards

Students of the Week

K: William O'Callaghan, Yr 1: Christian Denington, Yr 2: Ainslie Goodman, Yr 3: Saskia Gray, Yr 4: Tom Hutchings, Yr 5: Julia Parker, Yr 6: Liam Levoshko

Respect Self

K: Thomas Bladen, Yr 1: Georgia Rapp, Yr 2: Alfred Jensen, Yr 3: Chloe Cassim, Yr 4: Olivia Thaning, Yr 5: Logan Dobler, Yr 6: Tia Winter

Year 5

This term in HSIE, 5M has been learning about Antarctica and writing information reports on Antarctic wildlife and Antarctic explorers. The Emperor Penguin has become one of our favourite animals. We have made collage title pages featuring the Emperor Penguin for our HSIE books. Mrs Sheddon, who teaches Geography in the high school, spent a month camping in Antarctica and visited us to talk about her experiences. She also brought along the clothes she had to wear in the freezing temperatures. Mrs Sheddon lent us Jerry, the Emperor penguin, who has

lived in the classroom throughout the term. We know Jerry and Hedwig had a great week together when we won the library award.

We also enjoyed an excursion to the IMAX theatre in Sydney where we saw two films on the giant screen, "Antarctica" and "Shackleton". Shackleton was an amazing explorer whose trip went from bad to worse at every turn. His story is one of extraordinary bravery. Other amazing explorers were Amundsen and Scott who raced each other to be the first to get to the South Pole.



Week 10 Awards

Students of the Week

K: Zahra Lim, Yr 1: William Gilbert, Yr 2: Hanna Gorman, Yr 3: Paloma Ramos, Yr 4: Eloise Goodman, Yr 5: Thomas Dunn, Yr 6: Matt Hardy

Respect Oxley

K: Willa Soster, Yr 1: Eva Duffy, Yr 2: Dylan Davis, Yr 3: Amelia Carpenter, Yr 4: Eve Golja, Yr 5: Madeleine Sargeant, Yr 6: Sophie Artup

Year 4

Years 3 and 4 went to the Chinese Garden of Friendship, where we had to find twelve statues of the Chinese Zodiac animals – the rooster, pig, monkey, dog, ox, rabbit, tiger, sheep, dragon, rat, snake and horse (this year is the Year of the Horse). After we had a break and watched a man feed the koi, who kept jumping on top of each other trying to reach the food, we had a Yum Cha lunch with dumplings, spring rolls and wonderful pastries. We had an extraordinary time!" Alice Gilbert, Year 4.

As part of our study of China, we read the Willow Pattern story. Several elements of this story are used extensively as a china pattern that is made in England.





PHILOSOPHON

On Thursday 4 September three Oxley College students, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Hicks travelled to Sydney, to compete in a Philosophon hosted by Cranbrook school. After much debate in the car trip about how to sound as though we knew what we were talking about, we were very prepared by the time we arrived in Sydney. When we arrived at the Cranbrook hall, we were greeted and split into groups of six or seven people. From which we spoke about the topics: Is the pursuit of happiness self-defeating; what are the limits of scepticism? And should rich countries give debt relief to poorer countries? Well done to Nick Antoniak, who was awarded 'best contribution to argument' in his year group during the final presentation. On behalf of Nick, Darcy and myself I'd like to thank Mr and Mrs Hicks for giving their time up to escort us to the Philosophon. It was a very enjoyable evening, with many thought-provoking conversations – if you're interested in philosophy I definitely encourage you to take part next year.

By Ella Moran



SCIENCE/ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Recently, 26 Year 10 and five Year 9 students competed at Newcastle University's state Science and Engineering Challenge after winning the District Science and Engineering Challenge in May. After a late arrival at the Newcastle beach YHA on the Tuesday night, students were up early and very eager to test their skills in teamwork, lateral thinking and problem solving.

The activities included building a catapult which was tested for accuracy and distance, designing a chair that could support two dolls and could be manufactured economically, designing a hovercraft which could negotiate obstacles at speed and building a plane which could cover distance and maintain direction.

The competition from other attending schools was strong and unfortunately on the day the Oxley Team did not secure a place in the National Finals, placing 5th out of eight schools.



FRENCH BREAKFAST



Our French breakfast was related to our recent unit of work that was French food. After breakfast we enjoyed many rounds of Pétanque which is similar to lawn bowls. Max Loiterton and Will Quirico proved to be the Pétanque champions! It was a great day where we not only got to have a lot of fun but we practiced and improved our French speaking skills! By Olivia Donovan

Michael Zawal

Michael Zawal (Year 11) has been selected to attend the NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) in Canberra next January.

He spoke at the Berrima District Rotary lunch a few weeks ago and also attended and spoke at the NYSF function in Canberra last Monday night for selected students.

Class of 2014



Gabrielle Abbott



Samantha Bate



Zoe Binder



Brayden Boaden



Thomas Borbely



Nyssa Bunyan



Riley Byrne



Alice Callaghan



Tessa Campbell



Luther Canute



Lauren Chapman



Oliver Court



Daniel De Rosa



Adam Dempster



Laura Farag



Victoria Fay



Jordan Grice



James Guy



08 Abby Ismay



William Maker



Glen Maly



Alister Marnoch



Max McIlhatton



Jack Moran



Max Moran



Liam Morris



Susannah Newton



Jack Northall



Stephanie Oberman



Toby Orchard



Benjamin Parkinson



Rochelle Pike



Lachlan Sheppard



Georgia Skinner



Olivia Spring



George Storrier



James Sutherland



Lily Swanson



Oliver Taylor-Helme



Joshua Thiessen



Lachlan Vild



Victoria Walker



Haemish Wellard



April Wells



Benjamin Wilson

YEAR 12 2014 GALLERY & HSC TIMETABLE



<p>Mon English (Standard) Paper 1 - 10:20am-12:30pm</p> <p>English (Advanced) Paper 1 - 10:20am-12:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13</p>	<p>Tues English (Standard) Paper 2 - 9:25am-11:30am</p> <p>English (Advanced) Paper 2 - 9:25am-11:30am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14</p>	<p>Wed Ancient History - 9:25am-12:30pm</p> <p>PDHPE - 1:55pm-5:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p>Thurs</p>	<p>Fri Engineering Studies - 9:25am-12:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p>Mon Biology - 9:25am-12:30pm</p> <p>Music 1 (Aural Skills) - 1:55pm - 3:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20</p>	<p>Tues Modern History - 9:25am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Wed Mathematics - 9:25am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Mathematics Extension 2 - 9:25am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Mathematics General 1:55pm - 4:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22</p>	<p>Thurs Business Studies - 9:25am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Fri Economics - 9:25am - 12:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">24</p>
<p>Mon Chemistry - 9:25am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Drama - 1:55pm - 3:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p>Tues Studies of Religion - 9:25am-11:00am</p> <p>Mathematics Extension 1 - 1:55pm-4:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p>Wed Design & Technology - 1:55pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p>Thurs French Continuers - 9:30am-12:30pm</p> <p>English Extension 1 - 1:55pm-4:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>Fri Physics - 9:25am-12:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">31</p>
<p>Mon Visual Arts - 9:25am-11:00am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p>	<p>Tues Geography - 9:25am-12:30pm</p> <p>History Ext. - 1:55pm-4:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p>	<p>Wed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p>	<p>Thurs</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p>Fri</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>



SPOTLIGHT ARTIST: MICHAEL TURCZYNSKI

Pinoak: When did you start acting?

Michael: I've always enjoyed performing... when I was a kid I was more of a singer... but it wasn't until year 11 that I knew I had to take acting as a serious career choice with no plan B.

PO: Who are your biggest influences?

M: Hugh Jackman. Just because he's Australian and he's a triple threat. Probably Simon Baker as well... they are both examples of wonderful and humble Australian stars.

PO: Which character have you enjoyed playing the most?

M: That's a tricky one! I enjoyed Manuel from Fawlty Towers the most... but Seymor from 'Little Shop of Horrors' [Oxley College 2013 musical] is a very, very close second.

PO: What have you been up to recently?

M: Well, I've just filmed another ad as 'Gazza the Elf' for Deals Direct. It's proven to be a very successful advertising campaign. It was my first casting/gig, so it's great exposure. As well as that we've just wrapped up a season of Highlands TV which I've been working on with Ozan Fikri and that is starting to get a solid sponsorship base and our work is starting to be noticed. There are some big projects to come!

PO: How has Oxley helped you to grow as an actor?

M: I couldn't have done it without Oxley. I mean, the community as a whole have always supported me and I definitely couldn't have done it without Chris Canute and Phil Cunich. They are phenomenal. For me, it was never about me. It was always about supporting the college, representing the school and doing my best. I always kept that foremost in my mind.

PO: Is there any character you aspire to play one day?

M: I've three dream roles, but it's a list that is subject to additions. Number one: the Doctor from 'Doctor Who'. The second is a bit of a stretch, it would require a lot of physical work, and that's James Bond. Thirdly, the Joker.

MACBETH

Sydney Theatre Company

Shakespeare's bloodletting tragedy has been brought to life by director Kip Williams.

On our arrival at the Sydney Theatre Company, Year 10 were seated in a dark and intimate theatre. The audience over looked an empty stage and empty seats (this was done purposely), this gave the audience a feeling of isolation which is a theme that is widely explored throughout Macbeth.

As the play began there were no ostentatious directorial statements - just eight actors seated around a table. There were minimal props and no sound effects with just enough light to see the actors and their movements.

As the play progressed it was clear that the actors had nothing to hide behind and if they had any flaws, they were exposed to the audience. However, if any of the audience was not familiar with the story of Macbeth, they may have got lost throughout the play due to the actors playing several characters and not changing into costumes. However, Oxley students all had a solid knowledge of the play and it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

It was fantastic to see how Kip Williams adapted the play and created his own vision, which is an inspiration for our current assessment task. Year 10 have learnt from this experience and we are busy making our own adaptations of Shakespeare's famous Scottish play.

By Kelsey Scholes



BEATTIE LANSER

Before settling in the Southern Highlands, Ms Lanser lived within a flow of cloth and creation, owning a clothing store in Manly. She talked to us about her clothing, teaching, and how to explore your career in design.

What brought you to live in the Southern Highlands?

After three years of owning a shop, I decided to explore something different where I could use my passion for design but also connect more to people. Oxley was the perfect match for me because I find teenagers the most enjoyable to work with, as they are full of great ideas and they are so open to the world.

Has your job here let you continue your passions?

Definitely. I felt the most constricting thing about working in the design industry was that you had to make everything for money – so some designing was a chore instead of a passion. In contrast, teaching here is driven on positivity – when students ask you if they can create something, the answer is "Yes!", creativity is encouraged – something I love.

What advice would you give to young people looking into the design industry?

Go for it! Do it because you love it, not because you want money. If you love what you do, and work hard, the money will come. Surround yourself with creative people, make stuff, and make mistakes. That's how you'll grow.



TECH WIZARDS

APPLE

Apple recently unveiled its latest offerings, two iPhones and a smartwatch. The new iPhones will come in two new, bigger screen sizes. As rumoured, the iPhone 6 will feature a 4.7 inch screen while the iPhone 6 Plus will have a wallop 5.5 inch screen, both complimented with rounded edges. The new iPhone line will have a new Apple chipset, the A8, as well as other enhancements such as improved battery life, camera functionality and will ship with iOS 8. Both iPhones will continue to feature Touch ID. Noteworthy features include Apple Pay and the inclusion of health apps in iOS 8. Apple Pay works using contactless payment technology and aims to replace your credit card. Next time you're shopping, you'll be able to tap with your iPhone or Apple Watch to pay. The Apple Watch was also released which can be used in conjunction with the iPhone to view messages, detect pulse rate and works with applications including maps, photos and music. Has Apple moved to recapture its role as the trend-setter?

By Ryan Tan



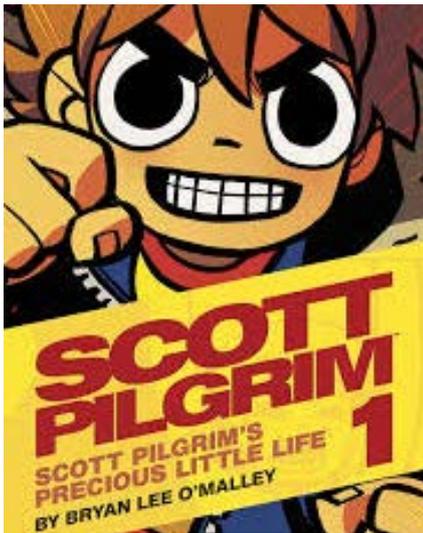
IN THE LIBRARY

Each week I seem to vacillate between loathing the impact of new technologies and being inspired by the wonders of resources available online. We have been struggling with our wireless internet at home and have had regular battles over devices hidden under beds and in sock drawers ready for late night access. This week I've worked out how to change the settings on the family router to ensure the wireless internet is not available after 10pm!

Other wonders are the free apps for the iPad that read printed text out loud; Speak It! and Voice Dream Lite. The reading voice settings for these apps offer a selection of accents, male and female voices and adjustable reading speed. Voice Dream Lite lights up the line of text and word as it is read.

The beauty of these apps is that they will read any text out loud; documents, pdf files, and websites. They have the capacity to support new readers, under-confident readers, readers with a print disability and even those who would just like to listen to lengthy documents on long car trips. Head to the library for a demonstration of Voice Dream Lite on an iPad.

By Mrs Antoniak



Books

★★★★

Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life

The comic book series of Scott Pilgrim has achieved success over the years with a video game and film to its name. When reading the original comics, it's no surprise.

The series centres around the protagonist, Scott Pilgrim, and his quest to defeat the seven evil exes of his new love interest, Ramona Flowers. The author, Bryan Lee O'Malley has incorporated average, everyday things and gives them a fun, often satirical spin, for example, the 'Vegan Police'.

The series could be considered unsuitable for young readers, however, it does provide insight into friendships, relationships, careers and the costs associated with them. Despite being nearly 10 years old, the issues tackled still hold considerable merit.

The book contains vibrant characters, awkward yet funny social situations and bountiful pop culture references. All of these, plus the fun art style, makes for a charming story which is a joy to read.

If you enjoy the film, you will definitely enjoy the book.

By Cameron Allen



Music

★★★

Death From Above 1979 The Physical World

A lot has happened in the past ten years. America got a black President. Australia got a female Prime Minister. Angelina Jolie got lots of botox injections. But in that time, there was no follow-up to Death From Above 1979's critically acclaimed album, *You're A Woman, I'm A Machine*. That is, until now.

Over 3500 days after the release of their debut album, the Canadian grunge-rock duo have returned with what is a sharp reminder of what we have been missing. *The Physical World* is a bruising and vicious return to the music scene, at a time in which we needed it most.

Fleeting through themes of morbidity and innocence, the pair produce a notable level of sonic complexity, especially for a band consisting of simply two men, a bass guitar, and a drum kit.

Although by no means redefining the genre, Death From Above do successfully combine their frenetic energy and lyricism to a satisfying extent - most apparent on tracks *Right On*, *Frankenstein* and lead single *Trainwreck 1979*. The Black Keys can get off their high horse - there's a real rock duo back in town, and they'll knock your socks off.

By Ruben Seaton



Films

★★★★

Boyhood

"One of the most ground-breaking films of the decade" is how Richard Linklater's new film *Boyhood* has been described, and I agree with every word. This remarkable film was shot over 12 years and has a running time of over two and a half hours, but even after all that time you are left wanting more. Mason (Ellar Coltrane) is an intellectual, curious boy who grows up with a mother that has no luck with men resulting in mainly abusive relationships. These past experiences shape the way Mason grows and changes along with his biological father's advice and is shown in the way he presents himself as he grows up. The subtle changes in facial features and height are the only indication of time shifts in the film but also with clever hints towards the culture of the time in which it was filmed. The amount of effort and planning put into this film is staggering with incredible continuity and backstory. This film is a completely different movie experience and leaves you in awe of the revolutionary way it was filmed and put together. Absolutely brilliant!

By Alexia Cheaib

COMMUNITY NEWS



SITWORKS

FREE EVENT

27 & 28 SEPT

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Siteworks is Bundanon's annual spring event which brings scientists, artists and community voices together to share knowledge and ideas arising from the Bundanon sites through a series of experiences, artworks and discussion



Summer Basketball is on again!
Registrations Open now

Competition runs during Term 4, 2014 & Term 1, 2015

Primary school comp: Wednesday afternoons
High School comp: Friday afternoons, Seniors:
Mon, Tues & Thurs evenings (Depending upon grade)

Where: Moss Vale Basketball Stadium, Parkes Rd, Moss Vale, 2577

At the stadium: after 4:30 pm 15-19 Sept

Email: mvball@bigpond.com

Registrations close 5pm 19 September 2014

Phone 4868 1569



Holiday Painting Workshop for Teenagers

At the Bowral and District Art Society, 1 Short St, Bowral

Explore, experiment and produce a vibrant self-portrait at this one day workshop in the September school holidays.

For further information please call or email Tracey

on traceymillermail@gmail.com or M - 0418 235 990

Place: Workshop 1, Bowral and District Art Society, 1 Short St Bowral.

Time: 9.00am-5.00pm

Date: Wednesday 24 September 2014

Tutor: Tracey Miller (Dip Art. Dip Ed)

Cost: \$60.00

P&F

K-6 Father's Day BBQ Breakfast

Big thankyou all around for making the Father's Day Breakfast a wonderful function and a great fundraising success. We ended up raising \$585 which is a fantastic effort.

Also a huge thankyou to Kindergarten parents Martin and Jody Nonnenmacher from the Oxley Butchery for their amazing donation of all the meat and eggs for the morning.

The Dad's enjoyed breakfast, the atmosphere and a good catch up with some other dads they don't normally see.

Fundraising is an easy and fun part of my job on the P&F when supported by such a great group of mums to help. Thankyou to you all.

Best wishes

Louise Jensen

K-6 Vice President

Next P&F Meeting

Tuesday 21 October 2014 in the David Wright Library

7:00pm – Social Media Presentation

7:30pm – General Meeting

P&F Trivia Night

Friday 7 November 2014 in Hoskins Hall

First question is at 7:15pm

The theme for this year's trivia night is Black and White. The mind boggles with all of the possibilities. Last year a table of teachers took out the prize for best table decorations, who will be this year's winners? Prizes will also be given for best dressed male and best dressed female.

The tickets will be \$15 each + the TryBooking fee and will be made available just after OLE! week.

Have a lovely, safe and peaceful holiday,
Cindy Pryma

MONTHLY CALENDAR

	Mon 22	Mon 29	Mon Labour Day Public Holiday OLE! Yr 9 & 10 Alpine experience depart 06
	Tue 23	Tue 30	Tue Term 4 Commences OLE! Years 5 to 6 OLE! Week Years 7 to 10 07
	Wed 24	Wed 01	Wed OLE! Years 5 and 6 OLE! Week Years 7 - 10 08
	Thu 25	Thu 02	Thu OLE! Years 3 and 4 OLE! Years 5 and 6 OLE! Week Years 7 - 10 Exc: k, Year 1 & 2 Teddy Bears' Picnic 09
Fri End of Term 3 Year 12 Farewell Dinner @ Gibraltar Hotel, 6:30pm for 7:00pm 19	Fri 26	Fri 03	Fri OLE! Years 3 and 4 OLE! Years 5 and 6 OLE! Week Years 7 - 10 10
Sat Saturday 20 September Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Hike – Years 9 and 10 IGSSA Interstate Invitational Hockey Tournament 20	Sat 27	Sat 04	Sat 11
Sun Year 11 Outback Trip, departs 5:45am Holland Tour departs 21	Sun 28	Sun Year 11 Outback Trip returns 05	Sun 12

Upcoming events

- +OLE Week: All students must be at Oxley 20-30 minutes prior to their OLE! departure time.
- +14 October Exc: Year 5 Environment Day, Lake Alexandra reserve; Workshop: Year 12 Maths Ext. 1 Study session
- +15 October Workshop: Year 12 Biology Skills session, ongoing; Exc: Year 3 and Year 4 SHYAC Production, Mittagong; Year 7 and Year 9 vaccinations
- +17 October P&F Year 8 Parents Bonfire Night, 7:00pm

Sport



FROM AUSTRALIA TO FRANCE

Most people would not think that sport at school would change from country to country. But it does! In Australia, we expect Basketball, Netball, Hockey and Cricket teams but in France it is totally different! One of the major sports in France is Roller Skating, where participants either focus on speed or artistic appeal. I have just begun an exchange in France for five months and everyone is always saying, "roller." In a few weeks time my school will be holding a Roller Derby Day, where students can show off their skills. I will definitely not be competing!! However, that is because I have not grown up with this type of sport in Australia. One could say, very stereotypically, that most Australians know how to surf and that everyone in France loves to ride their bikes everywhere. And the second statement is true, however after thinking about it, whether or not Australians play Handball or French people play cricket doesn't really matter as long as it is keeping us healthy and fit. But as Australian obesity levels are increasing, should we start riding our bikes everywhere as well? Everyone should find something that they love which will keep them fit. For many though they still haven't found it. Make it your goal this week to do something active and feel happy about doing it.

By Heidi Bevan

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Laura Salmon, along with the other members of the Oxley Equestrian team, competed in the Camden High Inter-School Equestrian Carnival two weeks ago. Despite falling during the event and sustaining a minor injury, Laura still managed to place 1st in the main Show Jumping category and she is to be congratulated for her success. Well done also to Olivia Chambers and Amelia O'Sullivan, who both placed very well in their division.

MATCH OF THE WEEK



On Tuesday 9 September the Oxley Athletics team travelled to Homebush Stadium to compete in the ISA Carnival. Overall it was a fantastic day with many achievements. In the girls Division, the Junior's came first, the Intermediate's came second, the Senior's came third and the overall girls came first. In the boys division, the Intermediate boys came first. There are many students who will be representing the school at CIS including Gabriella Taylor-Helme, Olivia Davies and Oscar Moran. Well done to everyone who competed in the carnival, and good luck to those going to CIS.