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Cross Country



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Year 8 Medieval Feast



On Friday 13 March, Year 8 took part in a Medieval Feast. The anticipated event saw the gathering of peasants, knights, ladies, and the odd king and queen, who came together to create a great day of feasting and learning. Invited guests "Full Tilt" brought along their armour and weaponry which we were able to try on and test out. Some of the highlights included sharing genuine medieval fare and jousting on wooden horses. After a costume parade, we gathered to present awards to the students. The King's award went to Eleni Connell for her excellent jousting and being a very strong female of mind. The Queen's award went to Thomas Walters-Whyte for always ensuring that the Queen was comfortable and taken care of throughout the day. The Royal family included Ms Mcgregor- the King of the feast, Mrs Murray as the Queen, and the "daughter" of the family was the beautiful Ben Hardy. But of course we knew who really had all the power. Mr Bollom did an excellent job as the Bishop of the day. Year 8 would like to thank everyone involved for making this wonderful day possible. By Brianna Feary & Riley Kennedy-Moore (Year 8)



HEADMASTER'S REPORT



Cross Country Behind the Scenes

Winner 1: Thomas Bladen (Year 1)

Thomas in Year 1 was running quite well. He passed another competitor who was stopped and upset. This other person was not a friend of his. He stopped and said 'How about we run together and finish the race together'. The other person agreed and they then ran, more slowly, together and crossed the finish line together.

Winner 2: Jensen Barker (Year 10)

Jensen in Year 10 was coming second in his race. The person who was coming first was leading by a significant margin. At the last hundred metres the track diverged, and the winner was motioned to go down the wrong path. As a result he went an extra 400 metres. Jensen, as a result, went on to cross the finish line first. Shortly afterwards, holding the winning baton, he went over to the person who had crossed the finish line significantly later. Jensen said 'I think this is yours' and dropped it into the other boy's lap. The other boy is recorded in our books as the winner of this race.

It is terrific that at our recent cross country carnivals Oxley had more than one type of winner. I congratulate everyone who did themselves proud during this race.

Cross Country ISA Carnival

We are hosting the ISA Cross Country competition at Chevalier College this Saturday (21 March). We have a cross country contingent of students that is almost one hundred strong. This is a real testament to the spirit of the College. We will have some runners who do extremely well in the placings and others who break personal bests or whom can be proud for supporting the school in what, for some, can be a gruelling twenty minutes.

Everyone is welcome of course to watch our runners, and support our team. The first race is scheduled for 10:45am and the last one at 1:45pm.

Birthday Gift for your Child?

As you will know, the school is going BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device) from 7-12 in 2016. A laptop is a not inconsiderable purchase. It may be that if your child has a birthday between now and December, you may want to 'surprise' them with a laptop that they will be able to use in 2016. The laptop specifications and a way of purchasing them can be found at <https://estore.coretechnologypartners.com.au/oxley>



Top 3 Reasons To Celebrate International Women's Day

Right so... International Women's Day Sunday 8 March! Wait, what, you missed it? You don't even know what it is? Honestly! International Women's Day is a day where people all over the world come together to celebrate the value of women and hint: it's not just for girls! Here are the top three reasons why you shouldn't miss it next year!

1. Emma Watson celebrates it and she is God!

Let's face it, we all have a bit of a soft spot for her, don't we? Men, women, guys and girls, we can't help loving the girl who used to play Hermione Granger, especially now she's all grown up... Given her role as Hermione it probably comes as no surprise that Emma is a major supporter of women rights. Her speech last year for the UN was very powerful, not to mention the dress she was wearing! (Wow that sounded sexist!) Emma pointed out that if we do nothing it will take 75 years for women to be paid the same amount as men in the work place, and by this time most of us will have stopped working and will be retired.

Emma Watson is a perfect role model for women's rights because she's popular with both men and women and she can communicate with all sorts of people about why women's equality matters for all of us. As part of her job as Good Will Ambassador she has been to places like Zambia and Bangladesh. I would highly recommend you take a look at her speech as it's really informative- although you will find out where I got the majority of my facts! A list of celebrities who support gender equality are: Taylor Swift, Ryan Gosling, Prince Harry, Russell Crowe, Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig, Will Smith, Beyonce, Lady Gaga, Ariana Grande, Daniel Radcliffe, Jon Hamm, Ashton Kutcher... the list goes on.

So if you can find no other reason to support gender equality and celebrate International Women's Day next year simply do it because all these people do - I'm sure you're not the only person!

2. If you had been born a girl in Chad this would be an incredibly important day for you!

Actually in many countries, not just Chad, if you were born a girl you may not have been allowed to live, or you might have been sold as a slave. It's simple: in many parts of the world girls just aren't valued in the same way as men - they are seen as a hindrance rather than a blessing. We hear many stories of mothers crying when their daughters are born because the girls have to work for the rest of their lives, looking after younger siblings and helping their mothers. It's also very common for girls to be banned from school because school can prove very expensive and parents can't see the point of educating girls.

But actually a girl with one extra year of education can earn 20% more money as an adult. If India enrolled 1% more girls in secondary school its GDP would rise by 5.5 million. We take for granted that we can even go to school and that we don't have to stay at home and work.

15.5 million girls will be married as children in the next 16 years; they will not choose who they marry and will be basically sold as possessions. That's girls my age. And many of them will end up dying in child birth because they're too young and poor to have proper health care.

International Women's Day raises awareness for issues like this.

Malala Yousafa, who you may have heard of, spoke up against the Taliban in Pakistan when they banned girls from going to school. She was shot as a result of her protest. This day is important for girls like her - it encourages them to speak out. It's sad that it takes a tragedy like this to act as a wake up call for us - it shouldn't take something that makes headlines to make us finally stand up and listen. We can't just take for granted the fact that we live in a place where we are not too disadvantaged for being born either a boy or girl, but instead make sure that the voices of those experiencing these things are heard. International Women's Day gives us a chance to hear these stories and to act – for example by signing the petition you can find here to make sure all children to have the right to go to school.

3. We all love seeing our cricket boys in pink and selling pink iced cup cakes!

International Women's Day gives ALL of us a chance to show our interest in equality. I think that the recent cake sale was a great example of boys taking an interest in issues concerning women (people are of course a lot more inclined to buy a cupcake if it is being sold by a boy wearing a pink scarf and a pink hair extension!) If you have a mother, grandmother, aunty, step mother, cousin, sister, daughter, girlfriend, wife, female cat, dog or pet then this day should affect you! Surely you must have at least one of these people in your life! (If you didn't I'd be slightly worried!) Breast cancer, domestic violence, poverty, mental health issues, inequality in the work place... Sure men can also experience these issues, but most of them are a lot more common in women and can be more dangerous than they are in men. These affect everybody involved, and to be perfectly honest we wouldn't be here without women!

Emma Watson raises this point in her speech when she asks: "How can we affect change in the world if only half of it is invited?" She then goes on to invite all the men to come forward and support gender equality. That's because gender inequality affects everyone, not just girls. She spoke of boys feeling pressured to do certain things purely based on the fact that they were boys and male friends she knew suffering from mental illness who felt unable to seek professional help for the fear of being seen as less of a man.

Celebrating International Women's Day is for everyone and being a feminist doesn't mean you hate men or you think women are more important. It just means wanting equality for everyone. Isn't that what you'd want for both your sons and your daughters, no matter where you live in the world?

Keep those pink hair extensions coming, boys!

P.S- if you'd like to learn more about gender issues around the world look at these two short films:

I am a girl-which can be found on Iview

Girl rising- <http://girlrising.com>

By Jemima Taylor (Year 8)

K- 6 NEWS



Head of K-6: Justine Lind

A place of welcome.....

In our shared endeavours to be a place of welcome at Oxley, we have been exploring the concept of love in assemblies. As I said to the students, we're not talking about "lovey-dovey" romantic love but something richer, deeper and truer – it's about what we give to others. Respect, time, trust, hope and kindness are all expressions of LOVE and we've taken the lead from Oxley's history books to celebrate that grand gesture of love that is figuratively and physically central to our College in ELVO.

We have created an ELVO Acknowledgement Register where students and teachers can record their appreciation for the acts of kindness experienced at the hands of others. Thomas Bladen in Year 1 is our inaugural entry. Having run well in the recent Cross Country to discover a classmate struggling to finish, he extended the hand of friendship saying, "Come on Aislinn, we can share our energy, let's run together!" It is fantastic to have such a strong example of leadership expressed by one of our youngest students. Grace Macquarie (Year 3), Jacqueline Worthington (Year 4) and Bianca Gibson-Brown (Year 6) have also been acknowledged in our ELVO Register for their mindful acts of love towards others and we celebrate their powerful examples.

In Year 4, this week, two girls have extended Oxley ELVO into our world and across the oceans to Vanuatu. Bronte Johnson and Grace Hardy have been moved by the recent devastation of Cyclone Pam and have proposed a fund raising event for this Friday to assist in the relief effort. We will have photos of the tangible message of love in the next edition of Pin Oak.

A place of wonder.....

Also in Year 4 this week, the students have responded to the writing stimulus; What is more precious than gold? The responses below reveal an inspiring breadth of ideas and an admirable depth of thinking.

Love is more precious than gold. Without love the world would be boring conflict all the time. What would happen to Shakespeare – Romeo and Juliet would fight! The human race would be extinct,

so I think love is more valuable than gold. Elena Parker

Family and friends because they keep me company, support me, and help me when I need help. They cost nothing to be in my life and they mean a lot to me. Maya Cleary

Homes because they bring so many memories. They remind me of my life and family. It doesn't matter how many you have lived in, they all mean something. Matthew Smith

Mountain Biking, because it's really relaxing and challenging. It also makes you try your best or you won't complete the trail. Plus, it's a whole lot of fun! Patrick Muldoon.

Freedom is worth more than gold because if you cannot go anywhere, you can't be curious about things. This leads to no fun figuring out what you are curious about. Billy Cameron

A place of wisdom.....

As part of the Year 6 philosophical exploration of relationships for Personal Development and Health, students responded to a variety of stimulus questions to provide the following insights on friendship;

'Dog' is an unusual character, he seems passive while wise. He lets a stranger into his and 'Magpie's' friendship, causing conflict. 'Dog' thinks if he shows loyalty and kindness to others that are not so kind, that they might do that too. 'Dog' is empathic when he helps 'Magpie', kind when he brought 'Fox' into their friendship, faith when he trusts 'Magpie' to be his eye, understanding and supportive when he is 'Magpie's' wings. 'Dog' is a powerful role model to us all. Madeleine Sargeant

I wish all people in the world were more like 'Dog'. What I mean by this is, you don't see many people just saying something as simple as "Hi" when they walk past someone else. If just one kind person gave a little happiness to the world then one other person passes it on, then another and everyone ends up giving just a little bit, that would make the world a better place. 'Dog' extended the hand of friendship to anyone he met and it would be an amazing thing if everyone did this. Imagine what the world would be like. Lachlan Muldoon

Awards

Week 7

Students of the Week

K: Xavier Leary, Yr 1: Madeline Gordon, Yr 2: Maximo Ramos, Yr 3: Ainslie Goodman, Yr 4: George Dummer, Yr 5: Brianna Grice, Yr 6: Olivia Pride

Respect Others

K: Ivy Halstead, Yr 1: Sienna Wimborne, Yr 2: Georgia Rapp, Yr 3: Will Purnell, Yr 4: Maya Cleary, Yr 5: Victor Van Der Schalk, Yr 6: Bianca Gibson-Brown

Week 8

Students of the Week

K: Emma Barnett, Yr 1: Willa Soster, Yr 2: Leo Ison, Yr 3: Asher Biddlecombe, Yr 4: Leah Halstead, Yr 5: James Wilson, Yr 6: Luca Ritchie

Respect Self

K: Leila Palmer, Yr 1: Charlotte Copus, Yr 2: Eva Duffy, Yr 3: Grace Macquarie, Yr 4: Oliver Janjic, Yr 5: Arabella Osborne, Yr 6: Arabella Brown



Cross Country Age Champions & Runners -Up

	Boys	Girls
5/6	1 Ari knowles 2 William O'Callaghan	1 Claudia Carpenter 2 Georgina Marks
7	1 Will Gilbert 2 Noah Byrne	1 Abigail Hunt 2 Molly Davis
8	1 Alfred Jensen 2 Luca Colloridi	1 Chilli Sparke 2 Lily Smith
9	1 Dylan Davis 2 Luca Janjic	1 Gemma Lee 2 Sienna Soster
10	1 Darcey Wooderson 2 George Dummer	1 Sophie Dunn 2 Chloe Cassim
11	1 Monty Clark 2 Lachlan Blair	1 Poppy Jensen 2 Isabel Feetham
12	1 Lachlan Muldoon 2 Reece Masters	1 Gabriella Maples 2 Ivy Hayes

BIG ISSUE

During the past few years Australia has had a difficult time in achieving economic reform throughout the country. Attempts at Tax reform, the newly dismissed Resource Super Profit Tax and getting the budget under control are proving very difficult for the Government due to criticism and popularity polls.

The budget in 2013 shows a run of deficits that are worse than the deficits in the 1990's recession, despite having the biggest boom in Australia's history. Australia needs to take its fiscal challenges more seriously or else the country will end up in a mess such as other several countries, eg. Ireland whose debt to GDP ratio (around 24%) was the same as Australia's, since then the country has gone bust, housing prices decreased significantly banks had to be bailed out, public debt increased, lenders had no money which necessitated IMF support, on top of all this Irelands debt rose to about 100% of its GDP ratio.

After the biggest resources boom ever in Australia's history, the countries finances should be in better condition, despite the boom, due to the excessive spending in the country. Australia should have realised that the boom wouldn't continue forever and that the country needs to be running budget surpluses and putting money away when the boom had ended and the money was desperately needed. Norway did exactly that, they realised that the North Sea oil reserves weren't going to last forever, they started to put the money in a sovereign wealth fund and began running budget surpluses.

The biggest boom in Australia's history is now fading as lower commodity prices drive lower growth rates in national income. The government will need to achieve economic reform swiftly if it's to increase economic growth. Since the mining boom, Australia has been spending more money above and beyond its capacity, while the demands of health and pension spending are accelerating due to the ageing population. We are also embarking, at the same time on several major expenditure schemes, such as education reform and paid parental leave. All these schemes are desirable but are not really affordable.



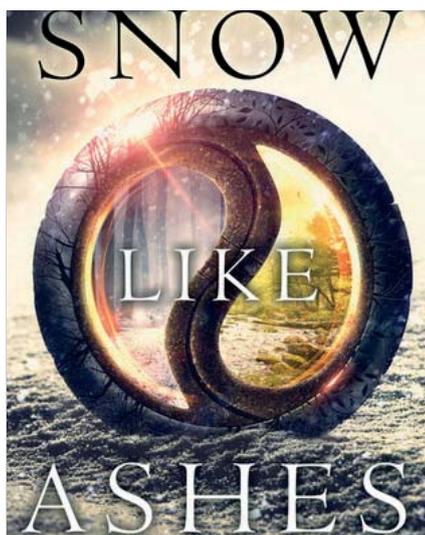
There are several things the Government needs to do to put Australia back on track. The Government will need to set the budget up on a sustainable path towards surplus so that we have fiscal flexibility when it comes time for the next downturn in the economy. This will leave us less vulnerable to the affects of the downturn and reduces the extraordinary demands that are placed on the Federal Government as occurred in Ireland, and indeed Greece.

Reforming the tax would definitely benefit Australia. There are over 120 taxes and only 10 of those produce 90% of Government revenue. There is a heavy reliance on income tax (around 50% gained in revenue) while 30% of revenue is gained from sales tax. GST that provides exemptions from fresh foods result in a distortion in the economy; ideally GST should be broadened to include the exemptions so that the proceeds can be used to remove unwanted taxes and lower the income tax so that the Government has more flexibility in a downturn.

Private operators run better businesses than governments and so they should initiate privatisation of some infrastructure assets and then reinvest back into infrastructure to boost productivity and income levels. Excessive regulations are slowing businesses and investment; the Government should reduce regulations to boost investment and spending in the short term within the economy.

The Australian economy can indeed rebalance itself even when the mining boom fades today, but for this to happen, the Government needs to revive the economic reform process so that the country comes out on top and has flexibility when the economy is in decline and we are left with some vulnerability.

By Conor Lynch (Year 12)



Books

★★★★★

'Snow Like Ashes'

"Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake", and some of the greatest books you've ever read can start with the first page. 'Snow Like Ashes' (by Sara Raasch) pulls you in from the first page, telling the story of Meira – an orphaned girl on the run with a small band of refugees after her country was taken over, her people enslaved and their magic stolen.

This story has a clear medieval feel. It brings the fantasy elements fans of series like 'The Lord of The Rings' love in a lighter setting, in a shorter book with more elements attractive to a teenage audience.

The book is nicely written – Raasch incorporates beautiful description and a medieval voice that gives depth to the characters and story, fitting them into their time period. She crafts a world of magic that is unique and, even with all of the fiction on the market, never seems tired or unoriginal.

"Someday we will be more than words in the dark."

BY Lilian Dalton (Year 10)



Music

★★★★★

Kanye West – All Day

What next from Kanye West? In the past three months, the Chicago rapper has released a lullaby ('Only One'), an atrocious Rihanna pop song ('FourFiveSeconds') and a warbling Sia collaboration ('Wolves'). Now we have 'All Day': a ferocious beast of a song; it showcases Kanye at his brilliant best, flexing his articulating muscles. For the first time in years, we see Kanye resorting to conventional rapping flow, twisting out typically arrogant phrases in the most triumphant tone. What next from Kanye West? Your guess is as good as mine.

The Wombats - Emoticons

Music fans can't help but have feelings of ambivalence towards The Wombats: for every excellent instrumental arrangement and catchy hook there is a painful collection of cliché lyrics and wobbly vocals that cause them to be swept under the rug of "forgettable indie pop". Thankfully, the worse parts of their repertoire are abandoned in new track 'Emoticons': a 'Hold-On-We're-Going-Home'-esque drum track and wailing guitar slides accompany passionate vocals from lead singer Matthew Murphy. Fans will be hoping they carry this form into their third album Glitterbug, out Monday 6 April.

By Ruben Seaton (Year 12)



Films

★★★★★

The Sound of Music

As I know you're all aware, the musical classic "The Sound of Music" turned 50 this year and was honoured at the Oscars by Lady Gaga who was wearing actual clothing and not evening wear made out of meat. Now I'm sure you all know the plotline and the characters and all the words to every single musical moment so I'm going to tell you a few things that will make you want to curl up on the couch with some tea, a few of your favourite things and re watch this masterpiece. One report claims that in a town of 65 000 people, there were over 80 000 tickets bought for its premiere engagement. Julie Andrews would sing "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" to the children in the cast to entertain them between shooting and as Mary Poppins hadn't yet been released they just thought she had made it up. Christopher Plummer (Captain Von Trapp) admitted on DVD commentary that he was drunk whilst filming the final musical scene and would refer to the musical as the "Sound of mucus" and "S&M". I hope for your sake that you are now inspired to go a re-watch this timeless motion picture as it truly is one of a kind.

Alexia Cheaib (Year 11)

DEPUTY HEAD REPORTS

Deputy Head Learning: Kate Cunich

“You never really have the time to think about these really in depth things in depth because it takes quite a while to think about and you’re just simply so so so busy. Another reason why Cornerstone is a great subject is because it allows you to have the time to think about these strange, wacky thoughts. Also, it’s sort of a break! A break from all the normal subjects and time to just unravel and think about things and well, contemplate!” Caleb Cuffe (Year 9)

Cornerstone is the class where we ask questions that have no ‘correct’ answers. You would think this may be a relief but it can be really confusing because we continue asking more questions! This year we have been learning about thoughts, memory and identity. We have had class-wide and smaller group discussions about these topics and some interesting ideas that have come up include: Do animals think? Can computers think? Do your memories make you who you are? It can be very difficult sometimes to get your head around some of the issues such as 3D printing human clones.

We started off learning about thinking and thoughts, especially how to think in different ways about the question – who do you think you are? We have discussed questions like – where do our thoughts come from? Are we real or not and how do we know? If you switched minds with someone, who would you think you are? What is your personality and what makes or shapes it – is it your most recent memories or old memories or both or is it nothing to do with memory?

Basically, what makes you...you?! There is no doubt, thinking about thoughts is confusing.

A brief insight into the thoughts some of us are having about the course is expressed in extracts from the following student work:

“The lessons on human cloning combined the work of the topic to me, as it made me realise that we are all incredibly unique to one another. This unit of Cornerstone has prompted me to experiment with the larger questions in life, and to discover that our memories, actions, thoughts, dreams, conscience, and personality create our identity, or the person we are perceived to be.” (Year 9 student)

There is no doubt that thinking is a difficult subject to tackle. Cornerstone gets us out of the “bubble of answers” and into the world of thinking.

So what do you think about thoughts? For us, the discussion continues.

By Georgia Combes, Grace Patterson, Ben Hutchings,
Emmaleen Miller, Michela Pugh (Year 9)

Deputy Head Pastoral: Peter Ayling

Drug Awareness

On Tuesday 24 March, Years 8-12 will be involved in a Drug Awareness presentation by Trent Southworth who is a former NSW Police Officer with over fourteen years policing experience, including eight years employed in the Youth Liaison role. In his role, Trent worked closely with numerous government and non government agencies to identify youth related initiatives such as underage drinking programs, truancy, road safety, drug programs, and bullying. We believe we need to help to educate our students on the dangers associated with drug use, we also want to skill our students in being able to deal with peer pressure and make informed choices that affect their future. Later in the year we would also like to invite parents to a presentation on Drug Awareness.

Memory

A series of moments in film and images
Requires no filter; sustains no damages
A brain full of memories has no limitations
But perhaps opens itself to even more invitations
When memories are lost, to disease and to age,
A part of our soul is enclosed and engaged
For it no longer knows of the life it has had
And for this, our brains become stagnant and sad.
Sasha Gonzalez-Malcolm (Year 10)

Poem about thinking

It blows your mind to think about thoughts?
Where they come from, the different sorts?
And then what happens, when we forget?
Do thoughts disappear, or do they get left?
And why we remember our last birthday,
Better than we recall the start of the day?
And then we wonder, can a deaf man dream sounds?
Or a blind man sights, or a newborn the ground?
So are we defined by thoughts and memories?
Can machines think with the perfect remedies?
Is human cloning the right way to go?
I guess only in time we’ll know!
Ben Hutchings (Year 9)



K-6 SCIENCE

Recently, Mrs Tregenza asked K- 6 students to submit an application to attend the "States Of Matter" Science Master Class. Those students who attended looked at the process of sublimation.

Sublimation is when a solid turns directly to a gas without going through a liquid stage.

Most substances will sublime given the right temperature and pressure, however under normal conditions they pass through the liquid phase.

We demonstrated this process by putting dry ice in a Milo tin with the lid tightly on. Inside, the dry ice sublimed to a gas and greatly expanded, then BOOM, the lid blew off and hit the roof because of the pressure of the carbon dioxide gas.

We also demonstrated how carbon dioxide dissolved in water makes the water acidic. We did this by adding an indicator that changes colour (used also in pools and fish tanks and naturally in Hydrangea plants).

When we added the solid carbon dioxide, the water started fizzing up and the water changed colour to yellow. Which means it turned acidic.

The things we learnt were about the process of sublimation, gas expansion, and how dissolving Carbon Dioxide in water makes it acidic.

Maddie Sargeant (Year 6)



TWO OF US

Grace Patterson (Year 9) and Chilli Sparke (Year 2) have become good friends through sport.

An integral part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme is a service component. What better way to provide service than to organise sport opportunities for young children? Grace Patterson is part of a team that have been working every Tuesday lunch with Oxley K - 6 children, playing a variety of sports, including hockey, soccer, rugby, and cricket. Chilli Sparke is an eager and consistent participant.

Grace: Chilli turns up every single week, no matter which sport we are playing, and is always really keen to participate. She tries hard and excels – and is really a natural sports woman. I think that it's great to involve the junior students in sports that they will one day play in the senior school. I have loved getting to know her this term, we have had a really fun time, on and off the fields.

Chilli: I love playing games with Grace and my friends and I really look forward to it. My favourite sports are hockey and rugby, and I play them outside of school as well. I love trying new positions and Grace covers for me. It is so much fun and I love bringing along some friends - Lilly and Ava think it's great fun too.

By Cate Paterson (Year 10)



TECH WIZARDS

Never. Carry. Anything. Again. Sound appealing? Of course it does, and that's where startup Neptune is leading us - creating a smart-watch-esque device that transfers data between itself and a 'pocket screen', allegedly turning the 'smartphone, smartwatch relationship on its head' - but no, this is just the beginning! Imagine a future where you wake up - by a subtle vibration on your left wrist, you hop out of your bed, move towards the kitchen where your bench-top lights up as it connects to your Neptune, giving you the latest news and current events. You stride towards your electric Tesla or something similar and open the unlocked doors (unlocked by your Neptune of course).

Your self-driving car will drive you to your favourite coffee shop, where your hipster barista will have already brewed you a delectable latte as a result of your Neptune sending a message before you even arrived. You get to work - oh no! A tragic robbery has taken place - all your monitors have been taken - never to fear, your data isn't stored on your monitor - it's on your wrist. But then there's the ads - no longer will personalised ads be limited to the browser, they'll be everywhere like a scene from 'The Minority Report' where Tom Cruise enters a shopping centre and is instantly greeted by a plethora of personalised advertisements.

This will be the future.

- <http://getneptune.com/>

By Tom Hill (Year 10)

ART EXPRESS

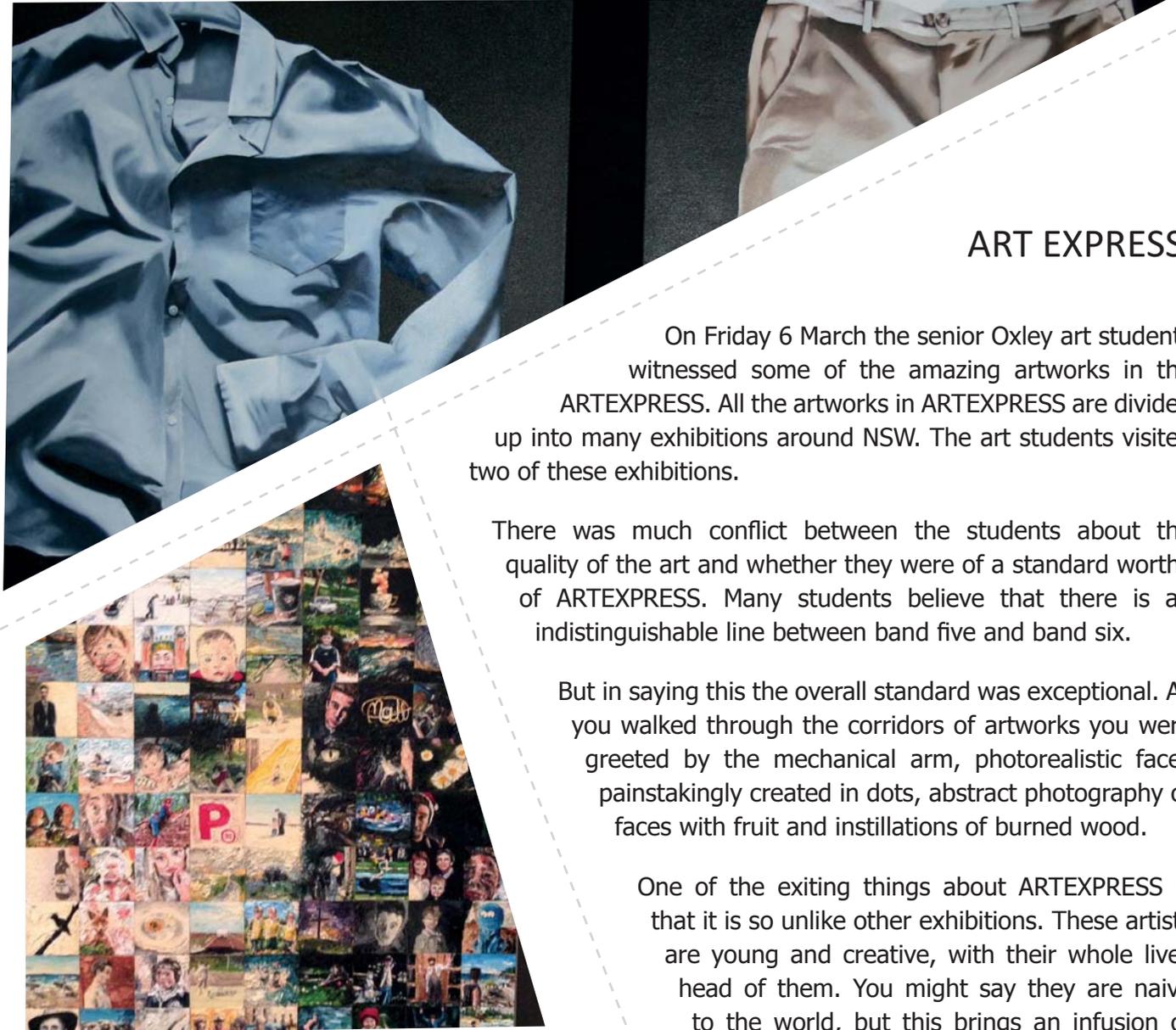
On Friday 6 March the senior Oxley art students witnessed some of the amazing artworks in the ARTEXPRESS. All the artworks in ARTEXPRESS are divided up into many exhibitions around NSW. The art students visited two of these exhibitions.

There was much conflict between the students about the quality of the art and whether they were of a standard worthy of ARTEXPRESS. Many students believe that there is an indistinguishable line between band five and band six.

But in saying this the overall standard was exceptional. As you walked through the corridors of artworks you were greeted by the mechanical arm, photorealistic faces painstakingly created in dots, abstract photography of faces with fruit and instillations of burned wood.

One of the exiting things about ARTEXPRESS is that it is so unlike other exhibitions. These artists are young and creative, with their whole lives head of them. You might say they are naive to the world, but this brings an infusion of themes that are not seen in adult art. We can probably expect these artists to pop up again in the future, maybe in the national art gallery, maybe even winning the Archibald!

By Kaarina Allen and Emma Croker
(Year 11)



ARTEXPRESS

TITLE:

EMERGENCE

When first greeted by this artwork it seems boring, just a collage of random blocks. These blocks each contain an image that shows a section of the Matthew Burnette's life. But when you stand back and take in the image as a whole, the face of Matthew Burnette stares back at you. You then realise that all the 'random' blocks are really not random at all just pieces of Matthew. Matthews's unique artwork is encapsulated in his style which in his words are 'Gestural strokes with a palette knife encapsulate nostalgic childhood experiences and the emotion-fuelled transition towards adulthood. The style of this work owes its inspiration in part to the works of Chuck Close and Ben Quilty. This is more than a record of my life.'



Easter School Holidays 2015

Cookability® has a great line up of classes for the Easter school holidays in April 2015 with classes for High School Students, for students over 6 years and students of 3 to 5 years of age.

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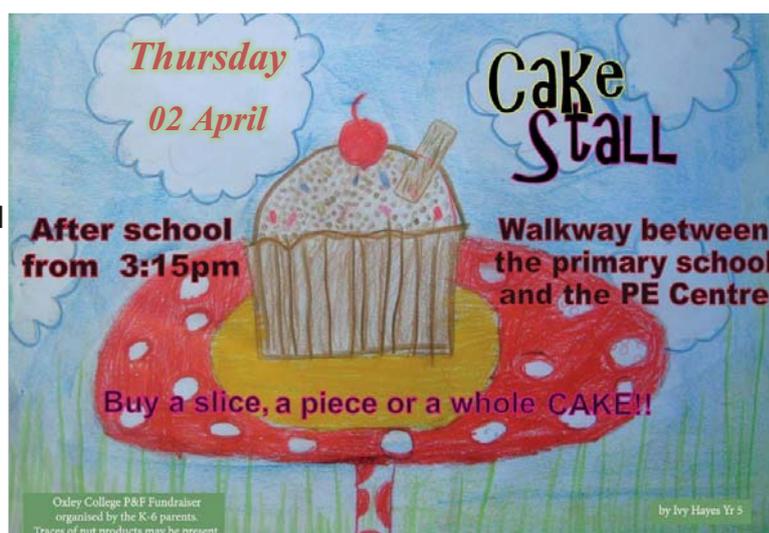
P&F NEWS

Next P&F Meeting: Tuesday 5 May

Equestrian Day: Sunday 29 March 2015. The equestrian coordinator Sally Quirco sallyq@internode.on.net is looking for about five more volunteers (students Year 7 and up as well as adults). EVERYONE is welcome to come out and support the riders and take part in this wonderful Oxley tradition.

Baking and Volunteers: Sunday 29 March 2015
The canteen coordinator Tom Issakson on thomasolofisaksson@gmail.com is looking for volunteers for the Equestrian Day Canteen as well as baking on the day.

K-6 Mother's Day Stall: Friday 8 May 2015
We would LOVE to get some dads together to organise a Mother's Day morning tea. All interested please contact Cindy Pryma cindyp@meridian.com.au.



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MARCH + APRIL CALENDAR

	Mon Inter-House Music Week. Year 7 Student/Parent/ Teacher meetings, Orchestra Room (4.00PM) 23	Mon 30	Mon 06
	Tue EXC: Year 3 & 4 Wildlife & IMAX Sydney Year 7 Immunisations, from Period 1 2015 Cricket Tour Meeting Room 12 (5.15PM) 24	Tue Oxley Short Sharp Drama, Orchestra Room (7.00PM) 31	Tue 07
	Wed Year 8 Student/Parent/Teacher meetings, orchestra room (4.00PM) 25	Wed Muisic Night, Orchestra Room (7.00PM) 01	Wed 08
	Thu Summer Sport Dinner Exc: Year 12 English Adv. Richard 3 Symposium 26	Thu END OF TERM 1 02	Thu 09
Fri 20	Fri Exc: Year 11 Design Technology, Powerhouse Design Tech Exhibition 27	Fri GOOD FRIDAY Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Hike, return Monday 6 April Year 11 & 12 Drama tour to Melbourne return Monday 6 April 03	Fri 10
Sat MUNA (Model United Nations Association) Debating, ISA Cross Country competition, Chevalier College (Oxley Hosting) 21	Sat 28	Sat 04	Sat 11
Sun 22	Sun Oxley Equestrian Day, Berrima 29	Sun 05	Sun 12

Sport



JENSON BARKER AWARD

The annual Oxley Inter-House Cross Country carnival. Some call it a tour of duty and the rest of us or should I say the rare few of us, actually enjoy it.

As I hit the 2km mark, half way to run and already exhausted I heard footsteps coming up behind me and it was Ted leading the 16s boys' race. As he darted past me, I noticed he wasn't sure which way to turn. He seemed to miss the turn off onto the Oxley oval and headed to the pine forest of Burradoo. I turned around to see Jenson sprinting for the finish line.

As the presentation rolled around our Oxley champion Jenson realised the miscarriage of justice and the humble winner granted the win to Ted, the real gold medallist.

Jenson quipped 'Ted deserved first place, he was beating me when we got close to the finish line by a considerable distance showing the most determination and endurance. First place means nothing when you have not deserved it; it just felt like the right thing to do'.

There was only one winner in the boys' 16s cross-country race today. But there were two champions.

By Ella Moran (Year 10)

WINNERS

Congratulations to the 14s Boys Basketball team who were the Premiers in ISA Basketball Division 3 defeating St Spyridons 42-32.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

HUNTER TAYLOR

Equestrian

Congratulations to Hunter Taylor (Year 7) for his ongoing equestrian achievements: Champion Junior Boy Rider at Sydney Royal Easter Show 2014, Champion Junior Boy Rider at Canberra Royal Show 2013, Reserve Champion Junior Boy Rider at Canberra Royal Show 2015. Runner-up EA NSW Horse of the Year Small Galloway, qualifying for the Nationals in December and Runner-up at Pacific Coast Hack Championships, qualifying for the Grand Nationals in 2016.

Cross Country Age Champions & Runners -Up

	Boys	Girls
12	1 Nicolas Milner 2 Alex Webb	1 Clancy Aboud 2 Jessie Bernstein
13	1 Joshua Mazurkiewisz 2 Connor Taylor-Helme	1 Layla Ross 2 Jessican Anderson
14	1 Finn Ottaviano 2 Hunter Hayes	1 Sienna Knowles 2 Jade Gilles
15	1 Romain Antich 2 Dominic Sutherland	1 Kiara Roचाix 2 Tara Bevan
16	1 Ted Ottaviano 2 Jenson Barker	1 Gabriella Taylor-Helme 2 Isabella Knowles
17	1 Will Duncan 2 Will Lewis	1 Heidi Bevan 2 Emma Croker
18	1 Michael Zawal 2 Ryan Tan	1 Lucie Van Der Schalk 2 Caitlin McMullen