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## BDAS 'KIDS ON SHOW' ART

The Berrima District Art Society held its annual children's art exhibition "Kids on Show" at the end of Week 7. The society is keen to celebrate the wonderful talent of the young people in the Highlands. Oxley College entered a number of student's artwork from Kindergarten to Year 6. The exhibition was opened by local artist Gillian Hook who presented a number of awards. We are proud to announce that Cameron Wood Year 5 received a commendation for his painting 'Pancake' based on Pop Art and five students in Year 6, George Dummer, Leah Halstead, Elena Parker, Paloma Ramos and Sarah Shields received an award for their combined clay sculptures of sweet treats.

## CANBERRA AREA THEATRE AWARDS SCHOOL/YOUTH NOMINATIONS

### STORIES IN THE DARK

#### Best Youth Actress in a Leading Role in a Play

Sienna Knowles as Anna (Act 1)

#### Best Youth Actress in a Leading Role in a Play

Eva Mackevicius as Anna (Act 2)

#### Best Youth Actor in a Leading Role in a Play

Ben Canute as Tomas (Act 2)

#### Best Musical Director of a School/Youth Production

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#### Best Director of a School/Youth Play

Phil Cunich

### THE BOOK OF EVERYTHING

#### Best Youth Actor in a Featured Role in a Play

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#### Best Youth Actress in a Featured Role in a Play

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#### Best Youth Actress in a Featured Role in a Play

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#### Best Director of a School/Youth Play

Phil Cunich

#### Best Production of a School/Youth Play

The Book of Everything

# HEADMASTER'S REPORT



## OXLEY HIGHLIGHTS IN 2017

'Since I last spoke to you at Speech Night, we have really had a very good year. Our HSC rankings improved again to 63rd using the... admittedly questionable.... Sydney Morning Herald Ranking System, and over 40% of our students gained at ATAR over 90. To this year's Year 11, 10 and 9 - you don't get those sorts of marks just by enrolling here, you get them through really sustained hard work over a long period of time - which we are committed to helping you do.

We had a 'Completely Open Day' in which any parent or member of the community could go to any class at any time of the day - again quite a unique level of openness. We started a new effort tracking system in which the student as well as the teacher reports on their effort - our Visible Learning programme data shows us that this is one of the single most effective things you can do to improve how students are performing. We continued to roll out Visible Learning insights and Kate Cunich continued to speak about us on the world stage - this year at the National Conference in America. We have also had at least half a dozen schools come and visit us to see how we do it. In the K-6 we have begun our journey towards offering the International Baccalaureate in 2020, as well as having many sustained cross curricular projects such as the passion projects, the History Challenge and SEAT project.

We went up from 3rd to 2nd grade in the Rugby and held our heads high in this division. We made or won a number of ISA finals such as the Firsts Basketball, the Seconds Hockey and also the overall Softball Shield. Our Arts programme remains strong with multiple plays, shows, concerts and nominations in HSC showcases. Our Year 9 Rites of Passage programme goes from strength to strength, with Sydney being a winner, and, for the first time, we sent three trips simultaneously to Botswana, Nepal and Fiji. I went on an earlier trip in April to the school in Botswana where we spent amazing times at the school, confronting times at an AIDS clinic, and interesting times on a safari where we began to be charged by of all things - a giraffe. We donated money to each school too.

We are actually having the Head and Deputy from the Botswanan school out here early next year and hopefully some students after that.

This year, as the Chairman has mentioned, we have opened our new building with state of the art classrooms that are - between the French Café, the Bedouin Room and the Ancient Greek Room - quite unlike any classrooms anywhere. We are building more classrooms for the Junior School, transforming the canteen into a cafeteria, and implementing stage one of the Junior School playground. Stage One - a climbing frame for the start of next year is good, but stage two - a treehouse, - is going to be really excellent. Tennis courts are coming when we can untangle ourselves from the eye watering regulatory minutiae.

Our enrolments are strong, with the high school growing by approximately 25% in the last eighteen months, and the primary school not far behind. Our high school years are now actually growing from seven to eight from eight to nine etc. Even though we have grown from three to four streams there are waiting lists to get into some future Year 7s.'

*Extract from the Headmaster's speech at 2017 Speech Night.*

## Eve on the Green

Eve on the Green was a community highlight of the year. The behind the scenes work of Bec Biddle, Kristie Phelan and Shelly Davis-Rice made the whole wonderful event come together. The talents of John Waters and Leo Sayer were fantastic to watch - and their efforts were complemented by up and coming musicians from Oxley, Chevalier and a number of other local schools. Geoff Jansz and his amazing team of helpers produced endless amounts of delicious food. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help with this great event.



# THE PROBLEM WITH MODERN MEDIA

Whilst watching breakfast television a week ago, I noticed something very strange, at least to me. We've pretty much all heard about the "terrorist attack" that happened in London. Around 5.00pm, "gunfire" was heard by many on Oxford Street and in London's Oxford Circus tube station. No evidence of gunshots was actually found, no-one was killed, and only nine people were injured, and these people because they were trampled by others running away. Now weeks later, I google search this incident, and get many results regarding this and the various other attacks on British soil. Majority are the other, verified terrorist attacks such as trucks and taxis ploughing into real people, creating real casualties. On the breakfast television show, they reported on this latest "attack" for an extended period, detailing what happened, when, and how the crowd responded. In the footage, I noticed how a mob mentality made people run into the street, each following the other like sheep, instead of staying in their shops. The strange thing here is that the gunshots were supposedly ON this street. The coverage went on, explaining the royal family's reaction, and other various aspects, with a reporter on the scene. When finally this report ends it was acknowledged that there was not actually any attack at all. What followed next was a thirty second article about a bombing on an Egyptian mosque that killed two HUNDRED and thirty five people – a real attack.

Now, google was less biased than the television, showing various results about this real attack when compared to the local morning show, which only had the presenter say "Hundreds killed in a terrorist attack in Egypt, police responding," and some grainy footage from a cell phone of the mosque exploding, before promptly moving on again to the relationship between Meghan Markle and Prince Harry.

I was disgusted that a brawl between two people in a tube station commanded much more airtime than an attack where hundreds died. It is this bias in modern media which I have been noticing more and more recently. Does the media somehow believe that an attack in the Middle East, is of limited interest to us? These things are happening all the time, which is precisely why we should be much more empathetic towards the people of the Middle East, instead of being concerned about what didn't actually happen or an American actress and a prince. Or interested in what features are being added to the new model of iPhone!

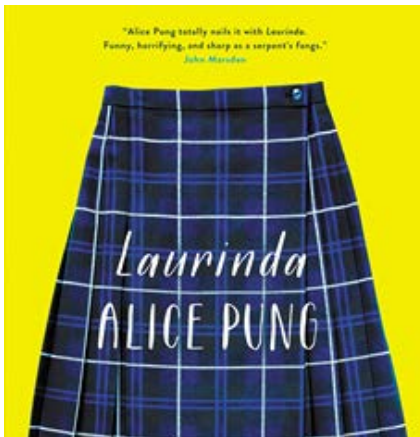
But the problem lies with us also. The media only shows us what will give them publicity, which will then in turn make them money through their advertisers. Another problem is that what we see in the media is often then being used as political tools to gain support. Whilst researching this article, I came across a piece mentioning how the world has reacted to this attack. I noticed that a certain billionaire president had tweeted about how he condemned these kinds of things, and then went on to say that "We Need the WALL, need the BAN!" a magazine editor smartly replied "True, a wall along the Mexican/American border is the logical response to a terrorist attack in Egypt."

It is a truly a poor indictment of the first world that we appear to care minimally about real attacks, provided that it isn't in another of our fellow first world nations, and that our politicians and leaders try to capitalise off these things. We're only meant to hear the sound-bite, and not think beyond that.

By Mackenzie Kane (Year 7)



# TAKE INSPIRATION



## BOOKS

★★★★★

### 'Laurinda' by Alice Pung

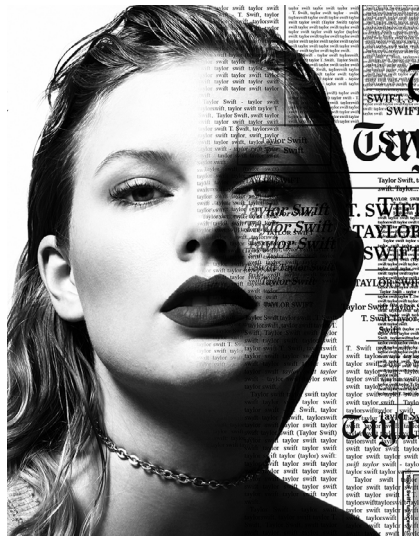
Welcome to the exclusive, prestigious and somewhat questionable world of Laurinda Ladies College – an elite, upper-class girl's school with a deeply embedded social hierarchy. The school is run by a group of girls known as the 'Cabinet', whose parents contribute generously to the school's bank account. These girls wield power over all their classmates – and, indeed, some of the teachers.

Enter Lucy Lam, the recipient of an 'equal access' scholarship to the college. Initially, due to her academic capabilities, Lucy feels she will be able to integrate successfully into the school, yet as she exposes the hidden societal rules and prominent cultural and social divide between her two contrasting worlds – near-poverty and exclusivity – it becomes evident this will not be the case.

I couldn't tear my eyes from the page as Lucy befriends the members of the Cabinet, and recounts her humorous and achingly-realistic experiences of the torments the girls perform, both to students and teachers alike. As she is absorbed into the school's insular environment she is caught up in the ethos of Laurinda, and nearly loses herself, but eventually finds a way to forge her own path.

Alice Pung's sharp, satirical and witty writing portrays the relatable struggles of an adolescent girl, as she navigates social challenges, deals with expectations from both parents and her headmistress, and overcomes cultural discord. I would highly recommend for anyone who is looking for a thought-provoking, funny and exciting book that poignantly tackles the challenges of a poor immigrant trying to assimilate in a private school full of spoiled rich girls.

By Ava Lambie (Year 7)



## MUSIC

★★★★

### Reputation.

It's the new Taylor. No longer the innocent, Taylor Swift has now come of age. What we see in her newly released album 'Reputation', is aggression, vengeance and unbridled passion. And the result is riveting. Fifteen songs brimming with energy and emotional honesty. The album has been produced by Max Martin, Shellback and Jack Antonoff and incorporates digital sounds such as bass syntheses and intense drum patterns. The result is a "pop masterpiece". The lyrics remain soulful but adult with a heightened sense of confidence. As stated in Pitchfork, "[It] makes 1989 sound like a pit stop on the way to Swift's full embrace of modern pop". This album is 'all-guns-out.' Swift is making pop history as she transitions herself to the darker, grittier adult world. 'Taylor Swift is no longer America's sweetheart' (Entertainment Weekly).

By Lucie Drysdale (Year 10)



## FILM

### Wonder

#### SPOILERS!!!!

The new film wonder has come out! A movie based of a book about Augie (August) a young boy who was born with Treacher Collins Syndrome, which affects the eyes, ears, chin and cheek bones. The story is about August going to school for the first time, the trouble he faces, the friends he makes and the fears he overcomes. The movie alternates between different friend's points of view. The story is emotional, and makes you care for the characters. The movie is a great experience for kids, it allows the viewer to share in August's emotional feelings and how gets on with his life. The viewer gets to see bullies, friends, and kids that just stare and look away. For example, some kids (the bullies) come up with "THE PLAGUE", where if you touch August then you are tainted and have to wash it off with water to stop infection. Some kids in this movie were like ordinary kids; stop, stare, look away, pretend it never happened, because its one of those things that you just want to forget. The movie helps us to see that this is also hurtful to people like August.

August eats bread, cereal, pizza, plays with toys and games on the computer. It is clear that this is what normal kids do and that there is no reason for him to be treated as "IT" just because he looks different.

August goes to school and finds friends and enemies. The movie ends on a positive note as eventually everyone is nice and used to him. This shows how everyone can get used to a facial disorder, and that its just a look, they are still human.

By Toby McErlane (Year 7)

## Head of K-6: Justine Lind

On Monday evening, the annual Year 6 Celebration Dinner took place at the Bowral Gold Club and was a fitting farewell to our graduating class of 2017. The sentiments in my address are fitting for all who have been part of K-6 this year and are included below.

Congratulations to each student and each parent her tonight.

We are extremely proud of this group of students. As a class I think it is fair to say that they have had their share of ups and downs but that is in no way the legacy that they will leave in K-6. This group of fine young (almost) men and women will leave us with a reputation for tolerance, inclusion and forgiveness.

I have read with great pleasure the letters of reflection that they have written over the last few weeks and the recurring theme was one of friendship. Almost every person wrote of the welcome they received whenever it was that they first arrived at Oxley. They spoke with a great appreciation for the sense of inclusion they felt. This is not about Oxley, it is about you – you are the ones who make Oxley friendly – by your small deeds and quiet words. Long may you continue to be this group of people and long may you value the gift that each of you has afforded the other.

When I contemplate this Year 6 group I think of the butterfly. It is a symbol of gentle and miraculous change. The type of metamorphosis that each of you is about to experience; physical, emotional, intellectual, social and geographical as you move across the path or further afield to Year 7. As the butterfly emerging from the chrysalis must do so on its own in order to survive, so too must our students stretch their wings and expand their reach beyond the safety and security of primary school.

*What the caterpillar calls the end, the rest of the world calls a butterfly.*

Leo Tse

A similar and extraordinary butterfly effect has also occurred in K-6 this year under the generous leadership of our Stage 3 leaders. House Family Groups have embarked on joyful industry to collaborate, to problem solve, experiment, plan and implement significant artistic expression and philanthropy. Each child's unique constellation of attributes and contribution to the group has been honoured and the funds raised have gone to worthy causes of the students' collective choosing. This butterfly effect reaches out into our world today but also into the future within the hearts and minds of our students who have learned that one person can make a difference in the lives of others.

As part of my vote of thanks for the evening I acknowledged not only the effort of the organising committee who have worked throughout the year to make all the arrangements to create a fitting send off for the class but to the class parents in all their years in K-6 and the numerous contributions made as parents.



### 2018 K - 6 Captains

Sophia Hamblin  
William Barnett  
Vice Captains (Service Learning)  
Yolande Gair  
Cameron Wood



### 2018 House Captains

Chisholm: Hunter Ritchie,  
Amelia May  
Flynn: Thomas Poulton,  
Ilana Sheezel  
Walton: Harry Cameron,  
Sienna Soster



It is appropriate as I write our final Pin Oak article for the year, to thank the class parents in every year of K-6 for their contribution to K-6 whether it be through classroom reading and excursion attendance, cake stalls (baking and hosting), special events, and other visible endeavours or many behind the scenes functions that support each child to be successful in our setting and participate with confidence. Your support of fundraising, friend-raising, leadership initiatives and learning projects all endorse our culture of service and learning where excellence in effort is valued and celebrated. Thank you all for the grand gestures or quiet words of encouragement that have enabled each child to get up and on with their day, each day. We appreciate your partnership in all we do and aim to do. May we wish you all a safe and sunny holiday season and look forward to everyone returning for 2018 healthy and happy.







# Shop local this Christmas

It's coming into that time of the year again. A time of presents, and wrapping paper, or hiding things in the back of cupboards and just general Christmas craziness! If you're like me, and enjoy a good spot of last minute shopping, and are planning to be more organized this year than this is the article for you! We've complied a list of shops and markets where you can go to get all your presents from! We've tried to find a range of shops from different places, some of them are ethical, some local, some hand made and some just unique and quirky. Whatever you're looking for, hopefully these are a few suggestions that could help out. Merry Christmas and get shopping!

By Jemima Taylor (Year 10) and gallery curated by students.



THE PRESS SHOP



COOKSHOP PLUS



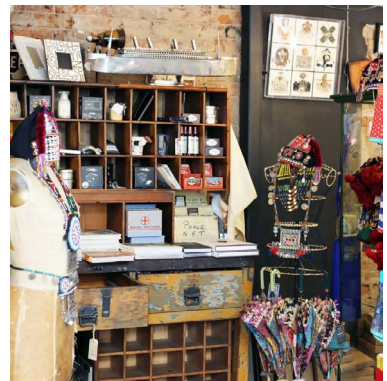
DIRTY JANES



MADE BY OTHERS



NEST AND BURROW



THREE WISE MONKEYS



MILK AND MAKUSI

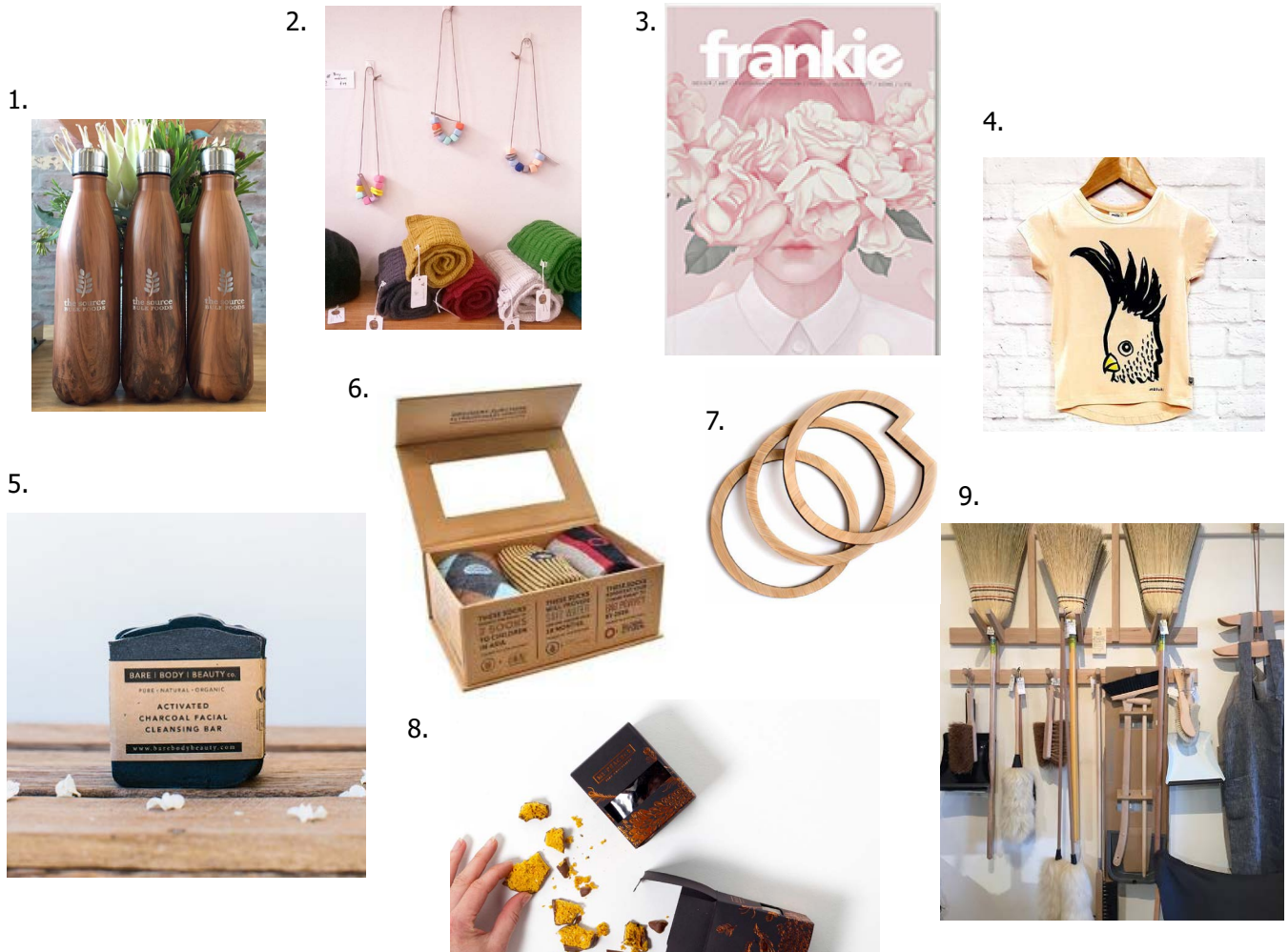


HIGHLANDS HANDMADE



THE SOURCE BOWRAL





1. Eco drink bottles, The Source 2. Necklaces, Made by Others 3. Frankie Magazine, your local newsagency or online 4. Cockatoo Tee, Milk and Makusi 5. Handmade soap, The Moose Hub 6. Eco Socks, The Moose Hub 7. Sustainable jewellery bangles, The Moose Hub 8. handmade chocolates Ms Peacock, The Mill 9. handcrafted tools and implements, The Mossy Store.



**Street Feast at The Mill**  
Bowral  
3rd Friday night of the month



**Bowral Markets**  
2017 Markets  
Saturday 9 December  
8.00 am to 1.00 pm  
Twilight Market  
Thursday 21 December -  
3.00pm to 7.00pm



**Bundanoon Makers Market**  
1st and 3rd Sunday every month (closed January)  
8.30am to 2.00pm



**Finders Keepers Market**  
Barangaroo Reserve  
Friday 9 December to Sunday 11 December  
Local Designers and handmade designer goods.

# DEPUTY HEAD REPORTS

## Deputy Head Pastoral: Peter Ayling

### Christmas Hampers

Once again 7-12 have been busy collecting donations for Christmas Hampers for Wingecarribee Family Services. Twenty four hampers full of treats are ready to go. It is so important for our students to be able to give something to those in need and this little donation will go a long way to making families in the local shire enjoy Christmas just a little more. A huge thank you to everyone for helping out.



## Deputy Head Learning: Kate Cunich

As we reach the frantic end of the year I am tempted once again to say the words "reflect" and "journey". However, fighting my natural instinct to do this, I think it more important to focus on what the students are saying, feeling and doing at this point. After a challenging time of examinations, students are receiving feedback; students are asking what they need to do to improve; student are still working hard, rehearsing, training and studying. Students say they have had a good year, found friends, been happy and have learnt quite a bit about many different things.

So the reminder is that it is natural to learn. And learning does not need to stop just because schools as institutions go on holidays. We learn from the time we are born, without or without going to school. So over the break I encourage families to learn together, to go to different places, take up new hobbies, teach each other a new skill after watching Youtube. When young people say they are bored (while still glued to their screen) suggest a TedTalk family hunt – who can find the most interesting 17 minutes of inspiration? It takes only five minutes to learn a chord on a guitar, a trip to Lincliff can open the eyes of all....a thousand different recipes are available with one google search for "chicken".

As a learning community we strive to awaken curiosity, creativity and passion: may your break be full of these. My best wishes to all our fantastic students, parents and families – see you in 2018!

### ICAS SCIENCE

#### Distinctions

Liam O'Connell  
Will David  
Thomas Dunn  
Lachlan Jowett  
Lochlan Kennedy  
Amelia Rea  
Josh Bramley  
Max Lambie  
Sam Crowley  
Zac Gibson-Brown  
Thomas Tregenza

#### High Distinction

Kathryn Dalton

### ICAS MATHS

#### Distinctions

Nicholas Anderson  
Asher Hagan  
Lachlan Jowett  
Lochlan Kennedy  
Ava Lambie  
Imogen Hatcher  
Gracie Phelan  
Lucie Drysdale  
Charlotte England  
Zac Gibson-Brown  
Tully Mahr  
Thomas Tregenza

### ICAS ENGLISH

#### Distinctions

Claudia Brady  
Liam O'Connell  
Thomas Dunn  
Lachlan Jowett  
Eliza Holloway  
Ava Lambie  
Amelia Rea  
Jessica Anderson  
Zac Gibson-Brown  
Sienna Knowles  
Layla Ross  
Jemima Taylor  
Kathryn Dalton  
Ygraine McLaughlin

#### High Distinction

Mackenzie Kane  
Imogen Hatcher  
Max Lambie  
Zack Cunich

#### FAREWELL

This year we are farewelling one of our peripatetic teachers after many years of service to Oxley College.

Thank you to Richard Hodge who has nurtured many of our students as they participated in their first bands and has given them a life long love of playing music.







## SPORT NEWS

Ravi Wikramanayake (Year10) scored 114 for the 1st XI against The Scots School in Bathurst on Saturday 25 October. At Assembly this week, Ravi was presented the Oxley College Centurions Bat which has the names of all Oxley cricketers who have scored a century when representing the school. This is Ravi's second time his name has been put on the bat and it represents the 55th century in the schools history.

Earlier in the year Emily Bow (Year 9) was selected to represent ISA in the U15 Netball team. This week she was presented with an ISA Participation certificate by the Headmaster at Assembly. Well done Emily.



## EMBRACE

On Wednesday 29 November, ninety girls and female staff members stayed after school to watch the movie/documentary called 'Embrace.'

This is a movie about girls and their body image.

91% of girls hate their bodies, they think they aren't skinny enough, not blonde enough, not tall enough and loads more.

Taryn Brumfitt an Australian mum decides to go on a journey to find out why girls hate their bodies so much and what she could do to change it. On her journey, she visits well-known girls from around the world to hear their stories.

One of the major reasons is magazines. We are influenced by magazines that we read. When looking at the 'stunning models' we think 'wow she is so amazing why can't I look like that?' When really they aren't even real - every girl you see in a magazine has had some sort of photoshopping to make them look what the magazine editors call 'perfect.'

We often try to change how we look for boys and even other girls trying to be the 'perfect girl' that everyone wants to be ..... but the perfect girl doesn't exist and we need to understand this.

What some of the girls who watched the film thought:

"It was a really important message that needs to be spread worldwide, and one that we should all be proud to carry to others and in ourselves."

"A very powerful film, I didn't know so many people hated their bodies we should all embrace our bodies no matter what anyone tells us."

"A very thought-provoking documentary. I would like to see it turned into a television series."

"It was so inspirational and I think that everyone, boys, and girls, should watch this."

" I think it was an incredible experience."

Overall this was a great night and I think every girl who was there took something out of it.

If you want more of Taryn Brumfitt visit the link below:

<https://bodyimagemovement.com/embraceyouau/>

By Lily Magill (Year 8)

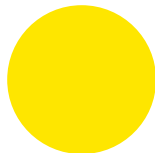


# EVE ON THE GREEN GALLERY





# WHAT'S HAPPENING? IN THE WORLD...



## NATIONAL

### Triple J Hottest 100 Not Being Released on Australia Day:

Whether or not we should change the date of Australia Day is an argument that remains an ongoing debate and is an extremely controversial topic which divides Australia. Nine days ago, Triple J shocked Australia by taking a stance on this issue and changing the release date of the hottest 100 from Australia Day to the 27th of January. Triple J said later in a statement that it was "heavily involved in the growing dialogue around indigenous recognition and perspectives on the 26th of January". In addition the station also conducted two surveys related to this issue through an independent agency and both times about 60% of their listeners were in favour of a date change. People on the other side of the debate believe that Australia's taxpayer funded broadcasting service shouldn't be taking a stance on such divisive issues like this, with the communications minister Mitch Fifield saying in a statement that "The ABC should not be buying into this debate" and added that "Australia Day is our national day. The ABC should honour it and not mess with the Hottest 100." But what do you think... should we change the date amid growing controversy with regards to our indigenous peoples, or should we honour tradition and keep the 26th January our national day?

Liam O'Connell (Year 7)



## LOCAL



### Tesla Tiny House come to Bowral

The Tesla Tiny House was on display at Bradman Oval Bowral on Wednesday 22 November between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. It is powered by a two kilowatt solar system and Powerwall and wowed the locals with how to run a fully sustainable house powered by 100% renewable energy. Bradman oval was abuzz with green power groupies, students and companies explaining these new exciting solar power systems. There were even Tesla cars pulling the tiny house which were also linked to an app and could drive from Sydney to Adelaide topping up at Tesla power stations along the route. Find out more about Tesla here [https://www.tesla.com/en\\_AU/teslatinyhouse](https://www.tesla.com/en_AU/teslatinyhouse)



## INTERNATIONAL

### Love is in the air

It's the engagement everybody has been waiting for, the American Suits star Meghan Markle and the charming Prince Harry. While the engagement left thousands of women devastated at their now impossible chances with Prince Harry, the news was delivered by Harry's delighted father, Prince Charles. He informed the rest of the world that the Prince and Miss Markle had become engaged earlier this month and that their wedding will take place in Spring. Since announcing their engagement to the world, the couple have made their first public appearance chatting to fans and looking more in love than ever. It has been revealed that Meghan's engagement ring was designed by Prince Harry himself, containing two diamonds that belonged to Princess Diana and a central diamond from Botswana where they spent their first holiday together. The news of the engagement has caused much controversy across the world as well as among the royals. She is shaking up the royal family as a divorcee with an African American mother and an interesting family (including an estranged half sister). However, on a positive note, she is a breath of fresh air for the stuffy Windsor's, spicing up the royal family. Being the determined woman that she is and a role model for many young women, Meghan is filled with positivity and achievements. She has a degree in theatre and international studies, is an ambassador for the UN and is a successful actress. However the engagement of course has raised one undoubtedly important question... will Harry be as good as Mike?

By Lucie Drysdale (Year 10)

# GALLERY





# DECEMBER CALENDAR

<div> <b>SHOP HOURS</b>                      The Oxley Shop hours during the holidays are from 8.30am – 4.00pm on: Thursday 14 December and Friday 15 December                      During the New Year the Oxley Shop will be open from: Monday 15 January until Friday 19 January from 9.00am – 3.00pm.                 </div>	Mon 11	Mon 18	Mon 25 Christmas Day
	Tue 12	Tue 19	Tue 26 Boxing Day
	Wed 13	Wed 20	Wed 27
Thu 07 Speech Night 6.30pm End of Term 4	Thu 14	Thu 21	Thu 28
Fri 08	Fri 15	Fri 22 Oxley College office closed until Tuesday 2 January 2018. Holiday office hours 9.00am - 3.00pm	Fri 29
Sat 09	Sat 16	Sat 23	Sat 30
Sun 10 DOE Gold Hike	Sun 17	Sun 24	Sun 31 New Year's Eve

## P & F NEWS

Oxley's first ever Eve On The Green was a huge fundraising success with a bumper sell out show of over 1400 tickets. The event raised money in support of our local BDCU Children's Foundation and their Youth Mental Health Initiatives, with the remaining funds being split between Oxley's three sister school charities in Nepal, Botswana and Fiji.

John Waters and Leo Sayer led a host of performers from Oxley, Chevalier and the Southern Highlands Christian schools in a fantastic showcase of young local talent on a massive mobile stage on the College green, while Geoff Jansz cooked up a storm with an army of parent volunteers. Aimed at being a casual, affordable and upbeat event, it made the entire community 'feel like dancing'.

Thank you everyone who showed their support by either attending or giving up their valuable time to help make Eve On The Green a great story for now and possibly later on... !

Bec Biddle  
P&F President

A huge thank you to Bec & Sam Biddle, Shelly & Tim Davis-Rice, Kristie Phelan, Kate & Trevor Fair, Megan Moore, Skye & Doug Sandilands, Jane Crowley, Catherine Fraser, Kate & Matt Bow, Robert Hughes, Emily Sinden, Sooz Heinrich, Andrew de Montemas, Prue & Andrew Wade and the many, many other parent volunteers. And to George Kolovos for his terrific Eve on the Green short video: <https://youtu.be/Bf1Bx-D8uKo>



# NEWSFLASH



## EVE ON THE GREEN

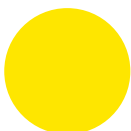
On Saturday 25 November our own Oxley College held Eve On the Green. This eve was filled with joyous unforgettable memories with families sitting in camping chairs or sitting on the picnic rugs. All the profits went to the fundraiser charity of BDCU Children's Foundation and our sister schools in Fiji, Botswana and Nepal.

Starring John Waters and his amazing talents and Leo Sayer who had everyone up on their feet dancing with his famous song 'You make me feel like dancing' and who could forget the amazing Ox Vox who were such great backing vocals for both Leo and John as well as the junior school's choir singing their adorable song called 'Fireflies' by 'Owl City.'

I think nearly every single person either had an ice cream or a lolly bag for dessert and as a main we had Geoff Jansz with his cooking, all tummies were filled.

This was an evening for everyone all ages whether it be the little children running around playing tag, teens chilling, or mixed ages dancing in the mosh pit. It was definitely a night to remember. It was a great break to have right after exams.

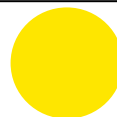
By Lily Magill (Year 8)



## ABW

Last week Year 10 took part in the Australian Business Week ending in the business dinner at Gibraltar Hotel. Each group had the task of designing a plan for a café, they then had to look after the financials for the business using a simulation, market and advertise the business, write a company report and present the performance of the business at the AGM. There were six different cafes, "Tree Tea Café", "The Espresso", "Danny's Drive In", "The Grind", "Outside the Cup" and "Beat It" competing for the best marks in each section. In the end, "Tree Tea Café" took out people's choice, "Beat it" won the simulation, "The Espresso" won the best marketing presentation and "Outside the Cup" won best company report and best AGM. "Outside the Cup" won the best café overall after placing in the top three in 4/5 sections. Thanks so much to Mrs Shedden for organising the week, and to Mr Woffenden and Mr Bevan for putting up with our crazy dancing and for DJ'ing on the night.

By Jemima Taylor (Year 10)



## MATCH OF THE WEEK

Cricket Report Oxley vs The Scots School

On Saturday 25 November, the Oxley 1st XI Cricket team made the trek up to Bathurst to play The Scots School. Oxley won the toss and elected to bat first. Oxley lost three early wickets bringing Lachlan Billington-Phillips and Ravi Wikramanayake to the crease. Together they put up a 120-run partnership with Ravi reaching 50 runs before Lachlan was bowled for 31 runs. Ravi continued to score runs, keeping the run rate up while losing partners progressively. Ravi reached a remarkable century giving us a total of over 200, but eventually fell reaching a score of 114 runs. With some late hitting by Zac Wansey and Euan Barrett-Lennard, Oxley eventually finished their innings with a total of 259 runs. The Scots School had a large total to chase and unfortunately were bowled out for 66 runs. Lachlan Billington-Phillips came away with three wickets and Connor Taylor-Helme and Jock Heinrich coming away with two wickets each.



## AKISI VISITS OXLEY



Akisi Philipson made a surprise visit to Oxley on Wednesday and she had the opportunity to speak to Year 8 about Navauvau Kindergarten in Fiji. Akisi joined Josh Bramley, Dimity Dietz, Lachlan Stanley, Ms Cox, Mr Clewett and Mr Wansey to share stories of their experiences on the Service Learning Trip to Korovou Viillage. Mrs Philipson has had a long and happy relationship with Oxley College with her son John, being Head Boy in 2004. This relationship continues today with the school providing much needed support and financial assistance through fundraising for Navauvau Kindergarten, a school which she founded in 2007. In 2018, Oxley College will again visit Fiji and Akisi is excited to be welcoming us to her village again. The Social Service Learning trip to Fiji will offer our students a wonderful opportunity to experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to Fiji to work with the "happiest people on earth". Mr Wansey, Ms Cox and Mr Clewett would be happy to answer any questions from parents whose children may be interested in joining the trip for 2018.

*Akisi is photographed with Year 8 and staff and students who have visited Fiji.*