

Junior School Bulletin
Thursday 1 June 2023
Weeks 6B & 7A

Dear Parents and Carers

Can you believe we are in the 6th week of a nine week term? Time certainly flies when you're having fun, and we are definitely enjoying our time together as a Junior School.

Well done to all our sporting teams and their families who brave the chilly conditions each Saturday. It is great to see students giving their all and working as a team. A huge shout out to Ms Fran Dorczak and the Sports Department for the wonderful work they do organising fixtures, supporting the coaches and the many jobs that are completed behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our sports program. We also want to thank our fabulous coaches who give of their time, particularly those from our parent body. How fortunate we are to be part of such a community of great people.

Congratulations to Mrs Katie McGrath and her husband who have announced that they are expecting their first child in November. We are super excited for them and wish Katie the best of health during this time.

Cake Stall: Many thanks to our Kindergarten parents for the yummy array of treats provided last Friday. Students were excited and delighted to choose from such creative deliciousness. All proceeds go to the P&F.

Assembly: There will be no Junior Assemblies for the next two weeks. They will return to normal on Friday 16 June and we look forward to you joining us then. **Please remember that there is a Student Free day on Friday 9 June.**

Co-curricular Clubs: If your child attends a co-curricular club on a Tuesday or Thursday that finishes at 4.30pm and you would like them to wait with their older sibling at a Senior sport area, please discuss with your child so they can organise a book to read or homework to work on. They are asked to sit quietly as they wait.

Please note that Junior students are unable to use either the library or wait unsupervised at the Turning Circle.

Oxley K-1 Football Gala Day: This Saturday 3 June, we will be holding a Football Gala Day for students who are enrolled in our Wednesday after school K-1 Football program.

Parents are required to remain on site for the duration of the day.

Details for the day -

Location: Founders Field, Oxley College

Time: 8.30am-10.30am (Please arrive 15 minutes early to get your team bib and warm up).

What to bring: Students may wear either Oxley PE uniform or Oxley Junior School Football shirts with PE shorts and are encouraged to bring their football boots, shin pads and water.

Please contact Francine.Dorczak@oxley.nsw.edu.au if you have any further questions.

Student Services: If your children need to arrive/leave the College during the school day, please remember that a parent is required to be physically present at College Services to sign their child in/out. For Year 3 and above, in the event that parents are unable to present physically, a signed and dated note is required. In these circumstances, these students also need to present to College Services when leaving/returning to confirm their movements on/off campus. Due to Duty of Care legal requirements, we are unable to release students without the above. Thank you for your assistance with this. Student Services is located at the back of the Main Reception Building and you are welcome to use the second driveway to access more easily.

Parent Portal: For the last four weeks, we have been in a transition phase sending emails along with notifications in the Portal/App. We are now at the point where we will no longer be doubling up sending emails as well. As of next week, College communications will be in the Portal and App. We are aware that there are some families who haven't accessed these yet.

Earlier in the Term you would have received your personalised log in details for the Portal, where you sign into a laptop or tablet first, change your password and then use those details to access the App once you have downloaded it. If you **did not receive login details**, please email office@oxley.nsw.edu.au

For more information regarding getting up and running on the Portal and App - please see the College Website [Parent Documents – Oxley College](#)

Should you not wish to use the App, we ask families to regularly log into the Portal and keep up to date with College communications.

The transition period has also been a test and learn phase and we can share a couple of things to please note in relation to the Portal and App:

Student Absence - you will receive a notification at the start of the day alerting you to the absence. If you are aware of your child being away at this stage, please don't do anything. If you were not aware of their absence, please contact Student Services. We will continue to mark the roll throughout the day and at the end of the school day send you another notification, could you please follow the prompts and fill out the details then?

Incursion/Excursions – these are often a two-step process where you will need to give permission and click the payID link to pay for the excursion, we ask that both steps are completed before the student attends the event.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact us at office@oxley.nsw.edu.au

Pipe Band: As the Oxley College Pipe Band continues to thrive, more junior members are needed to ensure its success. We believe learning to play an instrument and being part of a band is a fun and rewarding experience but also a valuable life skill that can benefit your child in many ways. If your child is keen to take up the opportunity to learn the chanter or drumming and join the rewarding experience of participating in the pipe band, please follow the link to the Oxley College webpage [Music – Oxley College](#) and complete the Music Tuition Form. [Individual Music Tuition Enrolment Form \(jotform.co\)](#) One of our experienced instructors will then be in touch to organise private lessons and

support your child to develop their skills with the aim to become an integral part of the band. We look forward to welcoming new members to the Pipe Band!

Head of College Breakfasts: There are two more Head of College Breakfasts taking place this Term and there are limited spaces available for these if you would like to attend. Moving forward from Term 3, the Breakfasts will be on the first Tuesday of each month during the Term time, if these dates prove popular, then we will add more dates. These groups will be extended to 12 people and can be booked via <https://www.trybooking.com/CFSIW>

Week 6B & 7A		
Wednesday 7 June	Year 4 Excursion	
Thursday 8 June	Years 5 & 6 Fuse Cup	Dee Why
Friday 9 June	Student Free Day	
Monday 12 June	Public Holiday	
Friday 16 June	K-12 School Disco	
Monday 19 June	Y6 Legends & Legacies Showcase	
Tuesday 20 June	Junior Strings Performance (Yrs 2, 3 & 4)	
Thursday 22 June	Junior Athletics Carnival	
Friday 23 June	Last day of Term	

Kind regards

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