



Weekly Record

Friday 15 May 2009

HEAD'S COMMENT:

2010 Term Dates

I am pleased to be able to now confirm the term dates for 2010. These have been previously published in draft form.

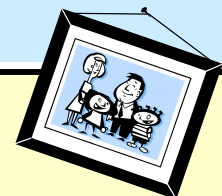
TERM 1 Students Wednesday 27 January to Thursday 1 April (10 week term followed by a 2 week break) <i>*Notes:</i> <i>Monday 25 January – non school day</i> <i>Tuesday 26 January – Australia Day</i>	Staff Professional Learning Days Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 January - Executive Wednesday 20 January – Executive, Staff in Leadership positions, New Staff Orientation Thursday 21 & Friday 22 January - All staff
TERM 2 Students Monday 19 April to Thursday 24 June (10 week term followed by a 3 week break) <i>*Notes:</i> <i>Monday 26 April – Anzac Day</i> <i>Monday 14 June – Queen's Birthday</i>	Non-teaching day Friday 25 June Staff Professional Learning Days Monday 28 June – All staff Tuesday 29 June – Executive
TERM 3 Students Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September (10 week term followed by a 2 week break)	
TERM 4 Students Monday 11 October to Thursday 9 December (9 week term) <i>*Notes:</i> <i>Thursday 9 December - Speech Night</i>	Non-teaching day Friday 10 December – All staff Staff Professional Learning Day Monday 13 December – Executive

Leave from school

The above dates should assist families with their planning for 2010. Our students will actually attend school for thirty-nine weeks during 2010, providing them with thirteen weeks of holidays. The extra holidays are partly in recognition of the many co-curricular activities that impact at night, on Saturdays and on Sundays during term time. All of this makes academic time extremely important and I am always reluctant to grant leave during term time and I discourage, as far as I possibly can, any extension of vacations and long weekends. The College is also required, by legislation, to ensure that children attend school. Whilst I do realise that there are family considerations that make this difficult, leave is granted only in most unusual circumstances and we ask parents to cooperate as far as their child's attendance is concerned as attendance at school and participation in class are crucial for academic progress.

Staff

Mrs Elizabeth Armstrong has resigned from her position as Receptionist at Oxley College and finished on Tuesday. Mrs Armstrong had been contemplating her future for a number of months and is now looking forward to being a full-time grandmother. We have appreciated Mrs Armstrong's willingness to become involved in a range of activities since commencing work at Oxley in May 2003. Mrs Armstrong has assisted as a basketball and hockey coach, at ISA cross country, in the Canteen, at sports related Assemblies and at 'front of house' for productions. We wish Mrs Armstrong well as she leaves Oxley College.



Here is more information on creating and maintaining healthy boundaries in the life of your young person. Other possible obstacles to creating and sustaining helpful boundaries:

- **Thinking love and separateness are enemies** – Do not fear that disagreeing or being different from your children indicates a break in the connection. The reality is that love and separateness go together and one does not threaten the other.
- **Ignoring and zapping** – Don't be tempted to ignore things that are causing you to become cross or frustrated with your child and then suddenly explode or boil over (usually over some small and unrelated incident). This will leave the young person feeling either confused or hurt or feeling that they have pushed you to your limit and have therefore succeeded in getting the reaction they wanted. **Choose your battles** and there will be some things that you simply have to let go through to the keeper. If something is really important to you, for example, eating a meal together or limiting time on the computer or TV then engage in some win/win strategies that usually involves some negotiation and some logical consequences.
- **Being worn down** – We all know what that feels like!! It is scary how our young people sense when we are weak and ready to give in to them. You may have trained your young person to go just so far and you'll give in. The trick is to hold on to your limit one more time than your children holds on to their demand.

Extract from "Boundaries for Kids" by Dr Henry Mcloud and Dr John Townsend.

CAREERS CORNER by PHILLIPA CONDON, CAREERS COUNSELLOR

A reminder to parents and students of Years 10, 11 and 12 - the Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo is taking place this weekend (16 and 17 May) at Randwick Racecourse. I still have free tickets that can be used on either day. This Expo involves talks on HSC exams and assessments by the Board of Studies and maximising your UAI score by Matrix Education. Many Universities are represented plus Colleges and GAP Year suppliers. An outline of each day's talks can be found at <http://www.hscandcareers.com.au/files/55431237341721HSCSeminarProgram2009.pdf>.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact me. I will have the tickets available from Mr Steven Armstrong during the week or myself on Thursday and Friday.

STUDY SKILLS & STRATEGIES COURSE FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 8

This course will be conducted on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May Periods 1 and 2, by ICS Learning Group to teach students the elements of a successful study programme. The topics include –

- How to become well organised
- Note-taking skills
- Essay planning and writing

Enrolment forms are available from Student Services or contact ICS Learning Group direct on 9960 6231 www.skillscentre.com.au

It is not compulsory and students who do not attend will go to normal classes.

CALENDAR: TERM TWO 2009

Fri	15/5	ISA Netball Trials, Ann Clarke Centre Foundation Day, PE Centre, 7:30pm—9:30 pm
Sat	16/5	ISA Winter Sport
Wed	20/5	Fast & Fresh Short Play Festival, Hoskins Hall, 7:30pm—9:30pm
Thur	21/5	Excursion Y12 English Adv. Hamlet, Bondi Pavilion Y8 Study Skills Course, P1 & P2 Head's Tour, 9:30am-10:30am Excursion Y.9, Y.10, Y.11, Y.12 Meet the Music - Concert, Opera House, 3:00pm—10:30pm

FAREWELL TO ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG



Mrs Elizabeth Armstrong at her farewell morning tea.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS INDEX (UAI)

Attached to this edition of the Weekly Record is an informative publication from the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) about the Universities Admission Index (UAI). Although this information is of most immediate relevance to parents of Year 12 students, all parents should make themselves familiar with the universities admissions process. Further information can be obtained at the UAC website <http://www.uac.edu.au/>.

SPORT FIXTURES—SATURDAY 16 MAY

Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Team Coach	Transport
RUGBY <i>MiC – Mr T Bevan 0416 293328</i>					
13's	Redfield	Oxley	10:00am		Own transport
14's	Redfield	Oxley	11:00am		Own transport
15's	Redfield	Oxley	10:00am		Own transport
16's	Redfield	Oxley	10:00am		Own transport
1st XV	Redfield	Oxley	12:15pm		Own transport
TENNIS <i>MiC – Mrs P Fishburn 0433 112003</i>					
13's	SACS	Noel Martin	08:30am		Depart 6:30am Return 2:30pm
14's	SACS	Noel Martin	08:30am		Depart 6:30am Return 2:30pm
15's	SACS	Parklands T/C	08:30am		Depart 6:30am Return 2:30pm
17's	SACS	Parklands T/C	08:30am		Depart 6:30am Return 2:30pm
NETBALL <i>MiC – MS J McVean 0405129652</i>					
Firsts	Chevalier	Chevalier	09:00am	Kathy	Own transport
Inter. A	Chevalier	Chevalier	10:15am	Kathy	Own transport
Inter. B	Chevalier	Chevalier	11:30am	Gabby Y	Own transport
Inter. C	Chevalier	Chevalier	11:30am	Kate W	Own transport
Junior A	Chevalier	Chevalier	11:30am	Kathy	Own transport
Junior B	Chevalier	Chevalier	12:45am	Olivia N	Own transport
ISA FOOTBALL <i>MiC – Mr R Connor 0424 745401</i>					
13's	SACS 13B	Wentworth Park	08:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 1:30pm
15s	SACS 15B	Wentworth Park	09:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 1:30pm
1st XI	SACS 3rd XI	Wentworth Park	10:30am		Depart 6:00am Return 1:30pm
HOCKEY <i>MiC – Mr P Freeman 0425 376292</i>					
Jnr A	Central Coast G/S	Chevalier	09:30am		Own transport
Jnr B	Central Coast G/S	Chevalier	10:45am		Own transport
Firsts	Central Coast G/S	Chevalier	09:30am		Own transport
FENCING <i>MiC – Mr N Wansey 0416 213328</i>					
Senior Boys	Preliminary Round	Newington	09:00am	Mr N Wansey	Own transport
EQUESTRIAN <i>MiC – Mrs J Pugh 0412 947026</i>					
23-24 May	Hunter Valley			Mrs J Pugh	Own transport

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- William Lawson who played rugby for Illawarra in the NSW Country Championships recently and was selected in the NSW Country Squad.
- Huw Jones on being selected in the ISA U16 Rugby Squad.

ART NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who had outstanding results at the recent Bowral and District Art Society 2009 Young Artists' Prize:

15-17 Year Age Group

1st Olivia Sargeant

2nd Georgina Beresford

3rd Robert Chapman

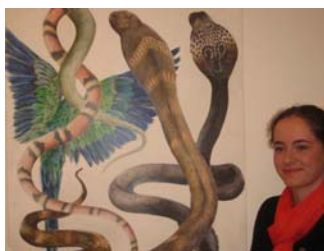
Highly Commended – Georgina Beresford

12-14 Year Age Group

1st Lauren Chapman

Highly commended – Georgia Frew

Congratulations to Catilin Guy, Amelia Chapman, Nick Conomos, Grace Martyn, Lachlan Vild and Eli Byrne who also participated.



Georgina Beresford



Olivia Sargeant

CYBER BULLYING

CYBER BULLYING has been in the news this last week. The following website is quite a good one for informing parents about safety measures you can take with your own children. It also has lists of abbreviations that children use on the web. <http://www.cyberbullying.info/resources/resources.php> .

OXLEY RECYCLING

Next week, a new recycling programme will be implemented at Oxley College. The College has received several yellow recycling bins and students will be instructed on how to use these bins. Students have discussed recycling in their tutor groups and we look forward to a successful recycling programme at Oxley College.

THE OXLEY SHOP

Tuesday 12:30pm - 04:00pm
 Wednesday 08:30am - 11:30am and 12:30pm – 04:00pm
 Thursday 08:30am- 09:30am and 12:30pm – 02:30pm
 Saturdays First and Third Saturday of each month 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Term 2 Saturday trading

May 16

CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 2 WEEK 4A

Thank you to those who have volunteered for May. If you are available in June, please contact Reception.

Monday 18 May

Assistance Required

Tuesday 19 May

Yatca Clinch

Wednesday 20 May

Orissia Turczynski

Thursday 21 May

Anna Dunn

Friday 22 May

Kate Kennedy
Lena Thaning

P & F NEWS

The next P & F meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19 May at 7:30pm in the David Wright Library. All welcome.

New Oxley Merchandise

Please look out for the new Oxley crested product range which will be launched and on sale this Foundation night on Friday 15 May. New items and designs include pens, umbrellas, rugs, glassware, tote bags and more. If you can help with the set up and selling of the crested ware please call Antonia Loneragan on 0408 465107.

P & F Raffle

Tickets for our major fundraising raffle for this year will also be on sale on the night, with the first prize a holiday at the five star Paradise Bay Eco Resort in the Whitsundays valued at over \$4000. The P&F are also looking for helpers to sell ticket books and there is a cash prize of \$500 to the person who sells the most tickets. Please contact Annie Mackay on 0414 258697 if you can help sell tickets on Foundation night or would like to order some books for ticket selling.

Year 11 Parents Get Together

You are invited to an evening at 'Fentons at The Grand' on Friday 19 June 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Join us again for a fun and relaxing evening in the elegant Fentons private function room at The Grand Hotel. Enjoy a drink and a selection of delicious finger food and catch up with other Year 11 parents. After 8:00pm, you are welcome to dine with us at The Grand Brasserie (directly downstairs from Fentons). Please RSVP: Wednesday 10 June (with payment).

Direct all enquiries to Year 11 Parent Representatives:

Jenni Vild 48621671 or Kate Armstrong 48614616 or Caroline Trail 48615185.

Year 12 Parents Get Together

Friday 12 June, 2009 from 7:00pm– 9:00pm at the Gibraltar Country Club, Boronia Street, Bowral.

Come along for an evening of pleasant music, great food and loads of laughter – we hope!

De-stress with us as we head towards the final months of the HSC year. You should have received invitations this week with all the details. Please RSVP by 1 June 2009.

Trivia Night

The famous Oxley Trivia Night is fast approaching and will be held in Hoskins Hall on Friday evening the 29 May. You need to start organising your teams of 10 and registering with the Oxley office. This is always a fun night so please mark your diaries!

LIBRARY NEWS

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2009

Year 7 and Year 8 English students are up for the CHALLENGE. They will be participating in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2009. As students attend English classes in the Library, they have been introduced to the challenge and encouraged to borrow books from the Library collection.

The students who complete the challenge to read 20 books (five of their own choice) between 1 May and 1 September will be awarded a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate and have their names recorded on the PRC Honour Roll.

Students can access information about the reading Challenge and find books on the booklist via the following website: <http://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/listBooksByAuthor.html?letter=A&levelId=4>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Year 8 student Georgia Frew will be performing on Saturday 16 May with local celebrity Nick Rheinberger at the Vault Cabaret, 72 Military Lane, Port Kembla at 8:00pm. For more information contact: Anne-Louise on 42263699.

Learning to drive can be a daunting task but a number of workshops and hands-on driving events scheduled for 2009 may prove of assistance to parents and young people in the Southern Highlands. For details call Charmaine Cooper at Wingecarribee Shire Council on 4868 0809, email charmaine.cooper@wsc.nsw.gov.au or visit <http://wsc.local-e.nsw.gov.au/roads/1293/2872.html>.