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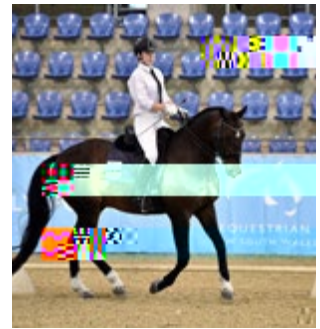
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## Equestrian Report

From Friday 8 March – Tuesday 12 March, a strong team of equestrians travelled to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre to compete in the 2019 NSW State Interschool Championships where riders from Oxley competed in Dressage, Show Jumping, Combined Training, Eventing and Show Horse.



Cj Yf HAY Vei fgY'cZUj Y'XUngz HAY'Cl 'YmHYUa 'g\ck YX' great professionalism, strength and competitiveness, bringing home solid results including Anneliese Wansey winning the 1.20m Show Jump Class, Isabella Price coming 2nd in the overall Medium Dressage Championship, followed closely by Hunter Taylor in 4th place and Will David bringing home 3rd in the Advanced Championship. Additionally, many of our riders were found on the podium representing our school in each discipline. This was a great competition for Oxley and we wish all of our riders who have ei U]UYX'UbX'k ]''VY'Vta dYHb[ 'Uh'Y'BU]cbU' Interschool Championship the best of luck.

By The Oxley Equestrian Team 2019

## OXLEY EQUESTRIAN DAY RAFFLE 7 APRIL 2019



All funds raised go to Oxley College sister

# HEAD OF COLLEGE'S REPORT

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Much closer to home I would like to thank everyone who helped in some way last Wednesday when our young student was involved in the accident at our front gates. I am pleased he is home and making a good recovery and will be returning to the College next week. His parents wanted to also express thanks for the care and support that the community has shown them during this time.

As you can appreciate the College has reviewed and strengthened what we can do about the safety of our children. Executive members have been very active around the College to explore all of our options. I have also met with the Wingecarribee Council to discuss how we can work together to make the area safer for our students.

I have to say with many of us coming from big cities and moving to the highlands it is interesting how impatient we become when things take a few minutes extra. Peak hour at Oxley is actually only 11 minutes for the Junior Schpeand for the Senior Schpe

Some of the short term actions we are taking include:

- Promoting the use of the buses for all students, fU' h'Yf' h'Ub' dUFYbhd]W' i' d' UbX' Xfcd' c "
- Better signage and road marking at College entries and exits.
- Year 12 students to reverse park into their area. Please be patient and give these young drivers room. (Many come early and stay late for classes).

i' 5' nYVfU' W'cg]b[ ' a' UbbYX' VmU' g'U' ' a' Ya' VYf' Zcf' students to cross the main driveway safely.

i' GHU' 'cb' Xi' hmUh' h'Y' Vi' g' VUn' dUFYbhd]W' i' d' ncbYg'

and cross walk will be wearing high visibility vests h'c' Ybg' fY' h'Ym' VUb' g'UZ' m'X] fYV' h' g' h' XYbhg' h'FU' WUbX' parents.

- Review of safety of turning circle at Junior Schpe and install short term safety measures.

i' G' h'cb[ Yf' dUFYbh' Vta a i' b]W' h'cb' Ufci' bX' h'FU' W requirements for parents.

Longer term actions include:

- Work with Wingecarribee Council and the community to plan longer term improvements to our h'FU' WUbX' dUf' ]b[ "

i' h'FU' W'W' a' ]b[ ' h'c' VY' ]bg' h'U' YX' ]b' 7c' Y[ Y' FcU' Xg'

i' =a' d'fcj' Y' g'UZ' h'mcZ' Xfcd' c' 'UbX' d]W' i' d' ncbYg'

I would like to reinforce some of our expectations of dUFYbhg' k' ]h' fY[ UfX' h'c' h'FU' W' d'f' c' h'c' Vta' g'

i' I' g'Y' d]W' i' d' UbX' Xfcd' c' ' ncbYg' cb' m' h'c' Vta' YV' h' children. Railway road is not safe for parking and we have asked children not to cross this road.

- Don't drive! Children can travel on buses to and from schpeou live close by walk to schpe
- Arrive late to pick up - to ensure your child is waiting for you and this also avoids the rush. Do not arrive early and park where you shouldn't be.
- Make your child wait. They are being supervised UbX' k' \YfY' fYei' ]fYX' k' ]' VY' h'U' Yb' h'c' Xfcd' c' ' UbX' pick up zones.
- If you have a child in both Junior and Senior Schpe ask your younger child to wait until the older child is ready to be collected. They are supervised.

• Be carefuand drive slowly. It is a 10 km zone on College property.

• Obey the 40 km Schpeone.

• Be patient and respectfu



Following the guilty verdict in December 2018, the once highly regarded name, "Cardinal George Pell" now stands to represent the critical point in which the once strong faith in the operation of Australia's Catholic church began to be critically shaken to its core. The scandal and subsequent criminal charges alleged against Cardinal George Pell represents a gYf]Yg' cZ Vñ VU' UbX' \cff]UW'a ca Ybng' hUhi \Uj' Y' resulted in the fundamental questioning of faith, security, and trust within the Australian Catholic community; raising questions regarding the need for change within the institution that is the Australian Catholic Church.

On Wednesday 13 March, 2019, Cardinal George Pell, previously the treasurer of the Vatican, a long time companion of Pope Francis, and one of the \] [\YghfUb\_b[ ' ]bXj ]Xi U' c VUg' ]b' hY' 7Uhc]W Church, was found guilty of multiple allegations of child sexual abuse. Pell was sentenced to a maximum term of six years in gaol, with a non-parole period of three years and eight months, after a jury found him guilty of performing acts of sexual abuse on two 13-year-old choirboys in Melbourne's St Patrick's Cathedral in 1996.

Born in the town of Ballarat, Victoria in 1941, George Pell grew up in Australia and began studying to become a priest as a young adult. In 1966, Pell was

## BOOK

### After You

The captivating novel 'After you' by JoJo Moyes, is the sequel to the heartbreaking novel 'Me Before You'. After Will's death, Louisa buys herself an apartment with the money Will had given her to start a new beginning. Feeling misplaced in her new life, Louisa continues her life working at a bar in the London airport. She watches the people go to new destinations whilst she is stuck in the one place trapped with her own thoughts, longing for everything TJ/fnew to wiit gival Tċ

## BOOK VS FILM

### Ready Player One

The new book Ready Player One, by Ernest Cline, is a book full of its fair share of videogames adventure and '80s pop culture references. It is set in 2044 and features a boy named Wade Watts, who plays the lead role in the story. The creator of the OASIS, a huge revolutionary game from this time, has recently died and set a quest for every player to compete in. "Find the three keys and win the fortune of a lifetime" says Halliday, the billionaire behind the OASIS.

The book vs the movie is a very close game. When I, stupidly, watched it and loving it, dreading the end, but the book was by far better, as usual. The main character is described wildly and I believe that the character to how Wade is described. Then again, the movie is a movie and not everything can be portrayed with CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) on that budget. For example, Star Wars VII: The Last Jedi had a budget of a much larger magnitude.

When it comes down to rating the book and movie I would give a fat 9/10. I think that when reading the book, it gives a much better experience and has the original details as books usually do.

William Nash-Smith (Year 8)

## FILM

### Green Book

with numerous award nominations, including Academy Award for Best Actor, BAFTA Award for Best Film, and Golden Globe Award for Best Director, is a drama/comedy about the 1962 Deep South tour of Dr Don Shirley, a world-class African-American pianist famed for his classical expertise and incredible skill. In need of a driver and protection, Shirley recruits Tony "Lip" Vallelonga, a working-class Italian-American nightclub bouncer with an attitude from a rough neighbourhood in the Bronx. The two could not possibly be more different from their frequent arguments and Shirley's condescending criticisms of Tony's behaviour, particularly is "diction habits". Yet, as they journey farther south into the heart of the Mississippi Delta, confronting abhorrent acts of racism and hatred during the height of black and white segregation with courage and compassion, they begin to not only develop a strong bond of friendship that will last for many decades to come, but they also begin to discover their own true identities in the process. Based on a true story, this heart-warming tale of love triumphing over hate will certainly bring tears by the conclusion of the film in a long time, and I would strongly recommend to anyone aged 14 or over. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did!

Hugh Corbett (Year 9)

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With a mind to avoid any suggestion of hubris, our moral purpose in education is a joyful investment in the future. Today's children will co-create the future society to which they belong. We aim to develop exceptional future citizens; change agents and thought leaders and feel sure that our future is in good hands. As Franklin D. Roosevelt said,

*We cannot always build a future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future.*

This year's student leaders have started the year well and we are seeing evidence of their collective voice and agency to enhance our community. Last Monday, we took the whole Year 6 cohort to the Halogen National Young Leaders Day in Darling Harbour. The very next day I received this unsolicited letter from one such remarkable young lady and with her permission, we include it in this edition of Pin Oak so that you can see the calibre of her values and

Dear Mrs Lind,

Thank you so much for organising National Young Leaders Day for Year 6. We all took away so much from the experience. It reminded us how lucky we are. We saw pictures and videos of less fortunate people in other countries struggling. They have to walk three kilometres to get food and water and walk long distances to get to school. Yet these people don't give up. They keep going. They are extremely grateful for what they have and live with and they are smiling and laughing. We were touched to learn about a man from the Cotton On Foundation who visited a country which the Cotton On Foundation is helping. He met a little boy and visited the school he went to. The children were on the ground learning with holes in the roof and it was raining, bucketing down. They were sitting

# JUNIOR SCHOOL









There was a moment of silence, John's face was neutral yet he was grinding his teeth like he was holding something back from me. John turned and looked at the defeat in my eyes.

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As the dry, long time drifts by, silence had settled in the car and I was now used to it. As my mind plunges

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A week has now passed since the murder of 50 people in a mosque in Christchurch. How do we talk to our children about this? How much information or detail should we give them? And how do we respond to perhaps the toughest question of all –why did this happen? Whilst our answers to these questions depends upon a child's age and their stage of development, remaining ignorant of the event is often not possible, even if it is desirable. There is plenty of 'expert' advice to parents available on the internet about how to talk to young people about such tragedies, but essentially the message from child psychologists is quite consistent: give them the information that they ask

## The Sustainable Development Goals –

### Project Everest

On Friday 15 March, Jack Bennett from 'Project Everest Ventures', visited Oxley College to speak to the Year 10 Geography students about his experiences while working in developing countries such as Kiribati, Uganda, Timor L'este and Cambodia.

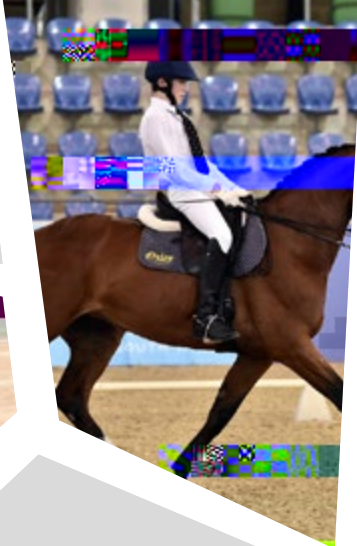
Jack introduced his presentation by speaking about charitable aid, then explained how organisations such as Project Everest use an alternative approach by

# SPORT NEWS

2018/19 ISA Oxley 1st cricket season



# GALLERY



# MARCH/APRIL CALENDAR

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# NEWSFLASH

## SHAPE 2018



### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Last Sunday the Oxley Mountain Bike team competed at The Willo, an event held in Wingello State Forest in memory of James Williamson, a world champion mountain biker from the Southern Highlands who died tragically in 2010 at the age of 26. Riders chose from four distances: 66km, 44km, 22km or 13km. Dry conditions made for fast racing, but plenty of dust in the eyes and lungs! The Willo is a huge event with more than 500 riders, attracting many of the top mountain bikers in Australia, such as Dan and Bec McConnell, who have represented Australia at the last three Olympic and Commonwealth Games. The event is held in memory of James Williamson, a world champion mountain biker from the Southern Highlands who died tragically in 2010 at the age of 26. Riders chose from four distances: 66km, 44km, 22km or 13km. Dry conditions made for fast racing, but plenty of dust in the eyes and lungs! The Willo is a huge event with more than 500 riders, attracting many of the top mountain bikers in Australia, such as Dan and Bec McConnell, who have represented Australia at the last three Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

Attention Musicians in Years 5 to 8. The HICES Music Festival has just opened for applications. This is a four day music camp held in August at the HICES Music Centre. Musicians can choose to play in an ensemble to choose from so if you like playing in a concert band, a string group, or a choir you are welcome to try out.

Also, Jazz musicians in Years 9 to 12 are invited to apply for the HICES JAZZ Academy, held at the HICES Music Centre on 19-21 April 2019. The HICES Music Festival has just opened for applications. This is a four day music camp held in August at the HICES Music Centre. Musicians can choose to play in an ensemble to choose from so if you like playing in a concert band, a string group, or a choir you are welcome to try out.

Wednesday 20 March, marked the beginning of another exciting season of mock trial for a keen group of Oxley legal enthusiasts. After preparing our case for several weeks – the Defence side of a break, enter and steal charge – we felt prepared to ‘battle it out’ against our friendly across-town rivals, Chev. We boarded our bus at 9.00 am, bursting with excitement. Soon we were in the midst of a complex trial involving an alleged theft of 50 PS4 games, a smashed window and vengeful former friends. Oxley’s witnesses withstood cross-examination competently, and our team (which consisted of several people trying out new roles for the first time – a witness, a prosecutor and brilliant barrister) were thrilled to come away with an acquittal for our client, and victory overall in regards to the scoring of the trial. We have learnt a lot about where we excelled, and where we can improve, and extend a huge thank-you to Ms Cox who has dedicated so many early mornings and lunchtimes to sharing her expertise, insight and encouragement with us! We look forward to the challenges of upcoming future rounds. By Ava Lambie (Year 10)