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## Acknowledgement of Country

The writers, editors, and designers of Oxley's Pin Oak begin this edition by acknowledging the Gundungurra people - the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we learn and work - and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples within the Oxley community.

## Message from the P & F

### Pin Oak Fair - Stall holders

The Pin Oak Fair is taking place on Saturday 4 November 2023 and we would like to offer our Oxley associated businesses first preference in securing a stall.

If you are a small business of the Highlands or a professional market stall holder and you'd like to have a stall at the Pin Oak Fair please email Sooz at [pinoakfair2023@gmail.com](mailto:pinoakfair2023@gmail.com)

We're looking for all types of businesses to take place in the 'Market Place' section of the fair.

### Oxley Equestrian Day

Oxley Equestrian Day will be held on the first Sunday back at school, 30 April, and we will be looking for volunteers to work both in the canteen and on the BBQ. We will also be calling out for donations of baked goods for that day. A sign up roster will be sent out in the second week of the holidays.

### Oxley College 40th Birthday Cocktail Party

With our 40th Birthday Cocktail Party being held on Saturday 20 May (don't forget to buy your tickets!) we are asking our Oxley families if you have any goods or services to be donated for a silent auction. Please send details through to me at [moorefamily21@bigpond.com](mailto:moorefamily21@bigpond.com). Money raised at this event will be going towards the Oxley College Foundation.

Wishing all our Oxley families a safe and relaxing holiday,

Megan Moore  
President, Oxley College Parents and Friends Association



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For our Junior School families, thank you for your overwhelming response to the survey around the possibility of introducing After School Care at the College. We have made the decision that this is a viable option for our community, and we have started advertising for a co-ordinator for this program. If you know anyone who is suitable, please encourage them to apply. We will begin this service as soon as a suitable person is found.

We continue to look for ways to support our performing arts program in the school. We are looking at slightly raising the cost of peripatetic lessons to allow us to enable 5-day a week support for this department. I do hope this assists families with their organisation. We are also considering how we could offer more lessons to students by freeing up space in the school. Further information on this will also follow



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Across Australia, NSW is not the first state to consider or commit to a complete ban on conversion therapy. In August 2020, both the ACT and Queensland banned the practice, with consequences of between one year and eighteen months in prison.

Victoria banned it in November of 2020, and when questioned about how the ban may be restrictive

Finally, I have had the idea to write about one of the most acclaimed trilogies in all gaming history. We all know about Assassins Creed, but, when you think about Assassins Creed, who comes to your mind? Brash Edward Kenway? Stout Connor? Strict Altair? No. When we think about what an Assassin is, only one comes to mind. The legend himself. Ezio Auditore Da Firenze.

I present... The Ezio Trilogy.

We begin with what many declare to be the greatest Assassins Creed game ever. Assassins Creed II puts you in the shoes of young Florentian noble Ezio Auditore Da Firenze.

The year is 1476, the Italian Renaissance. 17 year old Ezio Auditore is thrust into a secret war between two ancient enemies, Assassins and Templars. Ezio learns of his Assassin heritage after most of his family are hung in front of him.

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If you love Harry Potter, or perhaps you're a fan of Nevermoor, this book is definitely for you!

*The Grandest Bookshop in the World* is a gripping read by an Australian author Amelia Mellor, which is about the Book Arcade: a magical place of books, curiosity and wonder. The bookshop is run by Edward Cole - the creative mastermind who built it. However, an evil plot could destroy such a wonderful place...

Valley and Pearl Cole discover that their father - Mr Cole himself - has made a risky deal with the Obscurosmith. It will not only risk their amazing father, but it will bring great danger to the Book Arcade. In order to save it, they have to play a game: which is to face seven challenges before the time runs out...

This novel is full of adventure, fantasy and a few logic puzzles - and is something that will stoke the imagination, inspire the mind and make you never want to put it down!

On a rating scale I would give this book a 9/10.  
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Ruby Cochrane, Year 7









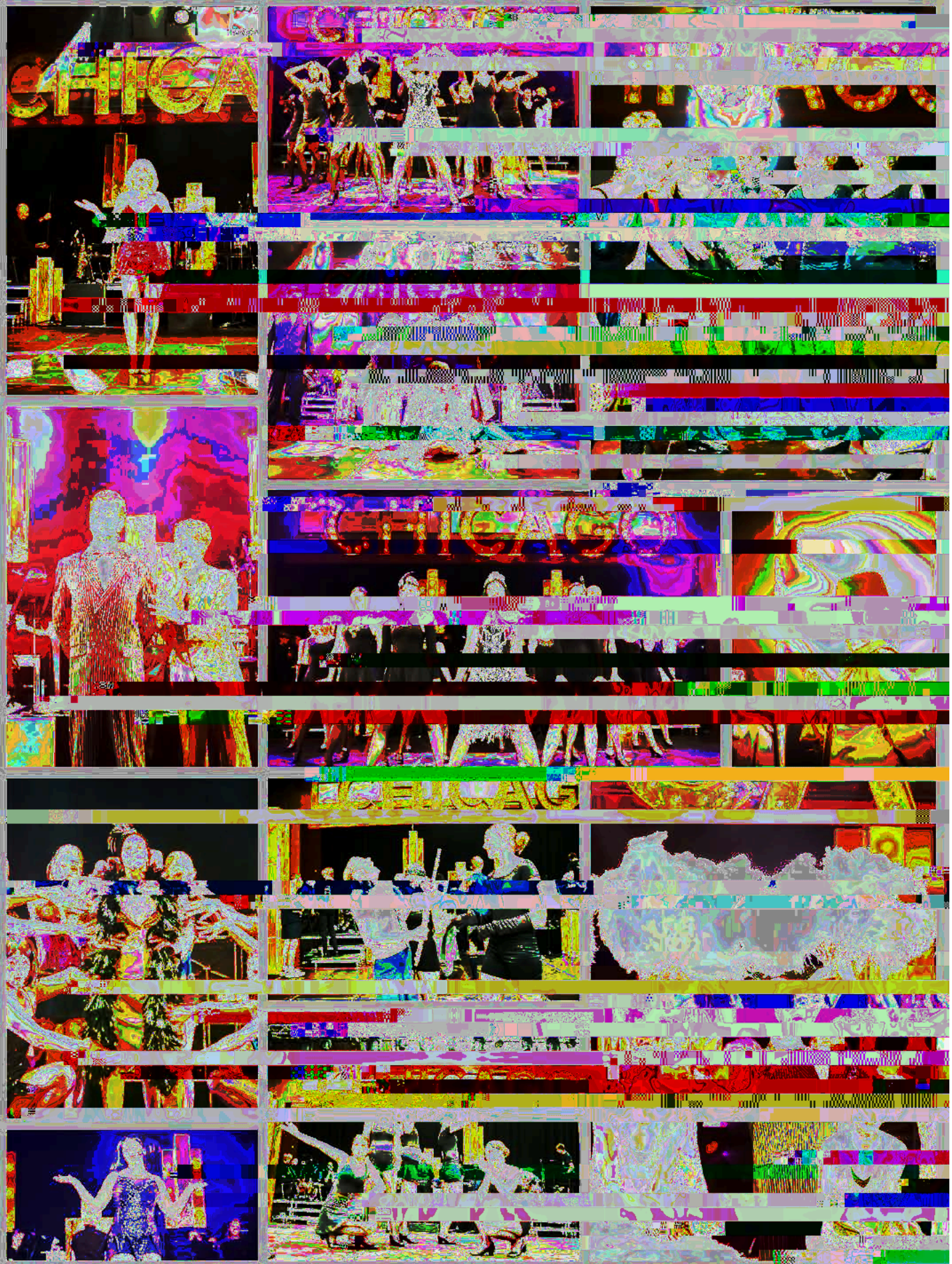
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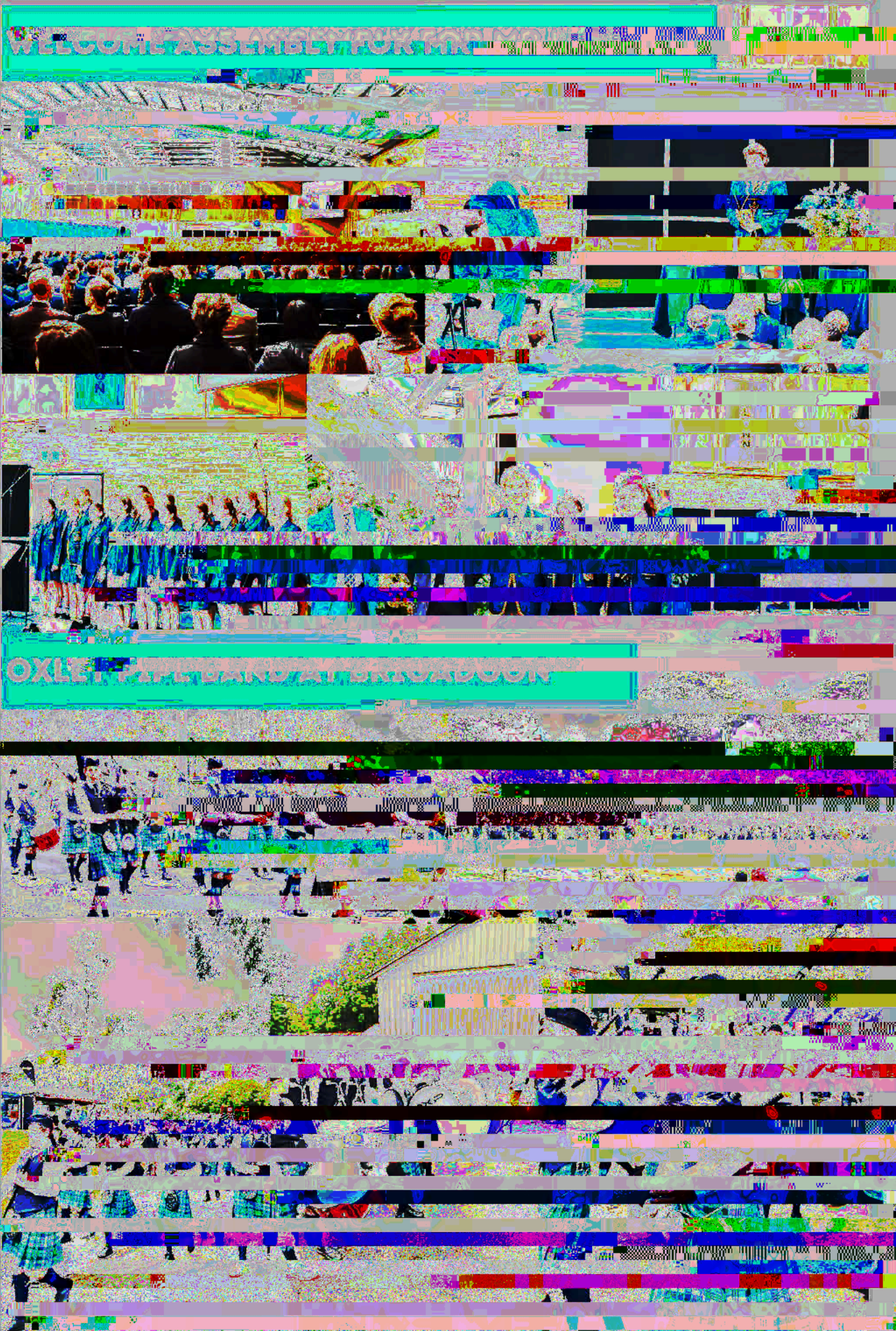






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The Oxley Mountain Bike team has had a busy summer! **Stanton** and coach M raced the Cross-Country State Championships in Nowra late last term and the National Championships in Thredbo early this term, with two separate disciplines at each event. Ms Stanton won three gold medals and one silver in the Masters' women's category and Harry achieved some very promising results in the very competitive Under 17 category (11th at State and 23rd at Nationals). They both also raced the Willo 60km marathon event in Nowra in March, winning their respective age categories, and are now training for Marathon Nationals in Wagga in May.

In Week 6 of this term, a team of Oxley students represented our school at Australia's largest Interschools MTB event in Thredbo, where thousands of school-aged students gathered to compete in cross country, pump track and three gravity events on the Flow, All-Mountain and Cannonball trails. There were more than 500 riders in the Year 9-10 category for the Flow event alone, so the competition was fierce! The weather

**Flow**