

ISSUE 10

Term 2, Week 10

2022

OAGS News

It's a date...

17-21 July

Yr 11 and 12 Snow Camp

1-3 July

Christmas Carnival of Colour Alpaca Show

4 July

OAGS plus commences for term break

Monday 18 July

STAFF return, no students

Tuesday 19 July

Term 3 commences

100 days of Kindergarten celebration

Wednesday 20 July

Amazing Me

25 – 26 July

Primary Futsal Championships



From the Headmaster...

What a term we have had here at Orange Anglican Grammar School. Our continued and sustained growth in student numbers, our capital works projects that continue to progress despite the challenging weather, and our various events and celebrations that have re-emerged steadily as the wave of COVID impacts have quietened. Our most recent of these events were the school discos held on the last Thursday of term. Our youngest students started the party early straight after school, with our secondary students wrapping up their party at 9pm. Well done Mr Macleay on a great evening of celebration to conclude the semester together.

I am delighted to announce that our much loved colleague Mrs Emma Hudson will make her return to OAGS in Semester 2 after taking time off for maternity leave. Mrs Hudson will be joining the Kindergarten team 1 day a week as she gradually returns to work. Welcome back Mrs Hudson. It won't be long before it's little Darcy's first day of Kindergarten?!

With every growing school comes the occasional growing pain. Many of you may have missed seeing Mrs Gabby Brand on the front desk recently as she has taken time off whilst on personal leave. During this time Mrs Brand has decided not to return to OAGS next semester. After serving our school as part of the Administration team for nearly 6 years, I'd like to thank Mrs Brand for her work and wish her well in her future endeavours. We will miss her personal warmth and bubbly personality on front desk that always brought a smile.



Likewise, Mrs Stacey Ellice will be concluding with us at OAGS this semester. After joining the team in 2015 in a part time capacity, it wasn't long before the School identified the value and potential that Mrs Ellice could bring to our team. In 2016 Mrs Ellice was appointed to Executive PA, working closely alongside the Executive Team and myself as Headmaster. Mrs Ellice has served in various roles throughout her tenure, but I have to acknowledge both personally and professionally that Mrs Ellice's significant contribution to the School over the last seven years has been an important contributing factor to its overall success. From website, newsletter and social media to managing human resources, Mrs Ellice has consistently gone above and beyond to support the school community. Whilst it is with sadness that we see Mrs Ellice farewell us in her professional capacity, we look forward to maintaining our connection with her and her family as a parent and friend of the school. We are confident that Mrs Ellice will continue to grow and contribute professionally to our Orange community in her new role as EA to the Department of Regional NSW. Congratulations Mrs Ellice on your new position!

I wish all families a safe and restful break. Please keep an eye on your inboxes for the Semester 1 student report and remember that the first day back for students is Tuesday July 19. Year 11 and 12 of course commence the term on Sunday July 17, but with a slightly different focus given that they're off to the Snow! We look forward to hearing of their adventures upon their return at the end of week 1.

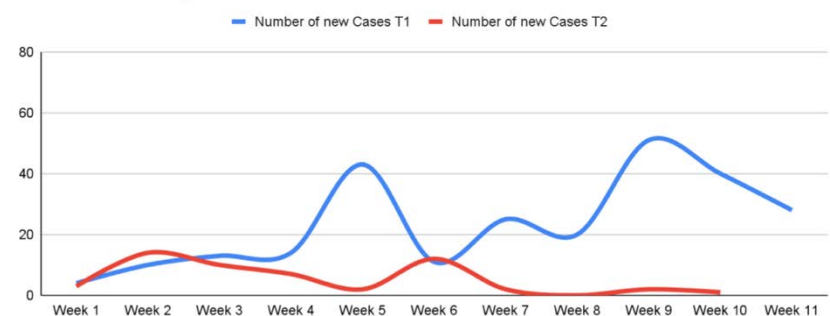
Rev Louis Stringer
Headmaster

Deputy Covid report

Thank you for your ongoing support with managing COVID in our community. All families and staff are reminded that *it is critical that all positive cases are recorded in a timely fashion by using [this form](#).*

The most recent updates to COVID guidelines for schools state that communication regarding COVID cases should be communicated to families as is most appropriate to the situation. Please see the school snapshot that depicts the current infection situation at OAGS in a graphical form. If particular student groups experience an infection rate that is significantly higher than the school as a whole, affected families will receive additional information that is relevant to them. I trust you find this information a useful tool to help give you insight this term.

Number of weekly new COVID cases



Families are likewise advised at this time to be mindful of the cold and influenza season that is now upon us. Some anecdotal evidence suggests that this winter may well see an increased incidence and families are advised to be particularly vigilant. As always, please keep your child at home if they have any cold/flu symptoms. With some Influenza A cases already amongst us, a careful eye to thorough hygiene practices is essential.

Primary School News

OAGS is blessed to have a passionate, dedicated and enthusiastic team of Primary School Teachers. On any given day, they can be seen encouraging curiosity, sparking interest in new areas of learning, providing reassurance, adding a bandaid to a sore knee, encouraging teamwork and collaboration, mediating a restorative conversation, finding a strategy that is “just right” for understanding a difficult concept, speaking with specialists, nurturing social skills, planning engaging lessons or cleaning a classroom. In fact, there is so much that teachers do on any given day that it would be easy to think of them as all-knowing and wise, somehow having attained a level of mastery unlike any other. However, did you know that our teachers are also learners? Life-long learners, in fact! Far from resting on the knowledge gained at university or from a colleague during their early teaching careers, our staff are regularly seeking professional development opportunities to grow their knowledge, add new skills and improve their teaching practice. Reading the latest research, devouring books on educational topics and scouring Pinterest for the latest classroom display or art idea are some ways that our Primary Team upskill. Teachers also engage in a variety of professional development opportunities. So far this year, the learning opportunities approved for our Primary staff have included:

- The Seven Steps to Writing Success Course
- Strategies for New Leaders Workshop
- Middle Leaders Workshop
- Reading Comprehension K-2 Course
- Domestic Violence Alert Workshop
- Supporting Autistic Students Workshop
- Practical Behaviour Management
- Understanding Autism Disorder Workshop
- Implementation of the New K-2 Mathematics Syllabus Course
- Mental Health Diagnosis in Children Conference
- Supporting Children's Friendships with Social and Emotional Competencies Workshop
- Managing Challenging Behaviours Course

Thankfully, the Primary staff are acutely aware that learning never stops. We can never possibly know “everything”. We can always grow and improve. But for now, it is time to rest. Time to take a break from the daily routines of school life. I wish your family a relaxing holiday break and I look forward to the many opportunities for learning that lay ahead in Semester 2.

Mrs Jessica Willis
Director of Primary

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Rugby League is back at OAGS

Orange Anglican Grammar School has improved on last year's performance at this year's Small Schools Rugby League Carnival held at Apex Oval Dubbo. The footy was very fast and physical and our boys matched it and played well especially in the under 16's who finished third overall with a draw, two losses and a convincing win.



The Under 14 competition was made up of talented teams travelling from De La Salle Lithgow, Narromine High School, Gilgandra High School and Macquarie Anglican Grammar School. Despite their never say die attitude the OAGS Under 14's team were unable to secure a win. Still, there were lots of positives and areas of growth throughout the day. Player's Player Ben Polley was strong in defence at Fullback leading an impressive tackle count. Leading point scorer was Prop Flynn Baker who broke the line on many occasions with long runs to cross the tryline. Coaches award and Lock Alex Trott made many elusive and effective runs backing up teammates in support despite coming back from illness. Prop Talambe Thompson and Halfback Kyran O'Donnell were two of OAGS



best and unfortunately targeted being on the receiving end of some physical defence. Captain and Lock Ryan Brooking led his fellow year 7 forwards Prop Alex Jarrett and Hooker Angus Griffith around the field well. A late boost to the day was Prop Josh Wheeler who was damaging to the defence with every hit up. Five Eighth Nick Irwin set the platform for his speedy Centres Orson Petty and Jack Thompson to attack the line. Wingers Blake Gleeson and Luke Brown were tidy at the back and returned many kicks eating up the metres.

I'm not sure if it was the ACDC blasting in the dressing sheds before running out or the Blue Powerade but the Under 16's put on a strong performance throughout the day. Their first game was against Gilgandra High where they came back to draw 8 all thanks to a 90m intercept try to the flashy Halfback Isaac Clarke. Lock Mitch Molloy and Centre Lachlan Thompson defended well in this game. The OAGS Under 16's team were threatening early in their next game against the overall winners of the competition Narromine High and were leading 6 nil before eventually going down 18:12. Captain, Players Player and Five Eight Hamish Ingham was key for the Under 16s success throughout the day with some crushing tackles and good line speed. Prop's Ethan Williamson and Donovan Hansell also defended well putting their body on the



line on many occasions. Props Luke Reed and Mikey Berndt were productive through the middle, getting the team into a good position to score throughout the day. Most impressive in attack was Lock Sean Antonio aka the metre eatery who ran bravely straight through the forward pack earning himself the Coaches Award for his efforts. Speedy tries to Winger James Bannister who ended up with a double for the day alongside the highest point scorer Hooker Andrew Ingham who also scored two tries throughout the day. Outside backs Centres Brodie Wilson and Harry Brown had pace to burn along with Fullback Marley Ash who handled the pressure well using their natural speed to their advantage chasing down defenders

and burning the opposition on the outside.

All of the boys showed sportsmanship to each other and the opposition throughout the day. The Under 16's Wellington High Coach and players mentioned how respectful and fair the OAGS boys were compared to the other schools they played at the end of their narrow 26:18 loss. Wellington went on to get a group photo and arrange a second friendly game in the near future. The OAGS Under 16's team had a big win against Macquarie Anglican Grammar School 32:4 showing the OAGS team's potential. I was very impressed with the skills and the maturity the OAGS boys showed both on and off the field. A big thank you to Jack Gordon and Broghan O'Donnell for helping out by running the water and keeping everyone hydrated on the day and Mr Jarrett for his assistance.

Year 9 Camp - Somerset on the Colo River

Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre was the venue for this year's Year 9 Camp. Somerset offers a unique blend of learning experiences, outdoor facilities and activities delivered in a professionally managed outdoor education programme. The experience of tent camping and the opportunity for students to engage with their natural surroundings and spirit of adventure is a valuable one. The support of the Camp Leaders was outstanding. It empowered students to develop leadership skills and work as a team appreciating the value of friendships and extending students' physical and emotional capabilities, while enhancing self-confidence and self-reliance. The programme also recognises the importance of 'down time' and Students are given time to relax and consider the positives and not-so-positives around the campfire at the end of each day- both at a personal and group level. It's a well-known fact that the way to a teenagers heart is through their stomach, so food at camp is a major component! The importance of keeping students energised and satisfied is crucial to a good camp experience. Groups are involved in all areas of a meal from preparation to cooking to clean-up. The feedback we received from the students highlighted the long term benefits that reaching out of their comfort zones and embarking on positive risk taking initiatives can have and are crucial to their development as they emerge from adolescence to adulthood.

Mr Macleay - Year 9 Camp Coordinator

Early Learning

It has been a fun and busy end to the school term in Prep and Kindergarten. Prep Piccolo's connected with the International School of Fiji, to share with them our learning about How We Express Ourselves. We sang a song and performed a shared reading of the text *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. The children from Fiji, share with us different ways to tell stories, using a storyboard, puppets and song.

Kindergarten and Prep were both enchanted by the storytelling skills of Ms Lydia, who visited us on Tuesday last week. Ms Lydia is a local oral storyteller who sources most of her stories from folk tales collected from all over the world. Stories, she says, that have stood the test of time, have interesting themes and hold great appeal for children. Which as you can see by the photos they enjoyed the tales.

We ended the term by inviting families into the classroom to share our learning. Kindergarten students, in addition to their work samples and wonderful art works, shared their recent learning about the design process, designing dragon boats and chairs for teddy bears. In Prep, our recent learning has been about the many different ways we can express ourselves creatively. Prep students have explored drama, through shared stories such as *The Three little Pigs*, *Where is the Green Sheep?* and *Handa's Surprise*. We have explored music and movement and created lots of different artworks using clay, printing, painting, pastels and natural materials.



We wish you all a wonderful, safe and healthy break.
The Early Learning Team.

Stage 2 Sport - Term 2

Throughout this term, Stage 2 has enjoyed developing skills in a variety of sports. While Year 3 have been off to the Orange Aquatic Centre each Wednesday to develop their swimming skills, Year 4 have tried their hand at a couple of team sports, with these sports being relatively new to many students.

Playing cricket and netball has seen students participating in warm ups, drills, fun short games and modified games of cricket and netball that have developed students' skills in running, cooperative passing, tagging, bowling, throwing and catching, hitting, running and fielding, defence / attack and goal shooting, along with being aware of others, space finding, looking a step ahead and general agility.

Naturally, students have also been enriching their appreciation of what it means to show good sportsmanship, supporting and encouraging each other as they just have fun keeping physically active during the colder months of the year.



Stage 2 Excursion to Resource Recovery Centres



In week 8, Stage 2 embarked on an excursion to Ophir Road and Molong to learn more about waste management practices and where our rubbish actually goes, as a part of our Geography unit 'World of Waste.'

Students departed OAGS in two groups, headed first for Ophir Road Resource Recovery Centre. As we entered the centre, students were amazed at how organised it was, and the vast scale of all of the rubbish being sorted. Students were escorted around Ophir Road by a local council representative, who detailed how what goes into our red bins ends up being compacted into 1000kg bales that get wrapped in plastic and later transported to Molong to get buried in the ground. Students observed these landfill bales being made, and were astonished to see how many recyclable objects had been put into the incorrect bin, and therefore were being put into landfill and not recycled.

After Ophir Road, students travelled to Molong Waste Facility in order to see where our food scraps go and how the landfill bales get buried. Students were able to walk inside a green waste chamber, and observe compost being made. They were amazed that the heat inside the room was radiating off the compost!

At the large landfill area, in which expansive holes are dug into the ground to be filled with plastic wrapped landfill bales, students were shocked at the sheer amount of rubbish that residents in Orange and Molong could produce.



From this excursion, students further cemented the importance of ensuring we are minimising our footprint on the environment through thoughtful waste management practices.

Stage 2 team

NSW Netball School Cup - Primary Girls Team.



On Wednesday 15th July, the primary girls netball side travelled to Dubbo to compete in the NSW Netball Schools Cup. The day began with an early morning rise in 2 degree temperatures, a short bus ride and 11 primary school girls singing many of our favourite bus songs on the way to Dubbo. We arrived safely in Dubbo to a glorious 15 degrees which saw us delayering and applying the sun screen. The girls played 6 amazing games throughout the day, each player listening to feedback, cheering on their teammates and showing all round good sportsmanship. We had some tight games throughout the day winning 3 of our round matches. The girls progressed into the 4th place playoffs. In the play off round we versed St Laurences to which the girls played an amazing game coming off with a 5 - 1 win! At the end of the day we had 11 tired players and a happy bus driver on the way home

who again took it in his stride and listened to the lovely bus tunes the whole ride home! Well done to all the girls who played on the day, taking such pride in their school colours and a brilliant attitude to match.

Results:

- Game 1: OAGS vs St Johns Red: 3 - 19
- Game 2: OAGS vs St Mary's 5's: 9 - 0
- Game 3: OAGS vs St Pius 5's: 12 - 0
- Game 4: OAGS vs Dubbo West: 4 - 3
- Game 5: OAGS vs Trangie: 7 - 10
- 4th Place play offs: OAGS vs St Laurences: 5 - 1.

Mrs Erin Purvis
NSW Primary Schools Cup Coordinator



CAPA Winter Concert

On Tuesday evening many of the ensembles that meet regularly at OAGS had a chance to shine under the spotlight in our annual Winter Concert. Choirs, Concert bands, Rock Bands, Small Ensembles and even Class Groups put on an entertaining night showcasing a wide variety of musical styles. We also had a sneak preview of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* with a number from the show that is currently in rehearsal.

Thank you to all the staff and tutors who were involved and a huge thank you to all of the dedicated, talented students we are blessed to have at OAGS.



Drama News

Over the past few weeks, Drama students have been exploring a variety of theatrical styles that use masks. Students have used Neutral Masks to train their bodies in the art of expressing themselves without the assistance of their face. Year 11 students have directed, designed and acted in Matt Cameron's play "Ruby Moon" with some exceptional set and costume designs being produced.

Last week, all Drama students attended a workshop by The Bell Shakespeare Company. The students represented their school with pride and were confident and skilled in their performing and collaborating. On Friday night, Drama students will be attending "A Comedy of Errors" by The Bell Shakespeare Company. It will be the Australian premier of this production and is sure to be an incredible success.



High School Mountain Bike Training

Over the weekend our two high school teams that were set for our first Interschools race had to deviate their plans and instead of racing spent a few hours on Saturday training for upcoming races.

Our two teams were set for a 4 hour relay XC race down in Yellowmunde near Richmond however, very disappointingly the race was cancelled at late notice. So an opportunity arose for some local riding and training. Mr Doyle and Mr Esson spent the morning taking the boys up and down the back of our amazing local trails so the teams could enjoy riding together and sussing out each other's riding ability.

We look forward to more training days as we lead into some upcoming events in August and November.
Mr Esson and Mr Doyle



da Vinci Decathlon

On Wednesday the 23rd and Thursday 24th March, the OAGS LEAP students, and a collection of others who kindly volunteered their time, competed in the 2022 da Vinci Decathlon. The students participated in a remote competition run by Canberra Grammar School, against schools from all over NSW and the ACT. In teams of seven or eight, they competed in a range of challenges across 10 disciplines, designed to stimulate the teenage mind: Engineering, Mathematics, Code Breaking, Art and Poetry, Science, English, Ideation, Creative Producers, Cartography and Legacy.

The OAGS students enjoyed enormous success across a range of different challenges, which is testament to their talent, tenacity and inquiring minds; the Year 8 team were successful in taking out third place overall. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's da Vinci Decathlon. You should be very proud of both your efforts and success.

Teams

Year 7- Gregory Finlay, Charlotte Johnstone, Cameron McLean, Rohan Mittal, Ryder Kennedy, Maxwell Rimmer, Zoe Seckold, Zara Singh

Year 8- Jacqueline Baines, Bethany Baker, Thomas Christian, Blake Gleeson, Mykayla Hazelton, Imogen Johnston, Scarlett Petty

Year 9- Elise Cantril, Sabrina Mackay, Jonathan Pottie, Mia Singh, Noah Smith, Isla Stringer, Sarah Whittingham

Year 10- Archie Casey, Oliver Inman, Rebecca Kemp, Luke Reed, Charlotte Roach, Isabella Turk, Will Whittingham, Keegan Willis

Results

Yr 7- 2nd- Art & Poetry	Yr 8- 3rd- Creative Producers 3rd Art & Poetry 3rd- Overall
Yr 9- 1st- Science 1st- Art & Poetry 3rd- Legacy	Yr 10- 1st- Ideation 3rd- Legacy



Mrs Alice Mulligan
LEAP Coordinator, English/HSIE Teacher

da Vinci Decathlon

Its been a long wait but the Agricultural Centre of Excellence is nearly there and thanks to some very generous donations by parents and the community it will be one of the best agricultural educational facilities in the country. This week saw the completion of the livestock handling facility, and a few of our students checking out just where their names are going in the Centre.

Pictured here are Laila, Langdon and Lena Buckland with the curved race very generously donated by PJJ limited and the Wright family Thomas, Patricka and Madison with the sliding gates and panels sponsored by Cafe Latte and the Wright family.

To find out more about getting your family or business name on a panel please click on the following link [ACE Sponsorship](#) explaining how to participate. All donations are tax deductible and businesses will be widely promoted in the Centre as it is used for both school and community events such as Agricultural field days.



Mrs Sarah Eyb
Agricultural Centre of Excellence Coordinator



Volunteers Needed

The Charlie and the Chocolate Factory team are in need of volunteers to assist with costumes, set and prop making, and set and prop painting. If you are willing and able to offer some time please complete [this form](#). High school students are also welcome to volunteer with parent's permission.

Mr Kyle Palmer
Musical Producer



Term 2 sport has been huge this year! Cross Country, Futsal, Netball, Soccer, Rugby League and all of our co-curricular sports; it has been a jam packed term with huge achievements by all. Term 3 is looking just as busy with WAS and HICES Athletics, State Futsal and more Rugby. Term 3 Wednesday Sport information has gone out to families this week and looks to be a great program for all students from Kindergarten through to Year 10.

In Week 8, this term the Under 15 1st Netball team had a very busy week, playing over 10 games throughout the week. On Wednesday 15th June it was a super early start for the team as we travelled to Sydney to play in the AICES School Cup. It was the first time in many years that OAGS had competed in this Cup and it was a great experience. The competition was strong and our girls really held their own against the Sydney schools. They finished the day off coming fourth in their division. Awesome work Leah Phiri, Elyse Stringer, Luci Moller, Josie Fuller, Isla Stringer, Lucy Martin, Scarlett Petty, Macey Paul and Darcy Speers.





On Thursday 16th the U15 1st team was then joined by the OAGS Boys Netball team to attend the Western All Schools Competition in Dubbo. It was the first time OAGS had had a boys netball team and they really shone on the day. The Boy's team went through the round robin competition only dropping one game, allowing them to progress to the finals on the day. Going down by 3 goals in the final, the boys showed amazing talent, skill and determination. Well done Nate Lee, Will Whittingham, Keegan Willis, Luke Brown, Will Cooney, Tom Horan and Oli Molloy.

Not to be outdone by the Boy's netball, the 1st team showed how strong they are winning every game except for one in the round games. The girls demonstrated how much they have grown as a team and played beautifully all day. Similar to the boys, the girls went down in the finals, however they held their own against a strong St Matthews team. For some of the girls they were playing against opposition 3 years older than them which is a phenomenal achievement; netball at OAGS is looking bright! A huge thank you to Maddie Squire and Sarah Whittingham for umpiring on the day, their help meant the day could go ahead.



Orange Anglican Grammar School Presents



2nd & 3rd September 2022

Orange Civic Theatre

Tickets on sale from the 1st of August 2022


You are invited to

Primary Chapel

We would love parents and carers to join us for chapels so that you can share in the fun learning we have each week.

Prep-Stage 1 - Monday 12:55-1:20pm
Stages 2 and 3 - Tuesday 12:55-1:20pm

Please sign in at the office before joining us in the Media Centre



The Life Course is a relaxed environment to explore life with Jesus, ask your questions, investigate the claims of the Bible, and share your point of view.

Enjoy friendly, genuine conversation with a group of people who are looking for truth, just like you.

Orange Evangelical Church will be kicking off The Life Course on August 1st & running for 5 weeks.

Whether you're just checking it out, brand new to Christianity, or finding your way back to church, you're invited to try Life for yourself!



Dear OAGS Parents,

Its time to order the Orange Anglican Grammar School Uniform.

Fittings are compulsory for all Transition students, Kindergarten, Year 7 and 8
If you do not do a fitting the correct sizes may not be available

Five Simple Steps

1. Call now and make an appointment
2. We will assist with fittings
3. Place and secure your order with a deposit
4. Pay progressively (This is optional but preferred)
5. Final payment and pick up December 2022 /January 2023

To ensure availability of correct sizing, orders must be placed during the fitting period.

Fitting will commence **Tuesday 26th April 2022** and will continue until **Friday 22nd July 2022**

And will be by **Appointment Only**

To book in please phone: **6361 1512**

During shop hours

Monday to Friday 8:30-5pm, Saturday 9-12pm

Orange Clothing Company

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NSW 2800

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TIPS TO HELP REDUCE SCREEN TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Establish rules and routines

Start by encouraging no screens at meal times or in the bedroom.



Break up and limit screen time

Try setting a timer for 20-30 minutes (give a 5 minute warning before time is up).



Work towards screen-free days

Start by replacing just half an hour of screen time with activities you can do as a family.



Break the habit out of the home

When going out, consider taking toys and books instead of screens.



Be a role model

Demonstrating positive habits can influence the whole family's relationship to screens.

Adapted from NSW Health Healthy Living page. For more information, visit:
<https://www.healthyliving.nsw.gov.au/Pages/screen-time.aspx>

This resource was developed by the Western NSW Local Health District



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