

ISSUE 11

Term 3, Week 2

2022

# OAGS News

## It's a date...

3 August

TASC Choral Festival

6 August

Winter Wonderland Alpaca show

6 August

Big Night In

9-10 August

Interschool Chess Championship

11 July

Orange Eisteddfod

DANCE

12 July

Orange Eisteddfod

DRAMA



## From the Deputy Headmaster...

Good things come to those who wait!

After 2 years of Covid-cancellations, the Yr 11 and 12 Students of OAGS finally ventured back to the Snow! While normally a camp reserved for Yr 11, this year we were able to take Yr 12 as well given that they missed out in 2021. And, what a week it turned out to be! After a bumper start to the season with early snow falls in the month of May seeing



the ski resorts open early, the conditions remained steady through June. OAGS couldn't have timed their trip better with fresh snow falling overnight on the Sunday before clearing on the Monday to produce a winter spectacular of deep snow cover combined with sunny blue skies. After a smooth trip down on the Sunday afternoon, our students were ready to get straight into their 3-hour lessons to develop their skills. With around two thirds opting for the more challenging snowboarding option there were many a tumble and a laugh as skills were developed under the expert eye of the Perisher instructors. Perseverance is key with snowboarding and it wasn't too long before most of the students were able to link some turns together and venture out on the beginner slopes to continue their improvement.



Meanwhile the skiers were likewise developing their turns and stopping technique and within a few hours, our front runners were learning to use the ski lifts at Blue Cow and master the green runs. The afternoon was spent slipping, sliding, skiing and boarding around Blue Cow with many stories of adventure being shared that afternoon on the ski-tube back down the mountain and then into the evening over dinner. We were lucky to stay at the Adventist Alpine Lodge in Jindabyne where we ate like kings and slept in the warmth and comfort of our lodgings. By the end of day two, having now had 6 hours of expert instruction and two full days on the snow it was marvellous to see many of our students tackling the slopes with ease and enjoying the challenge of a new found interest. To conclude the day, almost half of the group took on the challenge of skiing/boarding from Blue Cow to Perisher - some with greater success than others!

Following on from our two days on-snow we journeyed back to Canberra where the students enjoyed some 'retail therapy' time in the CBD before eating out on the Wednesday night. On the Wednesday afternoon and then again on Thursday morning we enjoyed personalised tours of various tertiary institutions including The Australian Catholic University, The University of NSW (ADFA Campus) and the University of Canberra. Our students came away motivated and impressed with the facilities and opportunities that these institutions provide for post-school education.

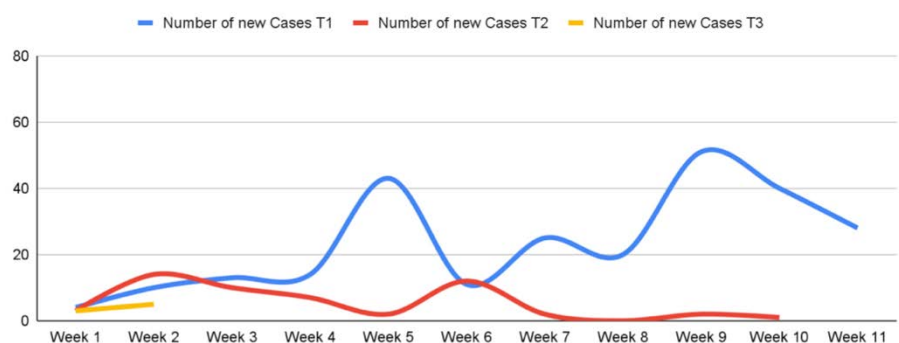
I'd like to thank Mrs Dominique Hutchinson , Mrs Amanda Jewell and Mr Tim Brown for their efforts on this camp. While a trip to the snow sounds very glamorous, it is quite an undertaking to organise 54 teenagers in such an environment, but these teachers made the task look easy. Well done! If you'd like to see a short video of the trip, you may do so [here](#).

I trust you enjoy reading through the rest of this newsletter as it highlights the many activities and opportunities that have already been undertaken by the school community this term. It is fabulous to see all of our students back for Semester 2, as well as the 13 new students who have joined us this term. To our new families and friends, I offer my warm welcome to our school. May you settle in quickly and easily to our OAGS Community. Welcome to Term 3!

## Deputy Covid report

Thank you for your ongoing support with managing COVID in our community. It is particularly pleasing to see that our collective efforts continue to see an ever improving situation for our school. As can be seen

Number of weekly new COVID cases



in this graphical, each successive term tracked better than the last over time and we have now had a sustained period of very few, and at times zero new cases. 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. Additionally, you should now have received another 2 boxes of RAHT kits sent home with your child/ren. If you have not received your kits, please make contact with the Admin team.

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.

Mr Scott Hazelton  
Deputy Headmaster

### URGENT TRAFFIC REQUEST

Our School is growing and this is being felt in the traffic lines of an afternoon. Please, wherever possible, avoid queuing for 'Greet n Go' and instead, park your car and personally collect your child. Parents can come into the school to collect their child, or simply meet them at the pedestrian crossing (Primary aged). Secondary students can come to your car by using the crossing. Parking and collecting provides a fast moving traffic line that clears very quickly. Thank you kindly for your assistance.



## Secondary School News

### *Welcoming Mrs Wendy Campbell*

At the start of this term we welcomed Wendy Campbell to the school. Wendy joins OAGS with significant experience across many years of teaching in the English/HSIE department. She is an experienced HSC teacher and has worked with students to achieve strong results in a range of subjects. Whilst most of her day will be in the classroom working with our students, advancing their learning she will also provide leadership of the faculty area too as the Acting Faculty Coordinator. I took a few moments earlier this week out of Mrs Campbell's busy Monday afternoon, to get to know her better, and hear how she is settling in.





*How long have you been teaching English/HSIE?*

I have been teaching English and HSIE for over 21 years. During this time I have taught Standard, Advanced and Extension English at the HSC Level, as well as Modern, Ancient and Extension History. In addition, I have taught Stages 4 and 5 English, History and Geography.

*What do you love about teaching English?*

Teaching English allows students to experience and reflect upon their worlds through the texts that they study. A study of English can teach students how to have a voice and how to best express themselves for a variety of purposes and audiences - words are powerful when wielded thoughtfully. Through the study of various texts of increasing complexity, English can help students to tap into the beauty of the everyday and come to a greater understanding of what it is to be human.



*What has impressed you in your first week at Orange Anglican Grammar?*

I have been very impressed with the collegiality, friendliness and professionalism I have experienced within the English/HSIE Faculty. Everyone has been so willing to help this newbie settle in and learn the new systems and procedures required to allow me to do my job properly!

The students at OAGS are polite, respectful, helpful and very welcoming also. The absence of bells (such a change for me!) allows for a calmer

atmosphere and more personal responsibility for students - I have been impressed by how they arrive to class on time without the need to be told to move off. Smaller class sizes mean greater attention can be paid to individual learning needs and more time can be devoted to deeper investigation of subject matter.

I am also very impressed with the beauty of the grounds and the facilities on offer. It is an exciting time for OAGS as it expands to welcome more students in the coming years and I'm excited to be part of that growth.

*What are you most looking forward to in Semester 2?*

I am looking forward to continuing the great work begun by Victoria Munro in First Semester. Together with the other members of our Faculty, I am confident that we will continue to revise and produce quality teaching and learning programmes and assessments across all our subjects; ones that our students will find authentic, meaningful, enjoyable but challenging, as well as interesting and useful to their future selves. I look forward also to continuing to work in partnership with our students and their families to produce high quality educational outcomes.

## Secondary Honour Roll

Celebrating student achievement both inside and outside of the classroom is an important part of student growth. Recognizing student achievement helps to create a positive school culture where students feel valued.

For those unfamiliar with Secondary School, the Honour Roll system is one important way that student growth is celebrated. There are 4 strands of recognition in the Honour Roll system reflecting the value of growth in different areas of life. These strands are: Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Service. As students accumulate recognitions in those 4 strands of achievement they become eligible for attaining their Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Awards. The presentation of these awards is done during Secondary Assembly and students are presented with a lapel pin that is worn on their OAGS blazer (which is affectionately known at school as “blazer bling”).



Congratulations to the students who have recently reached this level of achievement.

Years 7 to 9		
<b>Bronze</b> Oliver Hyde Macey Paul Ethan Petschel Scarlett Petty Emily Strahan Mitchell Wheeler	<b>Silver</b> Jacqui Baines Sabrina Mackay Jonathan Pottie	<b>Gold</b> Imogen Johnston Rebecca Kemp Bridgit Watts
Years 10 to 12		
<b>Bronze</b> Ailis Dwyer Thapelo Nare Millia Polley Grace Stringer Oliver Thompson	<b>Silver</b> Anna Pottie Ella Stringer Amelia Wirth	

Mr Tim Brown  
Director of Secondary

## Primary Pastoral Care Amazing Me

Last week, Stage 3 students and their parents/carers enjoyed a unique learning experience as they listened to Rowena Thomas from 'Amazing Me' share invaluable information about puberty and making babies. Her warmth, wisdom and humour were greatly appreciated as we delved into this important but sometimes awkward conversation. We are proud of our students (and parents!) for coming along and engaging wholeheartedly in this learning opportunity. The beautiful hum of warm conversations



in the room was evidence of how successful this new initiative is and we look forward to repeating it for future students in this age group.

### 7 Habits for Happy Kids

It has been so exciting to see many of our students (and staff!) starting to adopt the language and mindset of the first three habits from *7 Habits for Happy Kids* which focus on developing independence. So, we're excited to embark on the next stage of the journey this term in which we will learn the following three habits which focus on interdependence. The 4th Habit was presented to students at Assembly today.

#### Habit 4: Think Win Win (Everyone Can Win)

This habit helps students to examine the different ways in which people typically interact: Win/Lose, Lose/Win, Lose/Lose and Win/Win. After examining these options students will realise the potential that we can come away from interactions with others where we both feel like we have 'won'. When there is high trust (when people's 'Emotional Bank Accounts' are high) and when we recognise 'winning' can look different to different people, finding a Win/Win solution is often possible. Also key to being successful in Win/Win interactions is adopting an abundance mentality, which recognises that in many instances (especially with non-material elements) there is plenty for everyone.

Please join us on this journey by chatting with your child(ren) about their learning of these habits. If you have any questions or comments, I'm only too happy to chat them through with you.

Mrs Kate Bracks  
Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator

### 100 Days of Kindergarten

The first day back of Term Three marked our 100th day of Kindergarten. To celebrate this momentous occasion, the Kindergarten students and teachers enjoyed a day of activities centred around the number 100. We made special necklaces with 100 beads, we decorated biscuits with 100s and 1000s and we made pictures using the number 100. The highlight of the day was having students and teachers dress as 100 year olds.







## Head of Sport Report

Term 3 is the term where our Track and Field athletes have their opportunity to shine. WAS and HICES Athletics Carnivals are coming up in August and if successful students can progress onto AICES ( Secondary) and CIS ( both Primary and Secondary) carnivals in September! Notes have been sent out to all those who have qualified, inviting them to represent OAGS at the next level of progression. This year our Track and Field athletes have another chance to showcase their talents with the State Primary Schools Carnival being run by Little A's and the NSW All Schools Secondary Athletics Carnival opening their nominations to anyone who meets their requirements, information about these events have been sent to representative Track and Field families.

While we may be in the thick of winter at the moment, the Sports Team are busy getting ready for Summer sport to begin in Term 4. This season the sport opportunities available to OAGS students will be Basketball, Touch, Triathlon and Tennis (for Secondary students). A note will be sent out at the end of Week 3 which will have all of the information regarding nomination, payments and uniforms. It is very important that once you are selected in a team that you order the uniform as soon as possible so that it can arrive on time. We have ironed out a number of issues with the webshop recently and uniforms should have a 3 week turnaround from ordering to being delivered at the school.

Something new that we have introduced this year is the ability for external players to play in OAGS teams. By allowing external players to be in our co-curricular teams we are ensuring that we have teams that will always have enough players as well as increasing the depth of abilities. It should be noted that all OAGS students will have preference to be in a co-curricular team if there is space available. If you know of someone who might be interested in this new opportunity to play with OAGS please tell them to contact us using [sports@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sports@oags.nsw.edu.au) to request an External Player Application Form.

Wednesday sport in Term 3 seeing our students heading all over Orange to experience a wonderful array of activities. Kindergarten are learning Self Defence with Kumiai Ryu High Impact, Stage 1 are looking at modified games, Year 3 are going to Central West Gym, Year 4 to United Dance, Year 5 are developing catching and hitting skills in T-ball and Year 6 are at the Aquatic Centre developing their stroke and learning about water safety. Secondary students had the option of selecting Tennis at Orange Tennis Centre, Crossfit at Red City, Self defence at Kumiai Ryu High Impact, Yoga with Shell from Sankha Yoga, Hockey training with Mrs Jewel or modified games at school with Mr Doyle. We are very grateful to the businesses of Orange who provide us with their services.

OAGS Sport hoodies are in too! Reynee is busy working through the order and will have them out to families in the coming days. Can't wait to see our OAGS Sport families wearing their hoodies supporting our teams!

Mrs Dominique Hutchinson  
Head of Sport K-12

## Primary NSW Futsal Championships



On Tuesday 26th July, OAGS sent 2 primary futsal teams to compete at the Primary NSW Futsal Championships. After 2 years of this event being cancelled, our students were very excited and eager to take the courts. Both teams faced strong competition in their respective pools. The boys team worked well together in some fast paced games, with both Langdon and Liam scoring goals throughout the day and Paddy making some great saves as goalie. Joey, Sam, Josh, Charlie, Valton and Hayden showed some fancy footwork and great team work to help set up the goals for Langdon and

Liam. The girls showed tremendous growth throughout the competition thanks to the guidance of super coach Emma Davis. Jess, Annabelle and Daisy all took turns as goalie to save some goals being scored against them. Loti, Lily and Kanes alongside their team members and worked the ball down the court to help set up a goal for Jess.

Whilst neither team came away with a win, all players showed determination, teamwork and were great sportsmen both on and off the court. A big thank you to Emma Davis who accompanied us on the trip and coached the girls team. Well done to all OAGS players, you should be proud of your efforts!



Miss Stephanie Harrison  
Stage 3 Teacher

Coach of the U13's boys

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## CADETS - 252 ACU

Annual Camp - AFX (29 Sep – 2 Oct) first week of Term 3 holidays. Not to be missed at the Singleton Army Training Area where there will be many opportunities such as shooting (laser simulation and also live rifle and machine gun), obstacle courses, army vehicle weapons and equipment demonstrations, visit Infantry Museum, etc. Members should ask the senior cadets who attended AFX in 2019 about their experiences and memories. Note attendance at AFX is also a criteria to attend future promotion courses. It is essential we provide accurate attendance numbers so each Monday we will be following up with individuals (adult staff and cadets).

Cadet Term Fee. Thank you to those parents that have paid their previous fee invoices promptly. This enables the purchase of equipment to improve and enhance our training as well as transport costs etc, to offsite activities. Term 3 invoices will be issued shortly.



Recruiting. We are now open for new recruits until the end of August. The next opportunity to join will be in 2023.

Leadership. Identified cadets (based on attendance, age, behaviour) in years 8-10 will be approached to attend extra training and external courses in Jan 2023. Attendance satisfies one requirement for promotion, but does not mean cadets will be promoted immediately. Promotions occur when there are vacancies, and it is considered the individual cadet is ready to progress. It would be normal to prepare cadets for promotion during their second year (or in year 9 and 10), but this is flexible according to the needs of the unit and the maturity of the individual cadet.

#### Dates for Diaries

3-4 Sep	Recruit Induction
24 Sep-1Oct	AFX (Annual Camp) Singleton
4-6 Nov	Term 4 Bivouac
3 Dec	Annual Parade & Dinner
January	NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only

Attendance. This term the focus of lessons is to prepare for the AFX. Additional clothing will be supplied over a period of weeks. Cadets will also be measured (new shirts and trousers) to place orders for the new AMCU uniform (Hats were done last Monday). It is important that cadets commit to regular attendance (especially during the winter months) so that all lessons of the Cadet Development Continuum are completed. Each week lessons are conducted and the learning outcomes uploaded onto individual records of those in attendance. Cadets wishing to attend future promotion courses must have learning outcomes recorded for them to qualify to attend external courses.

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye  
Officer Commanding  
252 ACU

## CHESS

NSW Secondary Schools Western Region Knockout Competition. Round 4 - we have been matched against Parkes HS – games will be online on 10 August.

School Competition. This continues each week where the results of games are recorded to determine our Champions – Secondary and Primary. At the end of the year we acknowledge the Junior and Senior Champions of both the Primary and Secondary school.

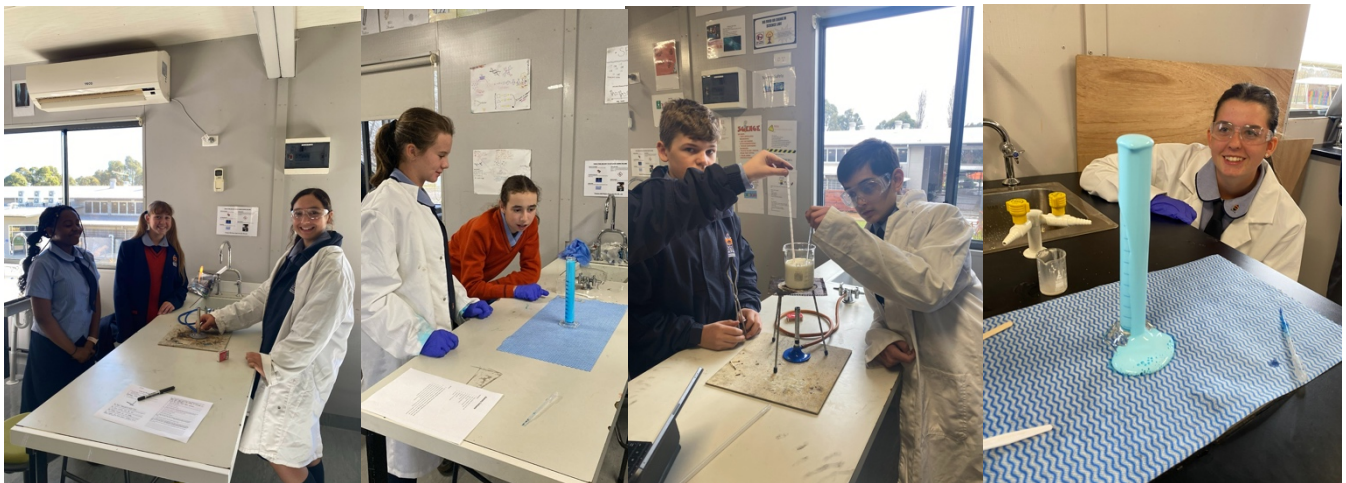
Primary Schools Competition. We are currently identifying the Primary School players (up to 16) to attend the local competition. Mr Lipscomb will be sending permission notes (selected students in Years 3-6) home in the coming weeks.

Mr Terry Nye  
Chess Coordinator

## Year 7 in the Laboratory

As part of the Stage 4 Science Course, Year 7 have been having a lot of fun developing their practical skills in the laboratory. Students have been learning about the most commonly used lab equipment and important safety procedures. A highlight for students in Term 2 was learning how to safely light and use a Bunsen Burner which earned them their Bunsen Burner licence and gave them greater access to carrying out experiments in the laboratory. These skills were put into practice throughout Term 2 to investigate chemical and physical change processes including distillation and creating Casein plastic and Elephant's Toothpaste.

Mrs Nicki Johnston  
Year 7 Science Teacher



## STOP PRESS - ACE building now OPEN!!!!



It has been a long wait, but like all good things the new Agricultural Centre of Excellence was worth waiting for and not a moment too soon. As the Livestock Exhibition teams get ready for the National Merino Show and sale in August and the National All Breeds Heifer Show in September, being able to keep our animals inside and continue working with them has been a blessing indeed. The sleet came down on Tuesday, and the wintry gusts blew, but our animals and students were warm and dry! There will be more updates on the ACE project in the next newsletter.



There are still some panels for sponsorship if families and local businesses would like naming rights on a panel please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Eyb [sarah.eyb@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.eyb@oags.nsw.edu.au).



## 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



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OAGS students and families are invited to come along to Colin Buchanan live in Concert! Colin is Australia's #1 Christian children's performer and we enjoy singing lots of his songs in Christian Studies and Chapel. The concert will be at Orange Evangelical Church on Friday 12th August at 5pm. Tickets are \$15 each (children 1 year and under free) and are strictly limited so don't miss out! A light supper will be available for purchase, as well as merchandise which you will have the opportunity to have signed by Colin! You can buy tickets at [www.colinbuchanan.com.au](http://www.colinbuchanan.com.au).

## Choir News

In preparation for their upcoming performance at The Anglican Schools Corporation Choral Festival at Penrith Anglican College, the Supertonic/Mediant Combined Primary Choir performed today at Primary Assembly. The Choirs have been preparing diligently for their upcoming performance and are very excited to be a part of this prestigious event. They performed 'Electricity' from Billy Elloitt, and 'This Old Hammer', a traditional song arranged by Mark Puddy.

Orange Anglican Grammar School Presents

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AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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



Dear OAGS Parents,

Its time to order the Orange Anglican Grammar School Uniform.

**Fittings are compulsory for all Transition students, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11 students**

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

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Uniform delivery into store will be December 2022. At this time your order can be collected, and it will be possible to change sizes if needed.

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## Live Life Well @ School

### 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*



HEALTHY EATING  
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# Twilight tour

23rd August  
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