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It's a date...

Friday 23d September

Last Day of Term 3

Monday 17th October

First Day of Term 4

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th
October

Prep - STEPS Vision Testing

Monday 24th October

Year 12 GRIP Leadership Conference

Tuesday 25th October

Stage 5 - CAPA Showcase

Wednesday 26th October

LEAP - Parent Conference Evening

Thursday 27th October

Kindergarten 2023 Orientation Day

Friday 28th October

Prep & Kindergarten Excursion

Edward the Emu @ Orange Civic Theatre

Tuesday 1st November

Year 7 2023 Orientation Day

Wednesday 7th December

Presentation Night

Last Day of School



Securing Success...

From the Headmaster...

Securing Success Through Service - Farewell Year 12

The Year 12 Valedictory Service was held in the Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday evening. It was a return 'home' to our grass roots after many years away. Orange Anglican Grammar School commenced operations in January 2007 in the Holy Trinity Memorial Hall before permanently locating the following year to its current location on Murphy Lane. The last five years of much needed building repairs have kept us away from continuing to celebrate key events usually reserved for The Holy Trinity.

Before the commencement of official duties The Right Reverend Mark Calder, Bishop to the Bathurst Diocese, introduced our community to the new rector of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Rev'd Andy Martin and his wife Amanda. Rev'd Andy spoke briefly of his vision for the church and what he hoped people would see in the years to come as people arrived at Holy Trinity, perhaps the first time. We welcome Andy and Amanda to our school community, along with their two daughters Abigail and Tabitha. **Rev'd Andy's commissioning service will be held at the Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 15th October at 11am.** You are warmly invited to come and support Andy & Amanda as they take up their calling in service to our community.

As we continue to celebrate our Year 12 students with the Valedictory Dinner on Wednesday night, it is amidst the powerful messages of service and the historic funeral procession honouring our long serving Queen Elizabeth II. There would be very few of us who can remember a time without our Queen. Her 70 years of dedicated service has been acknowledged throughout the world. As we celebrated the sending off of our much loved Year 12 during the Valedictory Service, Bishop Mark brought our parents and students together for a laying on of hands. Each parent placed a hand on the shoulder of a Year 12 graduate. We reminded them that, wherever they find themselves in the future, we are with them. Queen Elizabeth's commitment to 'My whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service' echoed through the Holy Trinity Church. It was a moving moment that recognised the sending off, as well as the dedication to a life of service from our parents, whilst calling upon the blessing of a heavenly father who died and rose in service to us all, forever.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Philippians 2:3-8

Whilst our valedictory events mark the end of a school journey, they also mark the exciting beginnings of a new chapter in the lives of our children. Farewell Year 12.





VALEDICTORY WEEK







PRIMARY NEWS

Stage One Local History Excursion

On Wednesday the 14th of September, all of Stage 1 participated in a Local History Excursion. This entailed the three classes rotating through three sessions which included a Heritage Walk, and a guided viewing of the Orange Regional Museum, and the Orange Regional Gallery.

Each session was highly engaging and educational, with students (as well as teachers and parent helpers) learning many new things about our Local History.

Did you know that Mount Canobolas is the ONLY place where a bright yellow planarian (a special type of flatworm) is found? Amazing! Did you know the big gold spheres which start near the Orange Visitors Centre, travelling through Robertson Park and ending on the footpath adjacent to the Hotel Canobolas actually represent the meandering path of Blackmans Swamp Creek? Or that the very first electric street light in Orange can still be seen on Byng Street next to the Town Hall building?

The Stage 1 teachers wish to extend a very big thank you to the nine parent/ grandparent volunteer helpers who so kindly offered their time to assist with the Heritage Walk.

Their time ensured that the Stage 1 students were able to get the most out of the Heritage Walk, and were able to safely traverse pedestrian crossings and public footpaths.

I highly recommend that OAGS families take advantage of the FREE Regional Museum and Regional Gallery facilities over the coming school holidays. Also, why not grab a brochure and map from the Visitors Centre, and have a lovely Heritage Walk to learn more about the historic buildings and sites in the Orange CBD?

Sia - My favourite part of the excursion was looking around Robertson Park because I got to learn more about History and Robertson Park.

Isaac - My favourite part of the excursion was the museum because we got to look at very interesting objects and learn about the history of Mount Canobolas.

Mackenzie - On the History excursion I enjoyed watching the artist play music to create digital art.

Evelyn G - On the History excursion I enjoyed Stephan's rock art made by music because I was inspired by the patterns and music.

Ms Karelle Taylor



Enjoying viewing artworks in the Gallery



Learning about the artefacts found in the museum



The Queen's Coronation tree



Learning about the artist's inspiration

Stage 2 Excursion to Taronga Western Plains Zoo

On Monday, September 19, Stage 2 set off for a visit to Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

As part of students' learning about how we interact with our environment and the conservation of threatened species, students in Stage 2 enjoyed visiting the zoo for the day.

Along with the capable assistance of parents, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Rohr, Mr Morris, Mr Monaghan and Mrs Peterson, students were taken on an extensive tour of the zoo, along with participating in a workshop, learning about Earth's environments. Students enjoyed coming up close to amazing animals including the white rhinoceros, lemur, otter, African lion, and Sumatran tiger. We were also given a sneak peek at some of the new developments of the zoo, including a new platypus refuge and a brand new state of the art wildlife hospital.

All in all, a tiring, yet eye opening experience amidst perfect weather!

Paul Lipscomb and the Stage 2 team



Stage 2 Science and Technology

Over the last 10 weeks, Stage 2 has been diving into learning about digital discoveries in Science and Technology. Over the final weeks of the term, students have been using a range of skills to move and code Sphero Balls.

In pairs, students were given an iPad and a Sphero Ball to begin to learn how to move the ball using their iPad as a controller. After they had mastered this skill, students formed larger groups and used multiple Sphero Balls to re-enact a well known fairy tale or story. Students showed exemplary communication skills and understanding of technology in this task by discussing how to tell a story using technology.

Groups chose a range of stories to portray that ranged from *Jack and the Beanstalk* to *Peppa Pig* to *Star Wars*. Students used a range of features of the Sphero Balls to communicate their story to their classmates, from making the ball talk, changing its colour to portray a different character and moving it in a certain direction to show the beginning of a new scene.

From their new found love of technology and coding, many students said learning how to use Sphero Balls was the highlight of their year so far!

Miss Ella Reilly and the Stage 2 team



Primary Pastoral Care - 7 Habits for Happy Kids

With holidays on our doorstep it seems convenient timing to introduce you to our 7th Habit: Sharpen the Saw, which is all about renewal and refreshment. It also underpins all the other habits ensuring that we will be able to continue to live them out in the long term.

Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)

Trying to do a job with blunt tools is ineffective and difficult. Yet how many times do we keep pushing ourselves without taking time to care for ourselves (perhaps parents more so than kids!) Habit 7 helps us to build regular renewal into our lives, recognising that without it we will be less effective in living out the other 6 habits. Renewal comes through four domains: physical (nutrition, exercise and sleep); social/emotional (intentional connection with others); mental (stimulating our brain in ways that are different to our work); and spiritual (taking time to recognise that we are part of something bigger than ourselves). If we take just 1 hour per day to renew ourselves in these 4 domains, we will still have 105 hours (based on 8 hours sleep per night) to get everything else done. So "I don't have time" becomes an unlikely excuse!

So our hope is that these holidays will not be your only time of refreshment and renewal but perhaps the start of a healthy life-long habit that will help us all, and your kids, to be the best we can be!

Mrs Kate Bracks

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator



SECONDARY NEWS

Gaining Insight into History

Year 10 is currently engaged in a Depth Study into Rights and Freedoms. They have been learning about the United Nations, Human Rights and, more locally focused, the 1965 Aboriginal Freedom Rides and the Stolen Generation.

We had the pleasure of a guest speaker visiting our class this term, Mr Peter Reid (Jr). Peter, a knowledgeable Wiradjuri man with connections to our school, was more than happy to come in and speak to the students about Aboriginal history and culture.

Peter started off his visit by involving the students in a role play - each student was either a Police Officer, an Aboriginal parent or an Aboriginal child - giving them a brief experience of what it might have been like for those involved in the Stolen Generation. He then moved on to examine a number of issues from the past and the present, including addressing the question of the date of Australia Day. The students were very engaged, asking pertinent questions - both personal and historical - gaining further insight into major events and policies that have affected, and still affect, our society.

Ms Catherine Stevenson
English/History Teacher





CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Sydney Youth Orchestra Visit

Last Friday OAGS hosted a rehearsal session for the combined Orange Youth Orchestra & Western Sydney Youth Orchestra. The Media centre was filled to capacity with almost 90 young musicians. OAGS was represented by Pantsie Dwyer (trumpet), Toby Johnston (trombone) and Alex Baines (flute & piccolo). The orchestra continued rehearsals on Saturday at the Orange Regional Conservatorium where they finished with a concert in the late afternoon.

The opening item in the concert was Alexander Arutunian's Trumpet Concerto in A \flat major with Pantsie Dwyer as soloist. Pantsie played brilliantly, making the most of this rare opportunity to perform with a full orchestra.

Mr Annett



St Ives Grammar Prep Visit

Students in Primary were treated to two concerts on Tuesday by music ensembles from Sydney Grammar's St Ives Preparatory school. They heard a string orchestra, a concert band as well as a choir made up of members from both groups. Instrumental demonstrations and questions about the music were interspersed amongst the pieces. The boys put on a thoroughly entertaining show and the OAGS audience listened and participated enthusiastically.

Mr Annett



Additional Eisteddfod Results

Following on from last week's results from the City of Orange Eisteddfod, we are delighted to report:

In 8 Years and Under Piano **Sia Mittal** was awarded first place in two categories and her brother **Rohan Mittal** won two first position medals in the 12 Years and Under Piano

Oliver Hyde achieved first in the 14 years and under Piano Solo playing Chopin's Prelude, second in the Open Piano - Grades 5 & 6 AMEB Solo, playing Beethoven's Für Elise and third in 14 years and under Popular Piano Solo playing Faltermeyer's Axel F.



ENROLMENT

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15th November 2022

@ 5:30pm



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CIS Athletics

On Tuesday 20th September 24 students from Primary and Secondary competed at the CIS Athletics Championships. This is one of the largest teams we have taken to this event and they all shone bright. Daisy Dwyer showed her strength in Shot Put and threw her way to a second place in the 11 Yrs girls 2kg Shot Put. Secondary followed the example set by their friend and produced a number of amazing results with Adelaide Pittus winning the 12 Yrs girls 400m and setting a new record as well as placing 3rd in the 100m and 200m events. Keegan Willis jumped his way to success; placing 2nd in the 110m hurdles and 3rd in triple jump.

Lucy Jurd, Jovi Birkin, Jocelyn Blair, Laila Buckland and Langdon Buckland were just outside of medal contention but still produced amazing results on the track with a number of 4ths, 5th and 6ths for our team. Our relay teams ran well and had nice clean changes which helped see our best team achieve a 6th place.



CIS Primary Softball

Darcy had a great time representing CIS in the NSW PSSA Boys Softball Carnival in August. While he was the youngest on the team he played mostly as pitcher and right field. CIS placed 8th out of 13 teams which is as awesome for a team that hadn't trained together in the lead up.



U14s NSW Girls State Softball Championships

Ruby represented the Orange District Softball Association at the U14s NSW Girls State Softball Championships at Warwick Farm last weekend. This is a massive achievement for her age considering she has just turned 11! She was lucky enough to have a former Olympic coach as her own! She was absolutely blown away.

She's currently at the NSW PSSA tournament. Congratulations Ruby!

Netball 2022

OAGS vs OCS

The Netball season has come to an end and on a high for OAGS Netball. Last week the U10 Wizz Fizzes, Primary Representative team and the OAGS U15 First team travelled to the Orange Christian School for an afternoon of friendly competition. The afternoon started with the Primary Representative team working well together to win their game. Our winning streak continued with the OAGS U15 First team showing our younger players how hard work and teamwork make a winning combo. Not to be outdone, our U10's had a great game and also took away the win. It was a fun afternoon to practice and fine tune our netball skills!



Netball Grand Finals

Saturday 17th September, saw two OAGS teams take the court in their Grand Finals. Up first were the U10 Wizz Fizzes who were ready for action after a successful game at OCS and some extra training sessions. It was a fast paced game with the Wizz Fizzes taking the lead in the first quarter. The game was extremely close the entire time, with often only one point difference between the teams. Despite their best efforts, the Wizz Fizzes were just pipped at the post only losing by a couple of points.

Taking the court a few hours after the U10's, our Smarties took the court in the Division 4 Grand Final. The Smarties dominated the game from start to finish winning with a 5 point lead! A special mention goes to these Year 12 girls and a few past OAGS students, who coached themselves and only lost 2 games throughout the season. It was impressive to see these girls in action!

It has been a pleasure to watch everyone grow throughout the season and I am so proud of all OAGS Netballers. A massive thank you goes out to all the Coaches and Managers who invested their time and knowledge into their teams as well as to the parents who took their child to and from training and games. We look forward to another great year of Netball in 2023!

Miss Stephanie Harrison
Netball Coordinator



A Big Thank You!

Our Winter Season is wrapping up and we would like to thank all of the OAGS sporting community who made this season happen.

Thank you to the volunteers!

Coaches, managers, parents, caregivers, referees, Orange Netball, Soccer, Hockey and Basketball. School Sporting clubs would not happen without you.



RUOK Day

On September 8th we acknowledged RUOK day. This is an annual event that promotes connecting with others and asking the important question of 'Are you ok?'.

To encourage our students across the school to think of ways that they can positively impact each other's mental health, our School Psychologist, Mrs Katie Wallace, had primary and secondary students write each other positive affirmations. Pictured is the collage created with the notes and pictures from our primary students to our secondary cohort. Our primary students found their notes from secondary on their lockers at the end of the day.

A special mention has to go to our year 11 and 12 students who, recognising that there are many more primary than secondary kids, stayed longer through their lunch break to ensure there were plenty of special notes for our younger students.

Katie Wallace
School Psychologist





252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

HM Queen Elizabeth II - Commemoration Service Monday 12th September

A fitting commemoration for the Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with the whole school assembly to honour our late Queen.



National CSIRO Cyber Taipan Competition

This is a national competition which we have entered in the last two years. In 2022 there were 145 school teams competing and we had enough volunteers to enter two teams. Team A (Brynn Player, Scott McGoldrick, Richard Baldwin and Rohan Mittal) with experience from previous years and Team B the novices (Ethan McAlister, Genevieve McGoldrick, Charlotte Johnstone and Ben Lee). After completing online training in preparation, they spent 5 hours on Sunday 21st August and Sunday 11th September at school trying to resolve all the problems and traps that the national computer "geeks" built into the Tasks. The final results were spectacular - Team A finished 19th and Team B 47th. This is even more impressive after considering we were competing against students from schools that offer Computer courses as HSC subjects. We need to acknowledge and thank LT Russell Player for his enthusiasm, organisation and training of our Teams.



AFX (Annual Camp)

On Saturday 24 Sep at 7am the Bus will depart heading to Singleton with 55 anxious and excited cadets ready to spend a week in the bush on the Singleton Army Training Area. During the week they will gain military like experiences with firing weapons (simulation and live), overwater and land obstacle courses, initiative exercises, navigation and radio communications. This would not be possible without the adults - LT Russell Player, 2LT Peter Reid and Mr Ben Johnston who will spend the week helping keep our cadets safe. Thank you also to 2LTs Linda and Peter McGoldrick plus Mr Nigel Coutts who will also spend a few days at Singleton.

Fees

Thank you to everyone that has paid the Invoices that were emailed to you. It is preferable that fees are paid into the 252 ACU account to avoid the extra burden on school administrative staff.

Adult Helpers

Please note that we cannot continue to provide the Army Cadet experience and opportunities if we do not have adult volunteers

Like any volunteer organisation, the more adult assistance (involvement of parents) we have the better the experience your son/daughter can receive. As students get older and leave so do their parents. We must continue to involve new parents to ensure 252 ACU can continue to thrive and grow. I am seeking adults that can attend on a regular OR irregular basis (eg once a month) - please contact me or one of the other adult staff for more information.

Important Dates

No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday break

24 Sep-1 Oct	AFX (Annual Camp) – SINGLETON
17 Oct	Monday Parade resumes for ALL
3 Dec	Annual Parade & Dinner
7- 14 January	NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU

Chess

OAGS Competition – Only a few games left to determine the 2022 upper and lower champions of the Secondary and Primary School.

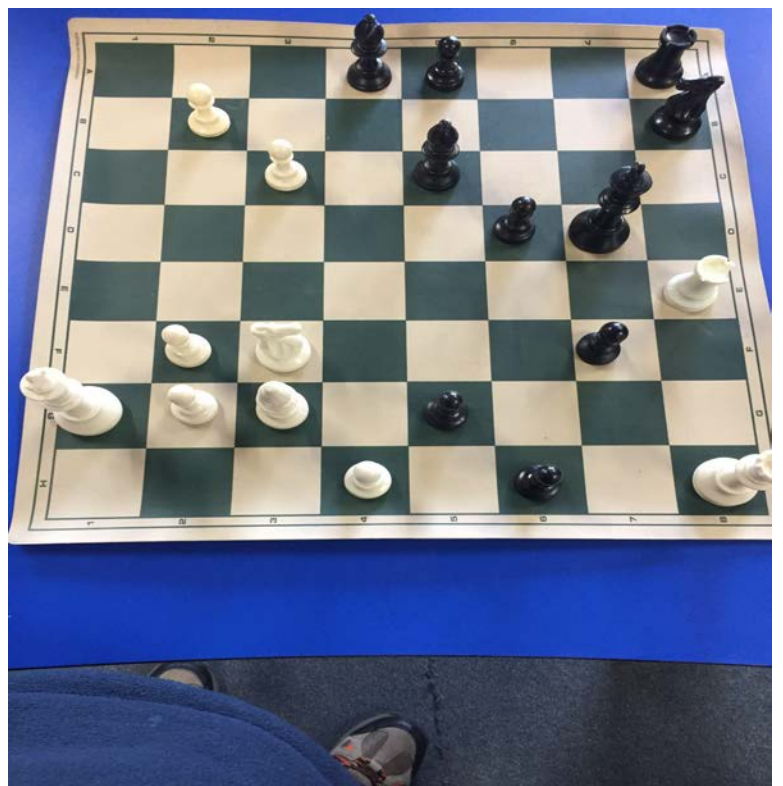
NSW Secondary Schools Country Championship (Western Region) R6 Final – Last Wednesday 15th September our senior team -

Archie Casey (Y10),
Rebecca Kemp (Y9),
Mykayla Hazelton (Y8),
Rohan Mittal (Y7),
Charlotte Johnstone (Y7) and
Liam Nyers-Saunders (Y7)

These students represented OAGS playing St Johns College Dubbo. The games were played online and unfortunately we lost 3 of the 4 scored games. This was the final match to determine the 2022 Runner Up. Our players tried their hardest (especially with the added incentive of a Maccas meal at stake) but unfortunately it was not to be.

We continue to be indebted to Mr Joe Cummins for his unwavering support each week and nurturing of all our players.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator



Deputy Covid Report

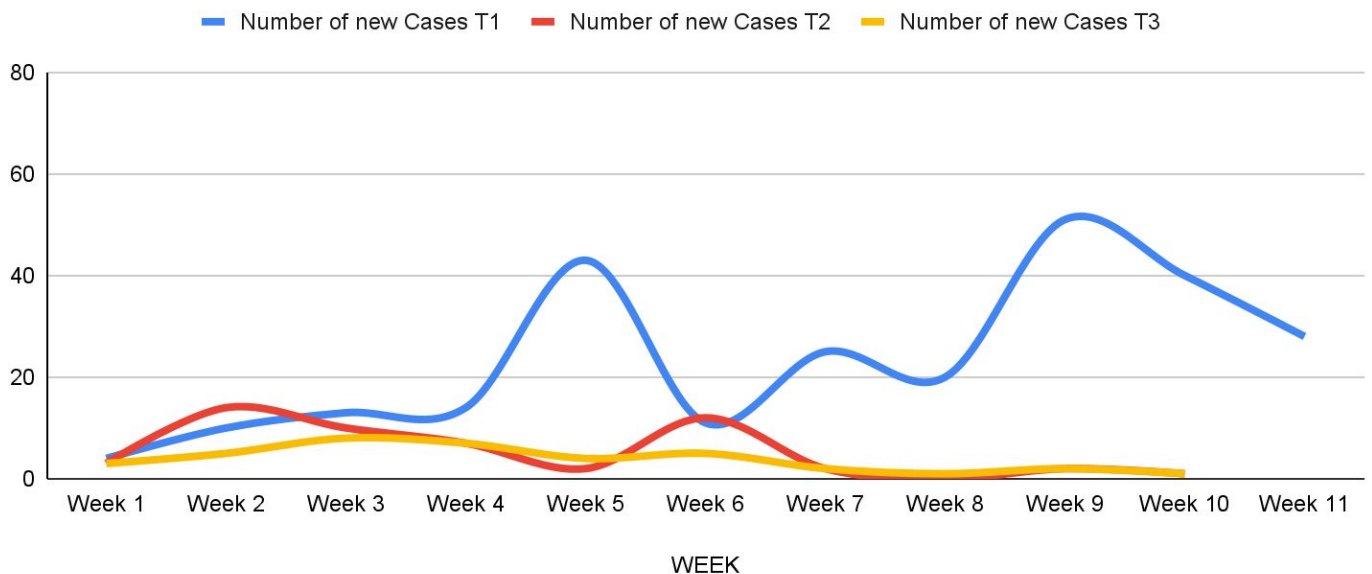
Thank you for your ongoing support with managing COVID in our community. All families and staff are reminded that *it is critical that all positive cases are recorded in a timely fashion* by using [this form](#).

In order to provide further insight for those families who desire it, you can now dig a little deeper into the COVID data by accessing [this link](#). This is a live link that will auto update each time a COVID case is reported in the school. By noting year groups of interest and regularly checking, families will be able to monitor the school's position on a case-by-case basis. [Please note that in order for the graph to show the most current data, you will need to refresh your browser, or close and reopen the link].

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. The advice states that schools should regularly notify the school community about cases in the school, but there is no need to send multiple communications in a short period where multiple cases have been reported to the school.

The usual school snapshot is below. 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



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.

Sincerely,
Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY
8.30AM - 1.00PM**

Normal Office hours will resume from Monday 17th October
Monday to Friday
8.00am to 4.00pm

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