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*Securing Success...*

## From the Deputy Headmaster

As Term 3 progresses, the pressure mounts for Year 12 students, and the recent Trial examinations have served as a wake-up call for many. While some may be tempted to rest on their laurels, focusing on their existing knowledge, it's crucial to remember that true success in the Higher School Certificate (HSC) exams lies in addressing areas of weakness and finishing strong.

Drawing inspiration from the world of sports, where victories are often determined in the final moments, it's worth recalling the advice of a former marathon runner:



"Every marathon is won in the final few kms. You must set yourself up to win it in the first 30km, but you need a killer instinct to finish if off when every part of you is screaming to stop."

Starting well is undoubtedly important, but it's the finish that ultimately earns you the win. This lesson holds true for our academic pursuits as well. Finishing well is something that we want for our graduating class of 2023, and it's not something that comes easily.

Parents, you can play a pivotal role in supporting your children on this journey. Instead of pressuring them or hounding them incessantly to study, be a source of encouragement and support. Facilitate appropriate breaks, provide nourishing meals, allow them time with friends, and help them establish effective study routines.

One fundamental lesson for young minds to grasp is that occasions like the HSC journey are temporary but essential. Sacrificing certain things temporarily is a small price to pay for achieving a significant goal. In the grand scheme of life, the HSC lead-up phase is but a fleeting moment on a student's journey, and relinquishing some comforts now paves the way for future success.

Much of the professional conversations at OAGS amongst teachers is the importance of teaching students how to learn, especially at the senior level. Rather than merely imparting content, our school is committed to fostering a deep understanding of subjects. Encourage your child to view learning as more than just cramming information for an exam; it's about acquiring valuable skills for life.

One of the key elements to succeeding in life beyond the HSC is to understand the importance of being a lifelong learner. Often, we perceive the HSC, a bachelor's degree, or a trade certificate as the culmination of our learning journey. However, in today's rapidly evolving world, these are just milestones on the path of continuous learning. We must help our students recognize that school serves as a foundation for ongoing education; it's not the end of the learning journey.

As Term 3 progresses, let us all recommit ourselves to finishing the HSC journey with determination, resilience, and a focus on continuous learning. Together, as a supportive community of parents, educators, and students, we can ensure that our students not only succeed academically but also embrace the concept of lifelong learning.

**Blessings for the week ahead.**

**Scott Hazelton**



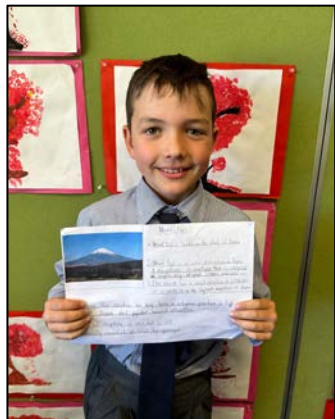
# PRIMARY NEWS

## Stage 2 - Japanese Studies

This term in Geography and Visual Arts, Stage 2 has been studying and taking inspiration from Japanese culture and tradition. In our HSIE unit Orange to Osaka, classes have been researching the similarities and differences between life in these two cities. This has included looking into average temperatures and weather conditions in each season, differences in built and natural landscape, local icons and cultural differences. In week 10 of this term, students will have the opportunity to experience these things for themselves during our Japanese Cultural Day. Activities will include sushi making, traditional Japanese games, origami and Karaoke. In creative arts students have drawn inspiration from traditional Japanese icons and techniques to make a number of eye-catching pieces. Some of our focuses as seen below have been: Cherry Blossoms, Koi Fish and Mount Fuji.

**Mr Timothy Herbert**

### Stage 2 Jack Jumpers



## Primary Pastoral Care

In our Thrive lessons this term Kindergarten have been learning about our own strengths, as well as noticing others' strengths. (You can see some of their drawings in the photos.) It was lovely to see huge smiles appearing on little faces as they told each



other what they'd noticed their friends and peers were good at doing (their strengths). We then reflected on how great it feels to receive kindness and compliments.

In Stage 1 we've been setting health goals, and are now designing our own sporting games. I've been impressed by the students' creativity, teamwork and commitment to making and following their games' rules, using the given equipment.

These classroom activities have enabled Kindergarten and Stage 1 to practise 'Habit 1: Be Proactive', as well as 'Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind'. This second habit teaches the students to make plans and set goals that enable them to reach a desired result. I look forward to continuing to use these habits in our Thrive lessons as the students grow and build on their current skills and understandings.



**Mrs Georgina Willis**

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator



## Kindergarten Students get Inspired

This topic of our Visual Art unit this term is called 'Inspired'. Each week, students have created an artwork that has been inspired by the literary text we have studied in English, or by a special event.

We have had so much fun developing our drawing skills and learning how to use paint, watercolours and oil pastels to create beautiful art works.

Our Newspaper Cats were inspired by the text 'Scary Night' and our colourful and creative dog artworks were inspired by the dog in story Banjo and Ruby Red which is illustrated by local Freya Blackwood and also by the works of famous artist George Rodrigue.

Some of our art was also inspired by the Story Lady, Lydia Smith visited us recently. She is a children's storyteller and we loved listening to her stories and visualising. So many creative artworks were created in response to this wonderful storytelling session.

We mixed our own colours to paint our little pigs after reading The Three Little Pigs, and then used oil pastel to create cuddly koalas inspired by the beautiful text by Mem Fox called Koala Lou.

It has been amazing to see the progression of skills and increase in confidence this term. We hope these artworks inspire you to create some of your own art. Maybe you could enter it into the Blayney Art Prize!

**Michelle Pearson**

**Kindergarten Jewel Beetles**



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## Blayney Art Prize

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painting, sculpture, drawing,  
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**Entries Close: Friday 15th September 2023**  
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## The Blayney Art Prize

The Odd Sock Gallery would like to invite your students to participate in The Blayney Art Prize. This is an exhibition dedicated to young artists aged 5 to 19. Please see the website for further information related to the exhibition. <https://www.theoddssock.com.au/blayneyartprize>

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact us through email at [tosa2799@gmail.com](mailto:tosa2799@gmail.com) or over the phone at 0439027485.



# SECONDARY NEWS

## Dudley Debating Cup

On Monday, 4th September, 2023, four intrepid Year 10 Orange Anglican Grammar School LEAP students valiantly headed over to James Sheahan Catholic High School to take part in the annual Dudley Debating Cup, coordinated by the Rotary Club of North Orange. This year, teams from Orange Christian School, Canobolas High School, James Sheahan High, OAGS and two teams from Kinross Wolaroi participated in the round robin debating competition. Our team consisted of Mia Singh, Sarah Whittingham, Josie Fuller and Rebecca Kemp.

The final debating Tally was:

Orange Christian School:	1 loss	1 win
Canobolas High School:	2 losses	
Orange Anglican Grammar:	1 win	1 loss
James Sheahan High:	2 wins	
Kinross Wolaroi A:	2 wins	
Kinross Wolaroi B:	2 losses	



Our team came away with 1 win and 1 loss, which unfortunately didn't take us into the final on the day. Whilst the OAGS team may not be debating in October, they certainly proved their sterling debating skills and should be very proud of their undertakings! Congratulations to all the members of the team - they are a true credit to Orange Anglican Grammar School!

My special thanks goes to Mrs Ward for being our chauffeur to and from the venue

**James St. Julian**  
**LEAP Coordinator**

## Term 4 - Save the Dates

### OAGS OnStage

Please save the date in you calendar for the OAGS OnStage. Performers unite to showcase OAGS talent.

**Orange Civic Theatre**  
**Tuesday 24th October starting at 6pm.**

### Sports Awards Presentation

Please save the date in you calendar for the Sports Awards Presentation Night.

**Tuesday 31st October starting at 6pm.**

### Presentation Night

Please save the date in you calendar for the End of Year Presentation Night.

**Wednesday 6th December starting at 6pm.**





# CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

## **The Amazing Adventures of Superstan digital video recording is here!**

Everyone who has pre-ordered a copy will receive an email with a link and access password. Families are reminded that the video recording is not for distribution. Don't miss out! The deadline for orders is 12th September. You can [register to order here](#) - \$25 will be charged to your account.



## **CAPA News**

It's been a hugely successful Eisteddfod Season this year for OAGS. Many of our students both Primary and Secondary have displayed their talents in group and individual sections with numerous placings in Dance, Drama & Music over the past month or so. This extended to our successful Primary and Secondary Company dancers in the Bathurst Eisteddfod. We are blessed to have some very talented and dedicated performers, willing to put themselves on the stage to share their passions.

### **City of Orange Eisteddfod - Band Day**

After a huge Band Day on Wednesday we came away with our first award around 10:00 am with a 1st place for the Primary Band in the small ensemble section and finished just after 10:00 pm with our Senior Rock Band taking out 1st place in the contemporary section. Senior Concert Band performed brilliantly in the afternoon in a very strong field of 7 entrants, including a school from Canberra, to take 2nd place in the secondary band section with a score of 96. There were also some strong performances for our Brass Ensemble and some OAGS students played a part in groups from The Orange Regional Conservatorium.



## **BAND DAY**



**Noel Annett**  
CAPA Coordinator



### **Primary Dance - Bathurst Eisteddfod**

On Wednesday 30th August the Primary Dance Company travelled to Bathurst to compete in the Bathurst Eisteddfod. The Company danced beautifully in a very tough section, winning first place. In the words of the adjudicator the "dancers had a lovely focus" and performed "a beautiful routine". These dancers have been working hard since Term 1 on their routine and each time they perform, they do so with grace and elegance. As their teacher I am so proud of their efforts and their passion for dance!

**Steph Harrison**  
Primary Dance

## OAGS OnStage - October 24

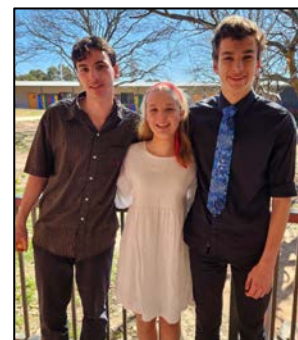
In the second week of next term the Primary & Secondary CAPA teachers will present 'OAGS OnStage'. This is a showcase of many of our wonderful performance ensembles in dance, drama and music at the Orange Civic Theatre. More details will appear in the next newsletter, but for now, save the date: Tuesday October 24, Concert from 6:00 pm.

**Noel Annett**  
CAPA Coordinator

### HSC Drama

Congratulations to our three HSC Drama students on the completion of their HSC Practical Drama Exams.

**Rachel Crane**  
Drama Teacher



### City of Orange Eisteddfod - Individual Results

Many outstanding performances were given by individuals in the Vocal, Piano, Woodwind, Brass and Strings sections of the Music Eisteddfod this year. The following students represented OAGS with many taking away awards:

**Amelia McMaster** - Piano, **Nathaniel Johnston** - Piano, **Isaac Johnston** - Piano, **Amelia Newcombe** - Piano, **Rohan Mittal** - Piano, **Sia Mittal** - Piano, **Jessica McGreal** - Piano, **Saskia Rohr** - Vocal, **Lofi Ward** - Vocal, **Lucy Jurd** - Vocal, **Imogen Johnston** - Vocal & Woodwind, **Harrison Baker** - Brass & Guitar, **Beatrix Merrell** - Brass, **Oscar Pigot** - Guitar, **Alexandra Baines** - Woodwind

**Noel Annett**  
CAPA Coordinator



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### Off to National Interschools

It is with great pride that OAGS announces that not one, but two of our students have been selected in the NSW Equestrian Interschool Team in Werribee in the upcoming school holidays. Year 10 student Noah L and Year 7 student Jade H have been selected to ride in showjumping (90cm and 100cm - Noah), and dressage (Novice - Jade). Selection for the teams is restricted to only four places per state per team so this is a massive achievement for our riders.







# AG @OAGS

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## National All Breeds Heifer Show

With record numbers of 250 competitors at the National All Breeds Heifer Show last week our team of 14 students performed exceptionally well. There has been some huge growth in experience and confidence since our first competition in 2022.

Team captain Hannah Flynn performed exceptionally well in her role, coordinating a full team of stock plus preparing her own cattle and assisting as a mentor.

In the junior judging our team demonstrated solidly with Year 10 student Will Cooney missing the finals by only one point in the largest age group of the event. Over the weekend, a number of ribbons were brought home by Hunter Slattery, Greg Finlay, James Butt, Oscar Paul and Ruby Gunn. The school team continues to grow in numbers and skills with the next big adventure planned for the Royal Canberra Show in February.

A massive thanks to Macquarie Vale Charolais, Elberta Limousins and The Trap Shorthorns for supplying animals and to Mrs Mel Flynn for giving up her Sunday to assist in preparation by clipping for the show.

**Sarah Eyb**  
AG Teacher





# 252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

## Recruiting

We have now concluded taking new recruits for 2023. One OAGS student and 11 from other schools have enrolled. The next opportunity to join will be February 2024 for students in Years 8-10. After a data analysis of the last few years, we have decided to delay Year 7 from joining until Term 3.

**Recruit Induction** - Onsite, this weekend 0800h Saturday till 1100h Sunday. Detailed information note provided. Clothing and equipment issue plus completion of most governance and lessons in the Cadet 1A syllabus.

**LCPL Course** - This Saturday 9 Sep 0800h-1630h. We will be training about 20 students (including 4 from Lithgow) so they are prepared and qualified for promotion at a later date.

## Adult Helpers

Thank you to our volunteers who are so necessary for the AAC program to continue. We have welcomed some non OAGS parents which is very encouraging. With our growing numbers we can focus on training our adults and cadet rank to provide more diverse and quality training to further improve the "experience" of our cadets. Our doors are always open for any adult to find out more about helping.

## Annual Camp (AFX) at Majura (Canberra) is Sunday 24 – Friday 29 September - CANCELLED

There is no alternate activity during these dates.

**Important Dates** - No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday breaks

9 Sep	<b>LCPL Course</b> – Information sheets issued last Monday to interested cadets
9-10 Sep	<b>Recruit Induction</b> w/e – RECRUITS plus Rank and Staff training
20-22 Oct	25Bn Bivouac - ALL - loc and further info tba
3-4 Nov	T4 Activity – Singleton WTSS & Museum – ALL
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
18 Nov	Bunnings BBQ – volunteer roster
Nov tba	Dinner – celebrating 5 years of operation – details tba
2 Dec	Annual Ceremonial PARADE

12-20 Jan 24

**NSW Promotion Courses (Holsworthy) – selected cadets**

**CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye**  
**Officer Commanding**  
**252 ACU**

## Secondary Chess Club

Master Class – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm in Room H6. These have concluded for Term 3 and will recommence in Term 4.

OAGS Competition. The Primary school competition is progressing well. The Secondary school competition has shown some interesting results with great games played showing the improved skill levels of all. We are close to determining the final positions to determine the Secondary School senior and junior champions.

**Mr Terry Nye**  
**Chess Coordinator**



# Art classes

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