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Securing Success...

From the Headmaster

Service, from patisseries, to police, to prosecutions to politics

Whilst you may be aware that our Member for Orange, Mr Philip Donato was reelected, you may not be aware that prior to joining the police force he was training to be a pastry chef. Our School Captains Claudia, Hayden, Bridget and Sam had a chance to meet with Mr Donato and get a better understanding of how a significant leader in our community navigates some of the challenges of leadership. During their meeting, Mr Donato not only explained some of the challenges but was able to illustrate them with current examples. Equally encouraging to our School leaders was his journey from Patisseries, to police officer, to police prosecutor, to politics. An encouraging message of living life to the full, embracing opportunities to serve, and being prepared to step outside of your comfort zone to do so. Mr Donato's heart for service and community spoke loudly to our leaders.

For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbour as yourself. (Galatians 5:13-14)

Following Mr Donato's discussions with our School leaders, I had the pleasure of introducing our Local Member to the new Music Room, Agricultural Facility and Prep Classrooms. There was excitement in Prep as students embarked on making homemade passata with tomatoes they had collected from the OAGS farm. Whilst no substitute for dinosaur pasta, penne pasta was Mr Donato's favourite. Smiles all round!





PRIMARY NEWS

Primary School News

The primary school is continuing to practise the 7 Habits to grow in ourselves and as a community - staff, students and families. One of the aspects of the Leader In Me framework is personal greatness. According to Dr. Stephen Covey (author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*), there are two types of greatness—primary greatness and secondary greatness. Primary greatness is at the core of who we are and includes things like integrity, responsibility, and contribution. Secondary greatness, on the other hand, comes from awards, achievements, or an important position. Who we are says far more about us than anything we say or do.

Students explored this in Term 1 through their weekly Thrive lesson. They reflected on their own character strengths, the values that are important to them and how they represent themselves to others. In Thrive lessons this term, students will be building on this further to explore how the choices they make everyday can also reflect who they are as a person. It is important to think about and reflect upon our choices to make sure that they align with our values and who we want to be.

It is exciting to hear students speaking about the strengths they see in themselves and others and articulating the type of person they want to be. This is all part of growing up and learning about the world and I am excited to see the way this is positively impacting social interactions in our classrooms and in the playground. As a family, perhaps it would be helpful to discuss the values that you as a family hold and how you demonstrate these to further support your child's understanding of primary greatness and its importance for personal health and wellbeing and positive community interactions.

I look forward to Term 2 with the mix of camps for Stage 2 and Stage 3, the excitement of the Primary whole school performance ("the Adventures of Super Stan"), various sporting gala days, some fundraising initiatives from our Primary leadership team and the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. When combined with the rigorous classroom learning experiences that have been programmed by our amazing teaching team, it is sure to be a jam-packed, fun-filled time!

Mrs Jessica Willis
Director of Primary

Primary School Leaders - GRIP Student Leadership Conference

On Friday 28th April the Primary School Leadership Team travelled to Bathurst for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. Together with student leaders from schools across the central west they learned what it meant to be an 'others first' leader, what people a leader can impact the most, how to get people onboard with an idea and why we lead. It was a very fun, interactive and beneficial experience and our Primary Leadership Team are now brimming with ideas to implement in the Primary School!

Mrs Nicki Johnston
Leader of Culture (Character)



Stage 2 Visual Art - 'Apple City'

Throughout Term 1, Stage 2 students thoroughly enjoyed exploring creating a variety of artworks that all revolve around the theme of the fruit that Orange is ironically renowned for - apples.

Creating a collage, students used pieces of tissue paper to experiment with shading and contrast. Some even used torn pieces of magazines/newspaper to achieve an even more abstract touch. Likewise, through the use of watercolour paint, students were able to create a sense of 3D with shading and blending. Finally, students experimented with the use of hatching and other patterns to represent their apple, focusing on accurate curvature, detail and variation in their design.

Paul Lipscomb
Stage 2 Coordinator



Stage 1 Personal Mission Statements

This term Stage 1 students have been focusing on Habit 2, Begin with the End in Mind, from the 7 Habits of Happy Kids. As students have been learning what this means, they have been asked to identify how they would like people to describe them. This has led to students writing their first draft of their personal mission statements. Personal mission statements help us see what is most important to us. It helps us to make decisions as it outlines our priorities. Below are some of the mission statements some of the Stage 1 students have written.

Kyle Palmer
Stage 1 Coordinator

I am funny and creative.
I care about friends and family.
I will learn to ride and become an astronaut.
I will be a leader who is proactive.

I am kind, helpful and friendly.
I care about animals, family and friends.
I will learn to be more helpful and kind.
I will be a leader who will be funny, kind and good.

I am funny
I care for making people happy.
I will learn to acknowledge my family a lot more.
I will be a leader who tries very hard.



SECONDARY NEWS

Kokoda Trail Challenge

An exciting opportunity has been presented by the school for students from Years 9 to 12 and members of the 252 ACU, to be able to walk the Kokoda Track. Under the banner of Kokoda Treks, the team will traverse the battlefield track that saw some of the most intense fighting of the Second World War and was instrumental in stemming the advance of the Imperial Japanese Army in 1942.

A feature of Australian history is that Papua New Guinea at that time, was mandated an Australian Territory. This means that, in essence, Australia itself was being directly attacked. What is more telling is that many of the young Australians who fought in this campaign were not much older than our own students attending.

The team will fly from Orange to Port Moresby via Sydney on 25 September, spend the night at Port Moresby, then the next morning commence the trek at Owers Corner. For 9 days we will walk over the track reviewing each battlefield location as we pass through it. Our final destination is the village of Kokoda which is the final mountain village before the track heads North to the coast to the battlefields of Gona/Buna. We fly back to Port Moresby and will attend the Bomana Cemetery, which is said to be a moving but peaceful resting place for our fallen countrymen. We fly home to Orange via Brisbane and then Sydney on 5 October.

Those making the trip have their own reasons for doing so, however all agree it will be one of the most arduous but rewarding experiences one can undertake. The challenge for the team is to work together, overcome our own personal biases and to honour those who have gone before us. The whole team making this trek is

Peter F Reid, Peter J Reid, Colin Naveau, Kellie Naveau, Faith Naveau, Erin Dewar, Finn Dwyer, Alexander Trott, Archie Casey, Lylah Doherty Seamus Dwyer, Oliver McLean, Madeline Squire, Mitchell Wheeler, Patrick Wright, Toby Flynn & Angus Guyer.

We are grateful for the support of our Headmaster Rev. Stringer who has been forthcoming with encouragement and who would like to see this a regular bi-annual event for students from Years 9 to 11 (next planned trip Sept - Oct 2025). Our Deputy Scott Hazelton has been a tower of encouragement, wider staff members, the 252 ACU and the Hon. Philip Donato (Member for Orange) and Hon. Andrew Gee (Member for Calare) who provided letters of support. A special message of thanks to the Orange Ex-Service Club who have generously contributed financially. We are equally grateful to you parents/caregivers who have placed your children in our care to make this trip.

There will be a significant financial cost imposed on those making the trip. We invite individuals and organisations within the wider school community to consider contributing to the costs involved for the trekkers. This may be through direct financial contributions or the provision of kit/equipment. To facilitate this, please contact me directly via email peter.f.reid@oags.nsw.edu.au

Peter Reid
Trek leader

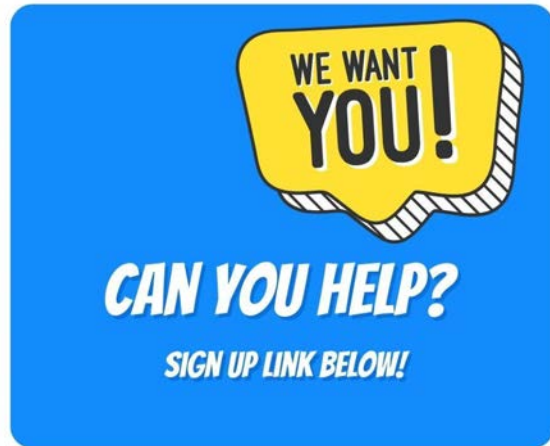


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CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Superstan - HELP Wanted



Rehearsals and preparations are well underway for the Term 2 Primary Show The Amazing Adventures of Superstan. Make sure you put the date into your diary! Information will be coming home soon with all the details. We would love to hear from you if you can help with building some simple set pieces or sewing some simple costumes. [Please indicate your willingness to volunteer here.](#)

Priscilla Colgan
Music Teacher

CAPA

On Friday last week OAGS hosted a visit from members of the Penrith Anglican College's Band and Choir. They performed for students in years 7 & 8, as well as the Elective Music classes. It was great to hear them perform a mixture of instrumental and vocal works along with some featured soloists from within the groups. One day we hope to reciprocate by visiting their school for a similar event. Thanks to Nick Lane (Head Teacher) and his staff and students for their fabulous performance.

Mr Noel Annett
CAPA Coordinator



Term 1, CAPA Showcase

In the final week of Term 1, CAPA Students presented their art works and performances for family and friends. It was a successful evening filled with exceptional flute duets, guitar solos, group performances and original art works. Congratulations to all of the CAPA Elective students involved.

Rachel Crane
Drama Teacher





STUDENT ADVOCACY

Access The Thrive

Exciting opportunities will be available for students from next week in The Thrive Centre.

The Centre will be open on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for **secondary students** from Years 7-12 to drop in and **Access** help with their studies between 3.30 and 5pm.

Every **Monday**, Mrs Kimmins will be available to help individual students with English, History and Geography and every **Tuesday**, Mr Johnston will be available to help with Maths and Science.

Students are invited to come for part or all of the session and work on homework or assessment tasks, knowing help will be available in English, Maths, Science and H.S.I.E if required.

Students who do not wish to access help, but would like to complete their homework are most welcome to attend.

There is no need, at this stage, to sign up for these sessions, just turn up.

The Learning Support staff will be available for **primary students** from Years 1-6 to **Access** every morning before school from 8.00am - 8.50am. Help will be either given individually or in small groups in Literacy and Numeracy. Sessions must be booked by parents and may be done so by emailing the writer.

Please contact me for further information or to discuss either opportunity.

Pauline Dwyer
Coordinator of Learning Support
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Volunteering Opportunities

Please can we ask if there are any OAGS community members that would like to volunteer in the classroom. Whether it be reading groups, art afternoons, or phonics fun. We're looking for mums, dads, aunts, uncles, nans and pops.

It's free to apply for a "Working with Children" Check and you'd be invaluable to our Learning Support Team.
[Click here to apply.](#)

Please contact the office if you have a current WWC and would like to offer your time.

We are looking for a full-time volunteer to work with one student one on one each day if that's something you could offer and would find rewarding please contact admin@oags.nsw.edu.au

We appreciate all the parents who have contacted us already and will be starting here at school in Term 2.

Thank you so much!





SPORT @OAGS

Contact sport@oags.nsw.edu.au



Cross Country

On Thursday 27th April OAGS held its Annual Cross Country Carnival where all students from Prep to Year 12 participated in the fun event. It was wonderful to see so many students involved and supporting their house by wearing their colours proudly. From the first event to the last the enthusiastic spirit of the students was felt all day.



Students who achieved a top 5 placing have been selected to represent their school at either HICES (Primary) or WAS (Secondary) carnivals in the coming weeks. Age champion and reserve champion awards and trophies will be presented at the Athletics and Cross Country Assembly in Week 6.

Academy of Sports Facebook page

If you are on Facebook and want to read more about the different sports that are happening at OAGS make sure you follow the Academy of Sports page. Co curricular notices, weekly wrap ups, sporting success and grass roots teams will be published so that you can be part of the Academy of Sports journey.

Touch Football

Quincy Roberts in Year 6 has been selected to play for CIS at the upcoming PSSA Championship. This is the highest level of representation OAGS has achieved in touch football. Quincy is a regular face on the Orange Touch scene where she is in the Orange Thunder U12s team as well as the NSW title holding Western Suns U12 team. When she isn't playing you will see her reffing. Congratulations Quincy

Lucy Martin was named in the 2023 NSW U16 Merit team for touch football. This is a huge achievement for Lucy and a testament to her committed approach to the sport. Lucy has also been selected to represent AICES along with Izzy Waters and Jocelyn Blair today in Sydney. Awesome work Lucy and good luck girls!

Dominique Hutchinson
Head of Sport

Primary Hockey Gala Day

On the 2nd of May, 11 Primary school students travelled to the Orange Hockey Centre to spend a day with Hockey NSW players and coaches in order to develop their skills and play mini games against other local schools. We had players ranging from Year 1- Year 6, who all showed wonderful sportsmanship to each other and the teams around them. Our team consisted of the youngest players on the day, with most other schools having students from year 5-6 only, but that didn't stop our students from continuously trying their hardest against much more experienced players. They came away with a range of new skills and can't wait to display their new skills during this hockey season.

It was wonderful to see our OAGS hockey players so willing to give it their all the entire day. Well done!

Ella Reilly

Primary Hockey



Chess Club

Master Class – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm. The aim is for interested players to learn the more advanced skills and strategies plus set piece opening and defensive moves. Currently we have 6 regular attendees but there is room to take a few more.

NSW Secondary Schools Country Championship (Western Region) – Our round 2 match against Denison College-Bathurst High Campus is due to occur on Wednesday 10 May. Team selection remains very difficult as Archie Casey, Rohan Mittal, Charlotte Johnstone, Liam Nyers-Saunders, Rebecca Kemp, Oliver Inman and Mykayla Hazelton continue to turn the tables on each other as they play on Thursdays and Wednesday afternoons at Master Class.

Mr Terry Nye

Chess Coordinator



252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Army Cadets – 252 ACU

RAAF C130 Familiarisation Flight

What an experience for those that were able to attend. Yes, it eventually happened on Sunday 23 April. Throughout the holidays there were many changes that started with pick up moving from Dubbo to Gilgandra then Richmond and finally Orange. Many people witnessed the plane as it flew around, across and over the Orange area. Many thanks to LT Russell Player who effectively communicated new information to everyone that I passed to him whilst I was in Sydney. Thank you to the adult staff that assisted on the day and to Mr David Lee for driving the coach.

Anzac Day - March

Thank you to those that proudly represented our unit. We have received very positive feedback and many compliments for the presentation and behaviour of our cadets during the march as well as in Robertson Park for the memorial service. Our thanks to Mr David Lee for organising and driving the coach.

Bunnings BBQ

Thank you to those cadets, staff and parent volunteers that assisted with our Bunnings BBQ fundraising on 15 April and also on Anzac Day. These are most worthwhile and essential to keep our fees low yet provide funds so we can purchase equipment to provide better training opportunities and activities for cadets.

T2 Bivouac

Note new dates of **9-11 June**. Consent notes will be available shortly and must be submitted asap so Transport and rations can be organised. An Information sheet will be issued in the coming Weeks.

Staff

Congratulations to Ann McAlister, Peter J Reid and Nigel Coutts who have become Army Cadet Staff members and promoted to 2LT. Thank you to other adults that assisted at Bunnings and that have volunteered to help when they can on Mondays.

Important Dates - no Monday Parages during OAGS School Holiday breaks

9-11 June

1-8 Jul

3-8 Jul

21-23 Jul

24-29 Sep

T2 Bivouac – ALL – Lewis Ponds

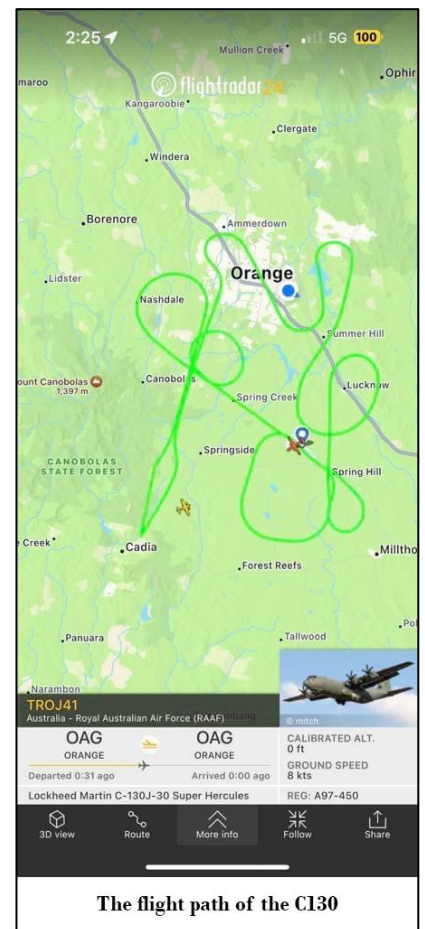
NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only

CACTC (sth QLD) – Senior cadets

T3 Biv – ALL - Cudal

AFX (Annual Camp) – Majura Range (Canberra) - ALL

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU



Twilight tour

Thursday 1st
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