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Securing Success...

Easter Fair

On Thursday 28th, March the highly anticipated OAGS annual Easter Fair took place. The day included a whole school Easter chapel service, Primary School easter egg hunt, an easter hat parade, live music, craft stalls, food stalls, jumping castles, sport activities and a raffle. It was a wonderful day for our community and we are thankful for everyone who came along to join in with the festivities.

The Primary School students were very grateful for the Secondary students who served them by creating and running the stalls in the afternoon and being so encouraging at the Easter Hat Parade.

Here are some of reflections from the day:

Jax H (Anemones) : I loved the game where we had to get the ping pong balls into the cups that had water in it. I got a toy at the end because I got all the balls in the cups.

Seth R (Dolphins): I got the red frogs and sausage sizzle for lunch. It was yummy!

Charlotte A (Clownfish): I liked the easter hat parade because we got to see all different easter hats. I had bunny ears, a bunny, a chicken and some pom poms on my hat.

Maddison C (Clownfish): I think the easter hat parade was my favourite because we got to see other people's hats and we got to show our hats. I had an Easter basket, chicks and bunnies and cotton on mine.

Lottie (Marlins): The easter egg hunt was super competitive and we were only allowed 3! Some people were looking for extras, so if they found any, they would point them out to people who were still looking.

Avneet K (Marlins): It was very fun because you got to find lots of eggs in different places, like the logs or cubby house.

A huge thank you to Mrs Kimmins and Mrs Nealon who organised the event for our school. Special thanks also to our P and F for setting up the second hand uniform stall and serving our school community by running the BBQ and drinks station. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Alice Glyde
Director of Primary School

Easter Fair, 2024





PRIMARY NEWS

Dog Man The Musical

On Tuesday 19th March, Kindergarten and Stage 1 travelled to the Orange Civic Theatre to enjoy the performance of 'Dog Man: The Musical', brought to Orange by CDP.

Dog Man: The Musical is a performance adventure based on the worldwide bestselling series from Dav Pilkey, the creator of the top selling Dog Man and Captain Underpants books. The musical is based around the characters George and Harold who have been creating comics for years, but now that they're in 5th grade, they figure it's time to level up and write a musical based on their favourite character, Dog Man, the crime-biting sensation who is part dog, part man, and ALL HERO!! But while trying his best to be a good boy, he has to save the city from Flippy the cyborg fish and his army of Beastly Buildings. Dog Man also needs to catch Petey, the world's most evil cat, who has cloned himself to exact revenge on the doggy do-gooder. To make a rush on things, George and Harold need to finish their musical before lunchtime!!

The show, which was a sellout for both school performances, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We have already heard from students that attending the performance has ignited a passion for reading, and there has been an influx of students wishing to borrow Dog Man books from the library. We are very fortunate to have been able to attend such a high quality performance right here in Orange.

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Mr Kyle Palmer
Stage 1 Coordinator



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Stage 2 Camp

In Week 8, students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to head to Lake Burrendong for our Stage 2 camp.

Across the 3 days, students participated in a range of activities that not only allowed them to build connections with each other but also confidence in their growing independence levels and resilience. Students threw themselves into a raft build challenge, working in teams to see who could create a raft that would not only float, but be the fastest in a race when placed in the pool. This challenge showed strong teamwork and communication skills, and great sportsmanship by all.

A few favourite activities included creating survival shelters and other group-based problem solving initiatives, orienteering, mini-olympics and archery. Students and teachers were also split into teams for some water balloon combat, with team coloured face paint and a lot of team spirit and camaraderie - this was a great way to spend an afternoon developing teamwork skills, strategic planning, and a whole lot of laughs.

For some students this was their first experience of being away from the comfort of their own bed, mum and dad and the support that comes with this familiarity. Stage 2 showed ever growing independence during this camp and participated fully in each activity and embraced the entire camp experience. On the coach ride back to school, many students were already discussing what they hope they can do for next year's camp, and how much they didn't want to leave camp!

Paul Lipscomb
Stage 2 Coordinator



Spotify Playlist

Throughout the term, Chapel and Christian Studies has sung and danced to many songs that align with the lessons of the day. So that you can enjoy the same earworms as the students, we have put together a Christian Studies Playlist for your students to bring home. We have loved singing these songs with them and we hope you do too.

[Click here](#) for the link to the playlist

Jonathan Bowtell
Christian Studies Teacher



Kindergarten and Stage One Parents and Partners

There are many ways we share information with families, and one of those ways is to invite families to attend 'Parents as Partners' sessions where we can talk about what is happening in the classroom.

We had a fantastic turn out to the first Kindergarten and Stage One 'Parents as Partners' Information session on Thursday 21st March.

The information session was all about how we are teaching literacy in the classroom, (and what the research says), as well as what homework activities look like for both Kindergarten and Stage One students. Parents were given an overview of the complexities of teaching students to read, write and spell. We discussed some of the elements of the PLD (Promoting Literacy Development) synthetic phonics program that we follow from Prep to Year 6.

To emphasise the importance of learning letter/sound relationships over learning 'sight words' parents were given the challenge to make as many words as possible using 10 single letter sounds (you might like to try this at home!). We then explained that if you learn 10 sight words, you will know only 10 sight words, but if you learn 10 letter/sound relationships you can make so MANY words!

We then split into Kindergarten and Stage One groups to give an overview of homework tasks and had some great discussions around how our homework tasks are linked to our classroom learning.

We had such an enjoyable evening sharing our knowledge and passion with families and we look forward to hosting another session later this year.

Mrs Michelle Pearson
Early Stage 1 Coordinator

Cyber Parent Masterclass

Screen Kids: 5 Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World

- o Learn WHY your child's brain is at risk & what the research says
- o Develop confidence to implement new screen rules

Monday or Wednesday 8:15pm

4 x 1hr sessions

Online video course + discussion

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Cost: \$107



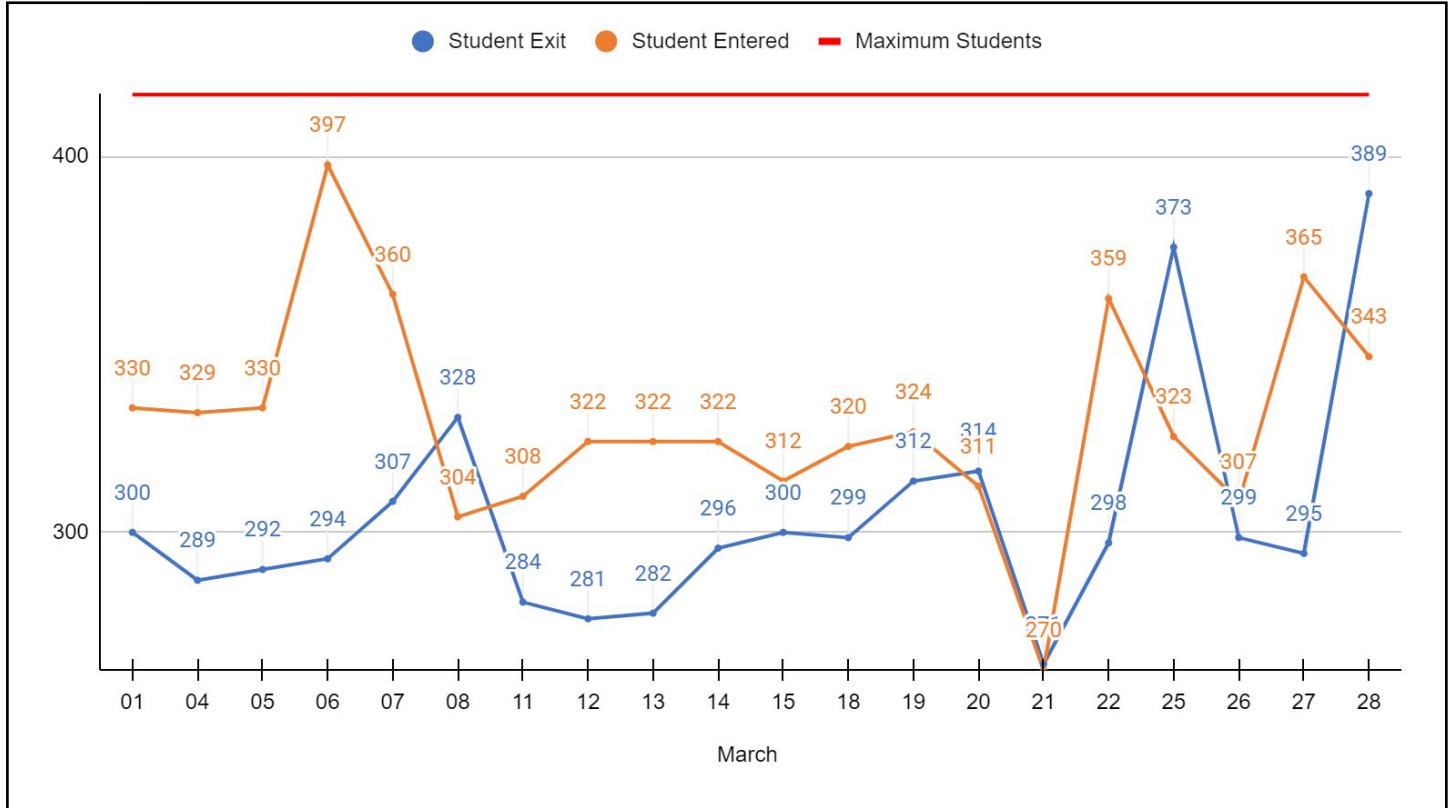
Join the 1hr x 4 online parent class starts 8:15pm Mon 8th or Wed 10th April.

Early bird registration - pay \$75 by 9pm Sunday 7th April to access a **BONUS 5th session!**

Register today for the next Screen Kids Masterclass via zoom. [Click here](#)

OAGS Monthly Student Transport

Welcome to the monthly traffic report for OAGS. As you are aware the school continues to grow and as part of this growth traffic will remain a consistent focus both internally and externally. The graph above shows in orange students arriving to school by private transport, in blue those leaving and the red line is the externally provided maximum number of students accessing school by private transport. As you can see we have not exceeded the maximum amount in March. Thank you for your combined efforts to access buses for your children wherever possible. While the Graph does show some spikes, school events on these days contribute to an increased number of students using private transport. The average for the month shows 305 arriving and 328 leaving by private transport. Please remember, that the school continues to experience sustained growth and while we are meeting our current traffic targets, families are asked to, wherever possible, to travel to school via buses or via the pedestrian approved access.



Mr Robert Watts
Director of Data and Analytics



252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Recruit Gear Issue

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have had to cancel the planned Issue day on Saturday 6 April. Recruits will now be issued clothing and equipment during the Monday parade on 8 April.

Anzac Day – 25 April

ALL unit members not absent on holiday are asked to attend. The unit will march behind the veterans in the Orange city march from the Services Club to Robertson Park. The RSL sub Branch have also requested we carry flags and banners. Unit to meet at OAGS at 8am to check uniforms (DPCU ceremonial) and practice marching. We will also ensure everyone is well hydrated and has a snack before being transported by coach into the city. A detailed information sheet will be issued before the end of Term.

Promotion Courses (6-13 July) Cadets on the CPL course should have received email notification from course staff. If you have not please contact CAPT Nye asap. Cadets on the SGT and CWC courses can expect to be contacted in the coming weeks. Online nominations must be accepted asap when they are emailed to their cadetnet account.

AFX (Annual Field Exercise) Sat 28 Sep- Fri 4 Oct.

This is expected to be held at the Singleton Army Field Training Area adjacent to the military camp. Please note the corrected dates – it is the first week of the NSW state school holidays BUT it is the middle week of the OAGS holidays.

Dates for your Diary

6 Apr	Recruit Induction Day & Uniform Issue - Rank, Staff and Recruits - CANCELLED
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY – march in Orange - ALL
6-13 Jul	NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only
26-28 Jul	Term 3 - Cudal
28 Sep- 4 Oct	AFX (Annual Camp) - Singleton

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU

Chess Club

NSW Secondary Schools (Western Region) Competition.

In Round 1, OAGS defeated Orange Christian School 3-1. Our representatives were Archie Casey, Bec Kemp, Cameron McLean, Mykayla Hazleton, Liam Nyers-Saunders and Charlotte Johnston. All players gained valuable experience in preparation for our round 2 game against Orange High School.

Primary School Competition

Mr Lipscomb will again take a group of our young Chess players to represent the school on 17 & 19 June at the local schools competition.

During Term 2 and 3 we run a school competition to determine the champions of upper and lower Secondary and Primary School. We also take students to represent the school at external competitions.

Master Class

Available to stage 3 and senior school students on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm to learn from Mr Cummins our very dedicated and experienced chess tutor. Players who would like to represent the school should consider attending these sessions.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator

Got Questions



7-14 April

Meet Jesus

Question #01
Is the resurrection of Jesus fact or fiction?

Church Services Sunday 7 April
8:30, 10:30am @ Holy Trinity
9:30am @ St Barnabas

Question #02
Aren't we better off without religion?

Dessert, Short Talk and Q&A
7:00pm Tuesday 9 April @ St Barnabas

Question #03
Is genuine satisfaction possible?

BBQ, Short Talk and Q&A
6:30pm Wednesday 10 April

orangeanglicanchurches.org

Question #04
How can I believe in God when the world is such a mess?

Dessert, Short Talk and Q&A
7:00pm Thursday 11 April @ Holy Trinity

Question #05
Why do I need Jesus? I'm fine as I am.

Church Services Sunday 14 April
8:30, 10:30am @ Holy Trinity
9:30am @ St Barnabas

Family Fun Day at St. Barnabas
9-1, Saturday 13 April





TRINITY KIDS' CLUB

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2-6

GAMES-BIBLE TALK-CRAFT-DINNER

5 - 6.30 pm
THURSDAY 11 APRIL

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