

OAGS News



Securing Success...



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It's a date...

ANZAC Day March
Tuesday 25th April

First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 26th April

School Photo Day
Monday 1st May

OAGS Easter Fair





FAITH



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Easter

Easter is a great time of celebration - chocolate, family, long weekend! The best thing about Easter is the good news that Jesus came to save the world. Every day we see evidence that our world, and we, are in serious need of the type of help that only God can give. Don't miss out this Easter from hearing God's good news. Visit a church, like the ones below, or pick up a Bible and read through the accounts of Jesus life, death and resurrection. If you would like some help exploring Jesus more our chaplains are always available for a chat. Simply email chaplains@oags.nsw.edu.au

David Whittingham
Chaplaincy Coordinator

<h3>HOLY TRINITY</h3> <p>GOOD FRIDAY 9am Service of readings, prayers & songs</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY FUN Easter Craft - Easter Hunt - Morning Tea 9.30am in the Hall</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 8.30am Traditional Communion 10.30am Family Service</p> <p>holytrinityorange.com.au</p>	<h3>ST BARNABAS</h3> <p>GOOD FRIDAY 9.30am Service of readings, prayers & songs with creche for 3s and under and morning tea with hot cross buns</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 7.30am Traditional Communion 9.30am Contemporary Communion Service with children's programme and morning tea after the service</p> <p>stbarneys.com.au</p>
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A king worth following?

Join us for Easter as we celebrate Jesus' saving work through his death and resurrection.

Good Friday: 9am & 10:45am
Easter Sunday: 9am, 10:45am & 5pm

Orange Evangelical Church
2 Cottonwood Way, Orange
WWW.OECHURCH.ORG.AU/EASTER

www.oechurch.org.au

EventBrite: shorturl.at/lwDR5
Please RSVP before the day!!

Time: 9am to 3pm
Cost: \$10 per child per
Resign the QR code to

Family SERVICE

April 16th, 3.30pm-6pm

A School Holiday Family Service special! Activities for 3 to 15 year old and their parents or careers. Lots of Craft and games - bring a friend (& family). Learn about Quasimodo! Includes food, drink, games, songs and activities.

EventBrite: shorturl.at/lwDR5
Please RSVP before the day!!

FUN, WORSHIP & FOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
pastor@orangechurchofchrist.org
0431 451 174
FB: search @burrendongway



PRIMARY NEWS

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Parents as Partners Night

On Thursday 23rd March, the Early Stage One and Stage One team invited parents into the school for the first 'Parents as Partners' session for 2023. The Early Stage One and Stage One teams presented on reading, phonics and homework.

The teams introduced to the parents the current research behind how students become successful readers, by presenting Scarborough's Rope. Scarborough's Rope is a visual representation of all the different skills a child needs to have to be a successful reader. More information about this research can be found here

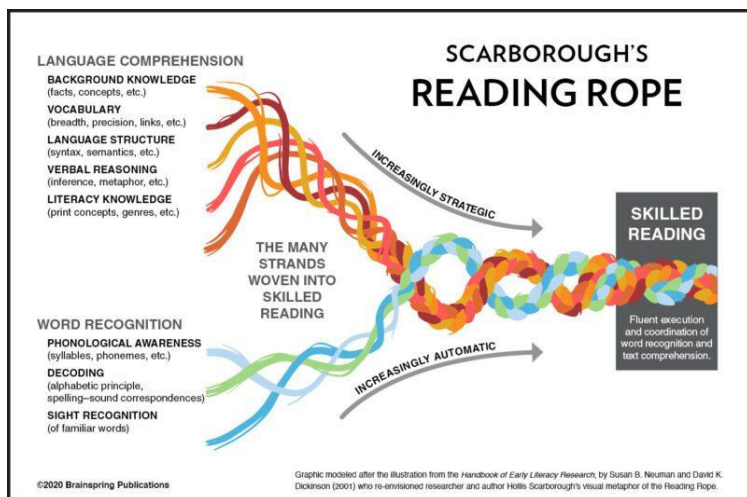
<https://dyslexiaida.org/scarboroughs-reading-rope-a-groundbreaking-infographic/>

One of the key components of reading is children's phonics development. The team presented why we use 'Promoting Literacy Development (PLD)' as the school program. The team showed the parents the sequence in which we teach the sounds and why we teach them the way we do. Parents were then given the opportunity to engage in a mock lesson, giving an ultimate insight into how phonics is taught at OAGS.

Finally, both the Early Stage One and Stage One teams explained to parents the purpose behind the homework activities and how they can help their children at home.

Overall, it was a great night connecting with parents. I would encourage you to attend the next 'Parents as Partners' evening.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Team



Primary School Reminder

As a "Nut Free" school, please remember that nuts and nut products are not to be sent to school for lunch or recess. We have students with life-threatening allergies to nuts which may be triggered by touch or airborne particles. Please check all food items prior to sending them to school to ensure that they do not contain any form of nuts, being particularly mindful of Nutella, peanut butter, muesli bars with nuts and trail mixes. Thank you for your support and understanding to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Mrs Jessica Willis
Director of Primary

Stage 2 Beginning with The End in Mind

Over recent weeks, students in Stage 2 have been developing their skills in planning their narrative writing, based on the idea of beginning with the end in mind.

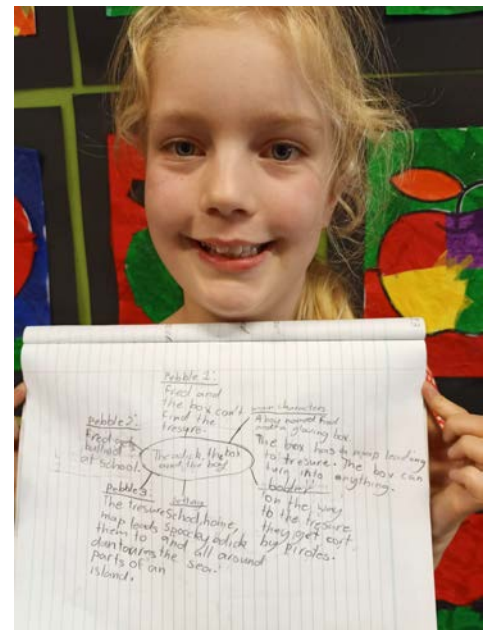
Creatively shaping elements of their stories, students have been exploring details of their story's main complication, key characters and their personalities, along with thinking deeply about details of the story setting.

Some examples of complications have included a battle of the boxes, a shape-shifting box and a magical box that glows in different colours. To give characters personality and develop them, students have considered choices such as the character's ages, interests, family situation and any quirky qualities about them. Likewise, students have carefully planned when their narrative is set, where it is set and how they can engage their readers' senses. For example, what we can see, hear and smell in the setting, as well as what emotions get conjured up.

It has been so pleasing to see the students experimenting with their creativity to craft narratives that hook an audience and maintain their interest throughout believable and imaginable twists and turns. Beginning with the end in mind has helped the students to plan engaging complications that are inevitably resolved, characters who the audience can empathise with and a setting that the reader can visualise and feel a part of.



Paul Lipscomb
Stage 2 Coordinator



Laptop Fully Charged

For any student, coming equipped with the items they require for each class is an important part of any successful lesson. In Secondary School, students require their laptop for each of their lessons. Unfortunately we are seeing an increasing number of students arrive at school with their laptop uncharged or only partially charged, which means they are often unable to participate fully in the learning activities organised for that lesson. In order to help your child to gain the full benefits from each of their classes, we are asking for your help in ensuring that your child's **laptop is fully charged each evening before school**. Whilst power cables are wonderful things, we do not have 350 powerpoints in Secondary School for our students to charge their laptop throughout the day. Parents and caregivers, if you could please partner with us and work with your child to see that they have this aspect of their learning organised, we will work on providing them with 'powerful' lessons.



100% Charged



SECONDARY NEWS

Nedd Brockmann

On Monday 3rd of April, the Orange Anglican Grammar School TEN4TEN leaders, Secondary School Captains and 2022 Male and Female Cross Country Champions travelled to Orange Ex-Services Club. They went there to hear from Nedd Brockmann; The fastest ever Australian to run across Australia.

In 2022 Nedd ran from Cottesloe Beach in WA to Bondi Beach in NSW. Running approximately 80 kilometres a day, over 46 days, Nedd put into action his mantra: "get comfortable, being uncomfortable." Persevering through severe pain, injury, sleep deprivation and more, Nedd just kept showing up every morning and bit by bit traversed his way across the country. As he went, members of his support crew shared his inspiring story on social media and his story was so moving that by the time he reached Bondi, 10,000 people welcome him across the finish line.

Nedd shared this inspirational story to a packed room. His amazing feat was not an end in itself but also a significant fundraising project. With the help of sponsors and supporters that came on board before, during and after the run, he raised \$2.35 million for homelessness. Nedd was quite honest about the difficulties he faced as he started the initiative and his earthy approach appeared to endear himself to the students in attendance.

Below are some reflections from our TEN4TEN leaders:

Being a part of the Ten 4 Ten program is extremely significant and rewarding. Nedd Brockmann is a persevering local 24 year old, who has done tremendous actions for Australia in his short period of time. Nedd quoted throughout the day that although things get hard, to "keep showing up" something I hope to resonate and to pass on the significance to others and for myself, of what the future holds. (Alexandra Milne).

The Nedd Brockmann presentation was an enriching experience. It was fantastic to see such determination and commitment to goals from Nedd. I enjoyed how down-to-earth Nedd was when speaking about his life experiences. Quotes that stuck with me were "be comfortable being uncomfortable" and "there is never a right time to start", as it helped me realise that to achieve goals you just have to start working towards them. (Charlotte Roach).

My experience at the Nedd Brockman was inspiring and eye-opening. Listening to how he overcame injuries on his run and then continued on for 30 more days, all because he started something and needed to finish. His motto of "get comfortable being uncomfortable" will be coming in handy for me over the next year and a half as I complete my HSC studies. (Luke Reed).

Mr Tim Brown **Director of Secondary**



Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge - 2023

On Thursday 30 March, 32 students, from Year 9 and 10 represented our school at the Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge. Held at James Sheahan Catholic High School, eight teams of four students were tasked with eight challenges. Shared across a morning and afternoon session, seven were half day tasks and the bridge building were an all-day task. All students were in good spirits and enjoyed the day and the learning it provided.

We were very well placed in the morning session, but alas were 6th placed overall, at the end of the day. There were some great positives however as we were 1st in Confounding Communications and 2nd in Electracity (an event we always score well in) and Grasping at Straws. There were only 120 points separating 8th to 2nd, so a very tight field. Participation is the key and it is hoped that the students learnt to work together and gained an insight into how products work, even when made with simple household items.

Well done to all students who participated, particularly those new to the team and a thank you to those who stepped in. It is great to take a full complement of students. Also, commendation to Rebecca Kemp who assisted in organising the groups. Thanks to our staff and you, parents and caregivers', for your support and encouragement of our student's participation.



Years 7.2 and 7.3 Science

This term, students in Year 7 Science have been considering the nature of forces and how these interact with us and the physical world. A fun activity that students participated in was the making of Rube Goldberg machines. The nature of these machines is to undertake a simple task in the most complicated fashion. We even looked at the game 'Mouse Trap', itself a Rube Goldberg machine, all in the name of Science.

This learning activity focused on scientific discovery and experimentation rather than obtaining a perfect outcome. Students were encouraged to be creative and take risks. The end result was a fun team building and learning opportunity. Below are a selection of photos from across the groups.



Peter F. Reid
Secondary Science and Technology Teacher



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Primary Show

Congratulations to all students who successfully auditioned for the Primary Show The Amazing Adventures of Superstan. How wonderful to see such confidence and enthusiasm for performance in the Primary School! In particular, it was encouraging to see that those students who have been participating in Drama Club and Mediant/Supertronics Choir were able to demonstrate the skills they have learnt. Casting the leads/continuous characters was very difficult, simply because there were so many capable performers - what a wonderful problem to have! The show is designed so that every student from P-6 will be performing with their class as part of the show. The leads/continuous characters were announced last week and the listing is included for your reference below.



Save the Date: The Amazing Adventures of Superstan will be on Thursday 29th June at Orange Function Centre.

Priscilla Colgan
Music Teacher

Stanley Marvel	Brodie Stephenson	The Bogeyman	Freddie Jones
Superstan	James Christian	Bernard Crumbly	Violette Rimmer
DC	Nate Johnston	Frank Crumbly	Liliana Kelley
Candy King	Reuven Harper	Gloria Crumbly	Chloe Smith
Gran	Hannah Whittingham	Crumbly	Adeline Wilson
Max Volume	Tom Wotton	Crumbly	Anjola Aborisade
Sunny Day	Loti Ward	Dr What	Sam Piggott
Curly	Lucy Wotton	Dr When	Amelia Newcomb
Wurly	Isla-Rose Henry	Dr Why	Nenyasha Ndlovu
Mayor Donut	Emma Lee	General Commotion	Audrey Boyce
Dan Deadline	Nadiya Hazelton	Private Property	Lucy Pearson
Peter (reporter)	Zac Lee	Private Matters	Jonah White
Parker (reporter)	Lachlan Irwin	Private Eye	Bridie Wiggins
Clark (reporter)	Hugo Goldsmith	Private Keep Out	Meckenzie Flowers
Kent (reporter)	Calvin Holding	Museum Curator	Ed Goldsmith

Special Citizens and Ninja Minions

Arielle Blackmore	Charlotte Johnston	Em Hunter	Evelyn Allenby
Evelyn Gazi	Genevieve Wallace	Hannah Wotton	Imogen Flowers
Isaac Johnston	Kene Oba	Lilian Holgate	Mollie Esson
Oliver Arndell	Renei Nare	Ruby Dunn	Tim Napier
Adelaide Cooper	Sandy Crane		



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



OAGS Sporting Success So Far

Western Associated Schools (WAS)	Students
Basketball	Michael Berndt, Andrew Ingham & Sean Antonio
Touch	Ruby Devries, Milla Jurd, Miley O'Brien, Scarlett Petty, Elyse Stringer, Lachlan Kostics, Joshua Blackwell, Rowdy Roberts, Charli Hunter, Marley Ash, Harry Brown & Isaac Clarke
Swimming	Jack Thompson, Joel Springer, Poppy Kay, Oliver Thompson, Grace Lingier, Calai Bunworth and Luke Brown.
Netball	Macey Paul, Darcy Speers, Isla Stringer, Luci Moller (Shadow)
Hockey	Hannah Dwar, Xan Milne, Daisy Dwyer, Miley O'Brien, Manuel Camargo Riverera, Jacob Norcott, James Carrier, Seamus Dwyer, Finn Dwyer
Heads of Independent Co-Educational Schools (HICES)	
Football (Soccer)	Patrick Blair & Samuel Butt
Basketball	Jovi Birkin
Association of Independent Co-Educational Schools (AICES)	
Touch Football	Lucy Martin, Jocelyn Blair & Isabelle Waters
Swimming	Lachlan Thompson
Combined Independent Schools (CIS)	
Softball (Secondary)	Michael Berndt & Kayne Birkin
Swimming (Primary)	Ruben Oxenburgh & Emily McGreal

Primary Girls Soccer Gala Day

Over 160 girls from across the Central West had a brilliant day at Sir Jack Brabham Ovals.

A great way to finish out the term it was physically demanding with our team having 4 games of non stop fun. The OAGS team of Loti Ward, Laila Buckland, Montana Blowes, Victoria Chung, Jessica McGreal, Emma Lee and Catie Masters were on fire on the field winning all their games.

Our team showed concentration, team building skills and great development for the ODFA season ahead.

These players are from our U11 and U12 OAGS soccer club with one of our little stars, Catie Masters playing 2 years above her grade on Wednesday.

Well done girls, OAGS is proud of you!

Miss Stephanie Harrison
Girls Soccer Gala Day Coach



Easter Holidays

Commences Friday 7th April 2023

Returning to School Wednesday 26th April 2023

Anzac Day March - Tuesday 25th April

Administration Hours

9am - 1pm





252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Army Cadets – 252 ACU

Last Monday (3 Apr) was our last parade. Normal Monday parades resume on **Monday 1st May**.

1-2 April Recruit Bivouac - OAGS

We had 27 new recruits with 16 rank onsite at OAGS from 0830h Saturday until 1100h Sunday. The weather was great which helped to make a good introduction to a cadet overnight activity. There were many smiling faces and shouts of "look at this.." as new uniforms were extracted from bags and ration packs were opened and examined. Even though there was a slight breeze and the temperature fell to single digits everyone took their turn at getting out of bed and doing the security picquet wandering around the school. The hot milo and biscuits were enticing and helped make it worthwhile. Thanks to our adult staff LT Russell Player, 2LT Brant Waterson, Mr Chris McAlister, Mr Nigel Coutts, 2LT Ann McAlister, Mr Brynn player and Mr Peter Reid Jnr whose attendance allowed us to conduct the activity in an optimum manner.

RAAF C130 Familiarisation Flight. Saturday 22 April

An Information sheet was issued last Monday and Consent notes need to be uploaded onto cadetnet. We will be departing at 7am by coach to Dubbo Airport.

Anzac Day

An Information note was issued last Monday. Meet at OAGS at **8am** for uniform checks, drill revision, hydration etc before being transported to the city March form up point (Anson St outside OESC). Cadets may wear medals of relatives on the RIGHT chest pocket. Parents need to collect cadets from Robertson Park after the Anzac memorial service, approximately 1200h.

5-7 May T2 Bivouac

This activity will be available for consent Notes shortly. It is essential these are submitted by Tuesday 2 May so Transport and rations can be organised. An Information sheet will be issued during Week 1 next term.

Important Dates - No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday breaks

22 Apr	RAAF C130 Hercules familiarisation flight – Dubbo
24 Apr	Mon – Adult Staff ONLY
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY – ALL 8am meet at OAGS – Orange City march
25 Apr	Bunnings BBQ – selected personnel (12 till 5pm)
1 May	Monday Parades Resume for ALL
5-7 May	T2 Bivouac – ALL – Lewis Ponds
1-8 Jul	NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only
3-8 Jul	CACTC (sth QLD) – Senior cadets
21-23 Jul	T3 Biv – ALL - Cudal
24-29 Sep	AFX (Annual Camp) – Majura Range (Canberra) - ALL

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU

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) – OAGS won round 1 by forfeit. For round 2, OAGS is the Home team and has been matched against Denison College-Bathurst High Campus. Liaison has started to determine a day and time to play in the first few weeks of next term.

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



OAGS DANCE WORKSHOP

Wednesday 19th April

9am - 12pm @ Media Centre

Stage 2 and Stage 3 OAGS Dancers

\$30

OAGS Dance is the place where incredible things happen for passionate and hard-working students.

Don't leave your dancing behind in the school holidays, join Miss Harrison and Mrs Purvis for an epic morning of dance where there will be truly something for every budding performer to enjoy across various genres and flexibility work.



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Orange Autumn Holidays Junior Chess Tournament

Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Trophies and medals for age prizes

Entry Fee

One Child	\$25
Other Siblings	\$20

Payment to be made to:
Account Name: Bevan Clouston
BSB: 082-171
Acc: 12-468-7406

**St Barnabus
Anglican
Church
Parish Hall,
Orange**

This is a fun tournament.
Basic knowledge of the rules is
required and tournament
conditions will be applied.

The time control is 15 minutes
plus 5 seconds per move.
An explanation of chess clocks will
be given at the start of the day.

An event for all players
under 18 years of age

**Saturday 22nd
April 2023
9:30 - 3:30**

To enter, please contact
Bevan Clouston at
bkclouston@gmail.com

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