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From the Headmaster

For the past fortnight Orange Anglican Grammar School has been blessed to have a variety of visitors into the school. Our incoming 2024 Prep, Kindergarten and Year 7 students have all spent time on our campus engaged in Orientation days and activities and we have welcomed each of their parents to Information Nights. As we look to 2024 we will continue to ensure that every student's potential is recognised and nurtured. These orientation opportunities provide us with a headstart on this journey of securing success.



I look forward to announcing the new staff team for 2024 in a special Community News Bulletin. Stay tuned!

The latest from Ag...

Orange Young Farmers Challenge

Last week our OAGS Agriculture team had the privilege of joining a team of young people from across the Central West to take part in a series of workshops on soil science, sheep management, wool classing and beef judging.

The students also took part in a series of competitions for the Young Farmers challenge including carrying sandbags, rolling a swag and even eating a Weetbix.



Despite the OAGS team showing their speed, they were unable to beat the 'vintage teachers' team featuring Mrs Eyb and a number of other aged competitors in the final.

One of the key highlights of the day was hearing from a career panel. This included a number of rising stars in the Agricultural sector in fields from Agronomy, Rural sales, Livestock Management and Finance, Agricultural Engineering and Livestock Health. Our students were able to ask questions and find out about study and employment opportunities in Agriculture.

Mrs Sarah Eyb
Agriculture Teacher



PRIMARY NEWS

Stage 3 Goldfields Excursion

On Friday the 3rd of November, Stage 3 had the opportunity to travel to Bathurst and spend the day at the Goldfields. This excursion was a cumulative experience which built on the knowledge students acquired in their Term 3 History Unit 'The Gold Rush'.

Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of experiences led by the experts from the Goldfields. This included visiting a simulation underground mining room and exploring the museum with real and replica mining tools. Students also got to see mining tools in action, helping to work the whim and watch the mining cart move along its rails, before panning for gold themselves. We learnt about the important role of the blacksmith during the goldrush, and enjoyed helping a real blacksmith work the bellows and watch as he demonstrated his art. Students engaged well with the Gold Rush actors who shared their story, before playing era-appropriate games and making mud bricks.

Highlights of the day included: panning for gold and getting to take home the little specks we found, cooking yummy damper and eating it with maple syrup, and of course doing a 'hot lap' of Mount Panorama on the bus.

All Stage 3 students conducted themselves incredibly well and participated in each activity with enthusiasm and persistence. The Stage 3 teachers are so proud of them and are thankful for the fantastic day!

Stage 3 Teachers



NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS - for Our Elders

Last week Mrs Willis and Mrs Eyb accompanied 23 students of OAGS to march at the annual NAIDOC celebrations. The theme for the week was "For Our Elders" and represents the prominent place our Elders have played and continue to play in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander communities. Elders are our cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

The event featured a smoking ceremony representing healing and purification, Aboriginal dancing and the opportunity to engage with the many organisations and community groups that are part of our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities.

Mrs Sarah Eyb



Cyber Safety

This week the Primary School benefitted from the expertise of Senior Constable Jane Heffernan. Her vehicle, uniform and police gear were a popular conversation topic for our younger students. Jane was asked to help our students understand the risks involved with using the Internet today. While there are many wonderful benefits of the Internet, there are also great risks to young people.

Some key points from Jane's talks:

- When young people are using a device, it should always be used by a young person in a public part of the home
- If a young person has a phone, set it up to log off at a certain time each evening
- Keep phones and other devices out of reach from children during the night time
- Look at the recommended age for children to sign up for games and apps, and follow those recommendations
- Understand that each person should give their consent before a picture of them is shared through a message or online, and that once photos have been shared we can't get them back
- Do not share any personal information online, and do not communicate in any way with strangers online

Following these talks some students have admitted to me that they would be reluctant to tell their parents about issues they have had online. Their fear is that the device will be taken from them. I have explained that parents may remove a device from them for a period of time, (if they have broken family rules or become distressed by something happening online) but they won't experience a lifetime ban! As we know, fear of missing out can be a huge stressor for young people and devices can be addictive. Please make time this week to your child about Jane's visit and encourage an open dialogue about the problems some people can experience online.

I was very pleased to hear Jane say that every stage group were respectful listeners, shared great ideas and asked helpful questions.

Georgina Willis
Pastoral Care Coordinator



SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary Student Leadership Team

Appointment to the role of the captaincy leadership positions is an important junction in any school year. As we prepared to farewell our outgoing school captions in term 3, we also embarked on the process of appointing secondary student leaders for 2024.

Following an extensive process that included applying in writing, formal interviews and lastly a speech to the school body, secondary school staff and students voted on their preferred candidate. As is school tradition, the announcement of the successful applicants and new team occurs at the Year 12 valedictory service. This highly anticipated moment saw the announcement of a wonderful group of highly capable young men and women. The new leadership team for 2024, including a couple of incoming year 11 students appointed to House Captaincy positions at the start of Term 4 is:

School Captains: Alexandra Baines; Luke Reed
Vice Captains: Sadie May; Andrew Ingham
Discipleship Captains: Oliver Inman, William Whittingham
Bandhaa House Captain: Alexandra Milne
Bandhaa Vice Captain: Thomas Wright
Biladurang House Captain: Harrison Brown
Biladurang Vice Captain: Bridget Watts
Dinawan House Captain: Keegan Willis
Dinawan Vice Captain: Isla Stringer
Gugaa House Captain: Nathaniel Lee
Gugaa Vice Captain: Lachlan Thompson
Prefect: Sharon Dawo



On Monday 30th of October the new leadership team travelled to Dubbo to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. This leadership conference exists to train and develop leaders and was attended by other newly appointed student leaders from schools in the Central West. Consisting of a variety of main gatherings and elective sessions, students learnt about: being a student leadership team that takes steps forward, how to lead when it feels like nobody wants to follow, how to make improvements in your own leadership effectiveness and more. The training was high energy, fun and engaging, regularly modelling leadership skills that students could transfer into their own school communities.

Our leaders spoke positively about their time at the conference and returned back to Orange full of enthusiasm for the difference they can make in their time as a student leader at OAGS. We look forward to the impact they will have during their leadership tenure.

Mr Tim Brown
Director of Secondary



Australian Mathematics Competition

This year OAGS had 71 students from Stage 3 through to Stage 6 enter the AMC in August this year.

Students who were placed in the top 20% of participants in Australia and over 30 participating countries, received Distinctions. It should be noted that this competition is of a very high standard, so any students who earned a Distinction or Credit should be very proud of their results. One student who is to be congratulated particularly for his results is Year 8 student, Cameron McLean. His results were noted as "Best in School".

Here is a summary of the results showing students who received Distinctions and Credits

Award	Year	Name	Award	Year	Name
Best in School/ Distinction	8	Cameron Mclean	Credit	8	Elizabeth Fuller
Distinction	8	Dexter Lloyd	Credit	8	Isabelle Waters
Distinction	8	Greg Finlay	Credit	8	Maxwell Rimmer
Credit	7	Georgina Baines	Credit	8	Rohan Mittal
Credit	7	Hamish Goldsmith	Credit	8	Blake Gleeson
Credit	7	Abigail Martin	Credit	9	Flynn Baker
Credit	7	Joel Springer	Credit	9	Thomas Christian
Credit	7	Leo Hutchesson	Credit	10	Rebecca Kemp
Credit	8	Charlotte Johnstone	Credit	12	Hayden Spedding

Students who received a Credit or better will be presented with their awards during Assembly. Many students also received Proficiency awards and these will be presented during class time.

I wish to thank the office staff for helping organise notes and entries and the teachers who helped run the competition- Mr Linde, Mr Player and Mrs Pottie.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated and we look forward to your continued success.

Mrs Jane Keene
Secondary Mathematics Teacher

CHRISTMAS
Market

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GREEN
THIS SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 9.30AM-12PM

ART & CRAFT STALLS - COFFEE & CAKE
PLANT, BOOK & GIFT STALLS



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

CAPA News

OAGS was honoured last week to host one of Australia's finest composers, Mr Paul Jarman. Many of you will remember hearing his pieces 'The Captain's Tale' and 'Shackleton' performed recently at OAGS OnStage, which was entirely coincidental and simply a reflection of how highly regarded a composer he is. We have commissioned Paul to compose an OAGS School Anthem, and he spent time last week exploring the school and working with students to identify the essence and unique aspects of the OAGS culture. It was wonderful to hear strong themes coming through from staff and students alike and we can't wait to premiere the finished product in 2024.

Paul also conducted composition masterclass with Elective Music students which was reported to be inspiring and encouraging in equal measure. He also spent time with some of our ensembles as he introduced his extraordinary piece 'Sailing Home' inspired by Jessica Watson's solo journey around the world.



Audition Workshop
Sunday 19th Nov 2 - 4pm

Auditions
Thursday 23rd Nov from 3:30





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Contact sarah.eyb@oags.nsw.edu.au



Wool Classing at OAGS

Stage 5 100 hours Agriculture students really got their hands dirty this week with local wool buyer Mr Scott Warner delivering a hands on wool classing master class. Students had the opportunity to grade a range of Merino fleeces from premium superfine fleeces to those impacted by the dust of the last big dry.

By the end of the lesson, all students were able to skirt a fleece, identify common faults such as vegetable matter and tenderness but also be able to sort wool according to fibre diameter and colour.



Anglican Grammar Ag Safety Warriors!

Orange Anglican Grammar School students are some of the first in the country to provide feedback to a new farm safety education game for high schoolers called Calm Your Farm. Earlier in the year our Year 7 and 8 students assisted in the co-design of the game and Mrs Eyb's and Mr Dobbs' class got to trial the game for the first time! The game will launch later in 2023. Check out calmfarm.education for more information.

The game was tested at length for a Pizza lunch for the safety winners and included areas such as water safety, four wheel vehicles and bikes, chemicals and workshop safety,

"It's a great resource for agricultural educators teaching upper primary and high school students. The game was really engaging and the point system inspired some healthy competition in the classroom!" said Sarah Eyb, Agriculture Teacher at Orange Anglican Grammar School in the NSW central west region.

Mrs Sarah Eyb
Agriculture Teacher

You'll come a-waltzing... Join us for a Bush Dance

SAT 11 NOVEMBER | 5 – 8:30PM
Bloomfield Hall, Park Drive, Bloomfield
Hospital 1502 Forest rd. Orange

TICKETS: \$5 / PERSON, \$20 /
FAMILY (KIDS UNDER 5 FREE)
Family-friendly & alcohol free

TICKETS INCLUDES A BBQ DINNER
All profits raised go to supporting
Food Care Orange

BOOK HERE
(tickets are also
available at the door)



special guests: Town Hall String Band



ORANGE
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252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Cadets News

11 Nov Remembrance Day. The unit has no commitments tomorrow. The RSL will hold a service at the Robertson Park Cenotaph to commemorate this event. Any attendees are invited back to the club afterwards.

13 Nov Even though this is OAGS Exams week, the Monday parade will still be held. Many students use this as a welcome break to study and the exams.

Kitchen Trailer. We have placed a deposit on two trailers for \$8000. Our fundraising is now very important so that we can repay the loan (from a generous staff member). The trailers will be collected in early December from Newcastle.

Bunnings BBQ support. We have some Bunnings BBQ dates over the holidays and in 2024 (exact dates tba). They are very long days (7am till 5pm) so parent and cadet assistance to work on a roster for a few hours will spread the load and allow us to raise funds for equipment, transport hire and catering for bivouacs and activities.

20 Nov Parade The unit will be visited by the CO and 2IC of 25BN to view our facilities and operations.

Dinner 30 Nov at OESC. If you haven't booked your ticket contact LT Russell Player ASAP

Important Dates -

- 18 Nov** Bunnings BBQ – volunteer roster
- 30 Nov** Dinner – celebrating 5 years of operation at OESC
- 2 Dec** Annual Ceremonial Parade
- 4 Dec** Last 2023 Parade
- 9 Dec** Jan Courses Preparation
- 9-12 Jan** 25Bn mini AFX – Holsworthy - ALL
- 12-20 Jan 24** NSW Promotion Courses – selected cadets

Recruiting in Feb 2024 is for Year 8 and above. Year 7 will be able to join in Term 3 (July)

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU

Secondary Chess Club

Master Class – The Wednesday Masterclass (after school) has now finished for 2023 but will be held again in 2024.

Weekly Chess Club on Thursday during the big break will NOT be held next week due to exams.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator



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