

# OAGS News



Securing Success...

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## Superstan Success!

What a show! *The Amazing Adventures of Superstan* was the hottest ticket in town yesterday as every student from Prep to Year 6 wowed a packed out crowd with their performances. The action packed show was a celebration of singing, dancing, crazy props and plot twists, touching solos, show stopping ensemble numbers and of course the red sparkly Fantastic Elastic Anti-Gravity Pants!

The Primary Show was intended to be a celebration of student achievement and a joyous, inclusive opportunity for every student to experience the transformative power of being part of something bigger than themselves. It was incredible to see the students demonstrating the 7 Habits that they have been working so hard on developing. They showed self-control; they put first things first; they started with the end in mind as they rehearsed in and out of music class time; and the final show was the greatest demonstration of synergy you could ever hope to see!

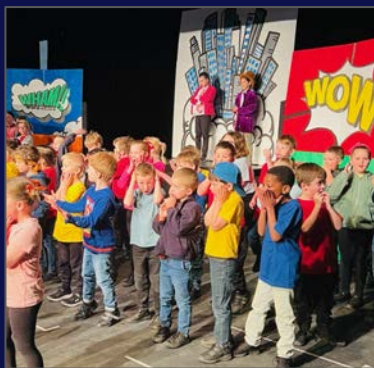
There will be a digital video recording available for purchase by members of the school community. [Click here to pre-order.](#)

An enormous thank you to:

- Mr Palmer and Mrs Johnston
- Primary Teachers for their support in helping students make so many props, set pieces and costumes.
- Parents who helped with sewing and building
- Adam Cusack, Reynee Ward and the admin team
- OAGS P & F for their financial support
- Mrs Crane and Secondary Drama students for help with sound effects, lighting, backstage management and backstage crew.
- Teachers who helped in the Function Centre with coffee, tickets and bump out and all the other behind the scenes jobs.

I am so grateful to have been supported by such an incredible team to give the students this phenomenal opportunity to shine. Wishing everyone a restful holiday.

**Priscilla Colgan**  
Primary Music Teacher





# PRIMARY NEWS

## Stage 1 - Mad About Science

This term Stage 1 has been learning about Changes All Around in Science. We have been noticing the many changes that occur around us, both natural and human. One of the highlights has been monitoring the weather, including the types of clouds we see in the sky each day. To supplement this interest, Stage 1 was visited by Mad About Science, where we learnt about Wicked Weather! Students discussed evaporation and precipitation and made their very own cloud by simulating the water cycle in a beacon. They learnt about UV rays and the ways we can protect ourselves when out in the sun. We built a UV detector with beads that change colour when UV light is about. The highlight, according to the squeals of delight, was experimenting with a substance that when water was added, 'grew' into snow. Fascinating! With such an exciting incursion, many students may have added a 'real scientist' to their list of what they wish to be when they grow up.



## Materials Science - Stage 2

This term, Stage 2 has been investigating the properties of different materials. We looked at the properties of materials to see if they would be able to do the job we need them to do. The students are currently designing an item to suit a given scenario. It is vital that the materials they choose for their design will be suitable for the conditions in which they will be used, as well as the job they have been designed to do. This gives them a chance to use and transfer the knowledge gained in class to a real-life situation where they can present their design to a 'client' and give reasons why the materials they have chosen will be perfect for the given scenario.



## Sharon Cloete - Stage 2 (Science)



## Naidoc Week Community Project

If you have visited the Coles (Charter Hall) shopping centre recently, you may have spotted some eye-catching artworks on display. Stage 1 Cricket Kids were involved in a NAIDOC Week art project (Drawing Us Together), whereby they created illustrations for parts of a book that was written by an Indigenous author. Several other schools in Orange also illustrated parts of the book. Cricket Kids submitted 12 artworks that illustrated pages 7 and 8 of the book.

I am so proud of how the Cricket Kids produced such amazing artworks for this project. I look forward to seeing the finished book, no matter who the chosen artworks belong to. The spirit of this activity is Reconciliation, and an appreciation that indigenous peoples have a strong connection to Country.

So, get down to the Coles shopping centre precinct to check out OAGS' Stage 1 Crickets' artworks.

**Ms K Taylor**  
Stage 1 Crickets Teacher



## OAGS CANTEEN NEEDS YOU!

**Do you have 3 hours to  
volunteer in our Canteen  
once a week or more?**

The canteen has seen a huge increase in lunches being made for both the Primary and Secondary Schools and we would love for volunteers to help Miranda.

Please contact Student Services  
02 6360 4811

### LOOKING FOR MUMS, DADS, & GRANDPARENTS

Are you available from 9am to 12pm any day from Monday to Friday



Dear OAGS Parents,

Its time to order the **2024**  
Orange Anglican Grammar School  
Uniform.

Fittings are compulsory for all Prep students, Kindergarten,  
Year 7 and Year 11

**If you do not do a fitting the correct sizes may not be available**

#### Five Simple Steps

1. Call now and make an appointment
2. We will assist with fittings
3. Place and secure your order with a deposit
4. Pay progressively (This is optional but preferred)
5. Final payment and pick up December 2023/January 2024

To ensure availability of correct sizing, orders must be placed during the fitting period.

Fitting will commence **Friday 14th April 2023** and will continue until **Friday 21st July 2023**

And will be by **Appointment Only**

**To book in please phone: 6361 1512**

During shop hours

Monday to Friday 8:30-5pm, Saturday 9-12pm

Orange Clothing Company  
4 McNamara Street Orange

NSW 2800

Uniform delivery into store will be December 2023. At this time your order can be collected, and it may be possible to change sizes if needed.



## Stage 3 Camp - Lake Burrendong

During Week 9, Stage 3 was at Lake Burrendong for a week full of fun and adventure. On Monday, students were very keen to arrive at Burrendong and get started with their activities. After lunch, they were divided into 3 groups and sent off for an afternoon of fun. Some groups completed archery and initiatives while others did grass skiing and pedal carts.

Throughout the week students participated in a range of activities. Apart from those already listed, students could experience bushwalking, a cookout, BMX riding, archery tag, water balloon/paint combat, traditional indigenous games, orienteering, bushcraft and survival skills. The fun didn't stop at night, with camp leaders running a games night, Mini-Olympics, trivia night and a county fair.

Here are some highlights from Stage 3:

- Archery tag and the trivia night were great fun - Stage 3 teachers
- Archery tag because I got to shoot Miss Harrison - Sam B
- I liked the damper because it was yummy - Oscar P
- The activities, because they were entertaining - Lilly H
- The grass skiing because I fell over - Chloe S
- Pedal carts, because we got to ride with a friend - Anya D
- BMX bikes and pedal carts because they were fun - Annabelle D
- Pedal carts, because I got to do it with Alex and my friends - Henry J
- Pedal carts, because it didn't hurt as much as the grass skiing - Noah O



As their teachers, we were so proud of the way our students tried everything with a smile. They encouraged each other, worked as a team and made the most of camp. All in all, both Stage 3 and their teachers had a fantastic week!

### Stage 3 Teachers



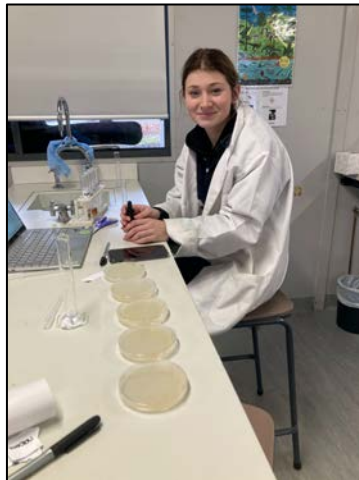
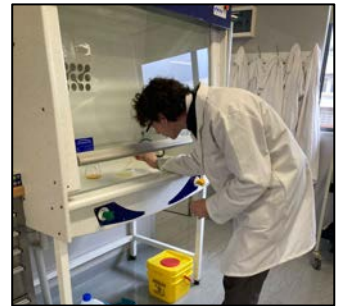


# SECONDARY NEWS

## Year 12 HSC Biology

Year 12 Biology is working on an open-ended task in which they have designed and carried out themselves. Using a variety of ingredients such as garlic, ginger, apple cider vinegar and echinacea we are hopefully creating some alternative antibiotics.

**Mrs Nicole Nealon**  
HSC Biology Teacher



## Kokoda Trek - September/October 2023

Last Sunday, a number of the team going to the Kokoda Trail in September/October, attended our first group training session at the Mt. Canobolas State Recreation Area. Stepping off at 08.30 from the Federal Falls car park we walked over 9 km in 2.5 hours. This walk encompassed Mt. Canobolas summit, then Young Man Canobolas, Mt. Towac and then return via the spring track.

All attendees including some parents comfortably completed the trek, which featured a variety of challenges, such as slippery conditions, steps, steep areas and easy to mid range tracks. The newly adopted team mascot 'Charlie', courtesy of the Trott family (see above in Alex's arms) also made an appearance.

These training sessions will feature regularly, now we are only one term away from the journey and other than the heat and humidity we can expect in PNG, they should set the team up well in support of each other. It will also present a good opportunity to ensure all kit and packing is in order. We appreciate the support of the school, parents/carers and the wider community provided to date to those who are making this inaugural trip and encourage any who would like to join the training sessions to do so. I can be contacted via my school email listed below. Next session Sunday 25 June, 2023, 08.30h Federal falls carpark.

**Peter Reid Snr**  
Trek leader  
[peter.f.reid@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:peter.f.reid@oags.nsw.edu.au)





# CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

## **CAPA Elective Showcase**

On Wednesday night, the 21st of June, Drama and Music students in years 9, 10 and 11 performed some of their Term 2 work. The audience were treated to a night of musical theatre, comedy sketches and duologues from Matt Cameron's play, "Ruby Moon". All students performed with confidence and skill. Thank you to the audience who came and supported the students at this showcase.

**Mrs Rachel Crane**  
Drama Teacher



## **Primary Strings Ensemble**

On Tuesday some of our youngest string players presented a Mini-Concert for parents in Mrs Colgan's classroom. Even though some have only started this year, they played with aplomb. Violin tutor Angela D'Elia has created a wonderful learning environment for these students. Pictured below are the two beginner groups and the newly established Primary String Ensemble. Beginners will now have the opportunity to move up and join the more experienced players as they take on individual tuition.





# 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**  
[pauline.dwyer@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:pauline.dwyer@oags.nsw.edu.au)

### 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](mailto:admin@oags.nsw.edu.au)

**Thank you so much!**





# SPORT @OAGS

Contact [sport@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sport@oags.nsw.edu.au)



## **Netball Team Spotlight**

With the first half of the netball season over, we spotlight one of the most energetic teams, the Raspberries. The OAGS Raspberries play in the U15 ONA Winter Competition and are coached by the amazing Newcombe duo of Geoff and Bianca. The Raspberries train twice a week showing commitment to improving their netball skills. Both on and off the court the girls are having fun and cheering each other on. The Raspberries played a terrific game against the Aces in the last round of this term and it was certainly a match of the times. We can't wait to see where this season of netball takes the Raspberries. A massive thank you to team Newcombe for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with the team.

**Miss Stephanie Harrison**  
Netball Coordinator



## **U12 Cougars proudly sponsored by IT Solutions Engineering**

OAGS Soccer is our clubs #1 Program for kids 5 to 13 years of age for 2023, children's soccer program across both girls and boys. Our teams are coached and managed by volunteer parents with our season taking place in Winter. Chris Doyle and the team are dedicated to inspiring our children to have fun, learn new skills and to work in a team environment. Meet Our U12 Cougars with players from 11 & 12 years division, proudly sponsored by IT Solutions Engineering these players have grit, determination and heart.

The team's sponsorship will assist our families with field & referee fees, new kit, game balls and the players will keep warm in their new hoodies. Thank you to IT Solutions Engineering for believing in OAGS Soccer and our kids.

## **U12 Chiefs proudly sponsored by Orange Real Estate**

OAGS is moving in the direction of offering more Primary team representation in sports across our codes. This year saw the introduction of our U12 Chiefs proudly sponsored by Orange Real Estate. A development squad of girls in this age division of 11 & 12. They have shown great sportsmanship, comradery, they are coachable, take direction and produce good results. Representative teams at OAGS are about building core fundamental skills that players need to learn and practise together as a team for the year. It's a commitment by the students to train and play together for their love of a sport for their school and sporting club. The students play together on weekends, travel to gala days and are offered opportunities to trial at higher levels within our school pathways. Thank you for Orange Real Estate for believing in our girls, our club and our netball community.

Sponsorship of the Chiefs has allowed our coaches access to a new coaching education program across the club which will be implemented and continued for many seasons ahead.

We look forward to what the future holds for Netball at OAGS.







## Orange Winter 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**

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

☎ 0415 828 613

**Saturday 15th  
July 2023  
9:30 - 3:30**

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

What's on at

# ORANGE YOUTH HUB WINTER HOLIDAYS 2023

Free events • Orange Youth Hub • Garema Road Orange

Monday 3 July	Wednesday 5 July	Friday 7 July
<b>Call of duty tournament</b> 12pm - 2pm Gift vouchers and prizes to the winner Free for all competition	<b>Odeon 5 cinemas</b> 12pm - 4pm (Times may change due to movie showings.) Limited spots - please register.	<b>Hartley Paintball</b> (16 and over) 8.30am - 3.00pm limited spots - please register
Monday 10 July	Wednesday 12 July	Friday 14 July
<b>Orange Ten Pin Bowling</b> 12pm - 2pm Lunch provided Limited spots - please register	<b>Cultural blue mountains indigenous tour</b> 8am - 4pm. (hiking is included.) Limited spots- please register	<b>Bunnings - Build your own Tyre swing</b> 12pm - 2pm Decorate and design your own tyre swing to take home.

The Youth hub will be open from 12pm - 4pm each weekday during the school holidays

**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL**  
for more information contact  
Jarrad Szczudlo on 0428 512 070 or  
jszczudlo@orange.nsw.gov.au



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CITY COUNCIL



Orange Youth Hub is proudly funded by the NSW Government  
in association with Orange City Council



## Athletics Coaching

Winter School Holiday Athletics clinics

Monday the 10th @ Parkes (North Parkes Oval)  
Tuesday the 11th @ Orange (Waratahs Sports Club)  
Thursday the 13th @ Forbes (Botanical Gradens)

### Programme

All Clinics 11 am to 2.30 pm

11 am till 1 pm

4 Coaches covering

Sprints, Starts, Middle distance, Long and High Jump  
Discus and Shot Put.

1 to 1.30 Lunch Break

1.30 to 2.30 mini Comp (events will be tailored on the day)  
example, 200m, 800m, long jump, shot put

### Prices

JLW Squad members: \$45pp

non members: \$55 pp

bookings at [jeremy@jlwperformance.com.au](mailto:jeremy@jlwperformance.com.au)



# **OAGS OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**School Holidays  
Monday - Friday  
9:00am - 1:00 p.m**



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