

# OAGS News



## In this issue...

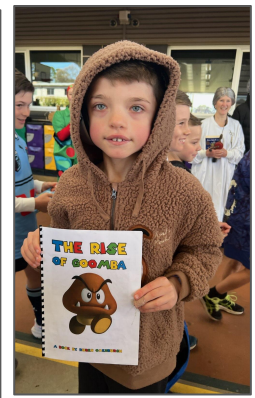
- Primary News p2
- CAPA News p3
- Sport p4
- Cadets p6



## Book Week Parade

Once again our Book Week Parade was outstanding! Full of creative and ingenious costumes celebrating great authors and illustrators from a lot of timeless classics. We saw tributes to Dr Seuss, JK Rowling, Julia Donaldson, Eric Carle and many more!

The parade showcased the talent and skill of our creative community! Thank you to all involved.







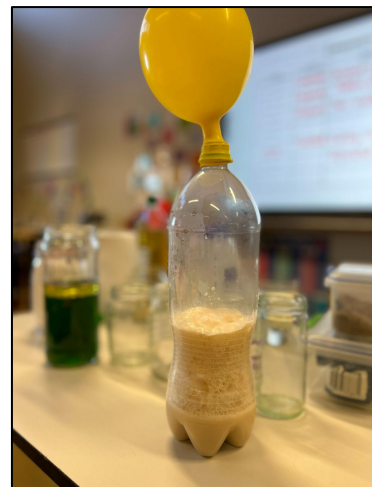
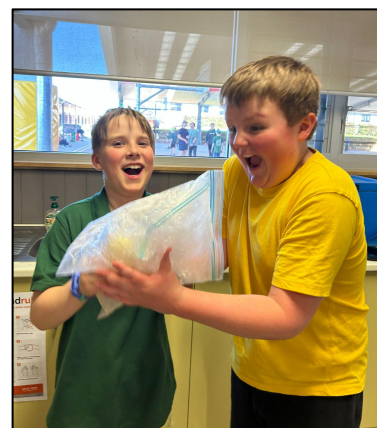
# PRIMARY NEWS

## Stage 3 Science

Stage 3 students have been busy exploring the world of materials and their properties. Students have learned to classify and compare materials based on their characteristics, including solids, liquids and gases. The class has done this through demonstrations and rather tasty experiments. We have made rocky road to discuss compounds and mixtures, butter to understand chemical and physical changes and finally ice cream in a bag to prepare the students for their final project of making their own Gelato. Demonstrations included substances that reacted or changed states. These activities strengthen scientific thinking, which empowers students to understand the world. Scientific inquiry helps students to observe, question, and explore, thus sparking their imaginations and their thirst for knowledge.

Allie Downie

Stage 3 Sapphire Tarantulas



## Primary Pastoral Care - 7 Habits for Happy Kids

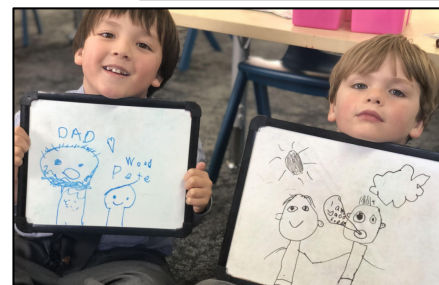
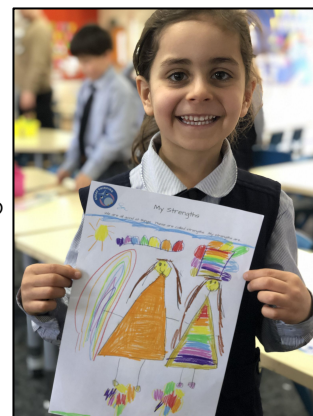
I am really enjoying getting to know our wonderful primary students as I teach Thrive (Personal Development and Health), along with the **'7 Habits of Happy Kids'**. It has been encouraging to see our students using the language from the program in our Thrive lessons, and in their interactions with each other.

**Habit 1: Be Proactive** teaches us that we can control our reactions. This is an essential skill to develop when we are angry or upset. If we say things like, "You never listen to me!" or "You make me so mad!" we are being **reactive** and blaming someone else for how we feel. When we use that language people are much less likely to listen to us. Of course words can hurt, and the actions of others will make us angry and upset sometimes. However, if we say **proactive** statements like, "Can we take turns listening to each other?" or "I'm going to choose to move away to calm myself" or "I won't let that upset me" then we are being **proactive** and learning we can control ourselves.

Changing our language to be **proactive NOT reactive** can be very helpful in building resilience and responsibility in children. It takes practice to learn to think and speak **proactively**, understanding that we can only control our behaviour, not the behaviour of others. Together we can encourage each other to live out **Habit 1: Be Proactive** and hopefully that shift in mindset will help us all to be better friends and family members.

Mrs Georgina Willis

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator







# CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

## ***The Amazing Adventures of Superstan digital video recording is here!***

Everyone who has pre-ordered a copy will receive an email with a link and access password. Families are reminded that the video recording is not for distribution. Don't miss out! The deadline for orders is 12th September. You can [register to order here](#) - \$25 will be charged to your account.



## ***HSC Drama Showcase***

On Monday night the HSC Drama students performed and presented their Individual Performances and Project, as well as their Group Performance for a public audience. I would like to congratulate the students on their hard work and dedication as they prepare for their HSC Performance Exams and wish them the best of luck for the 1st of September, when NESA Examiners will arrive at OAGs to mark their live performances.

**Rachel Crane**  
Drama Teacher

## ***The Sunshine Club - Year 11 Theatre Trip***

On Tuesday night the year 11 Drama class enjoyed a night out at the theatre to watch Wesley Enoch's production of "The Sunshine Club". The modern Australian musical explored deep Australian themes of racism and inequality whilst entertaining everyone in a light hearted and toe tapping way.

**Rachel Crane**  
Drama Teacher



## ***Bathurst Dance Eisteddfod - Senior Company***

Congratulations to the OAGs Senior Dance Company for an excellent performance at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. The adjudicator congratulated the Dancers on their "beautiful showcase of talent".

The Dancers were awarded 3rd place with a score of 87 in the year 10, 11 and 12 schools section. Congratulations!

**Rachel Crane**  
Company Coordinator

## ***Orange Choir Eisteddfod***

Congratulations to Mediant Choir and Senior Vocal Ensemble for their sensational performances at the City of Orange Eisteddfod!

Mediant Choir under Mrs Colgan competed in the Mixed Age Youth Choir (up to Stage 3) and placed first in a field of 7 schools. Senior Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Mrs Johnston placed third in the highly competitive Secondary Vocal Ensemble (4 to 16 members) section.

We are so proud of our vocalists for their beautifully engaging performances as they represent OAGS with pride.

**Noel Annett**  
CAPA Coordinator







# SPORT @OAGS

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



## Netball Week

Netball week was held in Week 4 of this term with the aim to recognise and celebrate the amazing netballers OAGS has to offer. Check out the overview of the week's events:

**Tuesday:** The Aces offered up their time to give back to the OAGS netballers running an open training session where players had the opportunity to fine tune their skills. Macey and Darcy held an umpiring session; going over the rules and building confidence in our players' umpiring abilities. Luci and Zara held shooting practice; Calai and Sarah lead our defence players while Mia, Abby, Millie and Scarlett showed our players how fun the centre court can be. The afternoon concluded with a fun game of mixed age group teams.

**Wednesday:** The excitement was in the air when the Aces took the court to play some staff in a friendly game. Mr Doyle, Mrs Hutchinson, Mr Reid, Mrs Causer, Mr Hazelton and Mrs Brown played an amazing game, but unfortunately came up short in scoring points to take away the win. Look out next time Aces, the teachers will be training for the next match!

**Thursday:** The whole school joined in the fun for a warm and cosy day in Oodies and Hoodies. A massive thank you goes out to the school community for joining in the fun and bringing along a gold coin donation.

**Friday:** OAGS hosted Orange Christian School for the second annual OAGS vs OCS carnival. The Gummy Bears, Chiefs, Aces as well as a primary mixed team took the courts in hour long games of netball. All OAGS netball teams played great games and all came away with a win on the day. A big shout out to Year 6 student Molly Spicer who umpired 3 of the 4 netball games and kept the games flowing.

The OAGS Celtics basketball team also took the court against OCS and while they didn't win the game, they were excellent sportsmen and gave it their best effort. Thank you Ollie Molloy and Harper Thompson for umpiring the game.

**Saturday:** Netball Week concluded with OAGS hosting the BBQ at ONA Saturday competition. Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students who helped at the BBQ, made baked goods or just simply supported the OAGS Netball Club!

Thank you to the school community for supporting the OAGS Netball Club and joining in the fun.

**Miss Stephanie Harrison**  
Netball Coordinator





## Netball Team Spotlight

With the final round of netball this Saturday before some teams head into finals, we spotlight two teams who have had fantastic seasons so far.

**U12 Chiefs:** The Chiefs have worked hard all season in the top U12 division. They have had some nail biting games, but always show their skills on the court. The team is coached by Manvir Kaur and Emma Davis, with both coaches investing their time and knowledge to help our Chiefs be the best netball players they can be. Currently, sitting 2nd on the ladder, the Chiefs are a team to watch over the next couple weeks. Well done Chiefs we are so proud of you!

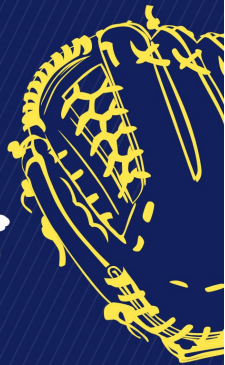


**U13 Fantales:** The Fantales started the 2023 netball season with a tough start, but have shown that hard work and determination truly pay off. With a mid season division switch, the Fantales have shown they are a force to be reckoned with coming up to finals. The team is currently sitting 3rd on the ladder with some great scores under their belt. With coaching duo Luci Moller and Sarah Whittingham the Fantales are ready to finish the season well. Great work Fantales, we can't wait to see some excellent netball to finish the season!

Miss Stephanie Harrison  
Netball Coordinator

BLETCHINGTON SOFTBALL CLUB

**GIVE  
SOFTBALL  
A GO THIS  
SUMMER**



Registrations for the 2023/2024  
Season are now open!

We have something for everyone:

Teeball-A - 8-9 years  
Teeball-B- 5-7 years  
Modball - Under 13 yrs  
Softball - Under 16 yrs, A-Grade,  
B-Grade (Friday Evening) & C-Grade

GET \$10 OFF  
WITH OUR  
"BRING A  
FRIEND"  
DISCOUNT

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CONTACT US  
TO REGISTER TODAY



Email - [admin@bletchingtonsc.org.au](mailto:admin@bletchingtonsc.org.au)  
Facebook - Bletchington Softball Club  
Instagram - bletchington\_softball

#EVERYONESGAME



### FREE CRICKET THIS SUMMER

Kids aged 4-8 can play cricket for free this summer with Orange CYMS Cricket Club. Registration for Blasters cricket costs \$100 but, thanks to McDonald's Orange, we are offering a refund of \$50 to the first 50 kids registered. Coupled with the new NSW Government Active Kids voucher (valued at \$50) this covers all costs and includes a bat, ball and hat from their favourite BBL team.

Contact [cym.cricket@gmail.com](mailto:cyms.cricket@gmail.com) or 0407 332 718 to find out more.

Centrals Cricket Club  
Juniors Season Launch  
and Registration Day

Sunday 27th August  
12-2pm  
Riawena Oval



Sausage Sizzle &  
Activities for Kids





# 252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

## Now Recruiting

As of last Monday, we have signed up 11 new cadets from external schools. We are taking on new recruits **until end of August**. If you have friends that wish to join or find out more have them come along NEXT Monday 4.30-7.30pm. After August, the next opportunity to join will be February 2024 for students in Years 8-10. The Recruit induction weekend is 9/10 September (overnight) for gear issue and lessons.

## Vietnam Veterans Day - 18 August

Captain Nye and four cadets (CUO Utah Middleton, SGT Patrick Wright, CPL Will Cooney and LCPL Emily Brindley) represented OAGS and 252 ACU at the memorial service last Friday at the Cenotaph in Robertson Park. These young men and women performed their duties at the flag station to an exemplary standard (shivering and shaking for 45 mins) given that the temperature was at -5C windchill. Very favourable comments were received from veterans as well as local politicians Mr Andrew Gee and Mr Phil Donato (see photos on their facebook pages). It took some time to "thaw" them out at the post service luncheon hosted by the RSL sub branch.

## Adult Helpers

Thank you to the parents that are helping when they can on Mondays. We are always happy to see adults come along to find out more about the program and help where they can. It is important we continue to increase and train our number of adult helpers.

## Annual Camp (AFX) at Majura (Canberra) is Sunday 24 – Friday 29 September.

This activity was cancelled last week by HQ NSW due to insufficient numbers of available adult staff (from NSW & ACT). A field activity requires a ratio of 1:10 trained/qualified adult staff.

## 252 Facebook page

New Information and photos are posted here regularly.

## Important Dates - No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday breaks

9 Sep	<b>LCPL Course</b> – Information sheets issued last Monday to interested cadets
9-10 Sep	<b>Recruit Induction</b> w/e – RECRUITS and Rank
3-4 Nov	T4 Activity – Singleton WTSS & Museum – ALL
11 Nov	Remembrance Day
18 Nov	Bunnings BBQ – volunteer roster
Nov tba	Dinner – celebrating 5 years of operation – details tba
2 Dec	Annual Ceremonial PARADE

**12-20 Jan 24**

**NSW Promotion Courses – selected cadets**

**CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye**  
**Officer Commanding**  
**252 ACU**

## Secondary Chess Club

Master Class – Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm in Room H6. Mr Joe Cummins conducts these sessions to further the knowledge and skills of interested players. Sessions are open to interested players.

OAGS Competition. The Primary school competition is progressing well. The Secondary school competition has shown some interesting results with great games played showing the improved skill levels of all. We are close to determining the final group for play offs to determine the Secondary School senior and junior champions.

**Mr Terry Nye**  
**Chess Coordinator**





# ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

7 Murphy Lane (PO Box 308), Orange NSW 2800

P: 02 6360 4811 E: [admin@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@oags.nsw.edu.au)

[www.oags.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oags.nsw.edu.au)

