

OAGS News



Securing Success...

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From the Deputy Headmaster...

'The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary'



This is one of my favourite statements for two reasons. Firstly, it's true, and secondly, it's enduringly motivating when one is tempted to give up on the 'work' that necessarily precedes the success. The allure of social media driven 'influencers, insta-famers and famous-for-being-famous' celebrities bombard our teenagers (and adults) with the promise of 'success before work', or worse 'success in the place of work'. In a world of youtube channels and viral tik tok videos, we are being seduced in a not-so-subtle way that success can be easily found without having to work for it.

This is not true.

The OAGS on-stage showcase on Tuesday night was a great success, on the back of tremendously hard working individuals. Success followed their work. The HSC examinations are in full swing (Chemistry as I write this) and every success that is revealed in December will be born off the back of hard work. Orange Anglican Grammar School has more than doubled in size in the last 7 years, with a new double stream Primary School structure commencing in 2024 and a Secondary School population which will be, for the first time, more numerous than our wait-list vibrant Primary. This success is built on the tireless and exemplary work of our team.

The call to work is a biblically grounded one. Indeed, in Philippians 2 Paul writes to the early Christian church in this way;

'Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose'.

The phrase to 'work out' your salvation is, in my experience, usually completely misunderstood. It is more helpful to think of it as a call to 'out-work' one's salvation. In other words, God does the work in us (that is what it says!) so that we can then live-out (or out-work) his saving work in actions that build others up in love. In other words, God's work in us and for us then enables us to succeed in living in such a way that fulfils his purpose for us and to others.

'Securing success' has been the heartbeat of OAGS for many years now. The success we're seeing (and securing) is all the more rewarding when considering the work upon which it has been built.

Blessings for the weekend ahead.

Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster





PRIMARY NEWS

Primary Pastoral Care

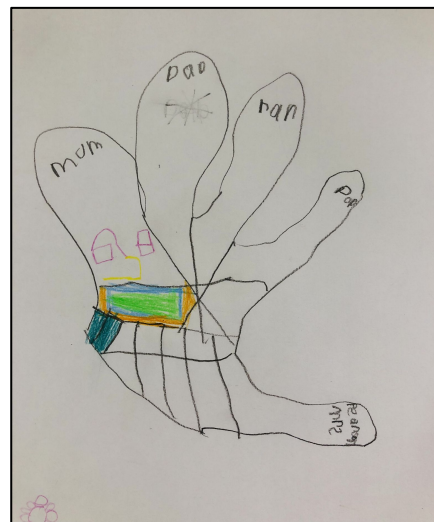
Education can be an excellent way of protecting our children from the dangerous parts of our world. In Primary Thrive classes this term I have been encouraged by our students' willingness to learn, share and support each other as we develop strategies for staying safe. The younger students are learning how to stay safe in different environments, the difference between safe and unsafe touch, as well as identifying which adults they can go to if they are feeling unsafe. These adults are people the students believe will listen to them, and then help them develop a plan for how they can feel safe again.

Our older students are learning about how our bodies and relationships change as we mature, both physically and emotionally.

As we want to learn how to be safe in all areas of our lives, Senior Constable Jane Heffernan has agreed to share her knowledge of cyber safety with our primary school. We want our students to understand the risks of the digital world, as well as the benefits of what they can learn online. I look forward to sharing with you some of her expert opinions and experiences following her visit.

Georgina Willis

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator



Stage 2 - What are the Chances?

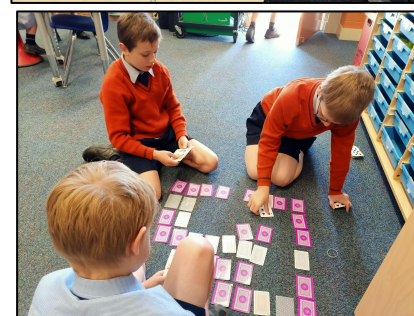
If you were to roll two dice simultaneously, would the probability of rolling a total of 7 be the same as rolling a total of 12? Do all totals from 2 ~ 12 have the same probability, or are some totals more likely than others?

Last week, Stage 2 students were discovering the outcomes of chance events in experimental contexts in Mathematics. Experiments included gathering data from rolling two dice numerous times, graphing the data and comparing it to the already mapped out theoretical outcomes. We established that the total of 7 is theoretically more likely to be rolled than any other total and this likelihood diminishes the closer you get to 2 or 12. Students found that the more data they collected, the closer their actual data resembled the theoretically predicted outcome.

Likewise, students enjoyed playing a variety of card games that revolved around probability, including the game of memory and 21, having to determine whether another pick up of a card would be likely to push them over the allowed total score of 21 points.

Paul Lipscomb

Stage 2 Coordinator





SECONDARY NEWS

2023 Kokoda Trek

A combined team of 16 OAGS and 252 ACU students and adults walked the Kokoda Trail from 25th September to 05 October, completing this successfully. The team included,

Peter Reid Snr (Bikpla Peter in Pigeon English)
 Peter Reid Jnr (Liklik Peter in Pigeon English)
 Colin Naveau
 Kellie Naveau (our trek medic)
 Faith Naveau
 Archie Casey
 Erin Dewar
 Lylah Doherty
 Finn Dwyer
 Seamus Dwyer
 Angus Guyer
 Oliver McLean
 Madelaine Squire
 Alexander Trott
 Mitchell Wheeler
 Patrick Wright



A more detailed article shall appear in the yearbook, but typically our days commenced at 05.00 and ended at sunset. The journey was not so much measured in kilometres walked but by hours.

Our journey legs were,

1. Ower's Corner to Imita base camp.
2. Imita base camp to Ofi Creek camp (the last hour walked at night time with head torches).
3. Ofi Creek camp across the Maguli range (no water resupply for 5 -6 hours), then a rewarding swim in the Brown's River, then to Agulogo Village camp.
4. Agulogo Village camp to Menari village (for a tour of the Menari School and the best tasting pineapple and bananas we have ever had), then a gruelling climb up Brigade Hill with slopes as steep as 70 degrees both up and down, then to Efogi Village camp.
5. Efogi Village camp to Launumu Village, then the Tovolo Gap, Diggers camp (lunch) then to Bombers camp (scene of a B-25 Bomber crash site and our first hearing of the 6 O'Clock Crickets).
6. Bombers camp to Myola (a beautiful treeless dried up lake bed used in the war as a drop zone), then to Camp 1900, the Moss Forest and the high point of the trail on the slopes of Mt. Bellamy, through Eora Creek Crossing 1 (lunch) then to Templeton's Crossing camp.
7. Templeton's Crossing camp to Eora Creek battle site (scene of Damien Parer's iconic photographs), a steep ascent to Alolo Village (lunch), then a very wet trek to the Isurava Guest House site, then to Isurava campsite.
8. Dawn service at Isurava (an emotive service), then to the village of Deniki (where we saw Kokoda in the distance and the beautiful Yodda valley), to Hoi Village camp, where we had a traditional welcome by some locals dressed in traditional clothing.
9. A 04.00 rise at Hoi Village for the two hour walk into Kokoda and the finish. A review of the Kokoda plateau and the museum, a wonderful breakfast by Freddie's sister Marcella and then to the Kokoda airfield for a Twin Otter flight back to Port Moresby.
10. A visit to Bomana Cemetery where each member was given the name of a fallen digger, which they had to research and present that night at dinner, which was completed by all with distinction.

2023 Kokoda Trek Continues



One cannot describe the exhaustion that the journey presents, although we had excellent weather (it briefly rained in the evening on our first night at Imita base camp, and then teemed down on two other afternoons/nights at further into the journey at Alolo - Isurava and then at Hoi village. It was wetter on the Northern side of the ranges, than the Southern side) and at times hot. The human effort to traverse the trail is immense as is the sure footedness of our porter team who raced up and down the trail, some in bare feet carrying heavy loads.

These sons, grandsons and great grandsons of the original Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels, demonstrated skill and care and we all appreciated their efforts. The story of these carriers during the war is commemorated in PNG by the Fuzzy Wuzzy Day and is a term given by the Australian soldiers, that the Papuans are proud of to this day.

We were up early the next morning at 03.00 for the flight out to Brisbane and we met other groups at Stanley airport, who had also completed the trail walk. We landed in Brisbane and had changed over to domestic service for the flight to Sydney. At Brisbane we discovered that there had been high winds at Sydney causing chaos with fights. We had a four hour delay at Sydney, added to by the change to daylight saving time, which was spent shopping, eating, swapping stories and laughing at our experiences along the trail. It was a great way to finish the trip. Our flight out of Sydney was a little after 10 pm and we arrived back in Orange around 11 pm excited, yet tired and pleased to be home. Most said they wanted to go again and some even suggested living in the highland villages they had passed through.

Mr Peter Reid
Netball Coordinator





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OAGS Water Polo

The newly formed OAGS WaterPolo team, the Cyclones, played their first game on Thursday afternoon, the 19/10. The team hit the water with big smiles and great enthusiasm and in the end they defeated KWS Nessies 9-3!

Lachie Thompson consistently swam out strong, securing the ball for the OAGS side at the beginning of each quarter. Isabelle Newcombe scored the first goal of the game and season, earning herself "player of the match", before going on to score a further 2 goals. Calai Bunworth added 2 goals to the scoreboard in the second quarter, alongside Poppy Kay with another goal for the Cyclones. Lachie also secured 3 goals across the match. Sarah Patterson held the fort in the goal, proving to be a strong defence and stopping a number of attempts. Rose Flick did not stop swimming, proving strong in her attack and offence. Jack Thompson was the fearless team captain as the only player who'd played a game of waterpolo before, he directed his team with enthusiasm and skill. Ryan Whiting provided expert defence and reclaimed the ball for the Cyclones on numerous occasions. Will Roberts and Hannah Flynn were sadly missed after their valiant efforts at training on Tuesday.

We are so incredibly proud of the Cyclones' efforts and sportsmanship in their first game of WaterPolo and we look forward to what is sure to be a great season!

Mrs Jocelyn Kimmins and Miss Molly Collins
OAGS Water Polo Coordinator and Coach





252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Unit Birthday Last Monday 23 Oct marked the 5th anniversary of our foundation in 2018. This occasion was marked by a traditional military ceremony where the unit commander and the youngest member cut the cake with a sword. The unit continues to thrive and grow with increased community awareness and support.

WTSS Shoot (4 Nov). Unfortunately, due to a higher priority Army booking this activity will be delayed till next year.

Kitchen Trailer. We have been offered a bargain BUT we need to raise \$8000 to repay a loan (from a generous staff member) which will allow us to purchase this much needed item to feed our growing numbers during activities and bivouacs.

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 plus transport hire and catering for bivouacs and activities.

Unit structure. A revised structure with specialist cells was presented during the 16 Oct parade. This will allow the rank to develop specific skill areas of interest over time and improve unit operations.

Career and promotion options. During the 16 Oct parade future opportunities were discussed with those present. Individual interviews were held with the cadet rank and will continue in the coming weeks to ensure all cadets are aware of their future options and promotion requirements.

Promotion progression. To manage the expectations of cadets (and parents) the normal progression for those seeking promotion is outlined below. There will obviously be exceptions based on regular attendance, maturity, experience and unit need. Our aim is to provide opportunities for success rather than pressure individuals by promoting them before they are ready. Expectations should be -

- Lance Corporal (identification and training) Year 8-9
- Corporal in Year 9-10
- Sergeant / WO2 and Cadet Under Officer in Year 11-12

Important Dates -

11 Nov	Remembrance Day – no unit activity
18 Nov	Bunnings BBQ – volunteer roster
30 Nov	Dinner – celebrating 5 years of operation – details tba
2 Dec	Annual Ceremonial Parade
4 Dec	Last 2023 Monday Parade
9 Dec	Jan Courses Preparation

Adults. The unit is in a strong position thanks to our regular adult supporters. Please thank them for their willingness to ensure the safety and supervision of your sons and daughters. Many have completed hours of additional online training and will now spend 7 days at Holsworthy in January on a Course to gain a qualification to ensure we meet Army governance requirements. Congratulations to 2LT Peter F Reid who has now been promoted to LT.

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





Student Bus Service Update

Hippo Bus (Bus 9) Afternoons: We have experience significant growth in the number of OAGS students utilising this service. To ensure the bus is not exceeding the authorised capacity we will be loading Primary students *with bus passes* first, then Secondary students with *bus passes*. Any remaining capacity will be filled with Primary students, then Secondary students. Once the bus is at capacity the remaining students will wait for the Rosella Bus which will drop at Catherine McAuley (Hill Street) 4:20pm.

Year 2 Students (2023): Transport for NSW (TfNSW) require all 2023 Year 2 students to reapply for bus passes for Year 3 2024. These applications are now open. Bus passes for Year 2 into Year 3 are not automatically renewed. Use the "New Bus Pass Applications" QR code or link below.

Year 6 Students (2023): Transport for NSW (TfNSW) require all 2023 Year 6 students to reapply for bus passes for Year 7 2024. These applications are now open. Bus passes for Year 6 into Year 7 are not automatically renewed. Use the "New Bus Pass Applications" QR code or link below.

Lost or Damaged Passes: Please contact the Orange Buslines depot (02 6362 3197) if your child's pass is lost or damaged. Replacement passes are \$12.

Updating Details: Changed address or changed schools? Use the "Update Existing Pass Details". All schools are currently checking the addresses supplied to TfNSW for bus passes with the school enrolment addresses. Any differences will result in the bus pass not being renewed for 2024. Now is a good time to update your details!

Transport for NSW: It is TfNSW a requirement that every student shows the bus driver their pass each time they enter a school bus.

New Bus Pass Applications
<https://bit.ly/ssts-application>



Update Existing Pass Details
<https://bit.ly/ssts-update>





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