

OAGS News



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It's a date...

- Tuesday 29 November
Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 1 December
Prep & Kindergarten End of Year Assembly @ 9:20am
- Tuesday 6 December
Year 6 Celebration Day
- Wednesday 7 December
Presentation Night @ 6pm

From the Deputy...

Term 4 is always a fast paced and exciting time in schools, and isn't it nice at last to see some sunnier and almost spring-like weather! With the catastrophic floods of the last fortnight wreaking havoc across our region I was humbled to see the team launch into action to provide meaningful support. While the advice has been that it wasn't initially possible to provide physical help to places like Eugowra, Molong and Forbes, this hasn't stopped the team at OAGS from thinking creatively. I'd like to acknowledge in particular the efforts of **Mr Palmer, Mrs Joanne Daffern and Mrs Reynee Ward** for their tireless work in response to the floods. Their initiative to launch 'stuff the bus' so quickly was impressive, and they're not done yet. After a brilliant response from families to provide cleanup equipment in response to the OAGS appeal, Mr Jarrett drove the OAGS ute-load for delivery last weekend.



While a physical clean up brings too many inherent risks for our students to get involved in through school, Mr Palmer wouldn't be deterred and has arranged a different kind of assistance. After consultation with the staff at Eugowra Public School, we are looking forward to taking teams of OAGS students to their school to bring some Christmas cheer! Games, lessons, break time activities and presents will be shared with our friends at Eugowra Public and we cannot wait to pull alongside them at this time of need. More details will be forthcoming next week, but for now please keep your presents coming in. Simply wrap a present and include details of the age group and whether it would suit a boy or girl and deliver it to the Christmas Tree in the Admin building at OAGS. We will be distributing these gifts to families who have lost everything in the floods and will continue to accept your donations until Friday December 2nd.

Please read on for another fantastic edition of the newsletter. This week we officially opened the ACE precinct and it's well worth a read!

Blessings
Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster





FAITH

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Mega Cru

On Friday, 11th November some of our students from our lunch time Christian group, Cru, travelled to Sydney to join in with Mega Cru. This event had students from all over Sydney, Wollongong and, of course, Orange. Each week they meet in groups at their own schools to read the Bible, explore Jesus and encourage each other to follow him. Mega Cru is an opportunity for them to see that they are not the only ones. Our students had a great time, both at the event and in the travel to and from Sydney.



Chapel Band

For a few months now a group of high school students have been practising in a brand new chapel band. This week they finally had their first gig in primary chapel. It was wonderful to have our older students leading our younger students and helping them to learn about Jesus.





PREP NEWS

Prep News

In Prep Piccolo our focus has been on the community and community helpers. Students have enjoyed exploring the different community helpers that we have who are there to keep our community running and safe. We have looked at our school community and students identified who makes our school community, and their role.

Students have started creating their special Christmas crafts to take home at the end of the term. They have explored different textures and materials when creating their crafts. They have participated in some classroom scavenger hunts, to find numerals and alphabetic letters hidden around the room. Whilst they were completing this, they were practising their formation of letters and numbers.

Prep Piccolo students were welcomed on Monday week 5 to the arrival of our classroom Christmas tree. They especially liked seeing their decorations hanging on the tree for all to see.

Students are practising their songs for the end of year concert and assembly next week. We can't wait to show you all.

Miss Palmer and Mrs Goodacre





PRIMARY NEWS

Stage 2

The boys and girls in Stage 2 have been engaged in a myriad of exciting activities of late. Mr Oxenburgh, Vincent's dad is an exploration geologist and came to talk to the boys and girls about the differences between renewable and non-renewable energy sources and the role of mining. This fitted in brilliantly with our Science unit on energy.

Each class has been busy practising a Christmas play to present to their peers in Week 8. These have ranged from plays about the lead up to the birth of Jesus, to how Christmas is celebrated around the world.



Year 3 boys and girls have been working on their basketball skills through a range of drills and mini-games, and Year 4 has been improving their touch football skills in a like manner.



Our Visual Arts programme this term has encompassed Christmas around the world. We made gingerbread houses from Germany, stars from the Phillipines and snowflakes from Finland.

Ms Pauline Dwyer
Stage 2 Teacher

Gardening Club

Over the past year Mrs Simpson and Mrs Churchill have started up a gardening club for primary students which has been on every Tuesday and Friday. Over this time students have had the opportunity to establish garden beds with in season fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Our decorative flower wall has brightened up the area, adding loads of colour and also some fun with our crazy faced planters. We have been very fortunate to receive a generous grant from the P&F which has allowed us to purchase a Worm Farm, Composter, Greenhouse and many other items which will allow our garden to flourish. Stay tuned for new and exciting things coming to the garden in 2023!

Mrs Carrie Simpson & Mrs Kristy Churchill
Garden Co-ordinators





SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary News

As many of our parents of Secondary students would be well aware, Week 5 has been a week of formal examinations for our students in years 7 to 10. We recognise that these assessments can bring with them a degree of stress and anxiety for our students. Being able to approach each examination on its own merits and allowing the joys or disappointments from previous assessments to express themselves in healthy ways can be challenging. Notwithstanding, I commend our students on the mature and responsible manner that they have used study sessions, unwound in break times and focussed for each examination during this period. It is a fine reflection of the development of our fine young men and women. I hope that the results they receive from their teachers is a true reflection of the work that they put into their preparation..

Celebrating student growth is an important aspect of Secondary school and the Honour Roll recognises student achievement across 4 domains: Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting. As students attain different levels of success in these areas they are awarded Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum pins. Most assemblies see students recognised in front of their peers for their achievement at these levels but our most recent Assembly saw our largest group of students ever awarded and I thought it appropriate that they were also identified in this newsletter too. Congratulations students on your achievements. Keep up the great work.

Year 7-9 Awardees

Bronze

Amelia McMaster, Amelia Paterson, Bella Blowes, Bella Vucak, Ben Polley, Ben Postma, Charli Hunter, Charlie Colgan, Darcy Speers, Elyse Stringer, Erin Dewar, Genevieve McGoldrick, Georgia Adams, Greg Finlay, Hallie Ellice, Harry Brown, Holly Reed, Isaac Clarke, Izzy Waters, Jack Thompson, Jocelyn Blair, Kayne Birkin, Kiera Strahan, Leah Phiri, Lizzy Fuller, Lylah Doherty, Marley Ash, Milla Jurd, Mitchell Molloy, Nick Irwin, Noah Lyons, Oscar Paul, Poppy Kay, Rose Baldwin, Seamus Dwyer.

Silver

Andi Ferrito, Ben Postma, Bethany Baker, Blake Gleeson, Elyse Stringer, Jocelyn Blair, Lachlan Thompson, Lucy Martin, Macey Paul, Marley Ash, Mia Singh, Rohan Mittal, Sarah Whittingham, Scarlett Petty, Tom Horan.

Gold

Isla Stringer, Izzy Turk, Josie Fuller, Mykayla Hazelton.

Year 10-12 Awardees

Bronze

Alex Baines, Angus Guyer, Charlotte Roach, Holly Lane, Jacob Norcott, Keegan Willis, Luke Cox, Nate Lee.

Silver

Elli Wilson, Jacob Norcott, Keegan Willis, Manuel Camargo Rivera, Nate Lee, Oliver Inman, Olivia Hazelton-Berry, Toby Johnston, Will Whittingham.

Gold

Claudia Horan, Harrison Baker, Hayden Spedding.

Mr Tim Brown
Director of Secondary



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Gondwana Choir

Year 7 student Max Rimmer has been accepted into the prestigious Sydney based Gondwana Choirs for their 2023 programme. You may remember Max as Charlie in this year's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. He had to audition for his spot against a strong field of talented young singers, we wish him well in his future vocal endeavours.



ORC Scholarships

The Orange Regional Conservatorium recently held auditions for its 2023 Scholarships. These are valuable awards of up to \$1,000 towards tuition costs. Several OAGS students were successful in this rigorous process which involved performing solo in front of an independent panel of adjudicators.

- Harrison Baker (euphonium) - Senior Low Brass Scholarship
- Mitchell Wheeler (guitar) - Senior Contemporary Scholarship
- Peter Reid (cello) - Open Cello Scholarship
- Beatrix Merrell (euphonium) - Ensembles Scholarship

OPAC Visit & Concert



To celebrate the end of a very musical year, the bands and choirs of OAGS will host a visit from the Music Department from Oran Park Anglican College in Sydney on Wednesday November 30. Oran Park will bring their Concert Band, Stage Band and Chamber Choir to workshop with OAGS musicians and to present a concert that is open to members of the OAGS community. The concert will include some combined items that will be workshopped in the afternoon.

November 30, 2022
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
OAGS Media Centre
Free entry



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



ACE Centre Opening

Over 130 people from the agriculture and education sectors gathered to celebrate the opening of our Agricultural Centre of Excellence on Tuesday. With music provided by our senior concert band featuring a guest appearance from Brynn Player, guests were treated to a selection of popular tunes prior to the formal proceedings.



The band really set the scene for a wonderful event, with keynote speaker CEO of the Primary Industries Education foundation, Mr Luciano Mesiti comparing our opening to the Prime Minister's dinner he had attended the previous evening.

Mr Mesiti highlighted the booming jobs growth in agriculture in a diverse range of careers from agronomy to accountancy, tractors to technology and highlighted the need to understand that modern farming is "no longer fits the image of an old man driving a John Deere tractor" "This ACE facility is leading the way in providing an amazing opportunity for students to explore a diverse range of career paths in the agriculture sector," Mr Mesiti said.

In his response to Mr Mesiti, Headmaster Rev Stringer acknowledged that perhaps the John Deere tractor might be the only thing missing from the ACE project at this stage, but who knows what the future may bring. ACE coordinator Mrs Sarah Eyb highlighted the wide range of Agricultural production opportunities being offered by OAGS and the diverse range of partnerships the school has embraced with industry to support and extend student engagement and learning.

"Our industry partners have been an integral part of the ACE development both in providing technical support and also hands on learning opportunities for our students," Mrs Eyb said.



"The capacity to be able to take a class of students to a commercial beef property, thanks to Gilmandyke Angus at Kangarooobie and allow each and every student the chance to carry out livestock operations cannot be understated," she said.

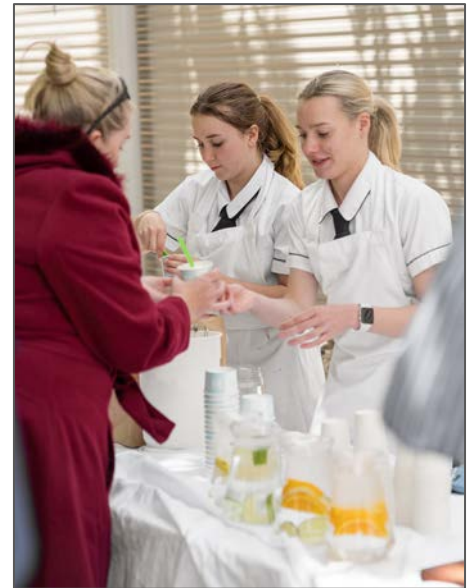
"These authentic experiences allow our students to see learning edge producers in action and learn from the very best."

The centre was then opened by another guest of honour, the recently appointed rector of Holy Trinity church Rev. Andy Martin who prayed for the Lord's grace that the centre would be used to equip a new generation to care for the land and tend to livestock, contributing to the fruitfulness of the region and to supply essential food and resources to our community.



The meal prepared by our superstar Senior Food Technology class under the direction of the dynamic Mrs Jewell ticked all the boxes in terms of quality, creativity and taste with guests raving about the standard of the food provided. Every dish featured on the menu included produce grown at the school farm, ranging from chicken wings basted in our honey, to slow roasted honey yoghurt lamb, caramel honey cheesecake, spinach and feta quiche and parcels and a final desert of malted honey and honey and yoghurt gelato produced in partnership with Spilt Milk.

The 252 ACU cadets unit did an outstanding job in assisting visitors to park and in setting up the day alongside our Agriculture teams. The day concluded with farm tours conducted by Stage 5 Agriculture students watching the Livestock exhibition team students in action undertaking activities in beef handling, poultry exhibition, aquaponics, sheep handling and our very charismatic alpaca crew.



Mrs Eyb would like to formally thank the CAPA department and Senior Concert Band for their assistance, Mrs Amanda Jewell and Year 12 Food Technology, Ms Kelly-Anne Sackey and Ms Carolyn Donnelly, Mr Scott Hazelton and the grounds team of Mr Andrew Jarrett and Mr Adam Cusack for their help in making the day such a success.

Finally, without the shared vision of the importance of the agricultural education of Rev. Stringer, the ACE facility could not have developed past a pipe dream to offer learning opportunities from ages 4-18 to gain an understanding of sustainable food and fibre production.

Mrs Sarah Eyb
ACE Coordinator

Please click [here](#) for the WIN News Broadcast.





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Sport

With the end of the school year drawing closer the number of sporting events are slowing down but that doesn't mean that the Sports Team have slowed down! We are starting preparations for the Swimming Carnival which is being held on Tuesday 7th February 2023. Please keep an eye out for an email from Mrs Reynee Ward in the coming weeks which will contain a link to a google form that will be used to register your Primary child into the different events on the day (Year 3 to Year 6 2023). Secondary students will be sent the form directly. We are also teaming up with the P & F team to work together to have the best carnivals possible, if you are interested in helping on the day more information will be available soon.

This term 40 students have been heading off to Duntry League to learn more about the game of golf. Under the watchful eye of the club's Pro Matt Jones, they have grown in ability and technique. Everyone loves the driving range where games are played using the different techniques used in golf. It has been a 'hit' with students and will definitely feature in the Secondary sports rotation in 2023.

Mrs Dominique Hutchinson
Head of K-12 Sport



Our students are doing amazing things outside of the classroom...

On the 19th & 20th November, Noah and Zoe competed at the Dubbo Eventing and Showjumping Spring Show. They both competed in the Opens category in their classes.

Both competitors displayed some super riding in their classes and came away with some places.

Noah achieved 4th in 75cm and 5th in 90cm
Zoe had a 2nd in the 60cm and 2nd 75cm.

These are substantial achievements for these two because not only is it a sport that they compete within against male and female they also competed in an opens division and came home with placings.





252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Fees

Thank you to everyone that has paid the Invoices that were emailed to you.

Adult Helpers

Never too late to become involved and learn more about the program and see our young adults grow and develop in confidence and resilience.

Annual Dinner- Friday 2 December 6-9pm at Orange Ex-Services Club

Thank you to everyone for your prompt payments on TRYBOOKING. We have xx attending which should be a fitting farewell for the Y12 cadets. More detailed information will be issued next week. We will also conduct some training on a formal dinner during next Monday's Parade.

Annual Parade – Saturday 3 December

Cadets to arrive by 8am for Dress Inspections and final rehearsal. Parade will commence at 10.30am. Families and friends are ALL welcome. Following the Parade there will be some light refreshments available. Cadets will be free to leave from 1135 am.

Promotion Courses 6-14 Jan 2023

These are being held at Holsworthy. Cadets that have been nominated should have individually responded to the emails from Cadetnet. The Course managers would also have sent an email of requirements. Queries should be directed to CAPT Nye.

Important Dates

No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday break

2 Dec	Annual Dinner (Cadets & Adult staff only) – at OESC
3 Dec	Annual Parade at 10.30am – All welcome - Cadets report at 8am
5 Dec	<u>Last Unit Parade till Mon 6 Feb 23</u>
10 Dec	Leadership Training Day – Rank, staff and selected cadets
7- 14 Jan	NSW BDE Promotion Courses – HOLSWORTHY selected cadets only
30 Jan	Rank & Staff ONLY
6 Feb	Normal Cadet Parades Resume

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU

Chess

Thursday Chess for Senior School will conclude next week and resume in 2023.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Contact admin@oags.nsw.edu.au

Deputy Covid Report

OAGS will continue to track positive cases as they are reported to the school. Rather than the fortnightly report in the newsletter, we will migrate our reporting to the live graph that can be found below. Parents are encouraged to monitor this regularly. Should the school be advised of an increased incidence of cases, or a cluster of cases, relevant families will be informed via an official letter. As of the start of Term 4, the school has no reported student cases and one teacher case of COVID-19. As such, the graph is currently only displaying 1 column that represents the teacher case. As other cases are reported, more columns will appear on the graph. [Click Here](#) to view the graph.

Sincerely,
Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster

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If you are concerned about your child taking money to school, Flexischools has a prepaid card that will enable them to buy a snack or a slushie at break time.

What kids can do with FLX

- Choose from 6 awesome FLX Card designs
- Receive pocket money
- Set savings goals
- Use their FLX Card to make purchases both inside and outside of school
- Pay with contactless Apple Pay and Google Pay
- Monitor their spending through the FLX App

Please ensure your child's name is written on the card with a permanent marker, younger students may want to keep their card at the canteen.

Parents FLX is

Safe for kids: the card has age-inappropriate merchant category blocks and no cash-out, so you'll have peace of mind. Linked to your Flexischools app: You can instantly top up your child's FLX card and monitor their spending from the Flexischools app.

FLX kids finance app: Kids can receive pocket money, set savings goals, and track their spending in the FLX app.



OAGS RUNNING SQUADS



**THURSDAYS
OAGS TRINITY OVAL
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SPORT@OAGS.NSW.EDU.AU

**COACHES
JEREMY WALLACE &
BAYDEN WILLIS FROM RBT**

Orange Anglican Grammar
Dance Academy
invites you to our annual



OAGS DANCE SHOWCASE



Tuesday 29th November

6pm - 8pm

OAGS Hangar



An evening of performances from our Stage 1 - Secondary dance troupes including recognition of their hard work and dedication to the CAPA program.



For more information contact admin@oags.nsw.edu.au



ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR

stuff the bus



Accepting Donations Through to
Friday, December 2nd



Please donate new wrapped toys, school items and books for local flood affected children for the Christmas season.
A message with gender & age noted on the tag

OAGS SCHOOL BUS

ADMINISTRATION
CARPARK - WEEK 7

For more information contact -
The admin Team on 63604811

What's on at

ORANGE YOUTH HUB



Free events • Orange Youth Hub • Garema Road Orange

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	20th December Christmas Baking/ Desserts 2.30pm – 5.30pm	21st December Christmas movie trivia 2.30pm – 5.30pm	22nd December Christmas Party/ Event - Dinner - Christmas tree Setup	23rd December End of year pool competition - \$100.00 prize - Selected entry and limited spots - BBQ 1pm – 4pm
2nd January PUBLIC HOLIDAY	3rd January Cartoon Art Mural (Art Program) - Adding your own piece to the mural - 2.30pm – 5.30pm	4th January Call of Duty Tournament Free for all Prizes 5pm – 8.00pm	5th January Movie Marathon Harry Potter - Snacks provided - Trivia and Prizes 12.30pm – 7.30pm	6th January Doubles Ping Pong Competition Prize money Teams of two 4pm – 6pm
9th January Doubles Pool tournament - Prizes - Music - Lunch Provided 2.30 – 4.30pm	10th January TAMWORTH POOL TOURNAMENT - 8 young people travelling to Tamworth for a regional pool competition	11th January TAMWORTH POOL TOURNAMENT - 8 young people travelling to Tamworth for a regional pool competition.	12th January 3v3 Touch Footy Tournament - BBQ - Prizes - Music 2.30pm – 4.30pm	13th January Whose Line is it Anyway? - Drama Games - Improvise 2pm – 5pm
16th January Burrendong Fishing trip - Lunch provided - Registration essential/ limited spots 9am – 4.30pm	17th January Indoor Golf - Limited spots/ Register 2pm – 4pm	18th January Blue Mountains – Three Sisters' trip - Lunch - Register/ limited spots 8am – 5pm	19th January Dessert baking - cupcakes, cookies and dessert making 2pm – 4pm	20th January Hiking – Mount Canobolas - Register/ limited spots 2pm – 5pm
23rd January Video making/ tutorials - Creating youth hub tutorial/experience 2pm- 6pm	24th January Video Making/ Tutorials - Creating youth hub tutorial/experience 2pm – 6pm	25th January Wellington Caves – field trip - Register/limited spots 11am – 5pm	26th January PUBLIC HOLIDAY AUSTRALIA DAY	27th January Spray Painting – Stencils - Create your own artwork 2pm – 5pm
30th January Gardening/BBQ Day - Using materials from our garden to cook our BBQ 3.30pm – 5pm	31st January Basketball 2v2 Competition - Prize money - BBQ - Music 2.30pm – 5pm	1st February Odeon 5 Cinemas - Registration Essential 1pm – 5pm	2nd February Dodge Ball Tournament - BBQ and music Prizes 3pm – 5pm	3rd February SCHOOL RETURNS

The Youth hub will be open from 12pm – 8pm each weekday during the school holidays

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



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



CHRISTMAS DROP AND SHOP

MONDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 23RD OF DECEMBER

**OPEN TO SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
GYMNASTICS, NINJA, CRAFT, GAMES**

1/2 DAY MORNING 8.30AM - 1PM

1/2 DAY AFTERNOON 1PM - 5.30PM

FULL DAY 8.30AM - 5.30PM

BOOK IN ONLINE OR CALL - 63691028

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It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

CNSW WWCF PROGRAM - ALL ABILITIES ORANGE
Carl Sharpe Cricket Centre, Thursday January 19 &
Friday January 20, 9:00am - 12:05pm.
Angus Norton angus.norton@cricketnsw.com.au



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