

ISSUE 1

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2023

OAGS News



Securing Success...

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It's a date...

The Big Night In

Saturday 18th February

Canberra Royal Show

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th February

Richard III English Excursion

Wednesday 8th March

Year 11 & 12

NAPLAN

15th to 27th March

Year 3, 5, 7 & 9

From the Headmaster...

23 maybe the year, but it was also the number of records broken at the swimming carnival this week. OAGS grit and determination as strong as ever as we welcomed our students and staff back for 2023. We are thankful for another year of face to face teaching, welcoming students to learn and grow every day under the care and guidance of our professional staff team.

Over the Christmas break our campus was a hive of activity as important capital works continued. Necessary underground upgrades to plumbing, hydrant and irrigation lines were conducted, progress was made on our new Secondary School Music and Technology classrooms and ongoing landscaping works have made our outdoor spaces more accessible. Whilst in the pursuit of delivering better facilities and resources for our children, we thank our community for your understanding and continued support as we experience an often changing landscape under construction.

On Monday 30th January we gathered our whole school to celebrate the commencement of a new school year, welcome our new kindergarten students, commission our new staff and new leaders, and pray for prosperity and good health for the new year ahead. Our school continues to enjoy a period of rapid growth and prosperity with many more students joining us for the first time across both Primary and Secondary School. This is a testament to our whole school community; exceptional teachers and staff, and an amazing, supportive community that invests in the life of our school and students. Along with all of our new students we also welcomed the following additional new staff members to our growing team of dedicated professionals:

- Ms Jessica Xi - Early Stage 1 Coordinator
- Mr James Borden - Assistant Prep Coordinator
- Mrs Caroline Hazelton - Stage 1 Teacher
- Miss Molly Collins - Stage 3 Teacher
- Mrs Sharon Cloete - Primary Science Teacher
- Mr Andrew Drummond - Leader of Culture
- Mr Dean Johnston - Coordinator of Maths & Science
- Mrs Jocelyn Kimmons - HSIE Teacher
- Mrs Felicity Dobbs - HSIE Teacher
- Mr Nathan Dobbs - Maths & HSIE Teacher
- Mrs Nicole Nealon - Pastoral Care Coordinator Stage 5 & 6
- Mrs Rebecca Cooper - Executive Assistant

I look forward to the year ahead, working together and sharing in the joy and success of our children.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17

Rev'd Louis Stringer
Headmaster





FAITH

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Christianity Explored

At the heart of Christianity is the person of Jesus Christ. The things he said and did were truly life changing and world altering.

What has been your experience of Jesus? Perhaps you have had very little experience of any sort of religion. Perhaps you have had a very negative experience that involves guilt laden rules and ceremonies. Jesus is so much better, and more, than this. He is able to make all the difference in life, death, marriage, relationships, parenting, suffering and more. He offers real hope, real happiness, and real truth.

If you would like to explore all that he has to offer, then any of the school chaplains would love to shout you a coffee and talk more. Just contact David Whittingham, Priscilla Colgan or James Esson through the school. Alternatively, our two local Anglican churches are running a very helpful course called Christianity Explored that simply talks through a biography of Jesus and shows the amazing difference he makes (details below). We hope and pray that you will discover the wonderful good news of Jesus.

David Whittingham
Chaplaincy Coordinator



CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED

WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

a course explaining
the basics of the Christian faith

WHEN
7.30PM TUESDAYS
commencing 14th February

WHERE
ST BARNABAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Dora St & McLachlan St, Orange

Looking carefully at Mark's biography of Jesus in the Bible, we explore

WHO Jesus is,
WHY he came to earth, *and*
WHAT it means to follow him.

A great option for the person who is not yet convinced by what Christians believe, and also for the Christian who wants a refresher on the basics of their faith.

*You can ask any question you like and we will try to help you find answers in the Bible.
And we won't ask you to pray or sing!*

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PREP NEWS

Welcome to our new Prep Students

It has been a lovely start to the school year in our prep classes. Our students have been developing new friendships, getting to know their teachers and learning the class routines. The students have all settled into their classrooms well and we are all looking forward to learning together over the year.

We have welcomed Mr Bornen to the Prep teaching team. Mr Bornen has a passion for teaching our littlest students and is also taking on the role of assistant early stage one coordinator.

One highlight so far has been the water fun day. The students enjoyed running through the sprinklers, using our water tables, collecting water to throw at the teachers and then rolling in the sandpit. This form of play, while seeming fun and exciting to the students, teaches them concepts such as cause and effect (rolling in the sand when wet makes the sand stick to me), patience and perseverance (it takes a long time to fill a bucket from the sprinkler!) and risk taking (if I throw water at the teachers what will they do?). It was a truly fun, wet and sandy day.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child or their learning and development, please contact your child's teacher, Mr Bornen James.bornen@oags.nsw.edu.au or Miss Thomas krisha.thomas@oags.nsw.edu.au

James Bornen and Krisha Thomas - Prep Teachers





PRIMARY NEWS

Primary News

Welcome to the 2023 school year. I am excited for the learning journey that lies ahead of us all in the coming days, weeks and months.

As has become tradition at OAGS, we have a yearly theme to name all of our Primary classes.

The theme this year is **Minibeasts!**

Minibeasts is a general term for arthropods and other invertebrates that includes bees, spiders, ants, termites, flies, butterflies, wasps, and many more. Did you know there are more invertebrates in the world than any type of animal? In fact, they make up around 97% of all living creatures on Earth! Far from being simple pests, minibeasts are an essential part of the food chain and together, they ensure a healthy and flourishing ecosystem.

The 2023 OAGS Primary classes are:

Prep:
Caterpillars (2 day) - Mr Boren
Dragonflies (3 day) - Mr Boren
Stick Insects (5 day) - Miss Thomas

Kindergarten:
Maple Moths - Mrs Xi
Ladybugs - Mrs Purvis
Jewel Beetles - Mrs Pearson

Stage 1:
Fireflies - Mr Palmer
Butterflies - Miss Reilly
Bees - Mrs Hazelton
Crickets - Ms Taylor

Stage 2:
Peacock Spiders - Mr Lipscomb
Jack Jumpers - Mr Herbert
Water Striders - Mrs Collins

Stage 3:
Sapphire Tarantulas - Mrs Dwyer
Scorpions - Miss Harrison
Snails - Miss Collins
Whistling Spiders - Mr Linde

I'm excited to watch our school ecosystem flourish and thrive together as we embark on another year of learning, personal growth and development. You can keep an eye on all of our fun through Seesaw by accepting the email invitation you will receive from your child's teacher short

Mrs Jessica Willis
Director of Primary

Kindy at Central West Gymnastics

Kindergarten are accessing gymnastics lessons at Central West on Fridays this term. In our first week, Kindy were very excited about boarding the coach to gymnastics. It was lovely to witness the students chatting with their bus buddies and making observations along the way. The team hosted a circuit of six activities including balance beams, hula hoops and obstacle courses, focussing on gross motor skills, core strength, balance and hand-eye coordination. Everyone was thoroughly engaged in the lesson, transitioning about the space with enthusiasm and confidence.



Getting a Buzz Out of Learning

It was a busy but bee-utiful first week in Stage 1 Bees. To fit in with our Primary School Minibeast classroom theme, the Stage 1 Bees have been fascinated to learn all about bees. We learnt that bees are the only insect to give humans food - honey! We were fortunate enough to observe Mrs Eyb and her Year 9 class tap honey from our school flow hives. We also enjoyed making Honey Joys that most certainly did bring the students joy. Finally, we learnt that honey bees work together in a colony. Each bee is busy with a special job to do to make the hive hum! This inspired us to work as a team and collaboratively begin making a native bee hotel, which will be placed in the Primary School vegetable garden to welcome native, stingless bees to pollinate our veggies. Did you know that bees give us one third of our food through pollination? No wonder Stage 1 Bees have got a buzz out of learning about bees!

Mrs Caroline Hazelton Stage 1 Bees



Forging Relationships in Stage 2

From ice breaker games, to learning about 'synergising', from sharing with buddies, to discovering what our favourites are, the first week back at school for Stage 2 has seen much developing in the way of relationships, particularly with half our cohort migrating up from Infants. Here are some snaps of students discovering each others' favourites, including hobbies, books and food. Clearly very happy to be back at school after a long summer break!

2023 is seeing a large focus on embedding our Seven Habits into students' learning, one of which is 'synergising' - appreciating that whilst we each have different qualities and skills, learning together is far better than in isolation.

Mr Paul Lipscombe
Stage 2 Coordinator



Infants Water Fun

Whilst the rest of the school was off-site competing in the OAGS Swimming Carnival, the Infants students stayed behind for some of their own water fun! Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 were able to participate in some activities that left them, and teachers, drenched! It was a perfect day to get wet too, as it was very hot. Kindergarten started off the afternoon, followed by Stage One. All classes rotated through 3 activities, including some sponge and super-soaker fun, sprinkler running, and the ever-exciting blow-up water slide. OAGS Prep students even joined in on the theme this year by holding their own water activities in the Prep play areas. This event allowed for a really exciting start to the school year, and was an excellent opportunity to build relationships with each other. This is a yearly event for the OAGS Infant School students, which they look forward to every year, and will no doubt miss once they reach the higher grades in their schooling.

Mr Kyle Palmer
Stage 1 Coordinator





SECONDARY NEWS

Getting to know Mr Johnston

At the start of this year we welcomed Mr Dean Johnston as the Coordinator of Science & Mathematics in the secondary school. Dean joins the OAGS community with significant experience across many years of teaching in the Science faculty. An experienced Physics HSC marker, he has worked with students across a range of subjects to achieve strong results. I took a few moments earlier out of Mr Johnston's Wednesday, to get to know him better, and hear how he is settling in.

How long have you been teaching Science?

This is my tenth year. I started teaching Science at Newington College, Sydney, in 2013. Since then, I've worked in a number of schools, most recently at Kinross Wolaroi and before that at Barker College, Sydney, where I was an Assistant Coordinator of Science for three years.

What do you love about teaching Physics?

Physics offers the opportunity to explore the vastness of the material world, from subatomic quarks which combine to form protons to nebulae which birth the stars from which the elements are formed. Personally, I became hooked on physics when I was first taught Einstein's special theory of relativity in my HSC year. (Do you consider 'time' to be an absolute? Think again!)

What has impressed you in your first week at Orange Anglican Grammar?

What attracted me to OAGS, and has been affirmed in my time here already, is the desire of the teachers - and the students - to achieve excellence in academic studies in the context of a vibrant, welcoming community. Also, as a Christian, it's a privilege to work in an organisation where the gospel of Jesus is properly yet sensitively shared, and where all are encouraged to seriously consider how the claims made by Jesus, as revealed in the Bible, are relevant to their lives.

What are you most looking forward to in Semester 1?

As a new teacher to the school, I'm looking forward to getting to know my students properly and for them to be enjoying the wonder and challenge that science offers.

Thanks Mr Johnston for your time. I'm confident that the school will really benefit from the teaching experience and professionalism you bring to our community.



Mrs Tim Brown
Director of Secondary

Year 7 Induction Program: Ready, Seven, Go!

Year 7 have gotten off to an excellent start in the Secondary School. They all engaged enthusiastically in the Year 7 Induction Program: Ready, Seven, Go! where they worked hard to learn the ropes of being a secondary student and stretched their brains in small group to create and present their own utopian society. The presentations at the end of the program were creative and innovative and very interesting to hear about. They finished with receiving a showbag that included the new school diary, Year 7 polo shirt, a personalised letter from a Year 7 2022 student and a certificate of completion for the Year 7 Induction Program. Year 7 are now in full swing in the Secondary School, getting used to travelling between classrooms, reading their timetables and school map, and getting to know their subject teachers and Pastoral Care Mentors.

Mrs Nicki Johnston
Leader of Culture (Character)



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 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

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Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations. In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit:

<https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school>

- Follow the steps to log in to your existing Service NSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a Service NSW account, refer to Service NSW to create one.
- Update or confirm your personal details in Service NSW as required.
- Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - Enter your child's personal details
 - Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
 - Read the linked Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement
 - Provide consent

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school. The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

If you require information in your language, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school will share the link to complete the online consent form.

Benefits of providing online consent:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

To provide online consent, you will need:

- the link provided by the school
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to give your consent now.

For more information on vaccination visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Onstage Excursion

On Monday the 6th of February, Drama students in year 11 and 12 travelled to Sydney to participate in a Belvoir Street Theatre Workshop and to watch Onstage at The Seymour Centre.

Onstage is a selection of HSC Drama High Achieving Major Works and Group Performances. The show was an excellent way to demonstrate to Drama students the possibilities available to them as they begin to develop their own Major Works and Group Performances. Student's reflections from the day included, "I can now see what I'm working towards and it feels very achievable" and "wow, I'm really excited to start working on my own Group Performance".

Students began to develop their own Group Performances during the Belvoir Street workshop, working with stimulus material to generate shapes and movement and using their voices and bodies to create soundscapes. It was wonderful to see the students produce meaningful and entertaining work.

Rachel Crane
Drama Teacher





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AG News

The first two weeks at the school farm have been flat out as alpaca and cattle teams prepare for the Royal Canberra Show at the end of the month. With three studs supplying the school with cattle - Elberta Limousins, The Trap Shorthorns and Macquarie Vale Charolais- our students have been training super hard to have the stock at their very best.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mel Flynn for donating hours of her time to clip the animals in preparation.

Our alpaca ladies are using animals from other studs at the Royal which is a huge reflection on the commitment of these students and Ms Sackey in establishing a presence in the alpaca industry.

Lots of new students have decided to try Agriculture as a new co-curricular activity, and it's very rewarding to see such enthusiastic faces. Our new students will take a break now until March when the team gets back from the Royal, however it's looking positive for a strong team into the future.

In the classroom, Stage 5 200 hours have been very busy collecting honey from the school hives as part of the paddock to plate project. Interestingly, despite the hives only being 10 metres apart, the honey colour varied from light to amber. It tasted very delicious, and the students will grade and weigh the honey before developing advertising and promotions campaigns.

Stage 5 200 hours have been working on a lamb feedlotting program as they prepare prime lambs for the lamb marketing program. Time to fire up the barbecue for slow roasted lamb with honey.

The senior agriculture class has kicked off the year by assessing the regeneration paddock soil health. This paddock was suffering from a low pH which had locked up nutrients in the soil profile. Our preliminary testing shows pH up to a very pleasing 6.5- 6.75 reflecting a significant improvement in soil health.

Year 7 are about to undertake their first ever major agriculture project so standby for some great photos in the next newsletter.

Happy farming

Mrs Sarah Eyb
Ace Coordinator





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OAGS Sports Club

Winter sport registration information for the OAGS Club will be out by the end of Week 4. Netball, Soccer and Hockey will be out first and when we receive information from Orange Basketball Association we will publish more information about that. Anyone can play for our OAGS teams, so if there is a special connection with a friend outside of school why not ask them to come play with us. Rego will look a little different this year, there will be no expression of interest forms to fill in, only a link to registering directly with the club first. Once final numbers are in teams will then be formed.

We are always looking for coaches and managers of teams. An hour for training one afternoon and helping at the game is all that is required. The Sport Masters in Charge and organisers will help guide you through the process.

If you have any questions please email sport@oags.nsw.edu.au

Running Festival

Just under a month to go until the 2023 Orange Running Festival!! As in previous years, there will be the competitive spirit of the Schools Challenge. As always, the Schools Challenge allows students to rally together and have a fun, healthy day out.

The Schools Challenge will be just like 2022's Challenges: runners will enter the Orange Running Festival 5K as individuals, and will then add themselves to the OAGS school team. We have two teams set up already for OAGS, a Primary and Secondary. Just head to the website www.orangerunningfestival.com.au for more details or please get in touch if you'd like more information.

We can have as many runners on our team as possible. The times of the fastest five runners will be combined to determine the overall winner. The winning teams will get more than bragging rights - as well as a cash prize (\$500 for first place!) to the top three schools' committees.

Entries are now open, with a deadline of February 23rd for School Challenge team members. Less than 2 weeks away! Fees are \$25 per team member.

Swimming carnival report

The sun was out and the swimmers of OAGS came out to shine at our Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival. House pride was strong and the atmosphere was supportive. 22 records were broken with some being smashed by over 23 seconds (Lachlan Thompsons - Individual Medley). It really was amazing to see so many students giving their best and for many trying something new. The Swimming Carnival Assembly was held on today to recognise the achievements of our best swimmers.

Age	Male	Reserve	Female	Reserve
8	Ruben Oxenburgh		Mollie Esson	
9	Harvey Bruem	Boston Stewart	Lucy Pearson	Emily McGreal
10	Vincent Oxenburgh	Darcy Hutchinson	Adelaide Cooper	Isabella Ghattas
11	Oscar Pigot	Henry Gleeson	Jessica McGreal	Adeline Wilson
12 Primary	Liam Petschel	Henry Jones	Loti Ward	Isla O'Brien
12 Secondary	Miles Inman	Hunter Stacpoole	Grace Lingier	Lucy Johnston
13	Joel Springer	Jack Thompson	Rose Baldwin	Lilly Hawke
14	Nicholas Irwin	James Butt	Poppy Kay	Miley O'Brien
15	Luke Brown	Jacob Hassan	Rebecca Kemp	Bella Blowes
16	Lachlan Thompson	Ethan Petschel	Isla Stringer	Milla Jurd
17	Tobias Johnston	Andrew Ingham	Grace Stringer	Tomika Frankham
18	Oliver Thompson	Manuel Camargo Rivera	Claudia Horan	Olivia Hazelton-Berry

Students who have progressed to the next stage of representing OAGS are listed below. Information will go out to families in the coming week. Winning House of the Carnival was Dinawan.

WAS Boys Swimming Team – 3rd March

	Juniors			Intermediates		Seniors	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Freestyle A swimmer	Miles Inman	Joel Stringer	Nicholas Irwin	Jacob Hassan	Lachlan Thompson	Tobias Johnston	Oliver Thompson
		Jack Thompson	James Butt	Luke Brown	Ethan Petschel	Oliver Inman	Angus Guyer
B swimmer		Jack Thompson	James Butt	Luke Brown	Ethan Petschel	Oliver Inman	Angus Guyer
Breaststroke A swimmer	Hunter Stacpoole	Jack Thompson	James Butt	Jacob Hassan	Lachlan Thompson	Tobias Johnston	Manuel Camargo Rivera
B swimmer	Miles Inman	Joel Springer	Gregory Finlay	Dexter Roberts	Ethan Petschel	Oliver Inman	Angus Guyer
Medley Relay	Will be decided after attendance is received						
100 Freestyle	Miles Inman	Joel Springer	Nicholas Irwin	Luke Brown	Lachlan Thompson	Tobias Johnston	Angus Guyer
Backstroke		Jack Thompson	James Butt	Luke Brown	Lachlan Thompson	Tobias Johnston	Oliver Thompson
Fly		Joel Springer	Nicholas Irwin		Lachlan Thompson		Oliver Thompson
Freestyle Relay	Will be decided after attendance is received						

WAS Girls Swimming Team

	Juniors			Intermediates		Seniors	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Freestyle A swimmer	Grace Lingier	Rose Baldwin	Poppy Kay	Bella Blowes	Isla Stringer	Grace Stringer	Claudia Horan
	Abigail Martin	Milla Bruem	Calai Bunworth	Milla Jurd	Isabella Turk	Tomika Frankham	Olivia Hazelton-Bery
B swimmer		Milla Bruem	Calai Bunworth	Milla Jurd	Isabella Turk	Tomika Frankham	Olivia Hazelton-Bery
Breaststroke A swimmer	Grace Lingier	Lilly Hawke	Calai Bunworth	Mia Singh	Isla Stringer	Grace Stringer	Claudia Horan
B Swimmer	Lily Dwyer	Vivienne Newcombe	Amelia McMaster	Milla Jurd	Emily Strahan	Tomika Frankham	Olivia Hazelton-Bery
Medley Relay	Will be decided after attendance is received						
100m Freestyle	Grace Lingier	Rose Baldwin	Calai Bunworth	Milla Jurd	Isla Stringer	Tomika Frankham	Claudia Horan
Backstroke	Grace Lingier	Vivienne Newcombe	Poppy Kay	Bella Blowes	Brooke Floyd	Grace Stringer	Olivia Hazelton-Bery
Fly		Lilly Hawke	Miley O'Brien	Rebecca Kemp	Isla Stringer	Tomika Frankham	Claudia Horan
Freestyle Relay	Will be decided after attendance is received						

HICES Swimming Team 7th March SOPAC

Females			Males		
50m Freestyle	Swimmer A	Swimmer B	50m Freestyle	Swimmer A	Swimmer B
8 Years	Mollie Esson		8 Years	Ruben Oxenburgh MC	
9 Years	Emily McGreal	Lucy Pearson	9 Years	Harvey Bruem	Jarvis Lloyd
10 Years	Adelaide Cooper	Angela Gleeson	10 Years	Timothy Napier	Blake Brasington
11 Years	Hannah Whittingham	Harper Quirk	11 Years	Oscar Pigot	Henry Gleeson
12 Years	Meckenzie Flowers	Isla O'Brien	12 Years	Henry Jones	Braxton May
50m Breaststroke	Swimmer A	Swimmer B	50m Breaststroke	Swimmer A	Swimmer B
Junior	Lucy Pearson	Saskia Rohr	Junior	Darcy Hutchinson	Vincent Oxenburgh
11 Years	Jessica McGreal	Hannah Whittingham	11 Years	Oscar Pigot	Thomas Wotton
12 Years	Bridget Waters	Lucy Johnston	12 Years	Henry Jones	Liam Petschel
50m Backstroke	Swimmer A	Swimmer B	50m Backstroke	Swimmer A	Swimmer B
Junior	Isabella Ghattas	Angela Gleeson	Junior	Timothy Napier	Vincent Oxenburgh
11 Years	Harper Quirk	Hannah Whittingham	11 Years	Oscar Pigot	Henry Gleeson
12 Years	Meckenzie Flowers	Loti Ward	12 Years	Braxton May	Henry Jones
50m Butterfly	Swimmer A	Swimmer B	50m Butterfly	Swimmer A	Swimmer B
Junior			Junior	Vincent Oxenburgh	Ruben Oxenburgh MC
11 Years	Jessica McGreal	Adeline Wilson	11 Years	Oscar Pigot	
12 Years	Audrey Boyce		12 Years	Liam Petschel	
100m Freestyle	Swimmer A	Swimmer B	100m Freestyle	Swimmer A	Swimmer B
Junior			Junior	Darcy Hutchinson	
11 Years	Harper Quirk		11 Years	Oscar Pigot	
12 Years	Loti Ward		12 Years	Braxton May	
Junior Girls Relay	Relays will be decided once attendance is received				
Junior Boys Relay					
Open Girls Relay					
Open Boys Relay					
All Age Relay					



252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Army Cadets – 252 ACU

NSW Promotion Courses – These are held in January and July each year with gaining a place on the CPL course being very competitive. Courses were held at the Holsworthy Army Base for 8 Days (6-14 January). Due to the high demand we only managed to get 8 cadets on the panels. They were great ambassadors for the unit and made many new friends and contacts from across NSW, ACT and Norfolk Island. All qualified on their respective courses -

- Corporal (CPL)- Amaya Johnston, Will Roberts, Layla Docherty
- Sergeant (SGT)- Patrick Wright, Utah Middleton, Ethan McAlister
- Cadet Under Officer (CUO) / Warrant Officer (WO) – Andrew Ingham and Tom Wright

LT Player completed his Staff Grade 2 course and CAPT Nye instructed on the CPL course during the same period.

Leadership / Promotions

We have started the 2023 year with the following rank positions –

- CUO – Andrew Ingham, Utah Middleton
- WO2 – Tom Wright
- SGT – Alex Baines, Ethan McAlister, Patrick Wright, James Bannister
- CPL – Layla Docherty, Chad Fenton, Amaya Johnston, Oliver McLean, Will Roberts, Jazmin Pietrzac, Will Cooney, Mitchell Wheeler,
- LCPL – Emily Brindley, Mykayla Hazelton, Scarlett Petty, Luci Moller, Jacqui Baines, Holly Elliot



Promotion Course - students (absent Amaya Johnston)

Fees

We have had to raise the term fee (the same since 2019) to \$80 per term. Invoices will be emailed in the coming weeks. It is preferable that fees are paid into the 252 ACU account to avoid the extra burden on school administrative staff. Fee discounts are possible for adult volunteers.

Recruiting

During February we will be accepting new recruits. It is our policy to meet with the interested student and a parent to ensure we have similar expectations of what becoming a member of the AAC and 252 ACU means – time commitment, attendance, promotion, etc. Currently there are only 2 opportunities to join cadets per year (February and August).

Information session

Monday 13 Feb at 5pm Media Centre. Students are welcome to attend one Monday 4.30-7.30pm in February to gain a better idea.

Adult Helpers

Please note that we cannot continue to grow and provide the Army Cadet experience and improved opportunities if we do not increase our adult volunteers.

It is essential we continue to increase the numbers of our adult helpers so that we can comply with the mandated supervision ratios for safety. We are required to have an adult present with each small group which places constraints on our ability to provide more diverse training on Monday's. We need at least 8 adults to allow all functions and training to proceed optimally as planned.

If viewing training and observing lessons is "not your thing" then we have many other administrative tasks that you could provide assistance with.

Like any volunteer organisation, the more adult assistance (involvement of parents) we have the better the experience your son/daughter can receive. As students get older and leave, so do their parents. We must continue to involve new parents to ensure 252 ACU can continue to thrive and grow. I am seeking adults that can attend on a regular OR irregular basis (eg once a month) - please contact me or one of the other adult staff.

Important Dates

No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday break

3-5 Mar	Term 1 Bivouac (2022 Cadets only) – Marrangaroo Army Camp (Lithgow)
13 MAR	RECRUITING CLOSES
1-2 Apr	Rec Induction weekend & Uniform Issue - overnight sleepover at OAGS
Apr Holiday	Adventure Training Award (Tasmania) volunteer only
25 Apr	ANZAC DAY – march in Orange
1-8 Jul	NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only
3-4 Jul	CACTC (sth QLD) – Selected members
21-23 Jul	Term 2 Biv - Cudal
23-30 Sep	AFX (Annual Camp) - Singleton

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding
252 ACU

Chess

Chess club started on Thursday this week. This is open to any interested student wanting to learn or improve their skills. Primary meet in Mr Lipscomb's room and Secondary in Room C4 during the Thursday break.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Contact admin@oags.nsw.edu.au

Deputy Covid Report

The most recent health advice for schools states that, in concert with the broader community, students and staff are no longer required to report a positive COVID result to the school. Students and staff are encouraged to register any positive cases with NSW Health. As a result, the school will not be collecting or publishing any COVID data until such time as the broader health advice changes. Parents, students and staff are reminded to please continue to follow the broader health advice. While there are now no isolation requirements, I ask that any student/staff who does return a positive test, but is well enough to attend school, does so with a face mask in place for 7 days.

I'd like to thank the families of OAGS for their partnership and agility during the COVID years.

Sincerely,
Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster



ENROLMENT

Contact enrol@oags.nsw.edu.au

Twilight tour

Thursday 2nd
March 2023
@ 5:30pm



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ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2023 TERM DATES

TERM 1 - 2023 (11 Weeks)		
Wednesday	18.01.2023	Executive Day
Thursday	19.01.2023	Coordinators Day and New Staff Dinner
Friday	20.01.2023	New Staff Induction/Coordinators & Executive
Monday	23.01.2023	Staff Day 1
Tuesday	24.01.2023	Staff Day 2
Wednesday	25.01.2023	Staff Day 3
Thursday	26.01.2023	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday	27.01.2023	Year 7, 11, 12 & Peer Support Leaders commence
Monday	30.01.2023	Prep, Kinder and all other Year groups commence (Commencement Service)
Thursday	06.04.2023	Term 1 ends
Friday	07.04.2023	Good Friday ; Easter Sunday (09.04.23)

TERM 2 - 2023 (9 weeks)		
Monday	24.04.2023	Staff Day 4
Tuesday	25.04.2023	ANZAC Day
Wednesday	26.04.2023	Students commence Term 2
Monday	12.06.2023	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday	30.06.2023	Term 2 ends

TERM 3 - 2023 (10 Weeks)		
Monday	17.07.2023	Staff Day 5
Tuesday	18.07.2023	Students commence Term 3
Friday	22.09.2023	Term 3 ends
Monday	02.10.2023	Labour Day Holiday

TERM 4 - 2023 (8 weeks)		
Monday	16.10.2023	Students commence Term 4
Wednesday	6.12.2023	Last day of term. Presentation Night (whole school)
Thursday	7.12.2023	Staff Day 6
Friday	8.12.2023	Executive Day



New Sunday Service

Starting this Sunday
12th February

10.30am

Contemporary Family
with Kids' Group
followed by morning tea

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WINTER REGISTRATIONS
OPENING SOON

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

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