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Farewell Year 12





PRIMARY NEWS

Stage 1 Sport

Last week, Stage 1 students were treated to a special afternoon of sport with Year 9 and 10 Physical Activity and Sport Studies (PASS) students. Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Doyle have been working alongside these students on an 'event management' unit this term, which looked at how to effectively plan an event, while making plans for possible issues along the way. After facing the hurdle of the initially planned day being rained out, the PASS students pivoted and presented our Stage 1 students with a highly engaging and creative take on a mini Olympics. Students rotated through a range of stations that targeted different skills such as ten pin bowling, tug of war, tag, running races and the crowd pleaser of a disco. Each PASS student set a wonderful example of leadership to our younger students, as well as the importance of perseverance and determination.

Stage 1 is all hoping that the PASS students will now teach them every week for sport! Thank you to Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Doyle, as well as their PASS classes for their exemplary work in running this event and encouraging each and every student along the way.



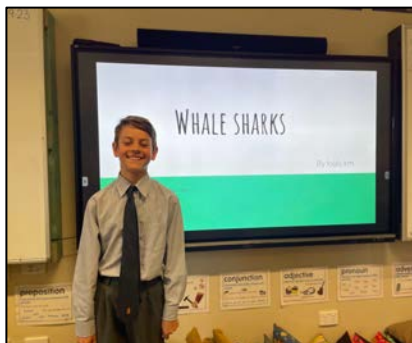
Miss Reilly and the Stage 1 team.



Stage 2 Science

This term in Science, Stage 2 students have enjoyed studying different biomes. They have looked at behavioural, physiological and structural adaptations that plants and animals need to survive in specific biomes. Students then researched an Australian animal to find the special adaptations that these animals need to survive in the Australian climate. They presented their research as a slideshow or booklet.

Sharon Cloete Science Teacher



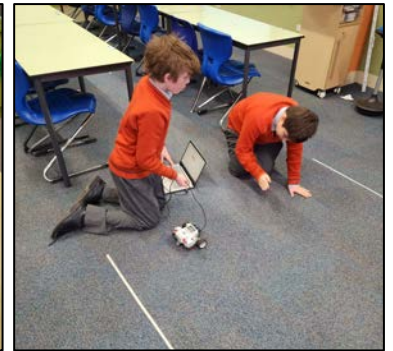
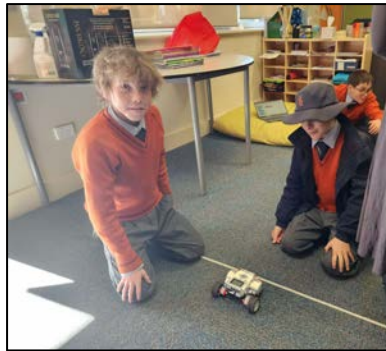
Stage 3 Robotics

This term, Stage 3 students have been involved in coding and robot building. During their lunch break on Tuesdays, students from Stage 3 have built two different robots and created coding for them to complete tasks. We started off simply by getting the robot to move, stop and turn.

We progressed to using an ultrasonic sensor to detect an object and stop. They taught their 'bots' to waddle like a dog and bark when they found an object. Last week students needed to discover coding that allowed their bots to find a white line and stop.

Overall, the Stage 3 students are having so much fun in robotics and are looking forward to new challenges everyday.

Sharon Cloete
Science Teacher



Stage 3 Ice Cream in a Bag

This term in Science, Stage 3 has been learning about chemical sciences in our 'Gelato Time!' unit. Throughout the term students have learnt all about the states of matter, mixtures and compounds and chemical reactions. The catalyst for this learning was the delicious frozen treat: gelato! This was achieved by exploring gelato's ingredients, how it is made and the changes that occur during the process. Towards the end of the unit, students worked in groups to create their own unique gelato flavours, using their newfound knowledge to consider what ingredients would be most appropriate. They then created eye-catching posters to advertise their yummy desserts.

To conclude the unit of work, students got to put all of their new knowledge to the test by making ice cream in a bag. On Friday morning (15/09), the Snails and Scorpions joined together to make their ice cream. This began with a discussion about the scientific processes before students measured their ingredients and chose their ice cream flavour. Students had to synergise to make sure our mixtures were successful, taking turns to shake the ice cold bag. In return for all their hard work, students got to enjoy the delicious ice cream with added extras of sprinkles and chocolate chips! This was a fantastic morning enjoyed by all.

Miss Harrison and Miss Collins
Stage 3 Scorpions and Snails



Primary Pastoral Care

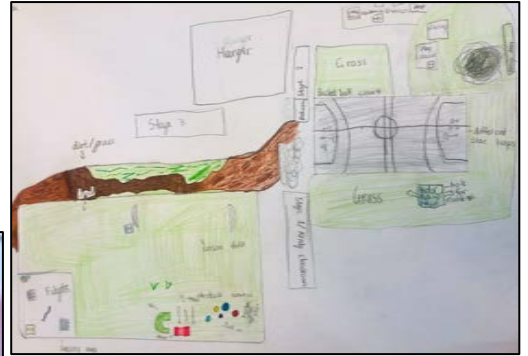
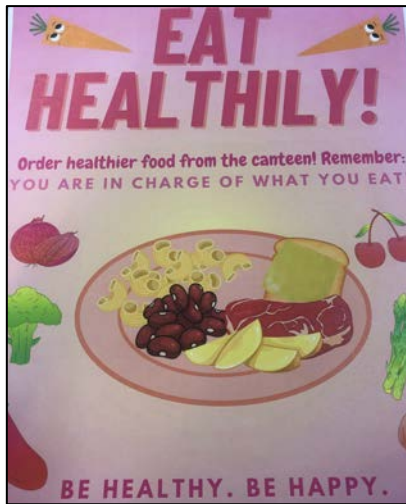
This term Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been looking at how we can improve our school environment and ourselves as we develop the habits needed to be 'Leading Change'. Each stage had different tasks and expected outcomes, however all students were actively engaged and responded creatively and collaboratively. The students were able to use the principle of Habit 4 - Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win) when planning a new playground and learning spaces.

They were also able to utilise Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before you Talk) when conducting surveys regarding current usage of the playground. We also used this principle when collecting data and holding discussions about how each stage wanted to change and improve our school environment so our spaces would encourage movement, while also being inclusive.

Habit 6 - Synergize (Together is Better) brought it all together with paired and group tasks designing posters to encourage healthy eating. It has been a pleasure to get to know and work with our older primary students this term.

Georgina Willis

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator



Summer School Uniform

Term 4 marks the return of our Summer School Uniform. Please see below the details of the Primary Summer Uniform requirements. You can also access the 2023 Uniform Policy [here](#).

Boys (K-6) - Summer

Striped short sleeved OAGS shirt
Navy blue OAGS shorts
Navy tie
Terracotta knitted jumper
OAGS wide brim hat
Navy blue socks with a terracotta stripe
Black leather shoes (not boots)

Girls (K-6) - Summer

Striped OAGS dress
Girls tie
Terracotta knitted jumper
OAGS wide brim hat
Navy blue socks with a terracotta stripe
Black leather shoes (not boots)

Michelle Pearson

Acting Director of Primary





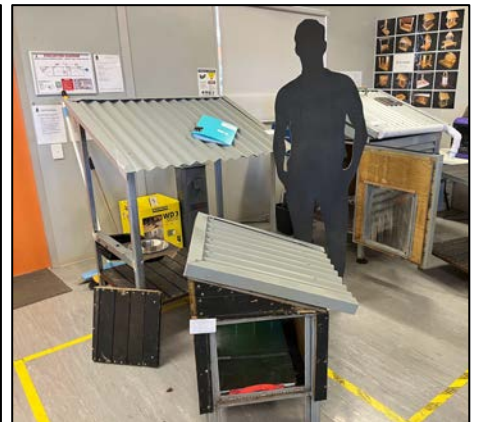
SECONDARY NEWS

Year 12 Projects and Submitted Works

For some courses in the HSC, students complete practical exams in the form of projects, submitted works and performances. These assessments are often a year in the making and provide students of these courses with the benefit that their HSC examination does not all come down to one exam but that the mark is split over different tasks.

Students in Community and Family Studies, Drama, Design and Technology, Music, and Visual Arts have all now submitted their works for the year. Congratulations and well done Year 12.

In Year 12, Design and Technology students undertake a design brief of their own choosing and work through a comprehensive design process that includes significant testing, prototyping, research and modification as they develop and refine their ideas. The HSC requires that students thoroughly document every step in the design process in an 80 page portfolio and this is marked alongside the finished project with sample prototypes by the markers. Each of our Year 12 students should be very proud of the work they have put into the project and we wish them the very best as they await their overall mark for Design and Technology. Here are some photographs of the students with their projects.



In the photographs below you can see the artworks our year 12 Visual Arts students have submitted as part of their art making body of work. These projects demonstrate their understanding of artmaking as a practice and present their ideas through their interpretation of their chosen subject matter.



Tim Brown
Director of Secondary



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Netball Wrap Up

The 2023 netball season has come to an end and OAGS could not be prouder of our netballers. The past 3 weeks have been full of finals culminating in Grand Finals on Saturday 16th September. The first round of finals saw the Chiefs, Fantales, Raspberries and Skittles take the court. The Chiefs were in the qualifying final against their biggest rivals. A great game was played with the Chiefs losing by 4. In another exciting match the Fantales took the court against Kinross. It was an intense game with both teams rising to the occasion of finals resulting in extra time. Unfortunately, the Fantales were knocked out in extra time, going down by 4. The Skittles have been the underdogs all season, being one of the most improved OAGS teams. In a nail biting game the Skittles won their final by 1 earning their spot in the next round of finals. There was no question that the Raspberries deserved to be in the finals with a convincing win 44-15.

With 3 teams in the next round of finals, OAGS players were ready to take the court and earn their way into the grand final. Up first were the Chiefs and Skittles who played at the same time at opposite ends of the stadium. Many parents and spectators pacing between the courts in the nail biting games. The Skittles had a great game, going goal for goal with their opponents only going down in the last quarter. Meanwhile, the Chiefs were also going goal for goal, taking out the victory with a 3 point lead and a spot in the Grand Final. In the most exciting game of the season, The Raspberries were hungry to gain a spot in the grand final. The game was close, ending in a tie. In extra time it was still a nail biter with both teams matching each other. In the final minute the Raspberries went down by 1, but fought all the way until the final whistle. Not only did the Raspberries have OAGS cheering them on, but the entire stadium. Whilst it wasn't their day, it was one of the best games of netball from an OAGS team.

Grand final day saw the OAGS Chiefs take the court at a later time than usual and the girls came out ready to play. There was a sea of orange and blue as the OAGS community came along to support these girls. In their best half of the season the girls were up by a few points. In the second half they kept their energy, but the other team came back fighting. Whilst it wasn't their day to take away the top spot, this team has come so far under the guidance of coaches Manvir and Emma. They were excellent sports both on and off the court and never gave up.

A massive thank you goes to the coaches and managers of all OAGS teams for your time and energy to encourage, train, share your passion and provide opportunities for our netballers. Thank you to the parents who pick up from training, attend games and encourage your children to play netball. Thank you Orange Real Estate for your sponsorship of our Chiefs. OAGS Netball is looking forward to a bigger and better season in 2024!

Miss Stephanie Harrison
Netball Coordinator





252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Unit History

On 16 October 2018, after several years of negotiation by Rev Stringer and paperwork by then MAJ Nye (Plans Officer at HQ NSW AAC BDE) our unit was created with official approval from HQ AAC in Canberra. In our first 5 years we have grown from 1 staff member and 35 cadets to 12 staff and 80 cadets, improved our skills, training program and procedures, survived Covid, developed relationships with other units at Dubbo and Lithgow, gained positive support in the broader community and changed the lives of many teenagers. What can we achieve in the next 5 years?

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 grow and train our number of adult helpers so 252 can achieve its full potential.

25 Bn Camp (Holsworthy) Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 January 2024

We were notified this week of a camp opportunity at Holsworthy in January. This is the week before the NSW Promotions Courses. Many of our staff are unavailable due to existing holiday plans or already attending an Adult Training Course. A show of hands for interest was taken last Monday. More information will be available next term.

Important Dates - No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday breaks

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

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Last Friday, Rev Stringer presented Patrick Wright and Oliver Inman with their BRONZE Awards – our first OAGS students to receive this award.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global youth program which challenges young people (aged 14-24) to dream big, celebrate their achievements and make a difference in their world. The Award has been operating in Australia for over 60 years and is run in over 130 countries, with over 8 million young people participating worldwide.

Doing the Award is a personal challenge; it will push you to your limits then recognise and celebrate your achievements. Achieving the Award can

- Improve your wellbeing
- Make a difference in the world and create the change you want to see
- Get outdoors and into nature
- Learn something new
- Stay motivated to keep fit and active
- Become more employable and looks good on your CV
- Get into University (ATAR points discounts for courses)
- Learn important life skills like teamwork, communication, leadership and time management.
- Get recognized for activities you're already doing or plan to do
- Receive international recognition for your efforts

There are four sections - [Physical Recreation](#), [Skills](#), [Voluntary Service](#) and [Adventurous Journey](#).

Mr Terry Nye
DEAS Coordinator





Orange Spring Holidays Junior Chess Tournament

Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Trophies and medals for age prizes

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.

The top players will be
invited to the country
championships in Sydney.

Entry Fee


One Child	\$25
Other Siblings	\$20

Payment to be made to:
Account Name: Bevan Clouston
BSB: 082-171
Acc: 12-468-7406

**Saturday 7th
October 2023
9:30 – 3:30**

**St Barnabus
Anglican
Church
Parish Hall,
Orange**

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