

OAGS News



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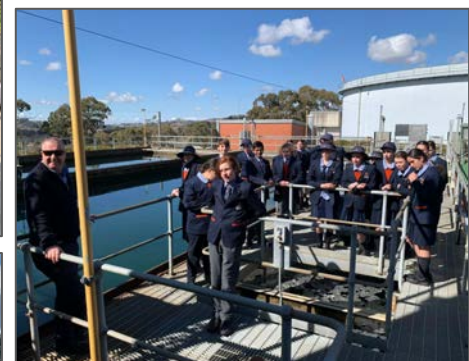
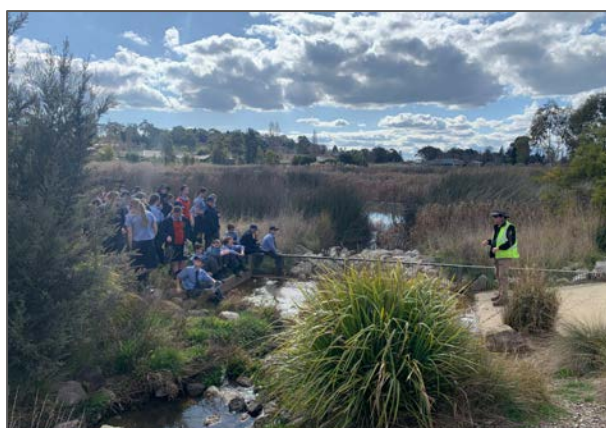
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From the Faculty Coordinator of Math & Science

Year 7 and Year 8 students recently had the privilege of touring several sites around Orange to complement their learning in Science of water management and treatment, and resources recovery. Orange Council was generous in providing guided tours of the Ophir Resource Recovery Centre, the Icely Road Water Filtration Plant, and the Ploughmans wetlands.



Dates for your Diary

Parent Teacher Interviews

Primary School
15th & 16th August
3:30pm -7pm

Secondary School
16th & 17th August
3:30pm - 8pm



PRIMARY NEWS

Orange Eisteddfod - Stage 1 Verse Speaking

On Friday 4th September, Stage 1 travelled to the Orange Function Centre for the Orange Eisteddfod Stage 1 Verse Speaking competition. During Term 2 and Term 3, the students had been learning and rehearsing two poems. The first was titled 'The Happy Chef' by Barbara Vance, and the second was titled 'Please Mrs Butler' by Alan Alberg.

OAGS has always had something entered into the Schools Drama section of the Orange Eisteddfod, but it has been many years since we have had a group enter the Verse Speaking competition. The judge was very impressed with the student's discipline when performing their pieces, as well as their articulation and inflection of words.

Stage 1 came away with 3rd place with 87, in what was a very tough competition. The winning competitor only won by 2 points.

The Stage 1 staff are very proud of the way the students represented the skill. We have come away with ideas and plans for next year's competition.

Mr Kyle Palmer
Stage 1 Coordinator



The Amazing Adventures of Superstan Digital Video Recording

Relive the hilarity of our 2023 Primary Show The Amazing Adventures of Superstan! The Digital Video Recording will be released very soon to all who have pre-ordered a copy. If you would like to order a digital copy of the show, please complete the [Google Form here](#). \$25 will be charged to the student's school account. Please remember that the video recording is only for private viewing and not for distribution.

Mrs Priscilla Colgan
Music Teacher



Stage 2 Sport

This term, Stage 2 are enjoying participating in Gymnastics (Year 3) and Dance (Year 4) off-site as part of their sports curriculum.

With guidance from the fantastic staff of Central West Gymnastics, Year 3 have been developing their balance and core strength skills across a range of gym activities including beam, bars, hoops, floor work and mini tramps. The climbing wall has been a particular favourite of the Year 3 students as it challenges them to run up one of the three levelled walls to reach the top successfully. They have also loved performing beginner tricks on the professional trampolines such as a basic bounce, seat drop or tuck jump.



Our Year 4 students have been learning to dance with the wonderful team at Dance HQ. During these sessions, the students have been developing their fundamental movement skills by engaging with different styles of dance.

This term, Year 4 has been learning simple choreography for hip-hop dances. The students have also enjoyed expressing themselves through dance and have composed their own movement combinations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Central West Gymnastics and Dance HQ for their guidance and support this term.

Mrs Amanda Collins
Stage 2 Water Striders





SECONDARY NEWS

Nothing Standard About English!

HSC Standard English is ramping up as we hurtle towards our Trial Examinations! We are working hard, fine-tuning their responses to questions and revising their texts in order to perform the best we can in these high stakes tests. Both the Standard and Advanced courses sit two examinations in English - Paper 1 comprises of the Common Module: "Texts and Human Experience" features short answer questions on unseen texts; and an essay task for our prescribed texts - in Standard, we studied Arthur Miller's play, 'The Crucible'. Paper 2 has three sections, one for each Module studied - we've looked at Henry Lawson's Short Stories, The Truman Show and a variety of short texts.

So what can we do to best prepare for these exams?

- Revisit our texts and know them thoroughly
- Learn quotes that are: a) easy to remember and; b) can be used for any question
- PRACTICE EXAMS - both timed and untimed - past papers and questions are easily located on the internet and on Canvas
- Write stories
- Invent characters that can walk into the exam with us for support!
- READ - a broader vocabulary is always helpful!
- Know language techniques - how they work and why

How can our families help us?

- Read our work - give us feedback!
- Ask questions about our texts - so what's it about? Who are the main characters? Why did the author write it? What were they trying to do? What do you think about it?

When it comes to the Big Dance, the HSC, English exams are usually first. Not long to go now! With hard work, study and with God's help, we can succeed in our undertakings!

Mrs Catherine Brown
English Faculty

Twilight tour

Thursday
24th August 23
@5:30pm



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CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Orange Eisteddfod 2023

On Thursday 3rd August OAGs Dance Academy headed to the Orange Function Centre to dance in the schools section of the Orange Eisteddfod for 2023. We had over 150 students attend this day from kindergarten all the way to year 12! Each and every dancer performed wonderfully and showed just how professional we are here at OAGs. It was amazing to see how beautiful each dancer looked in their costumes on stage. Thank you to all the teachers and student teachers who have given up their time to choreograph and support throughout the year.

We came away with lots of awards for the day, each dance winning a place or highly commended.

Early Stage 1 Dance: Highly Commended

Stage 1 Dance: Third

Stage 2 Dance: Highly Commended

Stage 3 Dance: Very Highly Commended

Boys Dance: Very Highly Commended

Primary Company: Third

Stage 4 Dance: First

Secondary Company: Third





STUDENT ADVOCACY

Access The Thrive

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 to access 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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Volunteering Opportunities

Please can we ask if there are any OAGS community members that would like to volunteer in the classroom. Whether it be reading groups, art afternoons, or phonics fun. We're looking for mums, dads, aunts, uncles, nans and pops.

It's free to apply for a "Working with Children" Check and you'd be invaluable to our Learning Support Team.
[Click here to apply.](#)

Please contact the office if you have a current WWC and would like to offer your time.

We are looking for a full-time volunteer to work with one student one on one each day if that's something you could offer and would find rewarding please contact admin@oags.nsw.edu.au

Thank you so much!





SPORT @OAGS

Contact sport@oags.nsw.edu.au



Netball Team Spotlight

The netball season is back after the holidays! OAGS Netball would like to spotlight our U12 Gummy Bears who bring plenty of enthusiasm to the court. The Gummy Bears are well looked after by the super team of Macey Paul and Darcy Speers who encourage each member of the team every week to work hard and try their best. The Gummy Bears work hard to improve their netball skills and do so with a smile on their faces. Well done Gummy Bears for your wonderful sportsmanship and joy you bring to OAGS Netball.

The U11 Skittles show great determination on the netball court each and every week. Every time they step onto the court, they improve their skills and work hard as a team. The Skittles work hard at training under the guidance of their coaches Scarlett Petty and Adelaide Thompson. The Skittles were very excited to have their first win of the season recently and are ready to continue using their improved skills on the netball court. Keep up the great work Skittles!

Miss Stephanie Harrison
Netball Coordinator

AICES Netball Cup

On Wednesday 2nd August, the OAGS Aces competed in the AICES Netball Cup. It was a day full of netball with the girls taking the court 5 times up against some tough competition. With each game being 25 minutes of non stop netball, the Aces put their skills and team work to the test and improved each time they played. Whilst there were no wins on the day, the Aces had some close games, going one for one with some teams. Every member of the team played an important role in their excellent game play. Mia and Scarlett took charge of the centre court with Millie and Abby as our wing defence and wing attack. Macey, Luci and Zara are the shooting dream team; when they were on a role there was no stopping them. Darcy, Calai and Sarah were a strong defence team, defining their opponents and helping to get the ball away from the opposition back to our sharpshooters. As their coach I am extremely proud of the Aces, the sportsmanship they showed to their opponents and one another is something to admire. Well done Aces.

Miss Stephanie Harrison
Aces Coach



Todd Woodbridge Cup

In Week 3 we had 16 students represent OAGS in Bathurst at the Todd Woodbridge Cup. The day was designed to encourage students to try the sport of tennis and was set up on modified courts. All of the students had such a great day getting the opportunity to play doubles and mixed doubles. It was fantastic to see such big smiles on all of the students' faces and the leadership skills that some of our students are starting to display. Our stage 2 team played some great tennis and improved out of sight throughout the day, only losing to one school. Our stage 3 team placed 2nd on a countback meaning they now progress to the next stage of the competition.

The NSW Tennis Development Officers identified three of our students for individual awards. Gen Wallace was identified for her consistent effort (Gen also stepped up to play with stage 3 on the day), Jessica McGreal was identified for a respect award and Oscar Pigot was awarded with a teamwork award. Although Oscar is used to playing higher level tennis, he was an exceptional leader on the day and is to be commended on the encouragement he provided his partners with

Mrs Amanda Causer
PDHPE Teacher



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THUR 12 OCTOBER &
SAT 14 OCTOBER**

**GIRLS WELCOME-
ALL TEAMS COACHED-NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**



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252 ARMY CADETS UNIT

Promotions

Congratulations to Amaya Johnston, Will Roberts and Layla Docherty who were promoted to Sergeant (SGT) during last Monday's parade. This is a significant milestone and recognition of the many extra activities they have completed and also attendance at the NSW courses during their school holidays to gain the qualification.

Now Recruiting

As of last Monday, we have signed up seven new cadets. We are taking on new recruits until the end of August. If you have friends that wish to join or find out more, get them to come along on a Monday 4.30-7.30pm. After August, the next opportunity to join will be February 2024. The induction weekend is 9/10 September (overnight) for gear issues and lessons.

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 our number of adult helpers.

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

It is important to advise me asap if a cadet is unable to attend. More information will become available in the coming weeks.

Important Dates - No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday breaks

9 Sep

9-10 Sep

24-29 Sep

3-4 Nov

12-20 Jan 24

LCPL Course – selected cadets only

Recruit Induction w/e – RECRUITS and Rank

AFX (Annual Camp) – Majura Range (Canberra) - ALL

T4 Activity (tbc) – Singleton WTSS – ALL

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

SEPTEMBER FAMILY FUN TRY DRAGON BOATING

COME ALONG AND GIVE IT A TRY!



4 Special sessions during September - Sundays 10.30am

<p>STEP 1 You will need a dragon pass first. Go to www.pinnacledragonsabreast.com.au</p> <p>STEP 2 Select Registration in the top bar, and follow the prompts</p> <p>STEP 3 Contact Pearl to indicate which session/s you'd like to try</p>	<p>Dates: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th</p> <p>There will be a sausage sizzle after the last session to celebrate your effort!</p> <p>Join our club as a member at any time, feel free to use your active kids vouchers to sign the kids up as well!</p>	<p>Bring along friends, siblings, parents, carers, grandparents, all welcome! 10 years & up</p> <p>You will learn techniques & skills as well as enjoying some exciting games, competition & fun certificates!</p>
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ONLY AUSTRALIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION ACCREDITED COACHES AND SWEEPS (BOAT STEERERS) WILL PROVIDE TEACHING. ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Call **Pearl Butcher 0400 640 342** HEAD COACH, AusDBF L3



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 cyms.cricket@gmail.com or 0407 332 718 to find out more.



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