

ISSUE 8

Term 2, Week 6

2022

OAGS News

It's a date...

Monday 6 June

Stage 1 Excursion to the Theatre

7, 8, 10 June

Prep Excursion to the Art Gallery

Tuesday 7 June

Primary Rugby 7s Gala Day

Wednesday 8 June

CIS Cross Country Carnival

Monday 13 June

Public Holiday

Wednesday 15 June

AUCES Netball School Cup

NSW Netball Schools Cup Primary

Thursday 16 June

NSW Netball Schools Cup Secondary

Small Schools Rugby League Gala

Day

Stage 2 Waste Facility Excursion

Tuesday 21 June

Prep/Kindergarten 'The Story Lady'

Wednesday 22 June

Bell Shakespeare Drama Workshop

CAPA Electives Showcase

Thursday 23 June

OAGS P&F Clothing Shop open



Securing Success...

From the Deputy Headmaster...

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." – Amy Poehler.

In Week 5, students in Years 7-10 journeyed to various places across the State to participate in their annual camp week. From Nowra to Sydney, Springwood to Colo, our students enjoyed a week of outdoor activities and challenges that provided a welcome change to their usual weekly routines. I know that over the course of the week, your children were challenged and inspired by both the people they were around and the environment they were in. I wonder did you notice any 'changed lives' upon their return?



As a parent and a teacher I am in a privileged position to see camps through a unique lens. I get to see my colleagues and friends, the teachers of OAGS, in the thick of camp week in a way that challenges and inspires me. For many families, Camp Week represents an n-1 scenario. Or, perhaps it's n-2, or n-3 (sorry for the maths geekery, n represents your normal number of children in the home and the negative integer is how many of them went away on camp!). That's right, for some families, Camp Week means a week of peace and quiet and a chance to breathe a little more deeply and undertake life with a little less chaos. What a blessing! Camp Week for the teachers is nothing short of extraordinary. While intrinsically rewarding and well worth the effort, I wish to recognise in this article the magnitude of that second word - effort.

From 2am wake ups, to 'I've lost my canoe shoe', from 'I can't eat that sir', to 'did you bring a hot water bottle for me?'. From 'There's a LEECH ON ME Miss', to 'see that wet rock over there sir, yeah that's my sleeping bag'. From 'help me find my head torch' to 'Oops, here it is in my pocket'. From 'should this tick still be growing under my arm Sir'? To 'HUNTSMAN MISS HUNTSMAN', from 'there's a coffee machine here somewhere right'? To, 'no, but we have weak Tea'...

The effort of the teaching staff on Camp Week is simply *inspiring*. They don't do it for the overtime (there isn't any), they don't do it for the time in lieu (what's that?), they don't do it for the sheer joy of it (3am in wet socks on a bunk bed having consoled a homesick child, again, isn't bells and whistles). At times, let's be honest, the reason they do it is because quite simply, they've 'got to do it'.

But out of this reality, another emerges.

They're also there because they 'get to do it'.

No teacher who stays in the game does so without a deep sense of calling and impact. Teachers quite simply commit to a lifetime's investment in young people's lives. It's in those challenging moments that our students are inspired without perhaps themselves even knowing it, by the reliable, dependable and subservient presence of the one they affectionately call 'miiii-iiiiisssss'!



How often do you hear the stories of camp and they go something like: 'you should have seen it mum when Mr so and so did'... or 'we laughed until we cried when Miss tried the ...'

Great teachers know that there's no week like camp week. Because, in the space of a week, it is not uncommon for a lifetime of work to be achieved in the life of a student. At OAGS we have **great** teachers.

So, to the teachers of OAGS who have recently gone, or are soon to go, or will inevitably go 'on camp' again. Thank you, and well done. It may be that as a family you might take a moment to reach out and encourage a teacher that you know has made an impact in your child's life.

Happy Weekend to all.

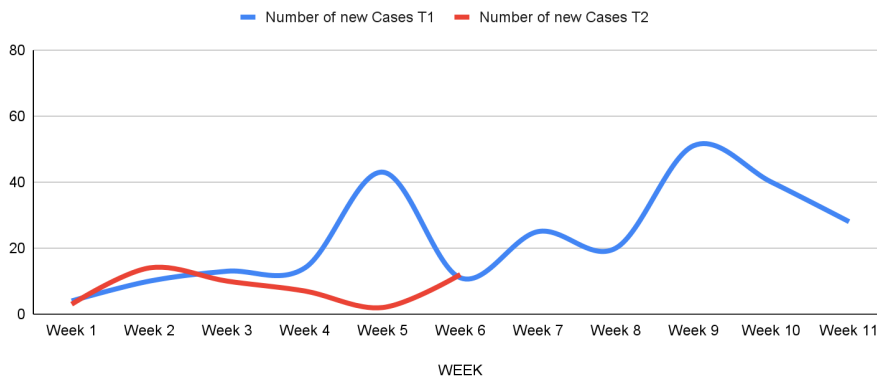
Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster

Deputy Covid report

Thank you for your ongoing support with managing COVID in our community. All families and staff are reminded that *it is critical that all positive cases are recorded in a timely fashion* by using [this form](#).

The most recent updates to COVID guidelines for schools state that communication regarding COVID cases should be communicated to families as is most appropriate to the situation. The advice states that schools should regularly notify the school community about cases in the school, but there is no need to send multiple communications in a short period where multiple cases have been reported to the school.

Number of weekly new COVID cases



This term, the fortnightly newsletter will contain a regular school snapshot that depicts the current infection situation at OAGS in a graphical form. If particular student groups experience an infection rate that is significantly higher than the school as a whole, affected families will receive additional information that is relevant to them. I trust you find this information a useful tool to help give you insight this term.

Families are likewise advised at this time to be mindful of the cold and influenza season that is now upon us. Some anecdotal evidence suggests that this winter may well see an increased incidence and families are advised to be particularly vigilant. As always, please keep your child at home if they have any cold/flu symptoms. With some Influenza A cases already amongst us, a careful eye to thorough hygiene practices is essential.

With all this in mind, we have decided to *cancel* the proposed State of Origin event that was originally planned for Wednesday June 8. While the coming together of families and friends is something that is increasingly justifiable, the forecast weather, combined with the need to all be inside presents an unnecessary health risk at this time. We thank you for your understanding (and go the blues!).

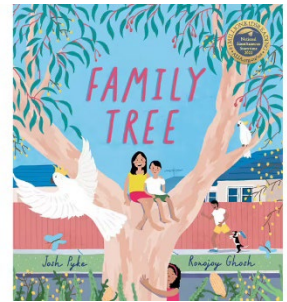
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Primary News



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual event from the Australian Library and Information Association. Each year, a picture book that has been written and illustrated by an Australian author is read simultaneously all over the country and the world. The aim of the NSS is to promote the value of reading, to celebrate the enjoyment that reading can bring, to promote Australian authors and to bring people together to enjoy good quality literacy.

This year, the selected book was 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke and Ronjojoy Ghosh, which celebrates family and the seasons of life through the story of a little girl.



*It started with a seed,
and that seed was me.
And, over time, laughter filled my garden...*

On Wednesday 25th May, Primary students read the book, discussed the story and enjoyed a range of craft activities that made links with our own family trees. Prep joined their Stage 3 buddies to create a giant mural that celebrated family and the joy that can be found under the leaves of backyard trees.



Seeds are also being planted in the minds and hearts of our Primary students as they continue to enjoy quiet reading each day in class. For 20 minutes each day, students choose books that interest them, at a level appropriate for their reading development, to independently read and enjoy books as part of our literacy program. It is about building lifelong habits for children so that they may enjoy the wonderful world of literature, an activity that can open new doors, provide a break from the stresses of life, teach new things and expand horizons. Whether it's reading a traditional book, an ebook, a magazine or just scrolling the newspaper, I encourage you to share what you are reading with your children and discuss why you read. Role-modelling this very important habit is a key component of encouraging lifelong readers. Reluctant readers can be encouraged to pick up a book simply by seeing it valued as an activity around them.

I'm off to choose my next book from my pile beside my bed!

Jessica Willis
Director of Primary

Early Learning News - The Link Between Healthy Eating, Mood and Learning Outcomes

Research is supporting a link between healthy eating, physical growth, mood, mental health and learning outcomes. The best thing about this is, that as adults, we can help each child have a great day and achieve their best by sending them off to school with a lunch box filled with nutritious food. When children eat a variety of healthy foods, they actually perform better in the classroom. Nutritious food also gives them the needed stamina to attend to their work, maintain social interactions and feel good, providing them with long term benefits.



Nutrition is a significant contributor to how our brains operate and the right food helps us develop and release neurotransmitters and hormones that the body requires for emotional health. It also helps to coat our cells so they fire better, meaning children can think more clearly and regulate their emotions. The right foods help children to stay calm and focused or react impulsively.



Encouraging healthy eating can be tricky for children who may be picky eaters or others who prefer junk food. But, it's worth pausing and considering what's going into their tummies and how it impacts their functioning. Some ways that children can become more interested in healthier eating are: cooking together, when they cook food they may be more willing to try new foods, rewarding healthy choices with non food rewards, making the transition to healthier foods slowly and allowing treats sometimes.

A quick lunch box checklist.

Have you packed:

- 1 Fruit and at least 1 Vegetable. Pack a Rainbow of Fruits and Vegetables as each different colour of fruit and vegetables help support different parts of the body. For instance, red foods such as berries and tomatoes are good for your heart and memory. Try to include as many colours of the rainbow as possible in your child's lunch box.
- a whole grain source (brown rice, quinoa etc)
- a Protein source, this can be leftover from dinner the night before
- Healthy Snack (home-made or look for additive and preservative free options)



The Early Learning Team

Primary Pastoral Care - 7 Habits for Happy Kids

Our journey into the *7 Habits for Happy Kids* has begun! And what a joy it has been to hear many of our students, across all age groups, start to incorporate them into their thinking and language. This term we have learned the first 3 habits which are based on timeless principles that build independence. Students have learned these habits through Assembly, Pastoral Care mini-lessons and Morning Lines and further identified and practised them in their everyday classroom activities too.

You may have been following the updates on Dojo but here is an overview of the habits we have learned so far. It would be truly wonderful if you could engage your child in conversation about these at home ... and you never know, you might just see them in action in your home too!

Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

This habit encourages students to recognise that while there are some things outside of our control, there are many things (like our actions, the words we speak, our thoughts and feelings) that we can control. People who are "in charge" of themselves show responsibility (know they have the *ability* to choose their *response*) and initiative (act rather than be acted upon).

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind (Have a Plan)

We can all spot things in life that could be better. Once we have the ability to be proactive, we can then imagine the way a particular thing could be improved and make a plan to bring about that improvement. This is what it means to Begin with the End in Mind. Improvements we envisage could be personal accomplishments, relationships with others, improving our community in some way or changing the world ... the options are limited only by our imagination and our level of proactivity.

Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Everyone's lives are filled with both important and unimportant tasks. The challenge for us all is to prioritise the important tasks when the unimportant tasks are more enticing. However, when we have an end in mind, the key to achieving that end is being able to prioritise the important tasks, those that will lead to that improved ending. This is the essence of the third habit, Put First Things First, which is the final habit that leads us to independence.

Habits 4-6, which focus on building skills in interdependence, will be the focus of Term 3 learning so stay tuned!

Mrs Kate Bracks

Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator



HICES Cross Country

Tuesday 24th May saw 40 primary students travel to Scots All Saints, Bathurst to compete in HICES cross country. It was perfect weather for some long distance running. OAGS had a great start to the event with our 8 & 9 year old boys. Tim Napier finished strongly in first place and Ed Brown came in 5th. Luke Peterson also had a strong race finishing just outside the top 10. Darcy Hutchinson finished 14th in this age group and Tom Brown rounded out the OAGS runners finishing 24th. The next event of the day was our 8 & 9 year old girls who had some tough competition. Angela Gleeson, Willow Molloy, Veronica Lipscomb, Caterina Masters and Hannah Wotton all raced well and finished strongly. Oscar Pigot, Edward, Goldsmith, Hugo Goldsmith, Charlie Wright and William Johnstone also had a tough field of competitors, but finished strongly with Oscar being the highest placed OAGS runner in 14th.

There was more success for OAGS in the 10 years girls with Laila Buckland blitzing the field to finish 1st, Jovi Birkin also had a great race placing 8th. Nadiya Hazelton, Montana Blowes and Isabelle White all had great races placing 21st, 27th and 29th. Sam Butt, Henry Jones, Alex Cribb, Sebastian Lloyd and Paddy Blair all showed great determination and sportsmanship in the 11 years boys race. Our 11 year old girls held their own against their competition with Daisy Dwyer placing 4th, Emily Meiring 6th and Bridget Waters just outside the top 10 in 12th. Lily Dwyer and Sophie Harris also raced well placing 20th and 33rd. Both the 12 year old boys and 12 year old girls finished the day strongly for OAGS. Sam Brown was narrowly pipped at the post to place 2nd and Langdon Buckland wasn't far behind in 3rd. It was the battle of the Hayden's with a sprint finish; Hayden Blowes placing 22nd and Hayden Hyde in 24th. To round out our boys Liam Postma and Noah Jones, finished strongly in 36th and 40th respectively. Not to be outdone by the boys, our 12 year old girls raced extremely well. Lucy Jurd was the first OAGS runner to cross the line in 7th. Hannah Fealey and Isobel Harris raced well to place 22nd and 24th. Vivienne Newcombe sprinted to the line to finish 33rd and Chioma Obe also ran home in super speed.

With these fantastic results, there was great anticipation to find out the overall points for the day. OAGS placed 2nd in the Division 2 Aggregate and took out top honour to win the Division 2 Pointscore Shield. It was a fabulous day of sportsmanship, camaraderie and true OAGS spirit. A big thank you goes to Year 11 student Hayden Spedding who travelled with the primary team in his role as Cross Country Ambassador. Hayden made sure our runners were warmed up and ready to go as well as provided some tips for our runners. Hayden's knowledge was a winner amongst the younger athletes.



Congratulations to all OAGS runners for your great results and we wish Tim, Ed, Laila, Jovi, Daisy, Emily, Sam, Langdon and Lucy all the best at CIS later this term.

Miss Stephanie Harrison
Stage 3 Teacher

Tamworth Primary All School Event

The Tamworth Mountain Bikers launched their All-School Championships on Sunday the 29th of May 2022, with students from across NSW coming together at Tamworth's Mountain Bike Park, to ride some of the region's best trails. On the wide flowing adaptive accessible trails the Primary riders zoomed around led by some of the more experienced bikers. It was great to see so much comradery between the teams out on course and around the transition area.

Bridie and Storm, two of our OAGS students, entered themselves to participate in the event with the focus to have fun and build friendships with other rural kids that love mountain biking.



This week in Sport

Futsal

We are thrilled to announce that our Secondary Futsal teams had an incredible day today at the NSW Futsal Schools Bathurst/Orange Regional Championship in Bathurst. Our Junior Boys team narrowly missed the finals, but played wonderfully! Our 16s and Opens Girls teams both came away with Gold Medals, and our Open Boys team took out Silver!

AICES Cross country

Our Secondary Cross Country team had a great day at the AICES Championships in challenging conditions. A huge congratulations to Milla (4th), Bayden (6th) and Blake (8th) who are progressing through to CIS next week.



Bandhaa Fundraiser Event - Ronald McDonald House

On Tuesday 31st May, Bandhaa held a fundraising event for Ronald McDonald House. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our school community they were able to collect more than \$2000 through the sale of hot chocolate, hand knitted teddy bears, Ronald McDonald socks and gold coin donations. A truly amazing result.



Ronald McDonald House Orange gives seriously ill children the best gift of all – their families. The warm and supportive home-away-from-home provides the whole family with a comfortable place to stay and peace of mind, knowing they can stay together and close to the Orange Health Service Hospital.

Adjacent to Orange Health Service Hospital, Ronald McDonald House can accommodate eight families each night in spacious, comfortable rooms with ensuite bathrooms. The large communal living areas and leafy garden setting help create a close-knit, community vibe. Ronald McDonald House Charities is a registered Charity with the Australian Charities Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). ABN 26 037 589 412. If you'd prefer to make your donation over the phone, you can call them on: 1300 307 642.





Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Every 17 seconds, The Salvation Army in Australia helps someone in need. This only happens because of the public's generous support of the Red Shield Appeal.

As the impact of natural disasters, COVID-19 as well as the increased cost of living continues to affect people and families across the country, there has been a larger demand on the Salvo's services. The

Students at OAGS were there to help on May 29th. They volunteered to collect for the annual Doorknock. Thank you for helping us to leave no one in need.



Mr Keith Macleay
Student Community Coordinator



Creative & Performing Arts News

Orange Winter Jazz Festival

The Senior Concert Band will perform a bracket of tunes in the 'Live and Local' part of the Festival at the Royal Hotel. This venue will host groups all weekend, SCB will appear on **Friday June 10 at around 7:15 pm**. This part of the Festival is open to the public with free entry. There will be similar groups from around town playing throughout the evening.

Members of our Senior Rock Band 'Flat Fingers' will also make an appearance in the same venue on Saturday June 11. Please consider coming along and supporting our young musicians.

OAGS CAPA ACADEMY
JUNE 28 6:30PM

WINTER CONCERT

IN THE MEDIA CENTRE

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY :

- SENIOR CONCERT BAND / BRASS ENSEMBLE
- SENIOR ROCK BAND / HSC SOLOISTS
- SUPERTONICS & MEDIUM CHOIRS
- SENIOR VOCAL ENSEMBLE
- AND MORE

FREE ENTRY

SUPPER AVAILABLE FOR CASH PURCHASE
ALL FUNDS RAISED IN SUPPORT OF THE OAGS MUSICAL

Orange Anglican Grammar School Presents

ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

2nd & 3rd September 2022

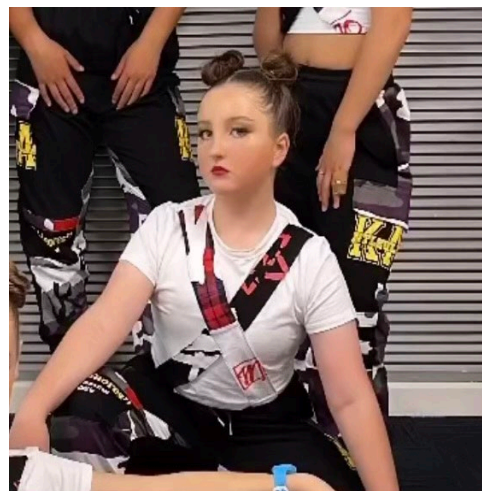
Orange Civic Theatre

Tickets on sale from the 1st of August 2022

Dance Eisteddfod Season

We would like to wish all the local Dance Schools the very best as they hit the stage over the next few months. With focus, courage and magnetism our OAGS students will be showing off their hard work and dedication they put in each and every week at their chosen Dance school.

Cowra, Wellington, Bathurst, Orange just to name a few and next up in Dubbo, Dance HQ, Colour City, Doves & Dimes all have OAGS students representing. It is truly inspiring!



You are invited to

Primary Chapel

We would love parents and carers to join us for chapels so that you can share in the fun learning we have each week.

Prep-Stage 1 - Monday 12:55-1:20pm
Stages 2 and 3 - Tuesday 12:55-1:20pm

Please sign in at the office before joining us in the Media Centre

P&F Clothing Shop

The P&F Second Hand Clothing Shop will be open
Week 9 Term 2 for all OAGS Families

Date - Thursday 23rd June
Time - 3.00pm - 5.30pm
Location - OAGS Media Centre



PARENTS & FRIENDS
ASSOCIATION



252ACU

ARMY CADET UNIT

Army Cadets – 252 ACU

Fees. The unit requires these to purchase clothing and equipment to enhance the training opportunities available for your son/daughter. Thank you to everyone that has paid the Invoices

that were emailed to you. It is preferable that fees are paid into the 252 ACU account to avoid the extra burden on school administrative staff. Outstanding Cadet Fee Invoices that have not been paid will be debited to your next school account.

Return of Clothing & Equipment. Please be aware term fees will continue to be applied if clothing and equipment is not returned once a student leaves the cadet program. As advised when they were issued, these items were provided on LOAN and remain the property of the Commonwealth. We need all items returned to allow us to supply existing and new cadets.

Leadership / Promotions. One of the essential components when considering cadets for promotion is Regular attendance on Mondays. This is because cadet leaders (Rank) are expected to attend regularly to establish a structure, maintain an effective chain of command and develop effective teams. We are currently considering the next level of promotions to occur in Term 3.

Adult Helpers. Please note that we cannot continue to provide the Army Cadet experience and opportunities if we do not have many adult volunteers.

It is essential we continue to increase the numbers of our adult helpers so that we can comply with a recent HQ directive to enhance safety and supervision. We are now 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 administrative functions and training to proceed optimally as planned.

If viewing training and observing lessons is "not your thing" then we have many administrative tasks such as assisting with

- Stores management
- Canteen & BBQ operation
- planning the End of year Dinner
- advertising
- making training aids
- assist data entry

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 breaks

Monday 13 June - **NO PARADE** due to the Queen's Birthday long weekend public holiday.

17-19 Jun Term 2 Bivouac - Lithgow (permission notes were issued at last Monday's Parade – 30May)

2-9 Jul NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only

3-4 Sep 2/22 Recruit Induction weekend

24 Sep-1 Oct AFX (Annual Camp)

4-6 Nov Term 4 Bivouac

3 Dec Annual Parade & Dinner

January NSW BDE Promotion Courses – selected cadets only

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye
Officer Commanding

Chess

OAGS Competition - Games continue each Thursday as we progress through the draw to identify the upper and lower champions of the Secondary and Primary School. Over 50 students attended last Thursday. The growing numbers of Primary students continues to impress and should ensure we can field strong teams against other schools in the local competition next Term.

Master Class – This has proved to be very popular with the Secondary students who attend on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm. The advanced skills and strategies they are learning - how to use (or counter) set piece opening and defensive moves will be of great benefit to them in competitions.

NSW Secondary Schools Country Championship (Western Region) – The Round 3 draw for our next game has been received and **Blayney HS** will travel to OAGS to play us in week 8.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator



Dear OAGS Parents,

Its time to order the Orange Anglican Grammar School Uniform.

Fittings are compulsory for all Transition students, Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 11 students

If you do not do a fitting the correct sizes may not be available

Five Simple Steps

1. Call now and make an appointment
2. We will assist with fittings
3. Place and secure your order with a deposit
4. Pay progressively (This is optional but preferred)
5. Final payment and pick up December 2022 /January 2023

To ensure availability of correct sizing, orders must be placed during the fitting period.

Fitting will commence **Tuesday 26th April 2022** and will continue until **Friday 22nd July 2022**

And will be by **Appointment Only**

To book in please phone: **6361 1512**

During shop hours

Monday to Friday 8:30-5pm, Saturday 9-12pm

Orange Clothing Company

4 McNamara Street Orange

NSW 2800

Uniform delivery into store will be December 2022. At this time your order can be collected, and it will be possible to change sizes if needed.

ORANGE CLOTHING CO.



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OPEN DAY

Orange Evangelical Church

Sunday 5th June,
12pm - 4pm

Official Opening at 2pm
Church services at 10am & 5pm



Orange Evangelical Church Ministry Centre Opening

Many in Orange have watched this building come together and now all are invited to join us for its official opening. There will be face painting, paint outdoor games, balloon animals, plant propagation demonstrations, plus more! It is a building for all of Orange to enjoy and learn about the God who made us, so it would be great to have you along. More details can be found [here](#).



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Encouraging Positive Spectator Behaviour



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