

ISSUE 7

Term 2, Week 4

2022

# OAGS News

## It's a date...

Saturday 21 May

**Election Day BBQ @ OAGS**

10am-12pm

23-27 May

**7-10 Camp Week**

23-27 May

**Stage 6 Exam Week**

23-26 May

**CWA Speaking (Primary)**

Tuesday 24 May

**HICES Cross Country**

Thursday 26 May

**Year 7 2023 Experience Day**

27 May & 3 June

**Engaging Adolescents Workshop**

Sunday 29 May

**Red Shield Appeal**

Monday 30 May

**Primary Futsal Carnival**

Tuesday 31 May

**NSW Schools Netball Cup Primary**

Wednesday 1 May

**ACICES Cross Country**

**Secondary Futsal Carnival**



*Securing Success...*

## From the Headmaster...

With the opening of our ACE Facility fast approaching we are inviting interested families to engage in a sponsorship opportunity for an exciting new project at Orange Anglican Grammar School - the Agricultural Centre of Excellence (ACE).

This groundbreaking program offers an opportunity for children from ages 4-18 to engage in a wide range of agricultural industries as part of a whole school program to develop increasing awareness and appreciation of where Australia's food and fibre originate from.



Many students develop a lifelong passion for agriculture based on early exposure to our farming sector, and with the current skills shortage being experienced, programs such as ACE aim to encourage more students to consider embracing a future career in agriculture.

The ACE centre features an indoor / outdoor classroom with a state of the art undercover cattle and sheep handling facility designed by Arrowquip Australia and we are asking businesses and OAGS community members to sponsor a panel in the facility with naming rights. Sponsors will have their business name or sponsor family name on a plaque in the centre, and with the centre being available for public use to host field days and training activities, this offers considerable exposure for associated businesses.

The ACE program has already garnered considerable exposure with a multi - faceted approach to agriculture including wool production and technology field days with Australian Wool Innovation, a joint dung beetle research program with Landcare and the Department of Natural Heritage, regenerative Agriculture, honey production, broiler production, free range hens, aquaponics (crayfish and trout) and horticulture (figs and cherries). For the our recent OAGS Easter Fair we partnered with Spilt Milk to produce an OAGS fig and honey vanilla ice cream. Our home branded prime lamb was produced and marketed by the students last year as part of our paddock to plate focus as featured in The Land.



Businesses and sponsor families are invited to sponsor a panel in the facility for as little as \$200 a panel (see sponsorship packages below), with larger items available should that be an option for some sponsors. The facility is targeted to be in use by July 2022 at the commencement of Term 3, with an official opening in late spring. All sponsors will be invited to take part in the opening ceremony and we plan to have considerable media coverage of this event. All donations will be made tax deductible.

# Sponsorship packages



Standard panel	\$200
Stud manager panels	\$345.61
Stud manager gate	\$478.48
Beef max 6 bar gate	\$911.55
Beef max 6 bar panel	\$512.95
Crush	\$12902.97
Curved race	\$3545.27

## ACE at OAGS

Agricultural Centre of Excellence



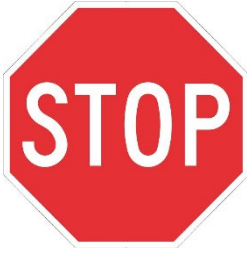
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If you are interested in this opportunity please [click on this form](#) and we will generate a tax deductible invoice for your payment and sponsorship. If you would like to discuss this letter, or sponsorship opportunities further please contact Mrs Sarah Eyb via email [sarah.eyb@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.eyb@oags.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 02 6360 4811.

**Rev Louis Stringer**  
Headmaster



As our school continues to grow in number, it is important that we as a *school* community continue to respect the *residential* community that share our local streets. You may not be aware that our agreement with local Council is that there is only **one** authorised vehicular drop off/collection point for our school and that is via the main gates on Murphy Lane. We **do not have permission** to park vehicles anywhere else for the purposes of dropping off or collecting OAGS students. This includes all of **Hewitt close** and **Gorman road**. Could I ask all parents to respect this Council requirement and abstain from arranging to drop off or collect your child with your vehicle anywhere other than inside the school grounds via Murphy Lane. In doing so, we both respect our broader community and ensure a safe environment for all.

Additionally, when collecting children at the end of the day, parents are **strongly encouraged to park their car in the top carpark, cross at the pedestrian crossing, and collect their child in person from the school**. The traffic lineup for Greet and Go is again starting to extend right back toward the entry gates which significantly delays the collection process for everyone. So, if you are able to park and collect, please do so as a preference to queuing for Greet and Go.



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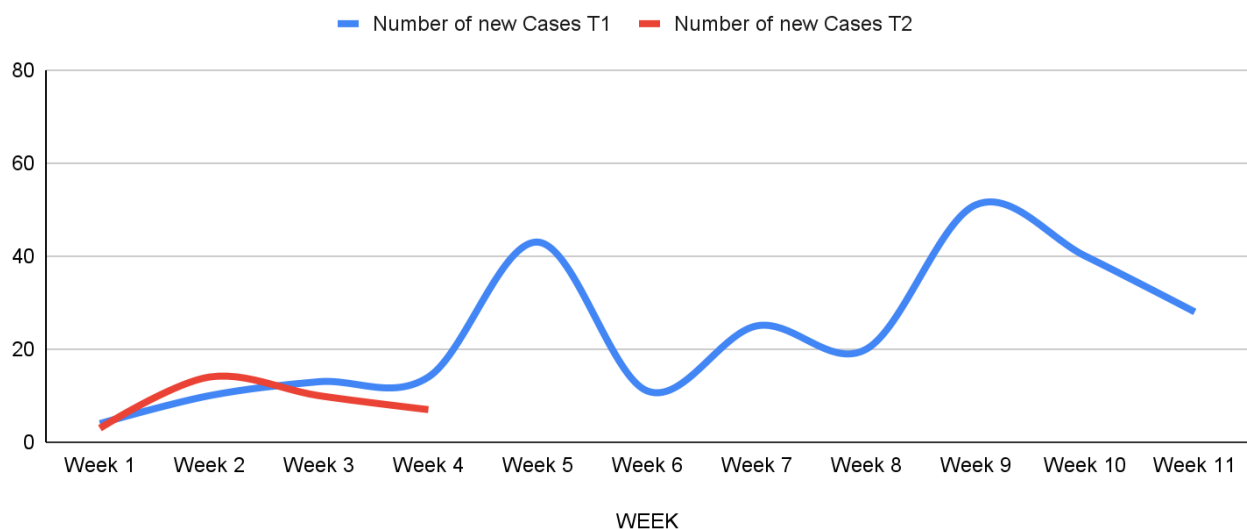
**Scott Hazelton**  
**Deputy Headmaster**

## **Deputy Covid report**

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.

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.

### Number of weekly new COVID cases



Sincerely,

**Scott Hazelton**  
**Deputy Headmaster**



## **CAPA is thriving**

Parents may not be aware but on a weekly basis we have 130 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 participating in peripatetic music lessons on site here at OAGS. Throw into that mix students participating in concert bands, rock bands, chamber ensembles, string groups, among others and you quickly catch a glimpse of the interest and excitement our students have outside of the school timetable to participate in music. **Mr Noel Annett** has been personally involved as well as overseeing all these opportunities for our students for some time and under his direction this important area of the school just keeps on growing.

Our schools significant and sustained growth of secondary school, saw Mr Annett successfully appointed as Coordinator of the Creative and Performing Arts faculty. Bringing with him, his great love and passion for music, Mr Annett's position sees him with oversight for the academic and cocurricular performance of students in Music, Art and Drama. Such important facets in the cultural life of the school.

I took a few moments last week, out of Mr Annetts day, to get to know him better and hear how he is settling into his role as CAPA Coordinator.

### **How long have you been teaching Music?**

I took my first high school music class in 1987, 35 years ago. I was appointed to Griffith High School where my first teaching load was 15 year 7 & 8 classes. I took a break from teaching for 5 years to join the Australian Youth Orchestra organisation in 2001 as Orchestra Manager. Though I wasn't teaching I was still immersed in the upper end of music education, training future professional musicians. So, I have taught in primary schools, high schools, government and private schools for about 30 years.



### **What do you love about teaching Music?**

I've had a love of music for most of my life. Teaching allows me to share the joy it brings me, to give others the opportunities to share the passion that I have. I love the comradery that comes from playing in a musical ensemble and the discipline that comes from performing. I have a very eclectic taste in music and I still find myself learning something new every day.

### **How are our Year 11 and 12 students progressing with their HSC Music studies**

Since establishing a class this year the four students have made great progress in their studies and understanding of performance. Year 11 are gaining a solid grounding in the concepts of music that are essential to the aural components of the course. Year 12 have recently submitted their core compositions and have completed some parts of their internal assessment.

### **What have been the highlights of your first term as CAPA Coordinator?**

I have enjoyed the opportunity to commence leading a team of professionals who are all passionate about their subjects and dedicated to providing a broad range of cultural learning experiences to their students. I have to say that it has been wonderful to see the first steps towards our musical, witnessing the way the production team have planned and begun implementing the initial scenes and the enthusiasm from the performers in their initial rehearsals.

### **Where is one area of difference you're working with the CAPA team this year.**

The CAPA teachers have made it a priority to lift the performance profile of the Creative Arts both within and outside OAGS. The last couple of years have been devastating, with very few opportunities to showcase the talents of our students. We want to be out on the 'stage' letting everyone see just what we can do.

**Mr Tim Brown**  
**Director of Secondary**



## Parent Teacher Conferences

The recently held parent teacher conferences saw many families onsite to meet with teachers, ranging from Prep through to Year 12. Over 1000 conferences were hosted during three evening sessions either in person or via zoom. The in-person interviews marked a 'return to normal' somewhat after the previous two years of COVID interruption.

I'd like to acknowledge the frustration that some parents encountered on the night with conflicting booking schedules. It became apparent on the night that some of the previously booked times had not rolled over to the new date and as such some parents were unable to meet with their desired teachers. Through the efforts of teachers and parents most of these hiccups were overcome when they became apparent on the night. The issue seemed to affect secondary interviews more than primary for which I apologise. This is something that would likely not occur with the online booking platform in the future as only the exceptional circumstances of Term 1 saw the date moved. If you were one of those families whose bookings were affected by technical issues please make contact directly with subject or class teachers for feedback via email and a meeting, zoom or phone call can be organised. Staff email addresses follow the format: [firstname.lastname@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@oags.nsw.edu.au)

A highlight of the night was the way that everyone looked after each other. Parents and teachers were patient with each other, swapped times, stayed a bit longer and made the night work. Thank you to all involved for contributing to the conferences and we look forward to the next time that we can host these again in Semester 2.

**Mr Robert Watts**  
Director of Curriculum and Analytics



## Agricultural Centre of Excellence

As the new ACE centre rises, the students have been kept very busy in the last few weeks with all the pre-winter activity that occurs on a farm. Our first new lambs have started with our first cross ewes giving birth to lambs sired by a Suffolk ram to form the basis of this year's highly anticipated prime lamb program. However, to give our students further opportunity to look at the prime lamb industry first hand, we have

purchased some beautiful student Merino ewes from Bracla Merino stud owned by the Watts family in lamb to Border Leicester rams. These four ewes will produce replacement first cross ewes to enter the breeding program as the existing ewes age and to allow for future expansion, as well as wethers for the meat program.

The ewes are pictured here with Brooke Watts who transported them to the school last week.

As part of the industry immersion program in Agriculture, Stage 5 students have been very kindly allowed to attend the well known mixed farming business



Kangarooobie as part of the Beef industry program. This allows our students to engage at industry level and take part in operations such as vaccinating and weighing on a commercial level. Kangarooobie includes a number of properties in its aggregation, and students are visiting both Tantillon and Kangarooobie farms. The farms have also been the basis for the Year 11 Agricultural case study.

Our thriving Poultry club was treated to a visit and judging seminar from well known Poultry breeder and Judge Mr Ian Birchell and his wife Donna. Mr and Mrs Birchell talked to the students as part of the Hamburg club of Australia's sponsorship of the school and as part of their preparation for the upcoming Orange and Yeoval Shows.





And in readiness for the winter, our school trout have arrived for stocking into our aquaponics unit as part of the study of aquaculture undertaken by Stage 4 Mandatory Technology. Students in this unit study both freshwater crayfish (yabbies) and trout utilising the fish waste to grow beautiful vegetables as featured by the Food Technology students and Mrs Jewell in their exciting menus. Pictured here is our amazing Laboratory Technician Mr Jonathan Baker assisting Mrs Eyb with the location of the trout into the aquaponics pond.



**It's Showtime**

The OAGS Livestock and Agricultural exhibition teams had a huge week fielding entries across a wide range of areas in both the Orange and Yeoval Shows.

**Orange Show**

Demonstrating that hard work pays off, our students were awarded with wins in all sections from cattle to junior judging, parading, poultry and pavilion. As part of the STage 5 Paddock to Plate assessment task, Year 10 student Thomas Wright exhibited his own branded "Terrific" relish made from our own school figs in the open cookery section .... And won First place. In the local honey division, OAG's fought off a number of outstanding local entries to take second place in the amber honey competition, while our free range eggs took out first place in the brown eggs division.



Our keen poultry exhibitors won the champion breeding pair with the beautiful bantam Australorps prepared over many lunchtimes and afternoons with Mrs Donnelly and the poultry team, with our spangled Hamburg hens placing first in the soft feather division.

In the cattle section, not only did we win the under 12 months heifer with "The Trap Sparkle", but a number of our students placed in the parading section with Hannah Flynn first in the parading heats with James Butt second and Hunter Slattery third in his division. Hannah then went on to be placed third overall in the under 16 years section.

A huge thanks to parent Mel Flynn who not only gave the team many hours help on Friday night and Saturday morning, but also bought along our youngest OAGS parader Mackenzie Flynn (pictured above) who won the under 12 years parading competition.







### Yeoval Show

On Tuesday, Mrs Eyb and a number of parents made a trip to Yeoval show where both the cattle and poultry teams saw some very strong competition from local schools and breeders. Our heifers, exhibited on behalf of "The Trap Shorthorns" not only placed first and third in their classes but also placed third in the pair of heifer led by James Butt and Flynn Baker.



In the Year 8 parading division, Year 8 student Macey Paul took out the class with very strong competition from Wellington High School and was narrowly beaten for champion overall parader. In the same class, Hannah Flynn led the newly broken and slightly flighty "The Trap Sparkle" to third place overall. We have great hopes for the future career of this heifer. Our Year 7's Hallie Ellice and James Butt placing second and third in the Year 7 class and Will Conney collected a very respectable third place in the Year 9 division.



Our poultry entries, kindly transported by Mrs Felicity Harris, underwent a very thorough inspection by the overjudge to be awarded a first and a second in the Australorp bantam section.



The poultry judge then gave the students Josh King, Bobby Schmidt, Sophie Harris, Genieville McGoldrick and Beatrix Merrell a mini seminar on the selection and preparation of exhibition poultry. His first hint should have been to Mrs Eyb who sailed off into the sunrise without the poultry show kit organised by Mrs Donnelly, however the resourceful Mrs Harris did wonders sacrificing her lip balm and shoe cleaning equipment to the cause.



**Mrs Sarah Eyb**  
ACE Coordinator



### **Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge - 2022**

On Thursday 5 May, 32 students, from Year 9 and 10 represented our school at the Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge. Held at James Sheahan Catholic High School, eight teams of four students were tasked with eight challenges. Shared across a morning and afternoon session, seven were half day tasks and the bridge building were an all-day task. All students participated to a high standard and enjoyed the day and the learning it provided.



We were placed 4th overall, winning during the morning session the clutching at straws challenge where the team had to make a working hand from straws, string, paper and a rubber glove and the Mars rover challenge where the team had to make a rover from components that look remarkably like a Meccano set and drive it over ever increasingly rocky terrain without losing the separate load. Again, we were 2nd in the Bridge Building challenge, with a bridge made from small sectioned Balsa wood, thin paddle pop sticks, masking tape, paper clips and string. In the end it held the trolley and four weights, collapsing on the fifth applied weight. The winner got the trolley and five weights successfully over their bridge, so we were close.



Well done to all students who participated, particularly those new to the team and a thank you to those who stepped in at the eleventh hour due to enforced withdrawals to ensure we had a full complement of students. Also, commendation to Oliver Inman who essentially became the captain of the team and took over preparations in Week 1, Term 2 on top of his school work, given my Covid absence. We would not have been as ready without his excellent work. Lastly to our staff and you parents and caregivers', thank you sincerely for your support and encouragement of our student's participation.



**Peter Reid Snr**  
Secondary Science and Technology Teacher





# SPORT @ OAGS

In the last 4 weeks we have attended over 6 different representative sporting events and held 5 different trials for selection into teams for competitions coming up in the next fortnight! To say the Sports Team are working flat out at the moment to make sure we give the students of OAGS all the sporting opportunities possible is an understatement! We are super lucky to have such a dedicated team.

This week we celebrated the achievements of those in our school community who gave their all at the Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals and they were rewarded for this hard work. Over 20 records were broken at the Athletics Carnival and we had a record number of secondary students attend WAS Cross Country. Sometimes we don't always see all the hard work being put in behind the scenes and the Sports Assemblies are a beautiful way to recognise the achievements of these dedicated athletes. Congratulations to all who received accolades for their hard work.

Another purpose of the Sports Assemblies is to announce the Winning House for the Athletics and Cross Country House Competition. This year Bandhaa took out the Athletics Carnival with 1798, closely followed by Dinawan on 1746, Biladurang on 1673 and Gugaa on 1582. For Cross Country the winning house was also Bandhaa on 1060, Biladurang on 1050, Dinawan on 933 and Gugaa on 856. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the carnivals, your effort helps your House every single time you compete!

## TOP 4 - Overall Points Results Athletics Carnival 2022

Boys	Name	Points	Girls	Name	Points
<b>9 Years</b>	Timothy Napier	66	<b>9 Years</b>	Veronica Lipscomb	54
	Edward Brown	48.27		Lily Nyers-Saunders	33
	Henry Chiarella	45.50		Elizabeth Lewis	29.43
	Morne Olivier	23.80		Willow Molloy	29.10
<b>10 Years</b>	Edward Goldsmith	35	<b>10 Years</b>	Laila Buckland	59.40
	Hugo Goldsmith	28.50		Jovi Birkin	53.40
	Keneolisa Oba	28.20		Jessica McGreal	38.40
	Sashreek Kaipu & Tevita Masila	22		Annabelle Davis	28
<b>11 Years</b>	Samuel Butt	70	<b>11 Years</b>	Emily Meiring	63
	Patrick Blair	43		Daisy Dwyer	59
	Sebastian Lloyd	28		Lily Dwyer	28.50
	Alexander Cribb	25		Loti Ward	20
<b>12 Years (P)</b>	Samuel Brown	56.55	<b>12 Years (P)</b>	Vivienne Newcombe	47
	Langdon Buckland	48.90		Lucy Jurd	44.74
	Liam Postma	40.50		Hannah Fealy	38.74
	Hayden Hyde	26.55		Olivia Berndt	30.14

Boys	Name	Points	Girls	Name	Points
<b>12 Years Secondary</b>	Jack Thompson	58	<b>12 Years Secondary</b>	Adelaide Pittis	82
	Ade Aborisade	53		Rose Baldwin	54
	Benjamin Lee	36.50		Hallie Ellice	36
	Rohan Mittal	27		Elizabeth Baldwin	35.50
<b>13 Years</b>	Kayne Birkin	51	<b>13 Years</b>	Amelia Paterson	48.24
	Orson Petty	49		Genevieve McGoldrick	44.74
	Gregory Finlay	42.50		Elizabeth Fuller	36.95
	Oscar Paul	33.30		Isabelle Waters	30.50
<b>14 Years</b>	Ben Polley	66.33	<b>14 Years</b>	Milla Jurd	66.65
	Blake Gleeson	46.50		Jocelyn Blair	62.65
	Dean Lipscomb	40.50		Rebecca Kemp	39.15
	Tanatswa Matavire	30.00		Cherry Kaipu	24.99
<b>15 Years</b>	Harrison Brown	60.77	<b>15 Years</b>	Charli Hunter	82
	Marley Ash	59		Sabrina Mackay	25.15
	Ben Postma	49		Lylah Doherty	24.58
	Donavan Hansell	37.50		Ayva Gurney	21.65
<b>16 Years</b>	Keegan Willis	86	<b>16 Years</b>	Elli Wilson	77
	Hayden Spedding	60		Utah Middleton	39
	Luke Reed	31.33		Storm Rapley	30.60
	Beau Kelsall	19.38		Sharon Dawo	19.60
<b>17 Years</b>	Jacob Norcott	84	<b>17 Years</b>	Jessica Curtin	66.25
	Oliver Thompson	66		Jessica Weir	62.25
	Thomas Dixon	45.50		Olivia Hazelton-Berry	54
	Angus Guyer	36		Hannah Dewar	25.25
<b>18 Years</b>	Bayden Willis	100	<b>18 Years</b>	Lily Martin	68
	Jack Gordon	64		Haylea Whybrow	51.33
	Jaxon Thompson	41.50		Pantsie Dwyer	49.33
	Rhys Johnston	23.5		Milla Polley	36



## Cross Country 2022

Age	Age Champion	Reserve Champion
Prep Boy 2022	Arjun Manivannan	Finn Johnston
Prep Girl 2022	Isla Pigot	Penelope Esson
Kindergarten Boy	Chase Ashcroft	Hugh Jones
Kindergarten Girl	Scarlett Bond	Pippa Hazelton
Year 1 Boy	Beau Pigot	Jackson Bush
Year 1 Girl	Mackenzie Hutchinson	Maddison Chiarella
Year 2 Boy	Noah Masila	Harvey Bruem
Year 2 Girl	Ellah Chung	Emily McGreal
8/9 Years Boy	Timothy Napier	Edward Brown
8/9 Years Girl	Angela Gleeson	Willow Molloy
10 Years Boy	Edward Goldsmith	Hugo Goldsmith
10 Years Girl	Laila Buckland	Jovi Birkin
11 Years Boy	Samuel Butt	Henry Jones
11 Years Girl	Emily Meiring	Daisy Dwyer
12+ Years Primary Boy	Langdon Buckland	Hayden Hyde
12+ Years Primary Girl	Lucy Jurd	Isobel Harris
12 Years Secondary Boy	-	-
12 Years Secondary Girl	Adelaide Pittis	Rose Baldwin
13 Years Boy	Kayne Birkin	Gregory Finlay
13 Years Girl	Isabelle Waters	Poppy Kay
14 Years Boy	Blake Gleeson	Ben Polley
14 Years Girl	Milla Jurd	Jocelyn Blair
15 Year Boy	Ben Postma	Harry Brown
15 Year Girl	Isla Stringer	Charlotte Jackson
16 Year Boy	Keegan Willis	Hayden Spedding
16 Year Girl	Elli Wilson	Alia Hussein
17 Year Boy	Jacob Norcott	Manuel Camargo [Rivera]
17 Year Girl	Claudia Horan	Olivia Hazelton-Berry
18 Year Boy	Bayden Willis	Jack Gordon
18 Year Girl	Lily Martin	Pantsie Dwyer
Smile for a mile	Nate Lee	Blake Gleeson

## AICES Football

In Week 3, 14 students went off to Sydney to represent OAGS and WAS at the AICES Football (Soccer) Championships held at Valentine Park. The Championship was held over two days with our Open players taking to the pitch first. Due to some late withdrawals, a few of our Under 16 players were able to step up and play with the older team which made for a special day. Jacob Norcott, Manuel CamargoRivera, Hayden Spedding, Keegan Willis and Nate Lee helped the Opens Boys have its most successful competition at AICES. While there was no Open Girls team this year, Milla Polley made the journey to Sydney to have the opportunity to trial for CIS Football. She stepped into the Fullback position on the Hill Zone Association team and helped that team to 2nd place in their pool.

The Under 16 and 15 teams were flooded with OAGS players which was excellent to see. Both teams played amazing well against some very polished Association teams but were unsuccessful in progressing out of their pool competition. Nate Lee, Sean Antonio, Keegan Willis, Tanatswa Matavire, Ben Polley, Hayden Spedding, Mia Singh, Rebecca Kemp, Paula Camargo Rivera, Holly Reed and Claudia Ryan. Our future in Football looks very promising with these rising stars!



**Dominique Hutchinson**  
Head of K-12 Sport





## Hockey

The Hockey season is well under way and the seven OAGS teams are definitely making waves in the Orange Competition.

### Joey's and Burras

Our youngest players have eagerly shown up each Saturday morning of Term 2 to participate in a range of skills, drills and modified games, led by our coaching superteam - Leanne Wiggins and Ella Reilly.

There is still plenty of room for students aged 4 -10 years to join this great program which is only 1 hour per week.



## U14's

For 2022, we have entered three amazing teams into the U14 Mixed Hockey competition. The 'Niners', 'Crunchies' and 'Chomps' comprise a range of students from Years 5 - Year 9, boys and girls all with a diverse range of skill levels. Regardless of the differences, our teams have all come together to form amazing team bonds and chalked up some amazing wins. Just last week the 'Crunchies' and 'Chomps' faced off against each other for their first local derby with all players coming away with smiles on their faces after the game.

We still have spots available if your child is interested in joining one of the U14's teams.



## U18's

In keeping with tradition, our senior students have stepped up and formed two U18's teams this season. The 'Twelvers' consist of a mix of students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from OAGS and surrounding schools and are currently on a very strong winning streak. The 'Eleven Elevens' are half of the Year 11 cohort with a mix of returning and new players forming a very strong and entertaining team.



### Representative Hockey

Last term, Georgia Oakes, Alex Windus, Hannah Dewar, Elli Wilson, Braydon Richards, Hayden Spedding, Jacob Norcott and Luke Cox, were selected for, and participated in, the WAS Hockey teams in Sydney, to trial for a position in the AICES teams. The students held positions in the three teams, including the Open Boys, Open Girls and U16's girls which comprises selected students from Independent schools in the region. The eight students all played exceptionally well and represented the school by showcasing their skills and sportsmanship on the day.

Congratulations to Luke Cox and Hannah Dewar who were selected as shadow players for the AICES team.





## AICES Hockey

Congratulations to **Hannah Dewar** for her call-up to the Open Girls AICES Hockey team. On Tuesday, Hannah travelled to Sydney as part of the AICES Hockey team to play at the CIS Hockey competition and trial for a spot in the CIS team.

Hannah played exceptionally well in all four of her games and played a leading role as goalkeeper to steer her team to be undefeated throughout the tournament and win the Gold Medal.



**Amanda Jewell**  
Hockey Coordinator

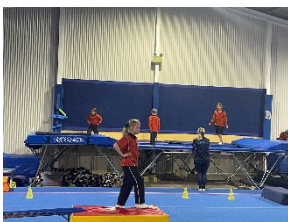
**Sport @OAGS**

Do you have Sport news you want to share with the school community ?

- Have you been successful in trials for representative
- Do you know of education or holiday programs
- Are you participating in upcoming events, eisteddfods or competitions

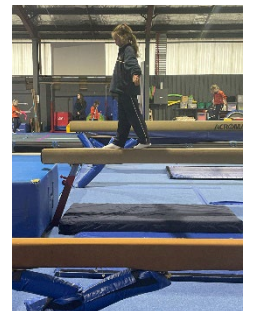
Anything sport, healthy living & local community

**We want to hear from you !**  
Please send to [sport@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sport@oags.nsw.edu.au)



## Stage 1 News

In Term 2, Stage 1 has been split into Year 1 and Year 2 for Sport. Each Wednesday the Year 1 students travel to Central West Gym. Here they engage in a number of different activities, such as tumbling, rolling, climbing and jumping. It is a great way to build up their strength and flexibility. It is a sport that many students look forward to each week. Thank you to the fantastic team at Central West Gym for accommodating us.



Year 2 stays at school to dance with Mr Palmer. The students are learning about a range of different cultural dances. The students analyse the movements of different cultural dances, to then improvise a dance using the movements they have seen. This is then followed by learning a simple dance related to the focus culture of the week.



The students have explored the Turkish Twirling Dance, Irish Dancing and African Gumboot Dancing. They are yet to learn about the Haka and American Folk Dancing. The students so far have loved learning about these different dances.

**Kyle Palmer**

**Stage 1 Coordinator**



## Year 5 Tennis



The scene was similar to a mass gathering at the Australian Open. Many keen and willing participants voyaged by bus to the Orange Indoor Tennis Centre for sport over the past two weeks.



While there were some amazing rallies between the young and old, the focus was to be able to trap and return the ball with their opponent. You could see the eagerness of the players as they listened to the coach for their instructions for each activity. Players were given the opportunity to show off their skills by rallying with their opponent to try to achieve the highest hit count in returns.

Others were busily involved in honing their skills in returning a serve on a full sized court. Up for grabs was the prestigious lemonade icy pole from their instructor Andy. Many attempted and were able to return the ball, only to be 'caught out' by those wanting to get back in on the action.



Congratulations to all of those who have so far managed to win the prize at the end of the day.

**Michael Linde**  
**Stage 3 Teacher**



**Creative & Performing Arts News**

## Senior Rock Band 'Rocks Out' at Assembly

Last Friday at Secondary Assembly students were treated to a performance by 'Flat Fingers', a group of students from the Stage 5 & 6 Elective Music classes. They performed their cover version of *Can't Stop* by the Red Hot Chili Peppers. The band was enthusiastically received as they made plenty of noise. The band is made up of Bryce Evans, lead vocals, Luke Reed & Mitch Wheeler guitars, Richard Baldwin, bass and Chad Fenton on drums.



## Year 12 Assessments

Bryce Evans followed his assembly performance with a solo as part of his HSC preparations. Bryce played guitar and sang his own composition *Euphoric Demise*. This is one of the four pieces Bryce will present in his HSC later in the year; this performance contributes to his internal assessment mark.



## Music Winter Concert

At the end of the term the Music Department will showcase some of the ensembles that rehearse regularly at OAGS. There will be a few individual performances from senior students as well. Vocal ensembles, bands and strings will play. Stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter. The concert will be in the Media Centre in the final week of term on **Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm**.

## Orange Show success for Secondary Visual Arts Students

The Secondary Student Visual Arts Display at the Orange Show won first prize in the School's Display Competition. Stage 4 work featuring charcoal, pastel and watercolour landscapes were the centrepiece of the exhibition with felted insects made in Year 8 Materials Technology forming an additional layer of detail and dimension to the works. Our Primary displays also picked up a Second Prize and a Highly Commended. Well done everyone on your participation in this high profile community event and for your continued support of the Visual Arts at OAGS.



## Orange Red Shield Appeal Launch

Lily Martin (School Captain) Thapelo Nare (Vice Captain) attended the launch of the annual Red Shield Appeal at a special luncheon auction in Orange; The Salvation Army is one of our most respected charities and the launch was an opportunity for our student leaders to network with other schools and listen to the inspirational stories of help and hope.

The keynote speaker at this year's launch was Garry Zauner from, Zauner Constructions, who said that his own family history showed the important good work that groups like the Salvation Army do.





"It's just an established charity, and our way of giving back to the community... last year they locally raised \$150,000," he explained.

"I come from a migrant background myself, my father was orphaned by the war and both my mother and father came here alone with nothing," Mr Zauner said.



Builder of Orange Private Hospital and The Remington Hotel — venue for the launch — Mr Zauner was introduced online by long-time Salvo's benefactor, Frank O'Halloran (AM), the former head of QBE Insurance, who personally pledged \$120,000 at this year's luncheon.

The subsequent auction of signed sports merchandise, holidays, and trips away, bumped the tally locally this year up to nearly \$150,000 with a target of about \$200,000.



## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

Guest speaker (Major) Kate Young, was at the Secondary School Assembly last week to encourage participation in this year's Red Shield Appeal. The annual doorknock on Sunday May 29th is one of the most important fundraisers in our community.

"The Salvo's" — who do most of their good-work amongst society's neediest — estimate that a \$100 donation can provide a week's worth of nourishing meals for a woman escaping domestic violence, while \$1000 can give someone a fresh start in life by helping them gain a workplace qualification and enter the workforce by paying their tuition fees, but volunteers are still the key to the local group's major annual fundraising event.

In appreciation of our past participation, Major Young presented a book to Mr Macleay that chronicles the role of the Salvation Army in World War 2 and encouraged everyone to sign up.

If you would like to volunteer at this year's event on Sunday, May 29 go to: [www.salvationarmy.org.au/get-involved/](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/get-involved/) or contact Major Colin Young at: [colin.young@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:colin.young@salvationarmy.org.au) or call: 0419 612 446.

Orange Anglican Grammar has a Digital Doorknock Appeal page that you can use to make a donation to the Orange Salvation Army. Use this link to donate online

<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/orangeanglicangrammarschool>

### Donate to Orange Anglican Grammar School supporting the Salvos

**\$40** can ease the stress for a struggling family setting up a new home with a kitchen starter pack

**\$75** can provide hearty meals for a week for someone experiencing homelessness

**\$150** can help towards payment of a household bill for someone fallen into financial hardship

**\$400** can assist towards a child's school uniform and supplies for a year

## Year 7 The Resilience Project Presentation



This year Year 7 have been engaging with the wellbeing curriculum created by The Resilience Project during their Equip lessons. The mission of The Resilience Project is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people build happiness and resilience.

On Wednesday 4th May Year 7 had the great privilege of attending a presentation given by Martin Heppel, one of The Resilience Project's co-presenters.



The students thoroughly enjoyed Martin's stories and his clear message about the importance of GEM - Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. Students came away uplifted and motivated to implement these practices further in their lives to better support their mental health and wellbeing.

For more information about The Resilience Project and resources please visit <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>

**Mrs Nicki Johnston**  
**Secondary Pastoral Care Coordinator**



## **Army Cadets – 252 ACU**

Monday 23 May - NO PARADE due to OAGS school camps and insufficient adult staff available to meet AAC supervision requirements.

Leadership Day. This was conducted last Sunday. Identified cadets from Y8-10 were invited to attend. 21 cadets from 252 ACU plus 3 cadets and 3 rank from 220 ACU Lithgow travelled to Orange to join us. Cadets completed the practical and theory lessons from the syllabus required for LCPL (Lance Corporal).

Leadership / Promotion Process. We start to identify and monitor cadets with leadership potential from Year 8. This is followed by attendance at a unit run leadership Day. Initial promotion to LCPL depends on factors such as – positions available, regular attendance, dress & behaviour, appropriate maturity level and AAC experience. It is unlikely promotion will occur earlier than Year 9. Further promotion requires attendance at Bivouacs and Annual camps plus external promotion courses (9 days) run in the January and July school vacation period. Selection for places on these courses is very competitive and based on unit priority plus observed behaviour including attendance at unit Bivouacs and Annual Camp.

### **Important Dates**

No Monday Parades during OAGS School Holiday breaks

<b>17-19 Jun</b>	<b>Term 2 Bivouac</b>
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**



## CHES

Games continue each Thursday as we progress through the draw to identify the upper and lower champions of the Secondary and Primary School. Our Primary players are developing some great skills and approach every Thursday with enthusiasm.

I would like to thank Mr Paul Lipscomb and Ms Amy Hindmarsh who have volunteered to assist with management and teaching the growing numbers of Primary school players. This is fortunate and will allow the primary players to continue next week when the secondary school is absent on camps.

NSW Secondary Schools Country Championship (Western Region) – last Wednesday our senior Team (and development players) – Scott McGoldrick, Archie Casey, Clay Perkins, Rebecca Kemp, Mykayla Hazelton, Charlotte Johnstone and Rohan Mittal – played Kinross in Round 2. All games were strongly contested and lasted between 60 and 90 minutes. It was tough sitting on the sidelines watching the concentration and intensity of the games as they see-sawed back and forth for advantage as players either implemented or reacted and countered strategic moves. Unfortunately OAGS eventually lost all 4 competition games which were the hardest games we have played in the last 3 years. This means we now move to the Runners Up pool for the remainder of the competition.

**Mr Terry Nye**  
**Chess Coordinator**

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award

6 students have signed up to commence their Bronze level Award this Term. We will report on their progress and experiences in future newsletter editions.

**Mr Terry Nye**  
**Duke of Ed Award Coordinator**



## BANDHAA HOUSE FUNDRAISER - WEAR RED FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE : TUESDAY 31ST MAY

Ronald McDonald House Orange gives seriously ill children the best gift of all – their families. Our 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, our House can accommodate

eight families each night in spacious, comfortable rooms with ensuite bathrooms. Our large communal living areas and leafy garden setting help create a close-knit, community vibe.

## Fundraising Programme

- Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and wear something red in support of this wonderful charity
- Before School - Hot chocolate for sale : \$4.00 (with a marshmallow)
- Ronald McDonald House Charities Organiser Rebecca Higgins-Daley will launch the day at a special assembly at 9.05am.
- Morning Break - Daytime Disco in the Hangar : Wear Red Prizes and Merchandise Store.
- All proceeds on the day will go directly to the Ronald McDonald House in Orange to purchase much needed equipment.

Bring some extra coin to purchase

Crazy Socks - \$5

Teddy Bears - \$3



## Christianity Explored

Is there something more to life? Where can I find real hope? What is this Christianity thing? Why all the fuss about Jesus? Orange Evangelical Church (OEC) is running a course that will answer these questions and more.

Christianity Explored (CE) is a 7 week course taking a closer look at the heartbeat of the Christian faith. It's a relaxed opportunity to consider the gospel story as well as ask all of your big questions.

Starting on Monday night, May 23rd at 7:30pm (finish no later than 9pm), CE will be meeting at Orange Evangelical Church, on the corner of Ploughmans Rd & Cargo Road. Please contact Tim Goldsmith [tim@oechurch.org.au](mailto:tim@oechurch.org.au) to register, or for more details.

**David Whittingham**  
Chaplaincy Coordinator



## Parent Invitation Primary Chapels

Every week our primary students enjoy chapel where we play games, sing songs and learn exciting things about Jesus. As COVID restrictions have eased we are excited to invite parents to join us each week at chapel. This will provide an opportunity to experience the fun and share the time with your children.

Infants chapel (Prep-Stage 1) is on Mondays from 12:55-1:20pm. Primary Chapel (Stages 2 and 3) is on Tuesdays from 12:55-1:20pm. Both are in the Media Centre. Please sign in at the office before coming in.

**David Whittingham**  
Chaplaincy Coordinator

## Year 6 Hybrid Sports

While year 5 students have been busy completing NAPLAN, Year 6 were presented with a challenge; a challenge to combine two or more sports together to create a brand new hybrid sport. A hybrid sport takes the rules, elements or gameplay and mixes it in with another sport. Most hybrid sports combine two or more similar sports together. Students thoroughly enjoyed discovering the world of hybrid sports and were eager to create their own sports.

Year 6 students picked two sports to combine and gave their new sport a name and set of rules. Part of their challenge was to test out their new sport before presenting it to the year group. Each group created a playable hybrid sport that will be continued to play across the Stage 3 classrooms. There has been an excited buzz during each session with year 6 as they have trialled each group's new sport. I have been so proud of every year 6 student and the enthusiasm they have brought to this time as a year group. Read about some of the wonderful hybrid sports created below.

### **Basketletics - Hamish, Ben, Dom & Alera**

Basketletics is a hybrid sport which is a cross between basketball and athletics. The aim of the game is to shoot the ball into the hoop, but with twists like having to run laps with fouls. It is played with two teams of five.

### **Hillballz - Daisy, Olivia, Madison & Vivienne**

Hillballz is a hybrid sport that is a cross between soccer and cheese rolling. You basically roll a soccer ball down a hill and everyone chases to get the ball first, there can be singles or teams.



### **Kick Tennis -Hayden H, Liam, Joey, Charlie & Langdon**

Kick tennis is a combination between soccer and tennis. It's like tennis but with a soccer ball and you kick the ball with your feet, head, chest ect. It starts off with someone serving the ball by dropping the ball and kicking it over the net and then the opposing team kicks it back but it's only allowed one bounce.

### **Miss Stephanie Harrison Stage 3 Teacher**



### ***The Importance of Sleep for our Youngest Learners***

No one starts the day off on the right foot unless they've had enough sleep! It's important for everyone to get a good night's rest but even more important for children. Research has shown that children who regularly get an adequate amount of sleep have improved attention, behaviour, learning, memory, and overall mental and physical health. Sleep is the time for restoration and for children's bodies to recharge and retain the information they have learned throughout the day. During deep non-REM sleep, a child's energy is restored, growth and repair occurs and important brain development hormones are released. It is recommended that children 3-5 years old need between 10-13 hours sleep each night, and children 6-12 years old need between 9-12 hours of sleep. It may be appropriate for some children to sleep an average of one to two hours more or less than the recommendation, based on their genetic and physiological needs. Getting this much sleep can sometimes be challenging for busy families to achieve, however, establishing a consistent bedtime routine is important. Consistency is key. Children should go to sleep at a consistent time every night and wake up at approximately the same time every morning. As soon as the sun goes down, start to "wind down" the household. Some strategies to try are: dimming the lights, stop using electronics devices or screens at least an hour before bed, take a warm bath, do a quiet family activity such as reading a short book. If your child wakes up during the night, walk them back to their room with as little commotion as possible and set a wake up time for when the child is allowed to leave his or her room. The child can play quietly until that time if desired. For children, who are constantly growing, running around, and learning new skills, getting enough sleep is essential for their development and for providing the energy they need to fully engage in their action-packed lives.

### **Sally Drury Early Learning Coordinator**

## Parents & Friends of OAGS

The P&F General Meeting is happening next Wednesday 25th May at 5.30pm at the OAGS Thrive Centre. The meeting is open to all parents and friends of OAGS.

## DONATIONS NEEDED - School Uniforms

Do you have some unwanted school uniform items filling up your cupboards ? We would love to have it !

Donations can be brought along to the general meeting or dropped into administration.



Dear OAGS Parents,

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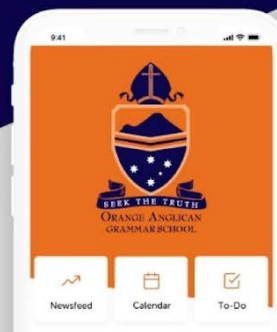
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# Year 7 Experience Day

Thursday 26 May 2022

9am - 3pm

Year 7 2023 students are invited to experience a day in the life of an OAGS Secondary Student exploring the facilities and opportunities Orange Anglican Grammar School has to offer.

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