

ISSUE 4

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2022

# OAGS News

## It's a date...

Monday 28 March

**AICES Swimming**

Wednesday 30 March

**Summer Sports Presentation**

**OAGS Twilight Tour**

5, 6 & 7 April

**Prep & Kindergarten Open**

**Classrooms**

Wednesday 6 April

**OAGS Athletics Carnival**

Thursday 7 April

**Kindergarten Excursion**

Friday 8 April

**OAGS Easter Fair**

**Last day of Term 1**

18 – 20 April

**Sydney Royal Ag Excursion**

Monday 25 April

**ANZAC Day**

Tuesday 26 April

**Term 2 commences**

29 April – 1 May

**KYCK Conference**

Monday 2 May

**School Photo Day**



*Securing Success...*

## From the Headmaster...

Our School representative teams have always presented and played exceptionally well. From The LEAP team competing in the da Vinci Decathlon to our OAGS girls rugby union teams competing recently at Kinross, they have always played their best and often come home with a win. Recently some significant members of our various teams have found themselves unable to play due to COVID-19 and isolation for 7 days. Dreadfully disappointing for the player and the team.



Yet amidst the disappointment has risen a powerful character of service, support and encouragement I have not seen the like of in my 30 years of working in School's. Where does it come from? Over this Term our staff have been hit harder than ever before with the effects of COVID-19 running through our community. It would not be uncommon for 20% of our staff to be on leave or in isolation.



How does the School continue to run against these odds ..... through the powerful character of service, support and encouragement on display every day, in the dedication to the team, and the deep desire to ensure that every student is looked after, and provided the best opportunities to learn and grow every day. Long hours, no breaks, covering absent colleagues and doing what needs to be done to fill the gaps. No complaints, just the powerful character of service, support and encouragement on display every day. What amazing role models for our children, what an amazing team to be part of. I am blessed and our children continue to thrive against the odds.

## Welcome Miss Fisher

Given the encouraging growth in our OAGS Prep Programme, we have had the privilege of welcoming Miss Danielle Fisher to the team this week. Miss Fisher will be working with Miss Thomas in the 5 day Programme.

### **Farewell Miss Smith**

We regret to inform you that Miss Hayley Smith will be relocating to Melbourne at the end of this Term. Hayley joined our team 2 years ago as a Lab Technician supporting our science team whilst completing her Bachelor of Teaching. On graduation Hayley joined the teaching staff and has been instrumental in supporting many of our students to achieve their goals in areas of maths and science. Hayley is looking forward to reconnecting with family that she has missed throughout the pandemic in the Melbourne area and we wish her well with the move.

### **Welcome Mr Player**

As one door closes another opens, and we are thrilled to announce that Mr Russell Player will be joining us for the remainder of 2022. Mr Player is well known to the community given his involvement as a parent and also as a Cadet Officer for 252ACU. Mr Player comes to OAGS with a wealth of experience in Mathematics and Science fields, with his most recent experience being Head of Maths in two regional secondary schools. Russell is thrilled to join the school and can't wait to share his passion for maths and science with the students.

### **Orange Young Leaders Summit**

The Orange Young Leaders Summit was a great opportunity to meet and interact with other school leaders from the Orange community. This breakfast gathering on Friday 11th of March, provided Rhys, Thapelo, Ella and I a wonderful opportunity to ask the other captains what they are doing to make a positive difference in their school communities. We too shared our own ideas with others and also enjoyed some informal chats (in between mouthfuls of fresh fruit) about the joys, challenges and privileges of being elected to a leadership position. Whilst only brief in time, the hour or so together was a great way to get other ideas to incorporate into our school as well as get to know others and their experiences as a leader.



### **Lily Martin Secondary School Captain**

### **TEN4TEN Leadership Dialogue**



TEN4TEN is an initiative of the Regional Development team for the Central West. It invites Year 11 students from Orange, Blayney and Cabonne to apply in writing on the importance of leadership in regional communities for the opportunity to be mentored by one of our region's leaders.

Among many other students from across our region, a good number of very worthy applicants from Orange Anglican Grammar School also applied for this privilege in 2022. In a competitive field, Claudia Horan was one of the ten students chosen to be part of the programme. Congratulations Claudia! What a tremendous opportunity!

Throughout the year, Claudia will meet up with one of the high calibre mentors (which includes the likes of Andrew Gee MP, Phil Donato MP, David Waddell CEO of Orange Council, among many others). She will also be the guest of Andrew Gee when she visits the Australian Federal Parliament and the guest of Phil Donato when she visits the NSW State Parliament. Claudia will also have the honour of representing herself and our school at a number of important functions and events where she can both hear about and give back to the local community in a meaningful way. We look forward to learning of the positive change she can bring in this role.

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

## Primary Goal Setting

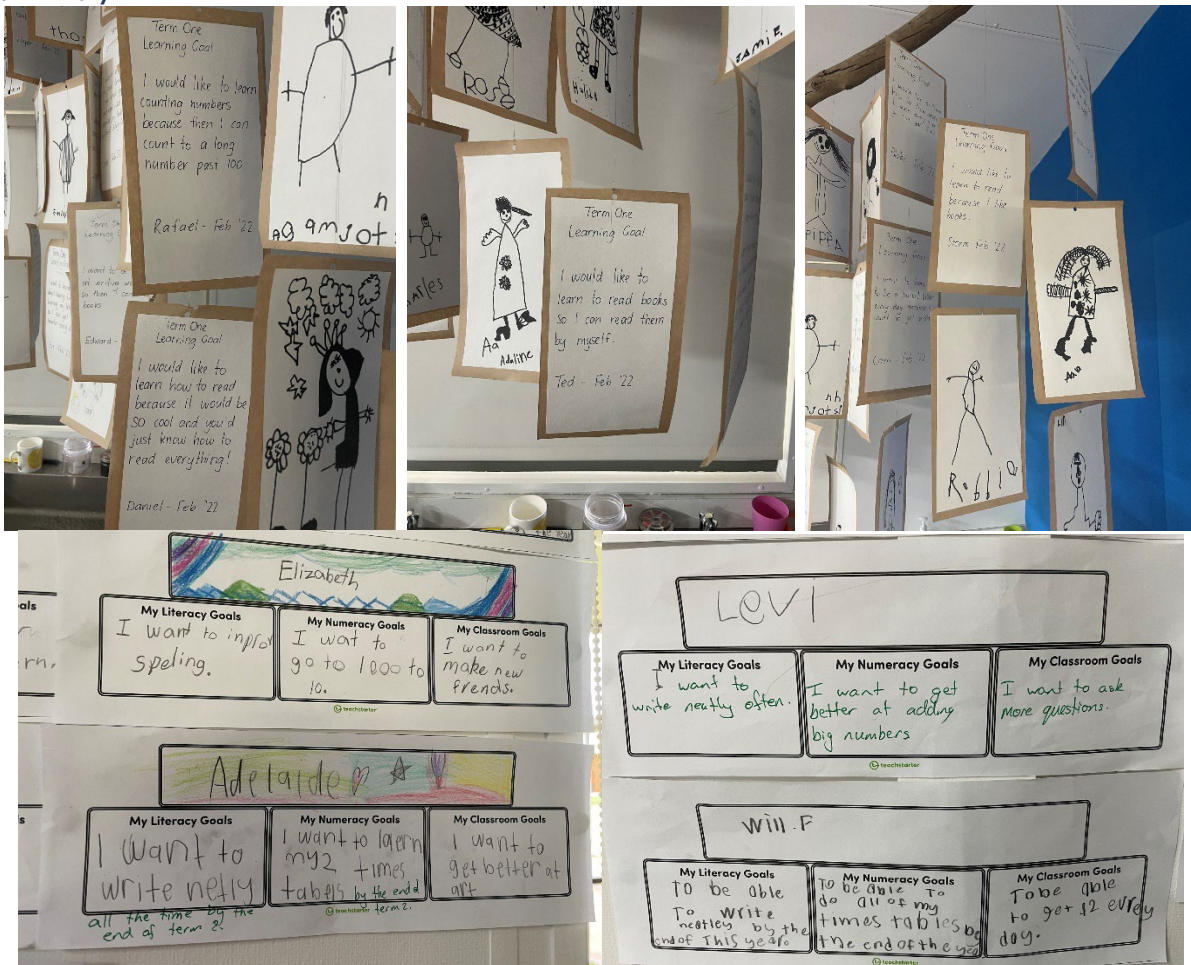
Aristotle said, "Man is a goal-seeking animal. His life only has meaning if he is reaching out and striving for his goals." Having something to focus on and work towards helps us to be productive and this is true for people of all ages and in all areas of life.

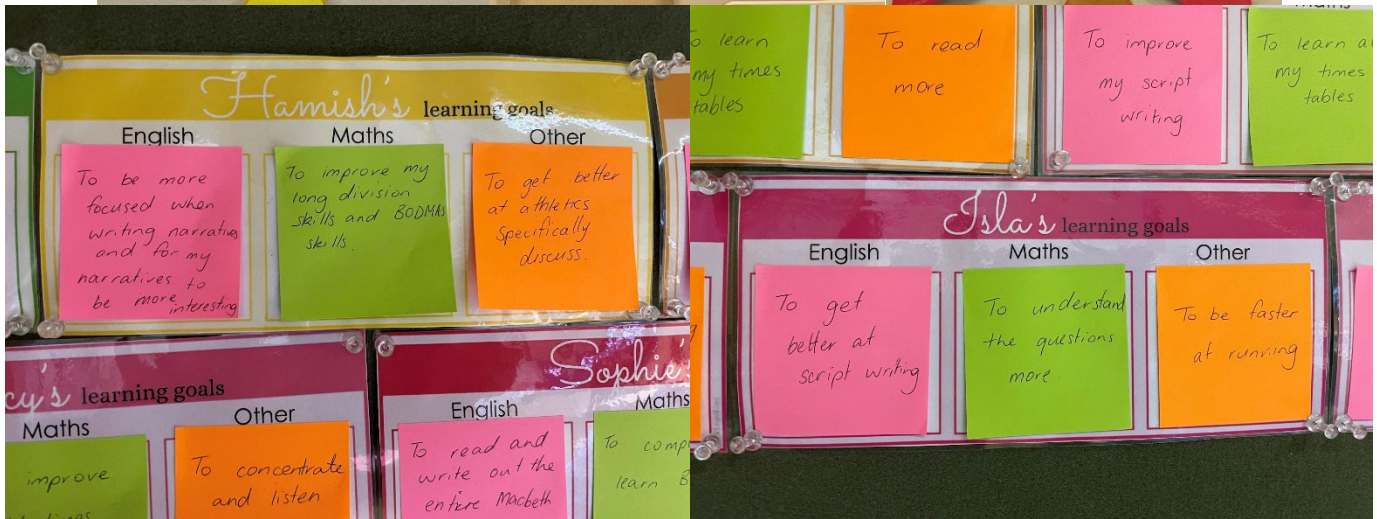
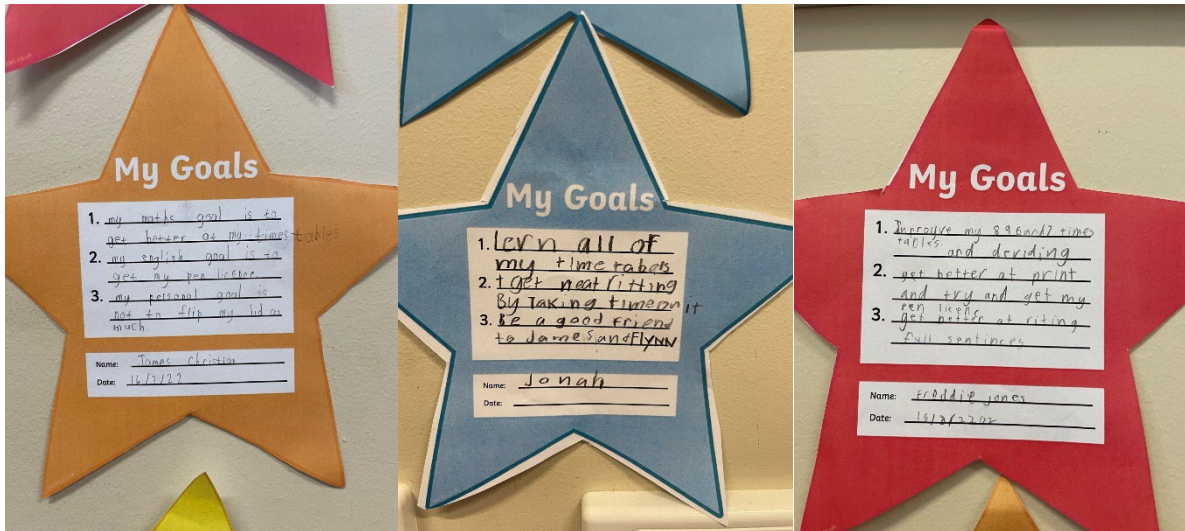
Primary students have been learning to reflect on themselves through Thrive lessons, during Pastoral Care and in Assembly. What sort of friend am I? How can I serve my community? What type of person do I want to be? How do other people see me? What does excellence look like for me? This is all part of a process of helping children grow and learn about themselves and about interacting with others.

As learners, it's also very helpful for us to think about how we act as learners. This process encourages many beneficial skills, such as reflecting on one's actions, providing a focus and some direction, promoting personal responsibility, encouraging students to have a voice in their own learning journey and providing an opportunity to celebrate wins when goals are achieved.

What type of skills or behaviours do I already have to help me in the classroom? What things do I still need to work on? What are some specific things I would like to be able to do? Students have been asking themselves these questions and, with the support of their teacher, they have been setting learning goals for Semester 1. The careful thinking that has gone into the goals has been outstanding and it is obvious that both teachers and students have spent considerable time creating meaningful, achievable and measurable goals. I encourage you to ask your child about their learning goals and, perhaps even, how you can provide support to help them achieve them. Continued discussions at home about how your child is progressing towards achieving their goals throughout the Semester will also encourage and empower them towards success.

**Jessica Willis**  
Director of Primary





## Prep News

As a result of growth in the 5 day Prep programme, the OAGS Team would like to welcome **Miss Fisher**. Miss Fisher is currently in her second year of a Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education and has previous experience in Early Childhood and Before and After School care. If you see Miss Fisher, please say hello.



Prep Piagu and Prep Piccolo had a visit from Jo Smith and Eli Todman from NetWaste this week, learning about the importance of worms and compost for our environment.



Pre Piagu created a mini compost bin and will be observing how the compost changes over time. We will then add our compost to our garden in the primary school and grow some veggies.

Prep Piagu and prep Piccolo, created a worm farm and will be feeding our friendly worms our fruito scraps.



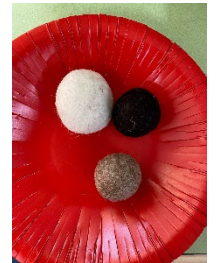
Environmental education promotes critical and creative thinking skills and inspires children to become more aware of the impact of their actions on the environment.

It can also help children to understand why caring for the environment is important and education provides them with the building blocks they need to live eco-friendly and sustainable lives in the future. Learning about composting and worm farming provides an age-appropriate opportunity for children to develop a sense of responsibility and power to contribute to a healthy planet by recycling food scraps. Caring for the environment and living things can also foster a connection and respect for nature.



### Felting in Kindergarten

As part of kindergarten's exploration into Living Things, the students have recently been looking at fibres. Last week we had a visit from one of Mrs Sackey's alpacas Gunnar, he was very calm and allowed all the children to have a pat. There was lots of discussion about how alpacas provide different things for us. Students also used their observation skills and asked thoughtful questions; for example: "Once an alpaca is shawn where does its fleece go and what things does it make?", "Why are different fleeces different colours?", "Can you tell us some things that alpaca fleece is used for?". We were fortunate enough to have a donation of alpaca fleece. After learning about the different steps a fleece goes through to become wool, Kindergarten experimented with making their very own fleece pom poms. Students then went through the process of wetting their fleece in soapy water and rolling their fleece into a ball, the rolling tightens the fibres to change the texture into felt. It took a lot of rolling and soapy water to make the felt balls, Kindergarten had so much fun!



What a wonderful time we have had in Kindergarten. From exploring 2D shapes in our school environment, making felt balls in our integrated unit to creating 2D shape chickens in Art. We have also been exploring the concept of being a bucket filler in Literacy. How can we use our skills and understanding of being a bucket filler in the playground and classroom? We have focused on making sure we are

demonstrating what a bucket filler looks like, sounds like and feels like.

**Kindergarten Teachers**





# 252ACU

## ARMY CADET UNIT



### Recruits

Response this year has been overwhelming. Paperwork has been completed for 42 with another 3 still in progress. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the Induction weekend on 2-3 April when uniforms will be issued and all the essential governance lessons and basic training will occur. This is an important activity for bonding and teamwork plus ensuring sleeping bags, camp skills, personal organisation, field hygiene and camping skills are all suitable to allow resilience to cope with the Australian climate and seasonal weather.

Consent notes and a more detailed information sheet with timings and equipment was distributed at the last two Monday Parades. If you have not received these please contact CAPT Nye.

With the addition of the new recruits, our unit has now grown in numbers to over 80 cadets. This is another milestone with well over 60 attending most nights this term. The unit is in a very healthy position with a good balance of male and female cadets plus a growing number from the other schools across the region.

**Anzac Day.** Apart from supplying flag and banner carriers, the unit will march behind the 252 ACU banner as a formed group following the veterans. We will be leading the other local cadet organisations, schools, scouts, girl guides etc. This is a great honour and I request maximum attendance. A detailed information sheet and consent note will be distributed next week.

**Establishment upgrade.** As we now have the minimum staff in training we can apply to have our establishment increased from 59 to 99. We are well on track to achieving my goal of growing to over 100 by 2023 (within 5 years of establishment). Given the effect COVID had on our ability to parade and offer interesting training over 2020-21 we are in a great position.

An upgrade will give us an entitlement to more uniforms plus the ability to provide more leadership positions for the cadets. Leadership training is normally available after completing at least a year and promotions are offered to cadets (who demonstrate ability) in Years 9-12. Leadership training and preparation can commence from year 8 for those identified.

### Parent Helpers

I would like to thank our adults (on your behalf) that sacrifice their time on Mondays and on the weekend bivouacs to ensure the cadets are well supervised and safe. Without them it would be impossible for us to keep growing. We welcome the newest parents Nigel Coutts and Natalie Iglewski who have completed paperwork to join our team. It is important we continue to get new parents to help to allow us to keep pace with the growth in cadet numbers. If you can spare some time to learn more about what we do for your son/daughter or know of other adults that could help (cooking the BBQ, stores management, administration, fundraising, advertising, etc) please contact me.

### Important Dates

2-3 April	Recruit Induction weekend (overnight onsite). More details in separate Note shortly.
25 April	Anzac Day – Detailed information and notes issued next week
Tbc May	Leadership Training & Lance Corporal Course (selected cadets)
2-9 Jul	NSW Promotion Courses tbc (selected cadets)
Tbc Aug	T3 Bivouac
24 Sep -1 Oct	Annual Camp - Singleton
4-5 Nov	T3 Bivouac
3 Dec	Annual Ceremonial Parade & Dinner

**Terry Nye**  
**Captain (AAC)**  
**Officer Commanding**

## CHESS

Chess Club is in full swing at OAGS. Over 50 students are coming along each Thursday, ranging from beginners to excellent A Grade senior players. New players will always be made most welcome!

On Tuesday 15 March, our senior team plus reserves (Scott McGoldrick, Archie Casey, Clay Perkins, Rebecca Kemp, Mykayla Hazelton, Charlotte Johnstone and Rohan Mittal) travelled to Orange High School for the first round of the Western Region NSW Secondary Schools Competition. Everybody enjoyed the encounter and there were many close games, with OAGS narrowly prevailing 3-1. Our Reserves played very strongly, winning games against much older players and gaining valuable tournament experience!

More good chess will be played in our School Championships, to be held during the winter (terms 2 and 3).

**CHESS MASTER CLASS.** A new initiative to give talented players "the edge" for external competition. Now being held on Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm for selected players (years 6-12).

In the meantime, please note the School Holiday Junior Chess Tournament to be held at St Barnabas' Anglican Church Hall on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. All ages from 6-17 are encouraged to come along. You don't have to be good, you just need to know the rules. On-line entry details are in the brochure later in this newsletter. This is always a great day of Chess fun for keen players.

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



## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR CHESS TOURNAMENT IN ORANGE

*Only open to players under 18yrs old*

**WHERE:** St Barnabas Anglican Church Parish Hall  
Corner Dora and McLachlan Streets  
East Orange

**WHEN:** Friday 22nd April 2022  
9:30 am to 3:30pm

**ENTRY FEE:** One Player: \$22  
Two Players (siblings only): \$40  
Each additional sibling: +\$15  
Payment can be made to the following:  
Bank Account Name: Bevan Clouston  
BSB: 082-171  
Acc: 12-468-7406  
Reference: Child's Name  
Please also send an email with your  
child's full name and date of birth.

**PRIZES:** Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Trophies and medals for age prizes

**ENTER BEFORE:** **Wednesday 20th April by contacting:**  
Bevan Clouston  
Mobile 0415 828 613  
Email [bkclouston@gmail.com](mailto:bkclouston@gmail.com)  
Late entry (on Friday 22nd April) will cost \$25.

*You don't have to be good, this is a fun tournament. But a knowledge of the rules is required and tournament conditions will be applied. The games will be timed with chess clocks. Don't worry if you have never played with clocks. You'll be told how they work. The results will be sent to the NSW Junior Chess League for ratings.*

*Chess the clever sport*

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## Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

This prestigious, internationally recognised award is available to 14-25 year olds. Want to know more? Watch the promotional video (link below) or view the website plus join the zoom Information Evening next week.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGmvVCxfjwkbfbzjvzjlwvPdCXr?projector=1>

[www.youthadvance.com.au](http://www.youthadvance.com.au)

Youth Advance is partnering with OAGS to make this Award available and more accessible (they handle all the administration) to our students. Discussions with the Youth Advance National Business Manager indicate that the Army Cadet program and camps should help qualify members for Bronze and possibly the Silver Award. Youth Advance can run expeditions/camps for other students in the snowy mountains during school vacations.

Parent Information evening from home (via zoom) with the Youth Advance Representative **6pm Thursday 31 March**  
Zoom ID - 211 678 1063  
Password - 959 577

Please email me if you have questions (or wish to register your interest) before the zoom Information meeting.  
Please note, the school is **not** hosting this event onsite. Interested families are to join the zoom from their homes.

**Terry Nye**  
**Duke of Ed Coordinator**



## Music

### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Audition Update

Congratulations to everyone who auditioned for our 2022 musical. We were all blown away by the levels of talent that we witnessed and the diligent preparation on display. We are so excited to get preparations

underway, and now more than ever we are confident that we will be able to put on an absolutely fantastic show! Unfortunately, like so many things, the CAPA department is experiencing some Covid-related delays. Communication has gone out to all participants and their parents with updated information about callbacks and making up missed auditions.



Students learn their parts in preparation for the individual auditions

### Co-Curricular Choirs

- Supertones: Stage 2, Monday Lunch in the Music Room.
- Mediant: Stage 3, Thursday Lunch in the Media Centre (note change of day)
- Senior Vocal Ensemble: Secondary School, Friday lunch in the Media Centre.

It has been so wonderful to see many faces both new and familiar in our lunch time choirs. All our choirs have already made excellent progress on some new repertoire. While Term 1 is a great

opportunity to give new things a try, we do need consistency of attendance in order to progress effectively. Accordingly, by the end of Term 1 students will be asked whether they intend to commit to the choir so we can make plans for the rest of the year. We are hoping to provide some very special opportunities for the co-curricular choirs this year and so it is imperative that we are able to prepare well.

## da Vinci Decathlon

On Wednesday the 23rd and Thursday 24th March, the OAGS LEAP students, together with some other students who kindly volunteered their time, competed in the 2022 da Vinci Decathlon. Operating remotely through Canberra Grammar School, Charles Sturt University (CSU), Orange, generously provided us with a space to use for each of the days of this exciting event.

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: engineering, mathematics, code breaking, art and poetry, science, English, ideation, creative producers, cartography and legacy. The OAGS students were exceptional ambassadors for the school, both in their presentation within the community and their application to the challenges throughout the day.





## Student thoughts on the 2022 da Vinci Decathlon...

We got to compete in challenges in Mathematics, Science, English, Engineering and Art, to name a few. These Challenges gave us a chance to put forward ideas and put our prior knowledge to the test. It was a great experience that gave everyone a chance to broaden their level of understanding and get involved. The teamwork that was involved in this event was amazing and we all worked well together making the tasks easier to understand. Overall the 2022 virtual da Vinci Decathlon was a great day and an amazing opportunity.

-Sabrina Mackay

The da Vinci Decathlon was an amazing experience as we got to test our knowledge and even go outside of our comfort zones to complete the challenges. Our teamwork abilities were challenged and we managed to get into a routine very quickly. A strategy that was very helpful for us in completing the work was delegating the challenges out to people who were strongest in that area and offering help to those that needed it, in order to get as much work done as possible and to the best of our abilities. Altogether, I would say that this is an amazing opportunity for all students to test their teamwork skills as well as learn some new ones.

- Izzy Turk

Our Participation in this year's Da Vinci Decathlon at Charles Sturt University was an incredible experience. It allowed us to delve deeper into different areas of academics including, but not limited to, Science, Maths, Engineering, English and Codebreaking. The decathlon allowed us to divide the set tasks between ourselves so that each pair of students could work on something that fits within their specific skill sets allowing for maximum efficiency and a chance to engage in a challenge with someone as keen in the subject area as yourself. Overall, I would definitely say that the Da Vinci Decathlon was an amazing experience in which you could stretch your limits and explore new ideas and skills.

- Ollie Inman



Mrs Alice Mulligan  
LEAP Coordinator



# SPORT @ OAGS

It has been a busy fortnight in the Sports Department with all Winter sport information going out to families and preparations being made for the final sporting events for Term 1. On Wednesday 30th March Touch, Basketball and Hockey will be hosting their Summer Presentation under the Hanger at 3:30pm. Players will be presented with their participation medals and will share afternoon tea together. It will be a great opportunity to come together to celebrate the

involvement of everyone involved. Coaches awards and Most Valued Player awards will be saved until later in the year and presented at the Sports Awards Night on Wednesday 2nd November. Information regarding the Athletics Carnival has gone out to families this week. For Primary families there is a Google to fill in which will nominate the events your child will participate in at the carnival, this form needs to be filled in by Monday 28th March. It should be a fabulous day of sporting achievements.



### **HICES Football (soccer)**

Charlie Davis, Samuel Butt and Patrick Blair were selected to represent OAGS at the HICES Football trial on Wednesday 16th March. The boys travelled to Sydney to trial against students from other schools in the HICES association. The goalies had a work out first, showing the selectors what they could do when under pressure. Next it was the field players, they did a number of drills and then participated in a game. Charlie and Sam were selected to represent HICES at the CIS Primary Selection Championship at the end of this month. Charlie was also named Co-Captain of the team which is a wonderful achievement! Good Luck boys as you represent both OAGS and HICES at CIS!!!

### **CIS Primary Swimming**

Emily Meiring is an up and coming sporting star in Primary School. She has represented the school in many events such as Cross Country and Athletics and can now add CIS Swimming to her list of achievements. Emily Meiring represented OAGS and HICES at the CIS Primary Swimming Championship on Thursday 24th March. While she was a late call up to the HICES team, she made the most of this prestigious opportunity! Emily competed in 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke and managed to take 3 seconds off her Butterfly PB - amazing effort Emily! While at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre Emily ran into the Socceros and took the opportunity to have a photo with one of them.



### **EAGLES**

The Eagle program is in full flight with the new group for 2022 getting used to being at school at 8am on Tuesday mornings to spend time together learning how to be the best athletes they can be. On Tuesday 8th March Eagle families were invited to attend a special evening zoom meeting with Steffani Ford, the Dietician for Triathlon Australia. Steff taught Eagles about the importance of a well balanced diet as well as how much they should be eating! She gave suggestions of different types of foods to try and what to eat and when, which for some of our students who travel hours to their events was super helpful. During this week's Eagle sessions students participated in an Athlete's Kitchen where they made 3 different items out of a breakfast cookbook created for them by Steff. They all had a blast and some of the new foods surprised them in how yummy they were.



Dominique Hutchinson  
Head of K-12 Sport

## Girls Rugby 7's

Into our third year of training our persistence and patience has paid off. OAGS students have played in their first competition after waiting for a competition to not be called off due to Covid restrictions or weather, the pioneers that make up the OAGS Rugby team have started off the Jakiya Whitfeld Cup with dominance. Strong performances from the Under 14 and Under 16 players have allowed them to win, often comprehensively against each team they have played at least once. The under 14's won against Kinross B team 45:10 before a narrow loss to Kinross A team 17:20 in the first week. The tables turned in the second week with a loss against Kinross B 15:20 but a strong win against Kinross A 35:15. The Under 16 team continued to put OAGS on the map for Rugby. In the first week they had big wins against Scots All Saints 40:25 and Bathurst MacKillop 60:5. In the second week with 8 players out of the Under 16 team we had to rely on the Under 14's who backed up and put in a brave effort to win against Bathurst Mackillop 41:10 but narrowly fall short against Scots All Saints 19:25.



The number of tries in the first week tallied to an incredible 32, equalling 160 points in tries from 4 Rugby 7's games! In the Under 14's team Year 7 student Holly Reed added more points kicking 7 out of 9 conversions! Not a bad effort considering it was her first game of Rugby. Holly was promoted into the Under 16 team in the second round for her golden boot!

Georgia Adams is the Warrior of the Rugby 7's squad! Despite being one of the youngest on the field Georgia showed she isn't afraid of the opposition and made an impact whenever she got her hands on the ball. Kylie Delaney looked very dangerous out there with a great run and was unlucky not to score. Older sister Tiari Delaney pulled off the biggest shot of the day that was heard by her teammates in an age group two years older than herself! She performed well both in u14 and u16.



New recruit Ruby DeVries channelled her energy to make some huge tackles burying the defenders. She worked hard and was fantastic in cover play positioning herself in the right spot as a support player. Ruby was another one to play up to 2 age groups! Hannah Flynn was a late inclusion to the squad making her teammates feel more confident with you by their side. Hannah did some great runs and was dangerous when in the rucks leading the forwards around well in the Under 14 and Under 16 sides. Josie Fuller is just as handy in the classroom as she is on the football field. Some big runs and tackles made her one to watch, listening to the crowd you didn't disappoint. The player who has the good footy brain is Charli Hunter who knows where to be at the right time. Her controlled aggression and commitment in tackles, saves many tries. Her quick turn of speed makes things go in her favour. Natural speed and a big ticker, like all thoroughbred race horses, gets her or a support player to the tryline nearly every time she gets her hands on the ball.



As they say it's the quiet ones you have to watch! Cherry Kaipu is no exception and is pound for pound the strongest in the team as shown in her defence by lifting and driving back defenders on more than one occasion. Cherry is not afraid of anything and possesses great strength! Must be from the "fireman carries" at training? Manvir Kaur made an impact and found her way around the field early. She made a great break at the gap on the opposition line and was unlucky not to go through to score. Captain Lily Martin is a natural leader at school and on the footy field. Her passing game is strong and Jakiya will be after her autograph soon as she was impressed with her high skill level. Maybe a conversion to the Wallabies? When Lily is on the field the other players lift. She has a quiet confidence about herself and the touch footy days have given you good hands in attack. One of many OAGS players who has venom in her tackles.



Under 14's Captain Lucy Martin builds up teammates and also backs up for the u16 girls. Lucy runs amazing lines and provides good passes to put her teammates in space. Another smart footballer who is always thinking. We've lost count of the number of tries she has scored but they were all super impressive! A speed demon finding the tryline and textbook tackles stopping the opposition in their tracks. Sarah Patterson has found her sport! She dominated in defence being fully committed not letting the opposition get anywhere near the tryline making some huge tackles. We are so lucky to have you playing with us, a very capable player who takes the high kicks off the kick-off well. Macey Paul another late call up but such an important one. Mace is very strong in attack as well as defence. She didn't let an injured finger stop her from getting back out on the field and scoring her first rugby union try! Go Mace you looked confident out there.

Speedy Scarlett Petty has shown a huge growth in confidence. She isn't afraid to put her body on the line and throw herself at the opponents. You got over a heavy hit and went back out and pulled off some great work in defence. Leah Phiri was a very late call up (on the bus trip over) but she did not disappoint! Hitting like a truck in defence, on many occasions shooting up out of the line jolting the defenders backwards. One to watch out for and steer clear of at tackling practice! OAGS most eager player is Holly Reed who made the best try saving tackle since Scott Satler for Penrith in the 2003 Grandfinal after chasing down and tackling the opposing player into touch. As mentioned previously the golden boot of both teams, it must be the million goals last year at soccer that has carried over to the rugby field. She has mastered the drop kick and nailed some tough shots to give both the Under 14 and Under 16 teams plenty of extra points which all add up. We are lucky to have such a talented kicker like you Holly.

Being the youngest in the family you often have to be the fastest! This applies to Elyse Stringer, and she can add agility to the skills list. The twinkle toes of the team, being nimble and fast off the mark. She seems to find space where there is none and totally backs herself and runs like a rocket. The disappointment in the defenders eyes while running further away from them is a recurring pattern. Grace Stringer is the one everyone in the opposition is afraid to tackle! We've lost count at how many times you strided away from the defence in beast mode! A strong and speedy runner with ball in hand. You mastered the rucks and are such an asset to the team. Thank you for making the team great and inclusive. Isla Stringer not only scored a heap of tries, but also stopped the opposition from scoring which is just as important. This never say die attitude is what others look up to and aspire to be. A natural and humble leader. A very skillful and strong athlete. In the highlight reel was when she cleared out a ruck when older sister Grace was tackled and Isla knocked the opposition player backwards +4m! Elli Wilson was the Captain in the first round before giving it up for other sporting commitments. Always giving direction and positive reinforcement. The younger players look up to her and listen. In play with the ball in hand she runs deceptive lines and sets up teammates often. She did all the work to provide others tries along with one for her occasionally. The fierce Annabelle Wrigley has become more motivated to go out and get involved. It was so pleasing to see her defend with a bit more sting in her tackles, pulling off 3 big tackles in a row and going close to getting her first try. Solid and courageous work Annabelle, a workhorse despite carrying an injury.



A big shout out to former Wallabies flyer James Grant who generously offered his time and advice to teach our players a thing or two. The girls are very grateful and improved greatly from what you prepared for them. We look forward to seeing you at the future games.

There are two more rounds remaining and it is great to see the support from staff, students and parents on the sideline. It will be great to see more come along to the next games and cheer on these champion players who are consistently playing great footy.



**Chris Doyle**  
**U14 & U16 Rugby 7's Coach**

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**Save the Date**  
**OAGS Cross Country Friday 29th April (Week1)**

OAGS SPORTS CLUB



# SUMMER SPORTS PRESENTATION

TOUCH FOOTBALL - BASKETBALL - HOCKEY

**WEDNESDAY**  
**30TH MARCH 2022**  
**OAGS HANGAR**

Parents, Coaches and Players  
 Come along to celebrate our  
 Summer Sport season  
 Starting at 3.30pm

Hosted by Head of Sport and Summer Sport Coordinators

OAGS NETBALL CLUB

# WE NEED YOU!

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**UNDER 9'S**  
**NETBALL PLAYERS**  
**NEEDED**

We are still on the hunt for Under 9's Netball players to play for OAGS on a Wednesday afternoon.  
 If you know of anyone wanting to play, please contact [stephanie.harrison@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stephanie.harrison@oags.nsw.edu.au)

## Blayney Show 2022 - Central West Junior Judging Workshop and Poultry Exhibition Team

Wow!!! What a great kick off to the autumn show season for the OAGS ACE team. We had a great line-up of Primary and Senior School students attend two days of jam-packed Livestock Exhibiting at the Blayney Show - and we certainly brought home the goods! Students from Years 7-9 attended the Central West Junior Judging workshops and competition on Friday the 18th. This was a very valuable opportunity for our students to learn from some of the industry experts and provided the skills in not only livestock assessment, but also critical decision making. They really enjoyed what the experience offered by learning



about judging a huge array of agricultural competitions from cattle to canola, fleeces to meat sheep and even corn and wheat.

Special mention to Amelia McMaster collecting first place in the under 14 years fleece judging competition, Lizzie Baldwin in the under 14 years meat sheep judging and Joshua King for third place in the under 14 years grains judging. In the massive over 14 years division which had 80 entries, Hannah Flynn gained a very impressive third place.



On Saturday the 19th, our Poultry Team stepped out with some beautiful Australorp and Rhode Island Red bantam fowls at our first ever Exhibition Show! The Junior School was represented by Sophie Harris and Nadiya Hazelton and from the Senior School, Joshua King, Beatrix Merrell and Genevieve McGoldrick.



The fowls were prepared with a great deal of support from Ms Carolyn Donnelly, but a huge congratulations goes to the students for their dedication and commitment to the fancy!

The team picked up a first place with the Australorp bantam female and a third place with the Rhode Island Red cockerel. An extended thank you to the Show Society, in particular Mr Trent Spackman, the Chief Steward on the day and also Mr Rod Laverty the Judge, who provided our students with a running commentary during Judging! An invaluable experience!

Overall our team looked very professional in their uniforms and were fabulous ambassadors for our ACE program during both outings, a huge credit to all involved!



### Mrs Sarah Eyb and Ms Carolyn Donnelly



### EASTER FAIR - P&F Gourmet BBQ

Please note that the canteen will be closed all day. Students can bring a packed lunch, or order lunch through Flexischools, catered by the P&F.

Orders for Students must be completed via Flexischools. Simply log into your Flexischools account and choose the option you wish to order. This will then enable your child to collect their lunch without the need for cash handling. Order cut off WEDNESDAY 6th April.

#### **STUDENTS MENU** - \$8 per meal pack

Includes the choice of one of the following:

- Sausage Sandwich
- Hot Dog
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Gluten Free Sausage Sandwich
- Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Sandwich
- Vegetarian Sausage Sandwich

Lunch pack will also include a popper, pack of chips and piece of fruit.



PARENTS & FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION

**MENU FOR VISITORS (and teachers)** – available from 12pm

- Sausage Sandwich - \$5
- Hot Dog - \$5
- Pulled Pork Burger - \$9
- Slaw Salad with apple & mayo dressing (gluten free)

- \$9

\* Gluten Free bread available

Drinks

- Soft Drink Cans - \$2.50
- Water - \$2.50
- Fruit Juice - \$2.50

Cash and Card payments available for visitors and teachers.

**P&F Second-hand Clothing Stall**

The P&F will be opening the Second-hand Clothing stall from 11am – 2pm, we encourage parents who are attending the Easter Fair to drop in and say hello and purchase what you need for Term 2.

Cash and Card payments available



**OAGS EASTER FAIR**

**FRIDAY**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**12.30PM-2.45PM**

**P&F GOURMET BBQ**  
**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

**JUMPING CASTLES • COFFEE VAN**  
**LIVE MUSIC • HOMEMADE ICECREAM**



# 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.

Scan the QR code to book your place



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## 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS



Orange Anglican Grammar School is offering Scholarships for 2023 to students from Years 6 to 12.

The categories for 2022 Scholarships are as follows:

- Academic (Year 7-12)
- All Round (Year 7-12)
- Access (Year 6, Year 9, 10 & 11)
- Indigenous (Year 7-12)

Further information regarding the Scholarship categories and application process can be found on the website: [www.oags.nsw.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.oags.nsw.edu.au/scholarships)



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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**  
**11 APRIL 2022**

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# OAGS PLUS



## April 2022 Holiday Program

<p><u>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</u> Board games, Dancing Day</p> 	<p><u>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</u> Ninja Warrior, and Obstacle course day +\$15</p> 	<p><u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April</u> DIY, And Craft Day</p> 	<p><u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April</u> Easter Day, Mega Easter egg hunt, Easter games and crafts</p> 	<p><u>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</u> Public Holiday</p> <p><b>Closed</b> for Easter</p>
<p><u>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</u> Public Holiday</p> <p><b>Closed</b> for Easter</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</u> Athletics Day and wide games</p> 	<p><u>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</u> Messy Games, Messy Art</p> <p><b>Messy Play</b></p>	<p><u>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April</u> Excursion Day to Adventure Playground</p> 	<p><u>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</u> Comfy and Chill Day We will build forts, have nerf wars and inside games, hot chocolate and bake and decorate cupcakes and lounge around.</p> 



# OAGS PLUS



## April 2022 Holiday Program

### Terms and Conditions

Children are welcome to bring their **bike and scooter** any day, to explore the school grounds. **Helmets are required.**

**Hours of operation** – OAGS Plus holiday program times will be 8.30am to 5.30pm STRICTLY. If your child arrives before 8.30am or is collected after 5.30pm you will be charged an additional \$30 to cover the cost of associated staff. Booking is essential, as spaces are limited.

**Payments**- The cost per day will be \$40.00. Payment will be added to your school fee account.

**Cancellation**- Please email [oagsplus@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:oagsplus@oags.nsw.edu.au) if you cannot make it on a certain day. Please note that refunds will only be applicable if we are able to fill your space.

**Program**- We are aware that some activities may not appeal to all children. Be assured we have alternative structured and non-structured activities available such as craft, colouring, Lego, building and constructing, sensory play, a movie and much more. The Program is subject to change if deemed necessary in the best interest of the children (wet weather etc).

**Sun Safety and Clothing** - Please provide a hat and apply sunscreen. We will also have sunscreen available, but if your child requires a specific product please label it and send in their bag. At times we may get messy, but be assured that we are having lots of fun, so please pack a spare set of labelled clothes.

**Recess and Afternoon Tea** – We provide recess and afternoon tea which is generally fresh fruit. Please provide a packed lunch for your child. Please discuss any specific allergies or requirements with Adam, and ensure that the Parent Portal is up to date with any medical information.

**Student Code of Conduct** – Please note that students must act in accordance with the OAGS Student Code of Conduct. If behaviour is not in accordance with The Code of Conduct the Headmaster will be contacted for further disciplinary action. This may warrant early pick up and exclusion from the program.

**Illness** - To stop the spread of germs and illness, if your child is sick **please keep them at home**. Students and staff will not be allowed to remain on site if they display flu-like symptoms. Please notify by email [oagsplus@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:oagsplus@oags.nsw.edu.au) or call School admin.

**[BOOK HERE FOR OAGS PLUS HOLIDAY PROGRAM](#)**





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.**



Prospective families you are invited to a

# Twilight tour

30th March  
2022 **6pm**



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