

ISSUE 1

Final edition

2022

OAGS News

It's a date...

14 – 18 February

Stage 3 Camp

Monday 14 February

252ACU Parent Information Session

21/23/25 February

Prep Art Gallery Excursion

Saturday 26 February

'Big Weekend In'

Tuesday 1 March

New Student Pizza Lunch

Tuesday 1 March

OAGS Musical Information Night

Wednesday 2 March

Year 12 University Showcase

Thursday 3 March

Year 9 & 10 Mental Health Seminar

Thursday 3 March

Year 11 Commencement Dinner

Friday 4 March

Yr 12 Investigating Science Excursion

14 – 18 March

OAGS Musical Auditions



Securing Success...

From the Headmaster...

We have been so thrilled to welcome back all of our students and staff for 2022. We thank our community for your understanding and continued support as we roll out continually evolving information, changes to processes and the occasional RAHT to add to the mix. However, this has all paid off - we are open and back in business face to face, welcoming students to learn and grow every day under the careful guidance of our professional staff team.



On Friday 27th January we welcomed the first of our students, notably our Kindergarten and Year 7 classes for 2022. For the first time in our history we welcomed 3 classes of Kindergarten and 3 classes of Year 7 in the same year. This growth is testament to our whole school community; exceptional teachers and staff, and an amazing, supportive community that invests in the life of our school and students.



On Monday 30th January we gathered our whole school to celebrate the commencement of our school, commission our new staff and new leaders, and pray for prosperity and good health for the new year.

Along with all of our new students, we also welcomed the following new staff members to our school:

- Mrs Nicki Johnston - Secondary Pastoral Care Coordinator
- Mr Jon Baker - Science and Technology Laboratory Assistant
- Mrs Claire Pottie - Secondary Teacher (Maths/Science Faculty Coordinator)
- Mrs Amanda Collins - Stage 3 Primary Teacher (Assistant Stage Coordinator)
- Mrs Victoria Munro - Secondary Teacher (English/HSIE Faculty Coordinator)
- Ms Amy Hindmarsh - Stage 2 Primary Teacher
- Mrs Carrie Simpson - Stage 1 Primary Teacher
- Miss Ella Reilly - Stage 2 Primary Teacher
- Ms Krisha Thomas - Prep Teacher
- Mrs Reynee Ward - Sports Administrator
- Mrs Clare Crum - Stage 3 Primary Teacher

At the end of 2021 we farewelled Mrs Sally Francis who was instrumental in establishing our school canteen. As you are likely aware she was well supported throughout this period by Mrs Miranda Blackmore, and we are thrilled to announce that Miranda has accepted the position of Canteen Manager from 2022 onwards. Miranda has made some slight changes to the menu, but all orders are still facilitated through Flexischools. Our Canteen has just been awarded 'Healthy School Canteen' status again for 2022.

Many hands make light work, and for this reason Miranda welcomes parents who wish to volunteer their time in the canteen. Please email canteen@oags.nsw.edu.au to express interest in volunteering.



I look forward to sharing the progress of our building projects in an upcoming newsletter.

Rev Louis Stringer
Headmaster

CHES

This is held on Thursdays during the morning break where students can eat their lunch and play in a relaxed environment. Students do not need any experience and we are always willing to teach the game to interested students.

Due to the larger numbers we have two rooms in use - C4 for Primary players and C5 for Secondary players. Mr Linde and Mr Nye will supervise these rooms with Mr Cummins (coach) alternating between the rooms each week to improve the skills and strategies of our players.

Later in the year we have an internal OAGS competition to determine school champions. There are also external competitions for primary and secondary students. OAGS have performed well over many years and in 2021 were the Western Region premiers of the NSW Secondary Schools Country Championships.

Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator



We look forward to 2022 with enthusiasm, being able to return to face to face training on Monday afternoons (4.30pm-7.30pm) as well as the ability to conduct weekend bivouacs and other activities. Information on joining has already been emailed to Year 7 parents.

As we are a community unit (hosted by OAGS) it is possible for non OAGS students to join. Cadets is a great way for Year 7 and other students to maintain their primary school friendships with students that have gone to other secondary schools. Currently our demographic is approximately 30 percent female with 30 percent non OAGS students. We have both male and female adult staff. Leadership training is provided to selected students from Year 8 with Promotion opportunities becoming available from Year 9.

Joining Cadets OR finding out more Information

Students wishing to join should attend on Monday 14 Feb. Parents are also welcome to attend an Information session in the Media Centre. To avoid lengthy delays and frustration, please wait till you attend the Information session **before** starting the online joining application process.

Leaving Cadets

For those who have decided to leave the cadet program, please return your clothing and equipment ASAP. Cadets were advised on joining that the clothing and equipment was provided **ON LOAN** and needed to be returned when they left the program. These items are required for students that want to be part of the cadet program. Term fees will be charged to the school account for gear not returned before the end of February. We are also unable to complete the administrative action to stop AAC and unit emails being sent to you until your gear has been returned.

Important dates -

7 Feb - All existing cadets return

14 Feb - New recruits plus those students and parents wanting to find out more

4-6 Mar - Bivouac at Marrangaroo Army Camp (Lithgow) - excludes 2022 recruits

2-3 Apr - Recruit Bivouac - overnight camp onsite at OAGS

Joining - we have two intakes per year (February and August).

More information can be found at -

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/252ACUOrange/>

<https://www.armycadets.gov.au/>

Terry Nye

Captain (AAC)

Officer Commanding



Christian Leaders in Training

Before school had even kicked off this year, 8 OAGS students, along with Mr Thompson and Mr Whittingham, went to Sydney for 5 days at LiT – Leaders in Training. They were keen to build on the learning they had done throughout last year in our Christian leadership development program,

Grow. They joined over 400 other students and leaders to think through what it means to be a Christian leader. Our students had a great time getting to know Jesus - the ultimate servant leader – better, and thinking through how to be a faithful follower of him. They learned some practical skills such as how to tell a Bible story to kids, how to lead a Bible study, and how to find the main idea of any Bible passage. Very importantly, they made lots of friends from all over Australia who are working at living for Jesus in their own contexts. Our team had lots of fun and returned ready to put what they learned into practice.

Mr Whittingham





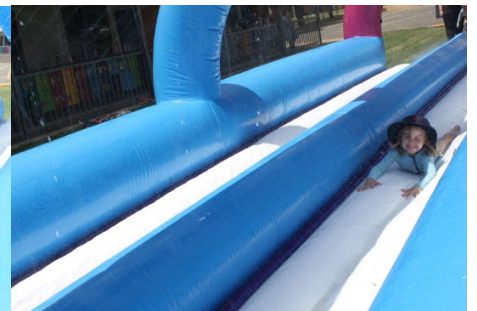
Kindergarten News

We have had a wonderful start to our Kindergarten journey and have enjoyed getting to know all our Kindy friends. We have already done so much learning with lots of hands-on activities, songs and books. We have also loved exploring our beautiful newly refurbished classroom space.



On our third day of kindergarten, when most of the school was at the swimming carnival, Kindergarten students were able to participate in water fun at school. We had a big inflatable water slide and water squirters. The giggles of joy could be heard across the playground. It was so much fun that even Mrs Pearson and Mrs Walicki had a turn on the water slide.

We are looking forward to all of the learning, play and fun to come!



**The Kindy Teachers,
Mrs Erin Purvis, Mrs Michelle Pearson, Mrs Dimity Walicki and Mrs Sally Drury**

Pastoral Care in the Primary School

As the Primary Pastoral Care Coordinator, it is my privilege to oversee how our students are cared for in the primary school. For our first newsletter of the year, it was keen to let you know that our approach in OAGS Primary seeks to:

- Acknowledge the model of God's pastoral care of us
- Be holistic by taking into account the physical, emotional, academic, social and spiritual needs of all students
- Lead our students in a way that guides and refreshes them (*Psalm 23:1-4*), spurring them onto love and good deeds (*Hebrews 10:24*)
- Use both reactive and proactive measures to communicate care for our students

As part of our care model we are implementing **a new referral process** to streamline managing the behaviours of our students, both those that need celebrating as well as those that need correcting. I look forward to sharing this with you once it has also been shared with our students.

As parents and carers, we are keen to partner with you to see the best outcomes for your child. **Please keep communication lines open** if you have any concerns for your child. Your first port of call should be your child's classroom teacher who may then determine that further escalation to Stage Coordinators, Pastoral Care Coordinator or the Director of Primary would be beneficial.

In the interests of partnership, I thought you **may find the following resources helpful** as you consider these important aspects of your child's health, particularly as we all navigate more Covid uncertainty:

- Healthy food & nutrition - [Healthy Kids Association](#) and/or [Healthy Lunch Box](#)
- Regular fresh air and exercise - [Active Kids Voucher](#) and/or [Health Direct](#)
- Adequate sleep for growing bodies - [Sleep Foundation](#) and/or [Kids Health](#)

Keep an eye out in our fortnightly newsletters for more information regarding Pastoral Care in the Primary School!

Mrs Kate Bracks
Pastoral Care Coordinator (Primary)

OAGS Prep

What a great start to the year in Prep! We were so excited to welcome our new Prep students into the Early Learning Center as they began their OAGS journey. There were very few tears and they have settled into the new routines very well. We are very proud of each student. Not only did we have new students, but we also welcomed new team members. Miss Thomas, who teaches the 5 day programme, has recently moved to Orange and has lots of experience leading in Early Learning programmes and Mrs Edwards who teaches the 2 day programme, who has been part of the OAGS team for many years and brings years of experience to the team.



We are also delighted to be in our new Early Learning space. The new room is lovely and bright and the extended play area gives all the students more space to interact and explore.

It has been an engaging start to the year with students establishing budding friendships that could last a lifetime. They have all been to music with Mrs Colgan, had Christian Studies with Mr Whittingham and Pastoral Care with Mrs Bracks. They explored how and why we celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year and Miss Thomas found a frog on the classroom window, which led to lots of questions about frogs and discoveries about why some animals use camouflage to keep them safe.

To help everyone have a happy day at Prep we encourage healthy eating. Nutritious unprocessed foods help children be happy and enables them to focus on their learning and positive social interactions throughout the day. More information about preschool nutrition can be found [here](#). Sleep is another essential element of happy and healthy children. Good-quality sleep helps your child concentrate, remember things and behave well, supporting them to be successful learners. More information about preschoolers and sleep can be found [here](#).



We currently have a few spaces available in our 2 day and 5 day programme. If you know anyone who has a four year old who is looking for a quality pre



kindergarten programme for their child, please let them know they can contact the school on 02 6360 4811 or download an enrollment form at <https://enrol.oags.nsw.edu.au/enquiry/> We would love to meet them.

If you have any questions regarding Early Learning at OAGS please contact Mrs Drury at Sally.Drury@oags.nsw.edu.au

Kind regards
Mrs Drury
Early Learning Coordinator



Stage 1 Water Fun

While the rest of the school were off-site at the swimming carnival, Stage 1 stayed at school for some of their own water fun. The students got changed into water play clothes and engaged in some activities that left the students, and teachers, soaking wet. Each Stage 1 class rotated to each of the 3 activities; a water fight on the oval, general whole group games involving water pistols, and the ever-exciting water slide.



It allowed for a really exciting start to the school year, and some time to just play together. It is becoming a yearly event for the Infants students, and we look forward to it again next year.

Mr Kyle Palmer
Stage 1 Coordinator



SPORT @ OAGS

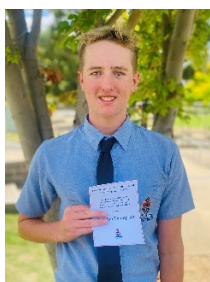
Winter is Coming!!

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming Winter OAGS Sports Season. Students are able to play with peers, fostering friendships and connection to their school through their love of sport.

OAGS Netball, Soccer, Hockey and Basketball expressions of interest for both players and coaches across all codes and levels will be out to you next week.

2022 Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday saw the OAGS Swimming Carnival take place at the Orange Aquatic Centre. It was a wonderful day of competition and camaraderie. With nearly 200 swimmers taking part in the day, it was a wonderful opportunity for students to show their talents and win points for their House. While we weren't allowed to cheer loudly, peers encouraged each other with loud clapping and support from the grandstand.



There were 12 records broken on the day by Thomas Horan, Jack Thompson, Lachlan Thompson, Emily Strahan, Miley O'Brien, Isla Stringer, Alfred Jones and Emily Meiring. Age Champions are determined by the number of points a swimmer accumulates on the day.



The 2022 Swimming Age Champions are:

Age	Male Age Champion	Reserve	Female Age Champion	Reserve
8			Lucy Pearson	
9	Vincent Oxenburgh	Alfred Jones	Angela Gleeson	Alexis Baker
10	Oscar Pigot	Sashreek Kaipu	Jessica McGreal	Adeline Wilson
11	Henry Jones	Liam Petschel	Emily Meiring	Isla O'Brien
12 Primary	Liam Postma	Samuel Brown	Clare Nelson	Vivienne Newcombe
12 Secondary	Jack Thompson	Rohan Mittal	Hallie Ellice	Rose Baldwin
13	James Butt	Nicholas Irwin	Mlley O'Brien	Poppy Kay
14	Luke Brown	Ben Polley	Milla Jurd	Sarah Whittingham
15	Lachlan Thompson	Thomas Horan	Isla Stringer	Emily Strahan
16	Keegan Willis	Nathaniel Lee	Grace Stringer	Amelia Otukolo
17	Oliver Thompson	Angus Guyer	Ashleigh Squires	Claudia Horan
18	Bayden Willis	Jack Gordon	Ella Stringer	Haylea Whybrow

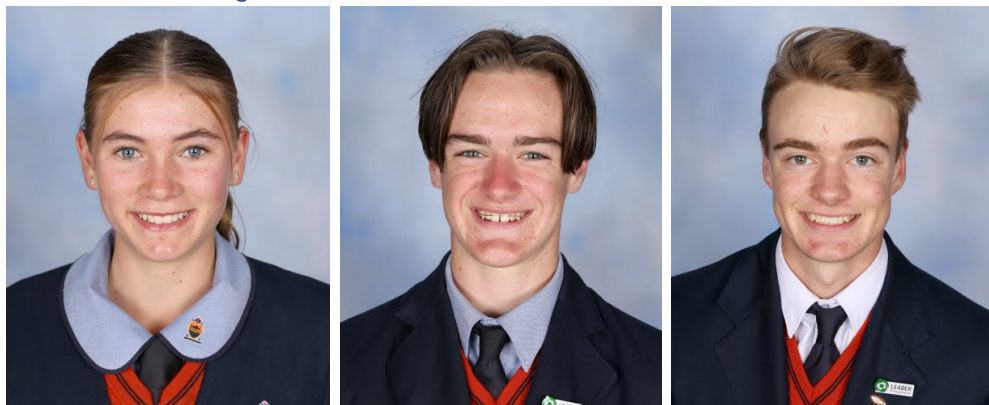
HICES Swimming Carnival will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Center on Monday 7th March, this is an event for Primary students. WAS Swimming Carnival will be held at Kinross Wolaroi on Friday 4th March and AICES Swimming Carnival will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Center on Monday 28th March, both of these events are for Secondary students. OAGS Swim Teams have been notified this week and will receive information about these events in the near future.



OAGS students continued to achieve amazing sporting results over the Summer holidays.

Ruby Gunn has been selected into the Orange Representative team for Modball for the third year in a row. She recently went to Seven Hills where she played in the U12 NSW State Championship. She is a strong batter and plays mainly base or outfield due to her exceptional throwing/catching ability. Ruby is one to watch in the future.

At the end of last year 3 OAGS students, **Jocelyn Blair**, **Keegan Willis** and **Bayden Willis**, competed at the NSW All schools Athletics Championships at Homebush. We had some great success with Jocelyn Blair placing 7th in 13 Girls 100m and 9th in 13 Girls 400m. Keegan Willis achieved 4th in Hurdles and 24th in 100m.



With the Winter season fast approaching Expression of Interest Forms for Winter sports will be coming out soon. Please watch out for an email from Reynee Ward which will have all of the information regarding our different winter sport options and the links to register your interest.

The EAGLES Program will be running again in 2022 headed up by Scott Wilson. This program is designed for Secondary athletes who want to progress in their journey and become the best they can be. Through guest speakers, practical activities and goal setting athletes learn how to be smarter athletes that understand how to base the needs of all aspects of their sporting journey while still achieving at school. The program has already seen participants improve not only in their sporting abilities but also in the classroom with most reporting an improvement in their grades in 2021. Applications for the 2022 program will be sent out soon.

Football (Soccer) trials for Orange Representative teams take place on Saturday 12th of February at Bernie Stedman Field (Jack Brabham Park) for both Boys and Girls. Please contact Mr Chris Doyle for more information.

The 2022 OAGS Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 6th April. Please put this date on your calendar.

Mrs Dominique Hutchinson



Holiday Spanish Classes

During the summer holidays, Hayden Hyde and Adelaide Cole enjoyed some Spanish lessons with their Spanish tutor, Angelica.

Hyden Hyde

Why are you learning Spanish?

'I wanted to learn a new language and it is kind of cool.'

What did you learn in your Spanish class?

'I learnt about new things like numbers and letters. At the moment I am learning the months of the year, and the days of the week.'

Why are you learning a different language?

'I enjoy learning new words and what they mean.'

Should other people learn a new language?

'Yes. Then you can visit that country and talk fluently.'

Adelaide Cole

Why are you learning Spanish?

'When I was in Kindy I was told I should learn a new language because my brain is so good.'

What did you learn in your Spanish class?

'I learnt how to sing my ABCs in Spanish, and how to say hello and goodbye.'

Why are you learning Spanish?

'A family friend could speak Spanish.'

Should other people learn a new language?

'Yes, because it is fun to learn a new lanauaae.'



Music News

Welcome back to Music at OAGS for 2022. We are looking forward to a brighter year for music ensembles, music lessons and of course, the musical: Charlie & The Chocolate Factory.

Music Enrolment for Lessons and Ensembles

After the first full week of the year, many of our music tutors & students have had their first lessons. Some of our ensembles have had their first rehearsals as well. It has been great to welcome back so many music students from last year and to have added some who will be starting their musical journey in 2021.

It is not too late to enrol for lessons or an ensemble. Some tutors are full but there are places available for some instruments. See beginners' details below.

The one stop shop for enrolment for all musical activities is the [Music Enrolment Form](#) on the school website. Whether you want to join a beginner group, take individual tuition or play in one of our many ensembles, this is the form.

Ensemble Timetable

Woodwind Ensemble	Tuesday - Before School
Beginner Band	Tuesday - Before School
Senior Rock Band	Tuesday - Morning Break
String Ensemble	Tuesday - After School
Senior Concert Band	Wednesday - Before School
Primary Concert Band	Thursday - Before School
Junior Rock Band	Thursday - Morning Break
Brass Ensemble	Friday - Morning Break
Supertonic (S2 Choir)	Monday - Morning Break
Mediant (S3 Choir)	Tuesday - Morning Break
Senior Vocal Ensemble	Friday - Morning Break



Beginner Band & Beginner Strings Programme

After being hit pretty hard by the COVID-19 interruptions over the last two years we are keen to rebuild the music programmes at OAGS. The benefits of music to a child's learning across all disciplines is well documented. Have you considered involving your child in music?

The following video has some interesting scientifically demonstrated facts about how music can benefit many aspects of learning beyond music. [Anita Collins - How playing an instrument benefits your brain](#)

There are still spots available in both the [Beginner Strings](#) (Years 1,2 & 3) and [Beginner Band](#) (Years 3,4,5 & 6) Programmes for 2022. We are particularly looking for flute, clarinet and trumpet players

This is a great opportunity to gain entry into a music programme at a very **affordable price**, instrument hire, tuition and music are all included for **just \$50 per term** (charged to your school account at \$100 per semester)*.

*Please note that this is only for students who have not previously participated in a Beginner Programme at OAGS.



There are also opportunities for high school aged students who would like to start on an instrument. It is never too late. Please contact Mr Annett if this is something you might be interested in.

New Band Instruments

The sound of the band will be even better this year with some new instruments being added to the list of available hire instruments.

We have our first french horn, some new saxophones and for the percussionists, symphonic crash cymbals.



Classroom Music

Music in the classroom has been bolstered with the addition of more keyboards, headphones and stands that will allow all students in Years 7 & 8 to have one instrument each for practical lessons this year. In other classroom news we are excited to have the Music 1 HSC course running for Years 11 and 12 this year.

Contact

Please contact Mr Annett (noel.annett@oags.nsw.edu.au) with any of your music related queries.



My name is Hallie Ellice and I am a Year 7 student here at OAGS, I'm raising money to help relieve the financial burden from families that have a child being treated for a cancer diagnosis.

I am cutting my hair to fundraise to help sick kids throughout Australia. Not only will my lovely locks be used to make a wig, your donations to the cause that means so much to me, will allow Kids with Cancer Foundation to continue with their financial support of families that have a child suffering cancer.

Please donate to my fundraiser, and share with your family and friends, together we can all make a difference. The link to my fundraising page is... <https://fundraise.kidswithcancer.org.au/fundraisers/hallieellice/wigs-4-kids>



My Hair Cutting event will be held at Orange Anglican Grammar School on Wednesday 23rd February, 2022. Thank you to Mr Macleay who is helping me make a difference for kids with Cancer.

TAKING APPLICATIONS!

**WE'RE
LOOKING
FOR...**



**A CANTEEN ASSISTANT
& VOLUNTEERS**

CANTEEN ASSISTANT IS A PAID POSITION,
SUITABLE FOR A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT
WHO IS LOOKING FOR CASUAL PAID WORK
WITHIN SCHOOL HOURS

We also welcome Volunteers who would like to
come and help in our busy canteen!

APPLICATIONS CAN BE EMAILED TO
CANTEEN@OAGS.NSW.EDU.AU



**Information Night
1st March 5:30pm**

**Auditions
Week 8**

More information to come





NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2022 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered catch-up vaccination for any missed doses, including:

- during Year 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 11(for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) for consent signed in 2021
- during Year 9 or Year 12 to students in Years 9 and 12 (who were in Years 7 and 10 respectively in 2020) who missed vaccination during 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 disruptions. PHUs will minimise school disruptions by offering extended catch-up vaccination during routine Year 7 and 10 clinics.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

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Local Health Districts

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Are you really going to ask that?

WITH Jacob Young and Jason French, Indigenous Australians

Free event

Friday 25 February 6:30pm start

CWA Hall Robertson Park

Indigenous food provided

Jacob Young and Jason French will be answering selected questions already submitted by the community.

Learn about someone whose life is very different to yours. Hear their stories, see through the stereotypes and gain a new perspective on the diverse experiences of the people who make up our community.

This is a COVID safe, free community ticketed event. Scan the QR code to book through [Eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

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