

ISSUE 3

Term 1, Week 7

2022

OAGS News

It's a date...

Tuesday 15 March

Year 12 explore CSU Bathurst Day
HSC Advanced English Excursion
Round 1 Country Schools Chess

15 & 18 March

OAGS Musical Auditions

Friday 18 March

Blayney Show Junior Judging

Monday 21 March

Kindergarten Home Readers Info
Session

Wednesday 23 March

Stage 4 LEAP da Vinci Decathlon

Thursday 24 March

Stage 5 LEAP da Vinci Decathlon

Friday 8 April

OAGS Easter Fair



Securing Success...

From the Headmaster...

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to open the school for prospective families for a Twilight Tour to be held on Wednesday 30 March at 6pm. This is the opportunity to welcome new students and their families to come and see our facilities, whether they are joining Prep at the age of 4, or considering a move from another school in Primary or Secondary. We have been so blessed with continued growth over the past two years, with waitlists for many year groups. Now is the time to encourage friends and family to take the opportunity to secure their place for the coming years. Interested families can book their place for the [Twilight Tour here](#).



The Year 11 Commencement Dinner

On the night of Thursday 3 March 2022, OAGS celebrated our Year 11 class of 2022 at the Commencement Dinner. This annual tradition offers an opportunity to celebrate the Year 11 students as they embark on their Senior Secondary journey towards their HSC and Graduation.

Adelaide Webster (Alumni Year 12, 2021 ATAR 92.9) was flown in from Sydney as guest speaker. Adelaide was relevant, engaging and proved to be an outstanding motivating speaker. She was a testament to the quality of our students having attended OAGS since the age of 4 years old. Cafe Latte Orange catered to the event and provided an amazing alfresco experience.



One of the aspects I am eager to share with our community is the capital works program that continues to progress at OAGS in 2022. Term 1 Day 1 saw our OAGS Prep Precinct open to new students for the first time since our Administration team moved into their new building. The Prep facility is fully operational with some final touches still underway this term and over the holidays; new play equipment, signage and external improvements.



Driving past the back of our school on the Northern Distributor it is hard to miss the Agricultural Centre of Excellence building going up. Our ACE program continues to thrive and grow, with the students busily preparing to attend the Sydney Royal Easter Show in the fast approaching school holidays. This purpose built facility will provide a dedicated space for the many students who are passionate about Agriculture and innovation in that 'field'. It is hoped that the ACE Facility will be ready early Term 2, weather permitting.



Rev Louis Stringer
Headmaster



Speed to Burn!

Two of Orange Anglican Grammar School's most talented athletes have out done themselves qualifying for the Australian Athletics Championships. Jocelyn Blair and Keegan Willis both proved they are worthy to compete following their recent performances at the New South Wales Junior Athletics Championships held at Homebush last weekend.

Jocelyn's events were in the track and field events, competing in the 100m, 200m and the High Jump. Keegan stuck to the track and competed in the 100m, 200m and the 110m Hurdles. A strong performance in their heats earned them a place in the final.





Jocelyn qualified for the 200m final and finished 4th, her best 200m time was in her heat finishing the race in 26.91 seconds. Her High Jump result was 1.45m. Jocelyn saved her best for the glory event, the 100m, the hill sprints and brutal training paid off when she recorded a time of 13.03, a Personal Best and a Bronze medal for 3rd place qualifying for the Nationals. Keegan's results were just as impressive. He finished 14th in the 100m with a time of 12.20. The consistency continued in the 200m 24.41 and he finished 4th in the 110m Hurdles, an outstanding effort to progress through to the next competition.



Both of these students were humble in their success and excited about what the future holds. The competition that they were up against over the weekend was of an exceptionally high level. The proud OAGS community wish you all the best and are looking forward to your performance at Nationals.

Chris Doyle
PDHPE & CAFS Teacher



SPORT @ OAGS

students were selected to represent the school and see if they could progress onto the next level of representation. With coaching from Mr Peter Reid, many students took up the chance to prepare for the meet by attending before school swim practice held at the Orange Aquatic Centre. This extra time in the water meant many of our swimmers were prepared and focused for the task at hand. We have 10 students eligible to represent the school at ACIES Championships being held on Monday 28th March. Congratulations to; Rose Baldwin, Ashleigh Squire, Jack Thompson, Lachlan Thompson, Nate Lee, Oliver Thompson, Hallie Ellice, Rohan Mittal, Keegan Willis and Thomas Horan.

Term 1 is all about Swimming at OAGS. In the last week we have had over 50 students eligible to represent our school at either WAS Championships or HICES Championships. With a growing number of athletes in swimming, we are definitely making waves in the pool.

The Secondary Swim Team headed off to Kinross last Friday to compete in the WAS Swim Championships. 25



On Sunday afternoon the majority of the Primary Swim Team headed off to Sydney to OAGS at the HICES Swim Championships being held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Unfortunately, due to the significant amount of rain that fell last week some of the road over the Blue Mountains collapsed causing hour long delays. After a 6.5 hr wait and only progressing as far as Hartley the bus transporting the majority of the Swim Team was turned around. The students on board the bus handled the delay exceptionally well and should be commended for their resilience. While the majority of the team couldn't make the meet, 5 students were still able to attend and represent the school. Congratulations to Samuel Butt, Liam Postma, Emily Meiring, Adeline Wilson and Jessica McGreal. By all accounts they had a great day challenging themselves against some excellent swimmers in the HICES association.

Nominations for Winter sports have now closed and the Sports Coordinators are busy creating teams and player lists and will have information out to players shortly. In the meantime, families are encouraged to purchase their winter uniforms from <https://www.oags.tmasupply.com.au/> . If you are after a netball dress we do have a number of dresses in stock at school, please contact Reynee Ward if you would like to purchase one directly from us. It should also be noted that the co curricular uniform is only to be worn for co curricular sport and not to school.

On Wednesday 6th April the OAGS Athletics Carnival will be held on Trinity Oval. Please mark this one in your diary!

Dominique Hutchinson
Head of K-12 Sport

Soccer Registrations

A quick reminder to the parents of students interested in playing soccer for OAGS and also the parents and students who are interested in being a coach/manager/referee. Thank you to those who completed the online google form, you now need to complete the online registration at <https://www.playfootball.com.au/>

Registration closes on 13th March. This has changed from previous years and it will be first in best dressed. The reason behind this is players need to register, teams need to be formed, coaches/managers assigned and finally teams entered to allow the draw to be completed by the ODFA in time for the competition.

Chris Doyle
Soccer Coordinator

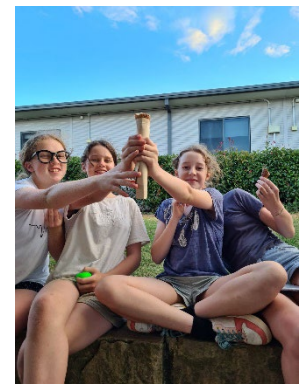
Big Night In

Take a bunch of teenagers, an empty school and a Saturday night and you're on a winner to a fun event. Our first ever Big Night In, hosted by our Cru Christian group, was a great success. We had lots of games (including the all important chocolate game), some free time to relax and a relaxed dinner. The night ended with a fast paced game under the Chestnuts in the gathering dark. During the evening we also heard a talk about how, in a world of pain, frustration and fear, Jesus is exactly who we need.



Keep an eye out next term for *Big Night In: Depths of Winter*. Cru meets every Wednesday lunch time in C8 and is open to everyone in high school who wants to get to know Jesus better.

David Whittingham
Chaplaincy Coordinator



CHES

Students are slowly getting back into the routine of coming along on Thursdays at morning break to play friendly games and improve their skills. It was necessary to change the Rooms to C4 and C5 so we could have 2 rooms together. This was due to larger numbers, being able to separate Primary and Secondary and to make supervision easier.

2022 NSW Secondary Schools Country Championships (Western Region) Knockout Competition. The draw for Round 1 has arrived (we are matched against Orange HS) as we commence our campaign to retain the 2021 Premiership. This year there are 15 schools in the draw which is 5 more than previous years.

MAster Class. We are investigating the possibility of introducing a Master Class for selected players (High School and Stage 3) to better prepare them for competition. More details in the next Newsletter.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator

ACE News - Stage 5 Agriculture Excursion

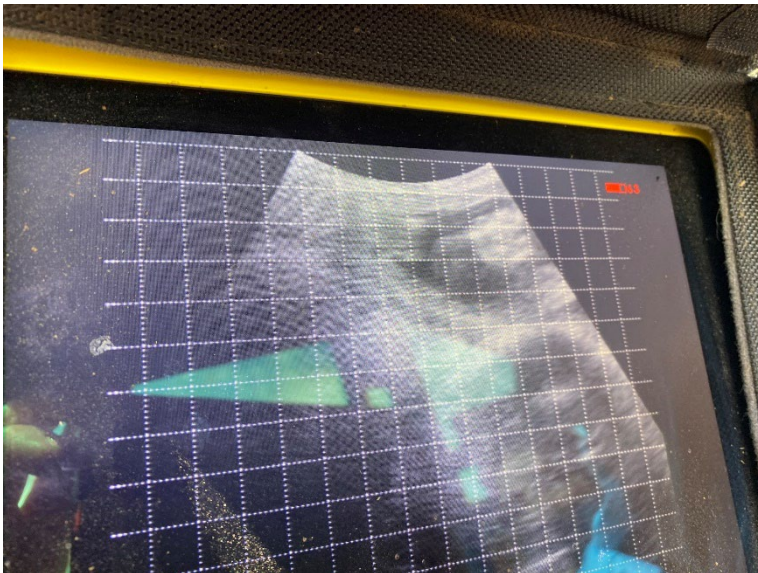
The Stage 5 Agriculture class travelled to Nashdale this week to observe ultrasound pregnancy testing on cattle and learn how to determine Body Condition Score and its impact on the management of pregnant cows and heifers.

Hosted by Mr Ian Hazelton and demonstrated by Ms Sarah Hall of Central West Beef Services the students were able to watch a number of cows being scanned at a range of weeks gestation. One of the heifers was in calf with twins, and this will need to be closely monitored by the class in future lessons as the ultrasound picked up that one twin isn't growing and was likely to be reabsorbed by the mother resulting in only one calf being born.

Why is this a problem? Well, in cattle, unlike other species, the blood of the unborn calves mixes and when mixed sex twins occur this usually results in a condition known as freemartinism. In this condition, the female born is sterile, and while it appears normal, the animal is unable to reproduce.

So if the twin that is not growing was a bull and the calf that is still growing normally is a female, the female calf will be sterile. If scanning did not take place, the farmer would have a calf that didn't go in calf but not realise why this had happened.

Scanning by ultrasound also allows a calving date to be predicted which means the farmer can be very vigilant about checking a particular female when she is due to calve.



The students learned how to assess cows for Body Condition Score in order to determine which animals were too fat for their reproductive status and needed to have a restricted ration, and which were underweight and needed moving to better feed. Overfat animals frequently have issues calving and underweight animals struggle to feed their calves to the best of their ability.

Stage 5 would like to thank Ms Hall for her time and patience, Mr Hazelton for hosting us and Mrs Donnelly for driving a second vehicle so everyone could attend. Ms Hall also gave all of the students a truckers cap from Central West Beef Services.

The class is looking forward to many future field visits to observe commercial agricultural properties around our region.

Agriculture Livestock Training

The OAGS livestock training teams are in full swing with cattle, alpaca, poultry and sheep teams being prepared for the Royal Easter Show and our local shows. Every Monday afternoon, students gather at the ACE facility to work with the animals to learn new skills and develop their confidence as a team. Our budding Primary School poultry team work every Tuesday and Thursday with Mrs Donnelly to learn how to show our beautiful chickens. This week our gorgeous Standard Australorp hens arrived and they certainly look very classy. The school also has a trio of show Spangled Hamburgs in addition to meat birds and commercial layers that will be exhibited at the Royal Easter Show in April.

To get our alpacas used to new environments, Ms Sackey and the team took a stroll around the school, where we discovered that one of our alpacas was very very impressed by the good looking fellow he saw in the window!



Prep Students Adventure to the Orange Regional Art Gallery

Recently, Prep students had their first excursion for 2022. All three groups visited the Orange Regional Art Gallery exploring how different people can use a variety of materials to express an idea. Prep Piccolo's were amazed by the range of mobile's created by Jaq Davies, particularly the rotating cylinder that had been created from a piece of fencing, a fan, horse hair and a light. The Prep Pipa's also enjoyed the interactive sculptures made from recycled objects and natural materials. Prep Piagu, were intrigued by the drawing, painting and collage created from found objects. On return to school, everyone reflected on their experience and created artworks for the classroom.

All groups loved thinking about the different communities we are part of as they observed the artwork called 'Love thy Neighbour' that captured all the sporting teams local to Orange. Everyone finished their visit to the Art Gallery, by creating their own artwork, representing something important to them from their own home.

Another highlight of the excursion was the bus trip as many of the students had never been on a bus before. It was very exciting.

We are so proud of the children's behaviour when we were out and about. We can't wait to take them out again.





New Student Pizza Lunch

This year Orange Grammar has once again welcomed a large number of students to the school community. One of the ways we recognise and welcome these students is at a whole school pizza lunch. On Tuesday 1st of March new students from year 1 to year 12 enjoyed mingling together in the Media Centre whilst they shared some pizza (actually lots of pizza - 27 boxes). In between mouthfuls of pizza, students were welcomed to the school by the Headmaster and they also got to know members of the Pastoral Care leadership team as well as each other. It was great to see so many smiling faces on the day and to hear how students are settling so well into the new school year. We look forward to getting to know these students better as they settle into life at OAGS. It's great to have you!



Year 12 University Showcase

One of the many ways we assist our year 12 students to navigate their way to an appropriate tertiary institution is through the University Showcase. As a school in the Central West we are blessed to have Charles Sturt University at our door but it is also our location that provides some challenges for students to explore other university opportunities further away. On Wednesday 2nd of March, Charles Sturt University, the University of Newcastle, Southern Cross University and the University of New England all visited our school.



Presenters from each of the universities spoke to students about: The role of the University Admissions Centre, the application process, and alternative pathways into their preferred course were discussed. Scholarship opportunities and different ways of managing the costs of tertiary study were also considered too. At the end of the presentation it was encouraging to see many of our students take the opportunity to speak one to one with the representatives from each of the universities present. We look forward to assisting our students to navigate to the next step in their career path.



Year 9 and 10 Batyr Mental Health Seminar

On Thursday 3rd of March, Year 9 and 10 students participated in a Batyr Mental Health Seminar. Batyr aims to engage, educate and empower young people to have positive conversations about mental health and that is certainly what they did. With lively and experienced communicators a team of 3 presenters spoke about how young people can care for their mental health as well as support peers on their journey too. In a safe but impactful manner one of the speakers shared her own personal story of mental health. Whilst not hiding from the challenges they experienced, her message also identified the people, programs and support structures that have enabled her to now successfully manage her own wellbeing.

We are so grateful to have had the opportunity for our students to reflect on this important aspect of their health. Thank you to the Orange Black Tie Scrum Committee who supported this event and helped make this great learning opportunity possible.



Tim Brown
Director of Secondary School

CADETS - 252 ACU

T1 Biv (4-6Mar) – This was a significant occasion as it was the first offsite Biv we have been able to hold due to covid suspensions since 2020 at Grenfell. Last Friday 29 cadets plus 5 staff set off for the Marrangaroo Army Camp (Lithgow) for our combined Bivouac with 220 ACU. It was not the most favourable weather forecast but the rain stayed away till Saturday night allowing some of us (yes me included) to get some colour on our faces (not wearing sunscreen). The campsite Hutchies were quickly setup as light faded on Friday night so cadets could quickly get into cooking and eating their Ration pack meal...amid much discussion on whether the Buttered chicken, Beef casserole, Chunky chicken & vegetables or Spaghetti Bolognese was the choice of preference.



This bivouac allowed us the opportunity for many practical activities and revision based on previous theory lessons from Monday training which included where and how to set up campsites, radio procedure, navigation, judging distance, camouflage, concealment and observation. Module 2 field assessments of the cadet rank members were also completed. The rain stayed away till nightfall so flexible planning allowed some indoor activities and games instead.

Tug of War on Sunday using an "expired" rope from a navy destroyer proved very popular along with other activities prior to pack up and cleaning the area. Upon return to Orange buses were unpacked then unit stores were dried under the Hangar before packing them away in the containers and store. The group debrief allowed many learning points to be reinforced and points for improvement to be discussed.

We owe our thanks to the Lithgow unit sharing their facilities and the willingness of their staff to assist. 252ACU is also indebted to our adult staff - LT (AAC) Russell Player, 2LT (AAC) Michael Linde, Mr Sam Chan plus our newly appointed TOOCs (Trainee Officers of Cadets) Peter Reid, Brant Waterson, Linda McGoldrick and Peter McGoldrick for their attendance over the weekend to provide the supervision necessary for us to be approved to undertake outdoor activities of this type.

Recruiting - Now Closed – not accepting new recruits until Term 3. We have well over 40 enthusiastic recruits attending each Monday and enjoying the sausage BBQ dinner which is being cooked by Aaron Wright and his chef Lachlan from Caffè Latte.

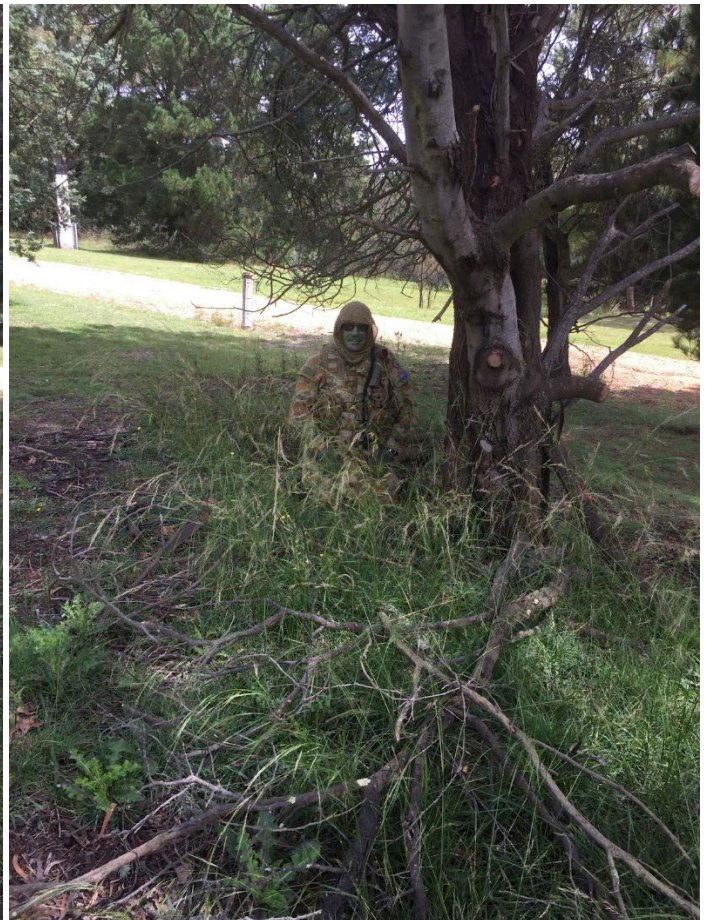
Important Dates

2-3 April Recruit Induction weekend (overnight onsite). More details in separate Note shortly.
25 April Anzac Day – 252 will march as a unit in the Orange City March and attend the service in Robertson Park – details in coming weeks

CAPT (AAC) Terry Nye Officer Commanding 252 ACU



Perfect camouflage - Is there really a person hidden in the photo?

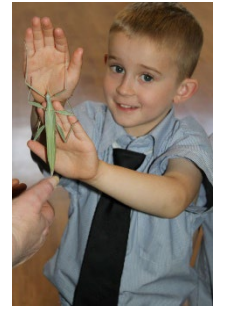


OR - Now you see him...now you don't



A Bug's Life!

On Tuesday the 1st of March Kindergarten and Prep were privileged to take part in an incredible incursion by Travelbugs Mobile Mini-Beasts with Jacqui Love. This was part of our integrated unit where we are learning about living things. It was incredible to learn about the habitat, life-cycle, and physical features of different invertebrates, also referred to as Mini-Beasts. Jacqui was very knowledgeable and had a great array of animals for us to learn about both alive and preserved. The live mini-beasts featured included a selection of large and colourful stick insects, beetles, preying mantis, spiders, scorpions, centipedes, millipedes and more. Jacqui is very passionate about what she does and is more than willing to answer any questions about keeping a minibeast as a pet and there is a lot of information that can be found on [her website](#) as well as contact details. A real highlight of the incursion was holding a millipede and a variety of stick insects!



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YOU!**



**UNDER 9'S & UNDER 15'S
NETBALL PLAYERS
NEEDED**

If you are interested in playing for the 2022 Winter Season, please contact sport@oags.nsw.edu.au for registration details

OAGS SOCCER CLUB

LAST CHANCE



**OAGS SOCCER
HAVE YOU REGISTERED
WITH PLAY FOOTBALL**

Email has been sent out to Players that nominated
Registrations close **SUNDAY 13th March!**



COACHING 2022 WINTER SPORTS

Netball - Soccer - Basketball - Hockey

We know that we have a number of talented parents and community members at OAGS who have sporting skills we would love to tap into.

Currently we are seeking coaches & managers for our Winter Sport Season.

Please email dominique.hutchinson@oags.nsw.edu.au with any questions, or if you or someone you know would be interested.



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Email president@orangeaquaticclub.com.au for further information.



**Auditions
Tuesday 15th & Friday 18th**

**See Mr Palmer for more
information**

Do you know a Young Carer?



Young Carers are under 25, and look after a family member who has a medical condition, a disability or a mental health condition.

Young Carers can get support through the Young Carers Support Program.

Supports include:

- Camps
- Social Activities
- Help with Educational Resources
- After School Activities
- Counselling

The Young Carer Program is FREE to access.

If you are a young carer yourself, or you know a young carer, call 1800 422 737 for further information or to register.



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11-14th April

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KID ZONE

Come and discover ancient treasures as we unearth the story of Joseph as told in the Bible.

Kidzone is a Holiday Club for kids in Kindergarten to Year 6

Location: Orange Evangelical Church [2 Cottonwood Way, Orange]

Date: Monday 11th of April to Thursday 14th of April, 2022

Time: 9am to 3pm

Cost: \$8 per child per day, OR \$30 per child for the whole 4 days.

Scan the QR code to register.

CRAFT - DRAMA - GAMES - SINGING

(Morning tea will be provided but kids must bring their own lunch)

For more information, please contact Kerryn on
0408724801

Registrations close 4th of April

