

ISSUE 9

Term 2, Week 8

2022

# OAGS News

## It's a date...

Tuesday 21 June

Prep/Kindergarten 'The Story Lady'

Wednesday 22 June

Bell Shakespeare Drama Workshop

CAPA Electives Showcase

Thursday 23 June

Year 12 St Paul's College and Sydney

University visit

Olympic Athlete Visit

OAGS P&F Clothing Shop open

Saturday 25 June

NSW Interschools Mountain Bike

Wednesday 29 June

HSC PDHPE Enrichment Day

Thursday 30 June

Whole School Disco

Friday 1 July

Year 12 D&T Workshop

Last day of Term 2

1 – 3 July

Christmas Carnival of Colour Alpaca Show

Monday 18 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19 July

First day for students, Term 3



*Securing Success...*

## From the Headmaster...

### Securing Success, One Step at a Time

Sam Faraway, Minister for Transport, came to visit Orange Anglican Grammar School and meet with me the morning of 31 May 2022. Mr Faraway and I share a common vision of growth and prosperity for Regional NSW. As we toured the classrooms and playing fields he was impressed with the growth of our school and the quality of our facilities and school community.



For the safety of our children and convenience of our wider community, early infrastructure developments need to be put in place to facilitate and promote long term and sustainable growth in and around our thriving city of Orange. As housing developments continue to increase the population to the North of our city, we can see the positive response from Orange City Council in the pedestrianisation of Molong Road and careful consideration made towards the safety in accessing Schools in the recent government initiative of \$40.8

million dollars to improve road safety at regional NSW schools under Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon Barnaby Joyce, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development.

All being well, this year will see the completion of the safe pedestrianisation of the western side of Molong Road up to our front gates on Murphy Lane, providing our school students and community users safe passage to our school, surrounding residential areas and the commercial enterprise of The Agrestic Grocer and Café. This will be a significant 'step' forward for our school community who currently have no pedestrian or cycle access to the front gates.

**Pedestrian access currently on its way along the western side of Molong Road and up to the gates**



This type of access will reduce school traffic congestion and promote a healthy start to the school day. Whilst many students currently travel by bus or car, future project completion this year will see many of our students choosing to walk or cycle to school instead. Mr Faraway was also keen to further consider safe passage across the Northern Distributor intersection between the new child care facility and the rural fire station on Molong Road.

Mr Farraway's personal visit and response on behalf of the government initiative and our local council putting plans in to concrete action, are encouraging signs of community and authorities working together with foresight in unity to provide for the growing needs of Orange and our School.

It is great sadness that we announce that Mrs Sally Drury will be leaving OAGS at the end of this term, moving to Port Macquarie. We have been so fortunate to have Mrs Drury with us since 2018, commencing as our Early Learning Coordinator and developing our incredible and thriving Prep and Kindergarten programs. Mrs Drury will be missed, and we wish her well as she moves to the coast for new challenges, with the sea breeze.



Some of our much loved school students are beginning to consider what life looks like as they step outside of School and finish Year 12. I'd like to congratulate the following students in achieving early entry into their university and studies of choice. I understand that there are more to come, but these students have been selected and accepted in the first rounds of application and provide us all with a sense of achievement and purpose. Well done! There is still much work to be done with Trial and HSC examinations on the horizon and the last of the assessment tasks to be completed. Year 12, we wish you well and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the weeks and months ahead.

**Brynn Player**

received an offer for a Bachelor of Nursing at CSU



**Amelia Wirth**

received an offer for a Bachelor of Radiography at CSU



**Charli Hobbs**

received an offer for a Bachelor of Pharmacy at CSU



**Lily Martin**

received an offer for a Bachelor of Health and Medical Science at CSU



**Bayden Willis**

received an offer for a Bachelor of Exercise Science at CSU



**Rev Louis Stringer**  
Headmaster

**Deputy Covid report**

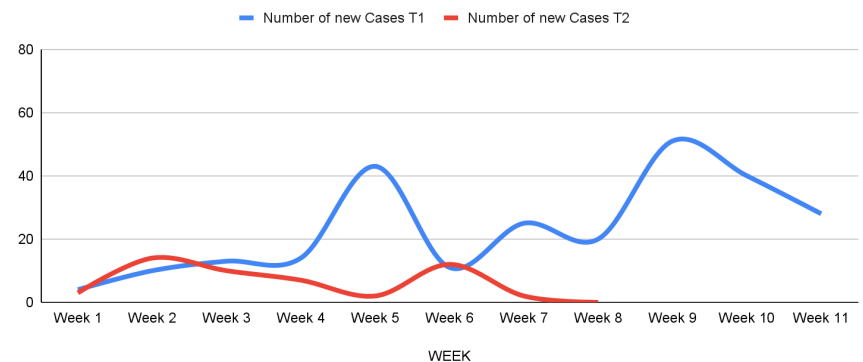
Thank you for your ongoing support with managing COVID in our community. All families and staff are reminded that *it is critical that all positive cases are recorded in a timely fashion by using [this form](#).*

The most recent updates to COVID guidelines for schools state that communication regarding COVID cases should be communicated to families as is most appropriate to the situation. Please see the school snapshot that depicts the current infection situation at OAGS in a graphical form. If particular student groups experience

an infection rate that is significantly higher than the school as a whole, affected families will receive additional information that is relevant to them. I trust you find this information a useful tool to help give you insight this term.

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

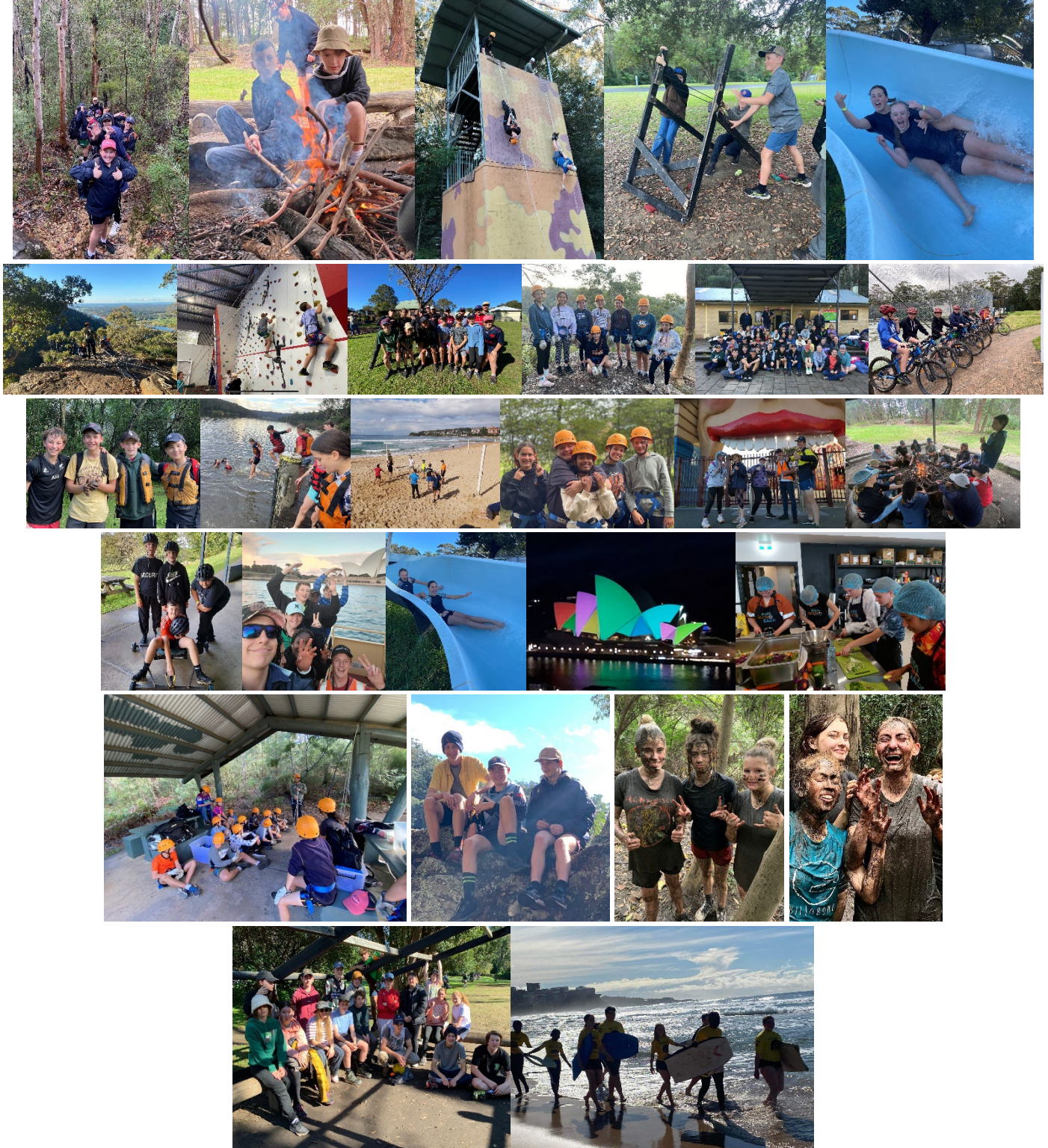
Number of weekly new COVID cases



## Secondary School News

A few weeks ago whilst our Year 11 and 12 students focused their attention on the Half Yearly Examinations, their younger peers rolled off to school camp in the Blue Mountains, Shoalhaven, the Colo River and Sydney. This marked a new chapter in the Year 7 to 10 camps program with each year group enjoying a differentiated camp schedule at different venues and with different emphasis. Rather than talk about what happened during that week I thought it would be more fun to let the photo collage below do all the talking. Congratulations to one and all on a fantastic time away.

**Mr Tim Brown**  
Director of Secondary



## Early Learning Team News - Supporting student learning

Partnering with families is key to promoting parental involvement and student success at school. Some of the ways we work in partnership are through regular communication and sharing information, for example, our Class Dojo App and the school newsletter. Research has shown that children whose parents are involved in school often perform better at school, feel valued and important because their parents are taking an interest in their lives, develop positive social skills by watching parents and school staff interact respectfully and have better social, physical and emotional wellbeing. To support this further, Kindergarten and Prep will be hosting our regular open classroom in week 10, the last week of term. Days and times will be shared with you through your child's Class Dojo. Your child and their teacher look forward to sharing with you the learning they have been doing this term.



As well as working in partnerships with families, other ways to support student learning is to make connections between learning and the outside world and applying their learning to real world problems. Kindergarten students are currently applying the design process to solve real world problems in English and Science. Last week, Prep students visited the Orange Regional Art Gallery and made connections between their learning about creative expression and themselves as artists and Liam Benson's: hello, good to meet you and Steve Lopes: Encountered exhibitions. At the end of the visit the students got to create their own artworks and reflect on their understanding of themselves as artists. Next week, Kindergarten and Prep are having the Story Lady visit to share with us how oral storytelling is another way we can all be creative, and Prep Piccolo will be connecting with the International School of Fiji to share their learning about creative expression and hear how they have been exploring the big idea of being part of their community.



These are some simple examples of how we support, enrich and apply student learning at OAGS. There are many ways we can work together to ensure our children engage in learning everyday.

On a different note, I would like to thank the OAGS school community for their support over the past four years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to be part of such a professional and proactive learning community, to have the pleasure of teaching some of your children, and being part of such a wonderful Early Learning Team. I will be leaving OAGS at the end of the Term and taking on a new role in Port Macquarie. I wish everyone all the best and thank everyone for all the support you have given me and the team.

Kind regards

**Mrs Drury**  
**Early Learning Coordinator**



## Country Women's Association Public Speaking Competition

On May 23 ~ 26, finalists from Years 3 ~ 6 represented Orange Anglican Grammar School at the annual Country Women's Association Public Speaking Competition.

Having prepared engaging speeches that covered a variety of topics, all students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 presented to their class / Stage in the previous weeks and battled it out for the overall most engaging public speakers from each Grade. Topics that students chose from to base their speeches on included 'Funny Things Adults Say' and 'The Best Day of My Life', through to 'Forgiving' and 'Kindness'.



Whilst it was incredibly challenging for teachers to decide who the most engaging speaker was from each Grade, it was narrowed down to Jonah White (Year 3), Emma Lee (Year 4), Sophie Harris (Year 5) and Laura Garey (Year 6), who proceeded to represent us against finalists from other schools at the CWA venue at Robertson Park. Whilst the competition from other schools was particularly challenging, our students did their absolute best to wow their audience and keep them hooked for the entirety of their 2 minute speech. Congratulations!

### Paul Lipscomb



## The Alphabet of Awesome Science

On Monday 6th June, Stage 1 attended the performance of 'The Alphabet of Awesome Science.' In the space of 52 minutes, the students were introduced to 26 new words, 1 for each letter of the alphabet, and a science experiment to match. Some of the words included:

- Brumous - meaning foggy, wintry
- Corybantic - meaning wild, frenzied
- Gumfiate - meaning to puff up, cause to swell.
- Metagrobalise - meaning to puzzle, mystify, confound.
- Yepsen - meaning the amount that can be held with two hands placed together forming a bowl shape.

The rest of the words can be found at <https://www.alphabetscience.com/answers>. Some of the experiments included:

- Fire balls
- Smoke rings
- Emptying a bottle the fastest
- Filling a bag with air the fastest.
- Popping a balloon with water in it (or not).

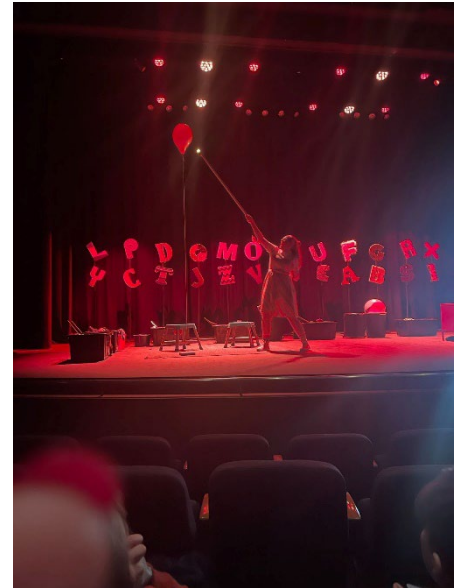
Each show is different, as the performers take the time, before the show begins, to have the audience select the order in which the letters of the alphabet will go.

It was a very exciting and engaging performance. The greatest difficulty we had was keeping the students in their seats as they were jumping out of them in excitement as they were sprayed with water, hit with cereal or attempting to catch smoke rings. It was a show we are sure the students will remember for a long time.



Mr Kyle Palmer

Stage 1 Coordinator



## Volunteers Needed

The Charlie and the Chocolate Factory team are in need of volunteers to assist with costumes, set and prop making, and set and prop painting. If you are willing and able to offer some time please complete [this form](#). High school students are also welcome to volunteer with parent's permission.

Mr Kyle Palmer  
Musical Producer



## **Our Amazing OAGS Equestrian Team at North West Equestrian Expo**

As OAGS grows we are able to offer our students the opportunity to represent the school in a wide range of sports. Last week when mere mortals were tucked up in bed, our Equestrian team competed in cold, wet and very very muddy conditions at Coonabarabran.

Three OAGS secondary students, Anna Pottie Year 12, Noah Lyons Year 9 and Zoe Seckold Year 7 competed in a wide range of events during the Expo wearing the very smart OAGS equestrian uniforms. With over 500 riders at the event, our riders managed to place in the top ten in many of their events which ranged from Showjumping to

dressage and even the famous Coono Pentathlon.

At her last ever Coona, Anna who competed in Combined Training (dressage and showjumping), sporting and dressage placed a very credible 5th in dressage

Zoe competed in One Day Event EVA 60 (dressage, showjumping and cross country), Show Jumping 80cm, Sporting, Team Barrels, Expo Gymkhana and Team Hunt. With absolutely horrendous conditions cross country, Zoe came up smiling through the mud to be placed 8th in the One Day Event

Noah really extended himself competing in One Day Event EVA 60 (dressage, showjumping and cross country), Show Jumping 95cm, Pentathlon (cross country running, javelin, Showjumping - top score and jump & weave sporting), Expo Gymkhana and Team Hunt gaining 8th in the One Day Event, 3rd in Expo Pleasure Hack and 3rd in mount suitable for Expo. Given that by the higher showjumping rounds riders were battling to stay upright in the greasy mud, Noah did exceptionally well riding clear safe rounds on his horse Merlin.

Our students showed exceptional team spirit and personal strength in difficult muddy, slippery conditions with everyone pitching in and showing great camaraderie. It was fabulous to see our students supported by the Sheahan team with a great showing of local spirit by riders who are all friends in the broader Central West equestrian community.



As our equestrian team continues to grow, there will be opportunities not just for our secondary students to represent our school, but also our Primary school riders. This is just another part of the exciting growth of the OAGS community, and with some great local talent in our student ranks, our equestrian team promises to be a very promising area of development.

A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied the team to Coonabarabran and especially to Mitchell and Tavia Lyons who took on the exhaustive role of Team Manager coordinating riders, stabling and even camping duties. The team would not have such an amazing experience without your behind the scenes work.





## Fantastic Futsal results with 3 OAGS teams off to State!

Orange Anglican Grammar School travelled to Bathurst indoor stadium to participate in the regional school Futsal competition. 4 teams were taken with boys and girls teams in the Under 18 and Under 16 age groups. Both senior teams and the Junior girls all qualified to play in the NSW Futsal competition held in Penrith Week 2 Term 3.

### Senior boys and girls....



The under 16 girls and boys OAGS teams had a very busy schedule throughout the day. The boys put up a strong effort despite being down 3 key players in Hayden Spedding, Ben Polley and Keegan Willis away due to sickness and clashes with Cross Country. The year 7 boys in this team were given the opportunity to play with the much older students. They had to step up and they did. Madwick Sme and William Whiteley defended well from the back whereas Angus Griffith and Connor Gillard were busy up front. Goalkeeper Sean Antonio was very active in goals and was a crowd favourite by the end of the day. Fellow year 10 players Tanatswa Matavire and Nate Lee attacked well resulting in a number of goals especially to Nate. All three Year 10 boys were scouted to the senior side who qualified for the Grand Final. The boys had two losses in the first 2 rounds with a tough start eventual grand finalists

Canobolas High and St Matthews Mudgee School. The team improved to have a 3:3 draw with MAGS-Red before winning against MAGS Blue 7:0.

The girls were undefeated throughout the carnival. The team was evenly balanced with four stage 4 students and four stage 5 students making up the team. Young Claudia Ryan was a standout stepping up to fill in for the senior boys who had no substitutes, her dogged attitude continued all the way to the grand final with the size of the opposition not bothering her challenging for the ball. Utah Middleton also helped out the Senior boys and was a very safe goalkeeper.



Utah was very vocal and helpful for the new students. Jacqueline Baines and Bec Kemp linked up well and set up the foundation for their team mates up front. Holly Lane found her feet alongside Izzy Turk both growing with confidence throughout the carnival. Paula CamargoRivera added a high level of skill to the team effortlessly winning the ball and positioning herself well in attack and defence. The goal scoring machine Holly Reed scored a massive 12 goals throughout the day and was the difference needed to get the 4:0 win in the Grand Final against Saint Matthews Mudgee. In the competition rounds the girls had wins against Saint Marys Wellington, both Mudgee High schools and a draw against the senior OAGS team.

All players represented the school well with good sportsmanship shown by all. An example of this was Holly Reed's honesty allowing the referee to change the decision of possession which immediately resulted in a goal. The integrity shown from players was worth more than winning. Players Player was earned by Sean Antonio in the Junior Boys, Holly Reed in the Junior Girls, for the Senior Boys it was Jacob Norcott and Olivia Hazelton Berry and Hannah Dewar tied for the senior girls. The Coaches awards went to Utah Middleton and Nate Lee in the Juniors and Milla Pollet and Brayden Richards in the Seniors. Mrs Jewell and myself are very proud of all the team's efforts.



**Amanda Jewell & Chris Doyle**  
Futsal Coaches

## Representative Sport

### Basketball

Jacob Hassan and Lachlan Wirth played in the U16 Orange Eagles Rep Team for the John Martin Tournament over the long weekend. A Valiant effort in the face of illness. The whole team went down with the flu, but they played on.



### Hockey

We recently had 6 students chosen to represent Orange in the Under 13s hockey teams. Lily Dwyer, Daisy Dwyer and Hallie Ellice were selected in the Girls team, and Nick Irwin, James Butt and Greg Finlay are representing the Under 13 Boys. Their respective teams recently competed at the Western Conference in Parkes, an early hit up in preparation for the Under 13 State Championships to be held in Bathurst in the school holidays. Good luck and play hard!

We love to hear the news of our students achieving in community sport. Please email [sport@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sport@oags.nsw.edu.au) with any special news you would like to share.

Orange Anglican Grammar School Presents



2nd & 3rd September 2022

Orange Civic Theatre

Tickets on sale from the 1st of August 2022

OAGS CAPA ACADEMY  
JUNE 28 6:30PM

# WINTER CONCERT

IN THE MEDIA CENTRE

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY :**

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

**FREE ENTRY**



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

You are invited to

# Primary Chapel

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

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

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

# P&F Clothing Shop

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

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



PARENTS & FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION



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.



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## Live Life Well @ School

### TIPS TO HELP REDUCE SCREEN TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Establish rules and routines**  
Start by encouraging no screens at meal times or in the bedroom.
- Break up and limit screen time**  
Try setting a timer for 20-30 minutes (give a 5 minute warning before time is up).
- Work towards screen-free days**  
Start by replacing just half an hour of screen time with activities you can do as a family.
- Break the habit out of the home**  
When going out, consider taking toys and books instead of screens.
- Be a role model**  
Demonstrating positive habits can influence the whole family's relationship to screens.

Adapted from NSW Health Healthy Living page. For more information, visit:  
<https://www.healthyliving.nsw.gov.au/Pages/screen-time.aspx>  
This resource was developed by the Western NSW Local Health District



NSW GOVERNMENT

headspace

Western NSW Local Health District invites all parents to join the webinar:

## VAPES AND YOUR CHILDREN

### FIND OUT WHY IT'S A BIG DEAL

- **Dr Lyndon Bauer | GP**  
Passionate about youth tobacco control  
Presenting on the risks of vaping
- **Taylor Ryan | headspace**  
Offering tips on safe communication with children

Register using QR code or link by 21st June  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wnsw\\_vapingwebinar](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wnsw_vapingwebinar)

Complete the post-webinar evaluation for a chance to receive 1 of 4 x \$150 petrol vouchers

**Wednesday 22nd June 7.30-8.30PM**

Email enquiries: [WNSWLHD-HealthPromotion@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WNSWLHD-HealthPromotion@health.nsw.gov.au)



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