**ISSUE 4** 

Term 1, Week 8

2021

# OAGS News





ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Securing Success...

#### It's a date...

22 - 26 March

Stage 3 Camp

Tuesday 23 March

**WAS Netball Trials** 

Tuesday 23 March

**Indigenous Art Excursion** 

Thursday 25 March

Wheelchair Sport Roadshow

Monday 29 March

**HSC Stress Less Presentation** 

29-30 March

**NSW All Schools Triathlon** 

Tuesday 30 March

Love Bites Presentation

Thursday 1 April

**OAGS Easter Fair** 

2-18 April

Term Break

7-8 April

Sydney Royal Easter Show Alpaca Schools Competition

19 April

Term 2 commences

Wednesday 21 April

**OAGS Cross Country Carnival** 

#### From the Deputy Headmaster...

I don't normally start a newsletter article with a focus on the staff, but this week I am compelled to do so. A week-long camp with close to 200 students aged 12-16 presents many opportunities for connection, laughter, adventure, memory making and community building. But with it comes challenge. I was able to visit the Somerset camp venue overnight on Tuesday and throughout most of Wednesday and I was struck by the enormous hours and the prolonged effort our high school teachers were putting in to ensure the camp was a success.





As I arrived late on Tuesday evening, I had driven through increasingly heavy rain. There, perched on the river flats were rows of tents with intermittent flash lights from within. The students were hunkered down for the night, hoping to stay dry (or get dry) and there, after an already 14 hour day, were two OAGS teachers helping to fix a tent in the steady rain. With a less than savoury forecast for the rest of the week, this would be a scene that would play out over and over again.

Indeed, on this occasion, that 14 hour day turned into a 19 hour one before those teachers settled into their own soggy tent knowing that a grey dawn was only hours away.

There is no overtime, there is no knock-off time, there is simply 'camp time'. To all the teachers who invested so much this week, I say thank you and well done. For every blister that was lanced, torch that was fixed, canoe that was emptied, hat that was salvaged, complaint that was heard, mattress that was inflated, swag that was dried, soggy sneakers that were aired, tears that were dried, laughter that was heard, km that was trudged, sleep that was interrupted, leech that was salted and sacrifice that was made and went unnoticed - I hope you enjoy a weekend of warm showers, hot meals and familiar beds. These students are so blessed to have you.



And what of the students of Orange Anglican Grammar School? By mid morning Wednesday the rain was setting back in. The year 10 group I was with were preparing lunch under a makeshift shelter in order to get their energy levels up before their 10km canoe trip down river to their new campsite. Our group guide came up to me and told me how in the previous week he had nearly quit. After spending only 1 night with a 'Sydney School' he had resolved to walk away from his job as a guide at the camp. He spoke to me of vile language and unsafe behaviour which meant he couldn't take that group abseiling or rock climbing as he couldn't be sure they would follow or respect his instructions. He then went on to say that since having the OAGS group he not only had 'the best job in the world' but that he had rarely seen a group of students so respectful, resourceful and reliable in what were increasingly trying conditions. These comments didn't surprise me in the slightest, in fact as he was speaking we were interrupted by two of our students insisting we get our lunch before they made theirs! To the students of OAGS, you stood tall this week and I am indelibly proud of you. Some of the memories you made in camp week 2021 will, I promise you, stay with you for life.



Back onsite I was thrilled to be a part of the Stage 3 High School experience week. As a science teacher myself I took 10 lessons with our eager year 5 and 6 students as we

tested both the breaking strain and thermal properties of alpaca wool. This was only part of a week long project based learning opportunity which included intensive sessions of Mathematics, Art, English, Ag, Tech and HSIE as students worked hard to not only research the Alpaca industry, but present their findings by Friday to an eager



audience of parents and fellow students. Well done to all our budding High School students, your work was of an outstanding quality this week.



Our eldest students in Yr 11 and 12 completed their half-yearly exam week (yr 12) and 'Securing Success' programme (yr 11). This week included expert sessions on essay writing skills, a CSU open day visit, compulsory HSC preparation sessions and some course work masterclasses. Well done to all our seniors and good luck to year 12 as you receive your marks and feedback from your first official examination period this year.

What a week. For those of you who are welcoming home a student from yr 7-10 camp I trust you enjoy the reunion with your children. It may well be a quiet evening, unless of course they slept the entire way home on the bus! May God bless you

this weekend and in the final two weeks of term as we lead up toward Easter.

# Mr Scott Hazelton Deputy Headmaster



#### Introducing Mr Peter Reid...

This Term we introduced Mr Peter Reid to the Secondary Teaching team. We asked Mr Reid to introduce himself to the OAGS community.

'I have extensive industry experience, having worked as an engineer in Railway Motive Power (Locomotive maintenance and manufacture) for both State Rail Authority and Clyde Engineering, the Building and Construction Industry, (as a project/site engineer on many sites across numerous organisations), such as CSR, AusTop, BORAL, Email/Electrolux, Elders IXL, design and systems engineer with BORAL Timber Division at Oberon and Tumbarumba and have also worked as an electrical and building contractor, cabinet maker and stringed instrument maker (Sophia's Strings). I possess a B. Eng.

Mech, a B.VET, an Assoc. Dip. of Electrical Engineering and am presently undertaking a M. Ed, as well as numerous Cert. III and Cert IV in the electrical/furnishing/electronics trades and Residential Building and Workplace Training and Assessment.

I have been teaching since 1993 having commenced with NSW TAFE as a trade and engineering teacher, before moving into schools in 1998 teaching Technical Drawing and Engineering Science. In a very varied career as an educator, in addition to the above, I have taught Industrial Technology - Furnishing and Metals and Engineering, Design and Technology, Junior and Senior Science, Junior and Senior mathematics to 5.3 and 2 unit level, Physics and Engineering Studies. For the past thirteen years I have been at MET School Orange, now known as One School Global - Orange. I also have extensive experience and a Rugby Union Referee and Coach, Swimming and Rowing and have formally been a Staff Cadet in the Australian Army Reserve. I am excited to be joining the staff at Orange Anglican Grammar School and look forward to meeting my new students and families.'



#### **Year 12 University Roadshow**

As students draw near to the end of their Secondary School education, it can be challenging for them to identify the 'best' post school opportunity. Study at university is one pathway that we want to expose our students to as they consider what vocation is right for them.

With this in mind, our Year 12 students attended a University Roadshow on Wednesday the 3rd of March. Presenters from a variety of institutions, including University of Newcastle, University of New England and Charles Sturt University spoke to students on

a variety of topics. The application process, role of the University Admissions Centre, and alternative pathways into the preferred course were discussed. Scholarship opportunities and different ways of managing the costs associated with tertiary study were also shared.

At the end of the presentation it was encouraging to see 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 as they decide what they will be doing in 2022 and beyond.



#### Mr Tim Brown Head of School Welfare and Wellbeing



#### **Oags Digital Thumbprint Visit**

In this digital age it is crucial that our students learn safe and protective behaviours when they are online. Stage 3 were involved in a very informative and interactive session in Week 6 that helped them to better understand the importance of this. We encourage you to chat more with your child about what they learned. To help you, two students have written this report to inform you of what they learned:

Last week Stage 3 enjoyed a visit from OPTUS who talked to us about something called a 'Digital Thumbprint'. They told us about a website to test how strong your password is. They gave us ways to create a strong password, like making a well known rhyme or song into passwords using numbers, capital letters, lower case letters, and symbols. We all tested our own

passwords and found some were strong and some were extremely weak.

We then learned about a girl called Alisha who was sharing information on a public social media account. We learned that sharing personal information in those kinds of places can be dangerous. We also learned about a boy called Jack who was playing Fortnite and shared personal information with someone he didn't know in real life but had got to know through the game. This was also very dangerous and we learned that we should never be 'friends' online with people you don't know in person.

We all thought the day was beneficial because we learned how to be safe online. We are online so much it is a really important thing to know.

# 20 Most common passwords: 1. 123456 2. 123456789 2. password1 3. qwerty 10. 12345 4. password 11. 1234567890 18. 123 5. 11111 12. 123123 19. mankey 10. 12345678 12. 12345678 13. 000000 14. ilaveyou 20. dragon

#### Report written by Holly Wilson and Benjamin Lee The Stage 3 Teachers



- The bright colours on stage Evelyn Gazi
- Just watching the show on stage Lilliana Kelly
- When they used a small and a big caterpillar Clancy Wilson
- The brown bear looked really cool Indigo Thompson
- The ducks Freddie Jones

The performance was full of light, sound, and action, ensuring that every student had an enjoyable and educational time. Kindergarten and Stage 1 are looking forward to their next performance.

#### Mr Kyle Palmer Stage 1 Teacher



On Tuesday the 2nd of March, Kindergarten and Stage 1 got onto a bus and went to the Orange Civic Theatre to watch a performance of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Based on the popular children's books by Eric Carle, the stories were brought to life with a menagerie of seventy-five colourful puppets. Jonathan Rockefella, director, kept the students engaged throughout the whole show, using a range of clever techniques. The students identified their favourite part as;

- Everything Emilia Hunter
- When the caterpillar turned into a fat caterpillar Nate Andreassen





#### Stage 1 Dinosaur Excursion

With the easing of restrictions, excursions out of Orange can now occur. On Friday the 5th of March, Stage 1 went to Bathurst to explore living and not-so-living things. In Science, Stage 1 has been looking at how paleontologists learn things about dinosaurs by comparing them to modern living animals. While in Bathurst, Stage 1 students visited the Bathurst Fossil and Mineral Museum, where they learnt more about dinosaurs, and how different minerals are used in everyday products. Students also had fun exploring Machattie Park through a 'living things' scavenger hunt. Students needed to find different living things in the park and draw an annotated diagram. While finding living things, they also had a number of photo

challenges. It was an enjoyable day for all, but the adults learnt very quickly to bring earplugs for the bus trip next time.

Some of the highlights for the students were:

- All of the crystals Hudson Thomas
- The fossils Louis Kingsley-Miller
- The activities in the park Angela Gleeson
- Seeing all the flying-foxes in the trees Hannah Wotton
- Seeing the big T-Rex Oscar Horstman Barbosa
- Seeing a big tiger tooth Yorke Watson
- The raptor bones Morne Olivier











#### **Early Learning**

In this newsletter, I thought I would explore why mathematical experiences that deepen your child's understanding of mathematical concepts are important. Mathematics encourages children to think creatively, critically and logically which helps them reason, solve problems and communicate their understanding of maths. Mathematics is all around us, in

our homes, in our community and in the wider world. We are regularly sharing with you the importance of reading with your child, equally important is having that same passion or

investment in exploring mathematics. Like in your child's learning to read journey, you are a significant partner in your child's mathematical journey. When you find ways to engage your child with thinking and talking about mathematics you are providing them an opportunity to experiment with and deepen their understanding of mathematics.



Having a positive attitude to mathematical concepts and making the most of real world experiences will enrich your child's understanding and love of mathematics.

In Transition and Kindergarten, students continually explore mathematical concepts. Currently Transition students are strengthening their number skills with one to one counting, this means that the

children point to each object as they count. This is an important skill to develop, as children are learning to count

groups of objects and represent numbers, if they don't touch or point to each object, they sometimes miss an object or count the same object multiple times. In Kindergarten, students have recently been exploring friends to 10. Having a strong understanding of friends to ten, gives students speed and accuracy with manipulating numbers to 10, which provides a strong foundation for working with both larger and smaller numbers in the future.







Beyond counting, sharing and making groups of everyday objects, you may like to try playing number I Spy. 'I spy something in this room that there are three of.' If you would like other ideas on how to engage your child with mathematics at home or in our community please don't hesitate to contact me <a href="mailto:sally.drury@oags.nsw.edu.au">sally.drury@oags.nsw.edu.au</a>

# Sally Drury Early Learning Coordinator

















#### Recruit Induction 6/7March.

Feedback from this activity (students and parents) has been extremely positive – who wouldn't like to camp overnight at school and let mum & dad

have a free night? We had 38 recruits attend plus 10 rank and 7 adults support the activity. The Recruits were issued their uniforms and gear, completed mandatory governance training, received lessons on campcraft plus setting up their own campsite before sleeping in hutchies or tents under the Chestnut trees. The highlight for many was the joy of eating ration packs (instant noodles, instant potato and the steak bars got the thumbs up) - supplemented by hot dogs for dinner plus egg and bacon sandwiches at breakfast. Roving sentries in small groups throughout the night was made more pleasant with hot milo and biscuits and a chance to learn and practice "army speak" over the radios plus see a command post in operation.

**Numbers.** Recruitment and retention have been very successful and we now have over 70 cadets (more than 20 over our forecasted number). My intention is to recruit again in August after I have gained approval from Canberra to raise our authorised ceiling.

**Rank Training.** Most of the rank will travel with staff to Young on 21 March to complete the Module 2 (Practical) training and assessment for Corporal and Sergeant. It will be a long day departing at 5.30am and not returning till 8.30pm.

#### **Dates for Diaries**

5&12 Apr Holidays - No Cadet Parade

19/4 Cadets resumes – Anzac Day preparation

25/4 Anzac Day support 19-20Jun Term 2 Biv - onsite OAGS

31/7-1/8 Term 3 Biv – Marrangaroo Camp (Lithgow) – (field & Museum)

25/9-2/10 Annual Camp (AFX)

5-6Nov Term 3 Biv – Singleton Camp (WTSS & Museum)

**Adult helpers -** we continue to seek more adults to assist us with the program. Now that we have over 70 cadets there is an increased requirement for assistance to help us deliver safe, fun and interesting training every Monday. Help can range from a BBQ duty once per term or more regular attendance...whatever your availability we would WELCOME your help. No military or other experience necessary. Why not come and share in what your son/daughter is doing? Just speak to any adult during the Monday parade.

More Information - www.armycadets@gov.au or our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/252ACUOrange/

Captain (AAC) Terry Nye 252 ACU Administrative Commander terry.nye1@armycadets.gov.au

#### **CHESS**

**2021 NSW Secondary Schools (Western Region) Knockout Competition.** 2020 seemed very surreal with players concentrating on computer screens trying to anticipate the moves on the other side instead of studying the faces of the opponent. Last Friday we hosted Molong Central School onsite which was a most welcome change to play face to face again. OAGS was represented by Scott McGoldrick, Rhys Johnston, Archie Casey and Clay Perkins supported by Bec Kemp and Mykala Hazelton as we started the campaign to reclaim the premiership (held in 2019 after finishing Runners Up in 2020). Our players were well prepared and managed a clean sweep (4wins).

Primary Competition – now that COVID restrictions and complications are lifting, the NSW Primary schools competition can resume. We eagerly await details of proposed dates and locations in Term 2.

Holiday Competition - Don't forget to support/enter the local competition during the April holiday period details in the last (Week 6) newsletter.

Mr Terry Nye Chess Coordinator

#### OAGS Touch Football

A Massive congratulations to the OAGS U15 Blizzards who have made it into the GRAND FINAL! The OAGS U15 BLizzards will take the field on Saturday the 20th of March at 2:30pm on Field 9 We wish the girls the best of luck!! Go OAGS!!!

# Miss Abby Tilburg Touch Football Coordinator







#### Netball

A reminder to all parents that all OAGS netball teams start training in week 9 of School. All information regarding training has been sent out via email to parents and caregivers.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Abby Tilburg via email. I look forward to seeing all of our great netball superstars!



Miss Abby Tilburg Netball Coordinator











#### **CSU Explore Day**

People often ask me...

"What do you want to do after school?"

This is a question I find very daunting, especially when there are so many careers and post-school pathways to choose from. It was therefore an excellent opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students at OAGS to have the opportunity to explore one of these post-school options this week.

On Wednesday the 17th of March, the entire Year 11 and 12 cohort travelled to the Orange CSU Campus to explore their facilities and

potential post-school undergraduate degrees. The day was split up into two sessions where students had the privilege of



learning about, as well as undertaking practical activities in, a range of study areas including physiotherapy, medicine, dentistry, health and medical science and pharmacy. Students also had the opportunity to explore the CSU Campus, and learn about university life, including accommodation, scholarships, bridging courses and much more.

I attended the medicine and dentistry sessions and was really inspired by hearing the journeys of a range of industry professionals, as well as by participating in handson lessons. I practiced CPR on dummies, examined synthetic human and animal skulls, and learned how to use modern medical

technologies, such as the LUCAS device (an automatic CPR machine) and defibrillators. These practical activities gave me encouragement to pursue post-school studies and really inspired me as to what my future career could look like.

Overall the day was a huge success, full of fun and informative activities which inspired and motivated the senior secondary students to strive for greatness in and outside the classroom, as well as giving them a glimpse into what university life entails. We are all truly grateful for this opportunity and will definitely seek to utilise the information we learnt.



Adelaide Webster Vice School Captain

#### **OAGS Canteen**

Stage 3 students play a very important role in making sure that the canteen runs smoothly during the breaks. We aim to get the lunch orders and then over the counter food out as quickly as we can and couldn't do it without the Crew. Let's get to know some of our Canteen Crew. We asked the Stage 3 helpers some questions and here are some of their answers:



What is your favourite food ever?

Mac and Cheese; Vanilla Fudge; Beef Rendang; Pizza; Too many to choose from!

What is your favourite canteen food item? Unanimously PIZZA!!!!

What is your favourite thing about helping in the canteen? Watching the huge line slowly disappear; Cooking; Helping to serve; Operating the cash register





We love our Canteen Crew!

One other thing that would be extremely helpful in smooth running of the canteen is placing orders via Flexischools. Even though the cut off for Flexischools orders is 8:45am of the day that the lunch is required, we encourage you to place your orders by the previous night. This is particularly important for Friday orders.

We thank you for your continued support of the OAGS Canteen!

Mrs Sally Francis
Canteen Manager

# CAPA ACADEMY

OAGS CAPA CAMP 17TH - 19TH MAY

OAGS CAPA Academy is excited to announce our first OAGS CAPA Camp to be held at Ridgecrest Christian Convention Centre from May 17 - 19. Student members of Senior Concert Band, Senior Vocal Ensemble, Elective Drama and Elective Art will participate in a series of workshops and rehearsals during the retreat, giving them an opportunity to focus on honing their skills and working on their chosen art form. Put the date in your diary now (more details arriving in your inbox soon).









#### **LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES**

OAGS students are invited to perform at a series of lunchtime concerts. Play or sing, or come along and be part of the audience to support your friends.

Where: C10
When: Friday, Second Break Week B
How: sign up on the music noticeboard.









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PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP Open at the OAGS Easter Fair **CASH ONLY** 



#### Orange Anglican Grammar School Easter Fair – Thurs 1st April 2021 11am – 2pm at the school

#### Students Menu Options

Orders: Through Flexischools by Monday 29th of March 11am



Lunch Pack: \$7.50 each

#### Includes:

- Sausage Sandwich or
- Hot Dog or
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich

## Gluten Free Option of Sandwiches Available ##

Popper Packet of Chips Piece of Local Fruit

Packaged in individual Bags (With Student's name & Stage/Class) & includes serviette

Please note that the OAGS Canteen will be closed on Easter Fair day



#### Orange Anglican Grammar School Easter Fair – Thurs 1st April 2021

11am – 2pm at the school

#### Easter Fair Menu

Purchased on the Day Only

#### Meals

- Sausage Sandwich \$4
  - · Hot Dog \$4
- Bacon & Egg Roll w/- Relish \$7.50
  - BBQ Pulled Pork Burger \$8.50
- Slaw Salad w/- Apple & Mayo dressing \$8.50

#### Drinks

Soft Drink Cans \$2.50 Water Bottles \$2.50 Fruit Juices \$2.50

Tea & Coffee Station \$2.00



#### A weekend adventure with your daughter awaits!

Enjoy quality time with your daughter and experience the multi-award winning Daughters and Dads program developed by the University of Newcastle, filled with traditional camp adventure activities.

#### **OUR DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER** PARTICIPANTS:

- Enjoy quality one-on-one time together
  See daughters develop confidence and skills in a range of sports
- Have fun being active together with fun dad-tested
- Learn about building self-esteem and resilience in girls



#### DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two-night weekend stay at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre. Each dad and their daughter will have a private room at our scenic centre and your stay includes all outdoor recreation activities and meals
- Our fun practical sessions focus on rough and tumble play, sport skills, and fitness
- Our theory sessions focus on building confidence, self-esteem, and resilience in girls. The emphasis is on fun and the program caters for all physical activity and skill levels
- · Daughters and dads both receive a program t-shirt, drink bottle and activity book

WHEN	PROGRAM TYPE	WHERE	COST
5.30pm Friday 14 May - 3.00pm Sunday 16 May	Weekender	Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre 205 Tara Rd, Lake Burrendong NSW	\$208 dad/carer \$153 daughter

'Father or significant male role models/father-figures are welcome 'Daughters should be primary school aged, minimum of five years old

To book your place visit:

sport.nsw.gov.au/daughtersdads or for more information call 13 13 02









All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Woucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first woucher.

#### **HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS**









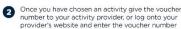


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#### HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids







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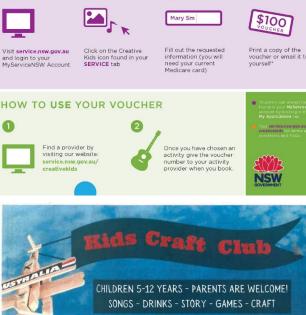




















#### **COME AND TRY GIRL GUIDES**

### **Harmony Day Fun Day!**

For girls 6 -17 years old

Come and Celebrate Harmony Day with us! We have a fun filled day full of activities for girls of all ages to try Girl Guiding.

> Sunday 21st March 2021 10am - 2pm

BYO Picnic Lunch and don't forget to Slip, Slop and Slap

> Orange Girl Guide Hall, 365 Peisley Street, Orange NSW 2800





