



ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25 September 2020

From the Headmaster....

2020 has been a year of firsts for our school, for our community and for me personally. Yesterday I had the great privilege of officially farewelling our Year 12 Class of 2020; a fantastic group of students who wore their uniforms with pride and reminded everyone of their commitment to school values and to their peers.

For the first time we were unable to welcome our families to take part in this celebration. For the first time we had to create something so special that our students would be able to set aside their covid-related grief and enjoy their final moments in a very different way.

For the first time in the relatively short history of our school a student completed the entire journey from 'Day 1' in OAGS Transition, at the Holy Trinity Bluestone Hall, all the way through to Year 12 at our ever-expanding OAGS Murphy Lane Campus. Jackson graduated, as our School Captain for 2020, humble in character, with a bright future ahead of him after embracing every opportunity and challenge presented to him with grace.



And for the first time, I had the immense pleasure of congratulating my first born child on the occasion of his graduation at our school. A very proud moment for me as a parent, and a privilege I do not take lightly given the restrictions that meant many parents did not have the same opportunity.

It was our hope that Covid aside we could make the Valedictory celebrations very memorable in their own unique way, and with some clever thinking from our Year 12s and our staff team we think we managed to celebrate this group in a way that best planted the 'Year 12 2020' stamp on our history books! A highlight of the day was the annual presentation of the Year 12 Gift to the school; an impressive set of soccer goals which represents our soccer mad Year 12 cohort who regularly led competition on the



top soccer pitch. They also gifted each stage with a signed soccer ball, complete with a 'shoot out' against a Year 12 student! As you can see Kindergarten were victorious!



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As our Year 12 2020 students prepare for their HSC Examinations we are thrilled to announce the **2021 School Leadership Team** who will commence their official duties in Term 4.

The 2021 School Captains are **Suzie Daugherty and Jock Johnston**.

The 2021 Vice Captains are **Adelaide Webster and Jamie Lipscomb**.

The 2021 Senior Prefect is **Emma McMaster**.

The Biladurang Captain is **Natarsha Linde** and Vice Captain is **Brooke Windus**.

The Gugaa Captain is **Lily Martin** and Vice Captain is **Milla Polley**.

The Dinawan Captain is **Meg Cox** and Vice Captain is **Bryce Elsegood**.

The Bandhaa Captain is **Ryan Chirenje** and the Vice Captain is **Emily Patterson**.

I look forward to working alongside the impressive new leadership team as they provide care, compassion and unity to our student body.



Rev Louis Stringer
Headmaster



Please continue to pray for our Year 12 cohort leading up to the exams which commence on October 20. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school when Term 4 commences on Monday October 19.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 15:57)

OAGS Reading Challenge

Students in Stages 1 - 3 have been busily devouring books during our scheduled 20 minutes of quiet reading time each morning. As part of the OAGS Reading Challenge, students earned points for each book that they read and a bonus point for each comprehension quiz that they passed. Would you believe that in just this small time each day, our students read 10 million words during the term? It's no wonder that we are seeing some exciting progress in reading skills!

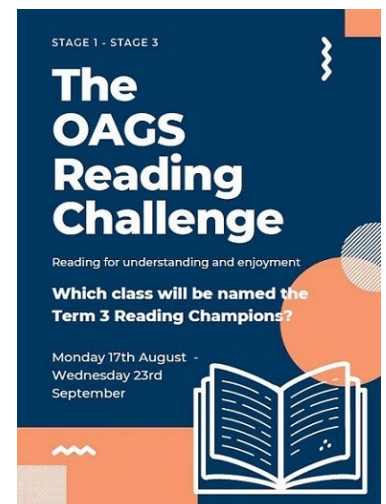
The student's enthusiasm for independent and group reading has been obvious throughout the term and they are all to be congratulated for their team efforts.

Final results for Term 3:

Champion Reading Class = S3 Pixels (Mr Lipscomb)

2nd - S3 Robots (Mrs Walicki)

3rd - S1 Google (Mr Palmer)



Congratulations S3 Pixels! The class will be treated to their Champions pizza lunch in Week 1 of next term.

Mrs Jessica Willis
Leader of Learning

Primary Playground Additions

In 2019, our then Stage 2 students completed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) unit of work. Throughout the process, their Teachers (Mrs Edwards, Mrs Fowler, Mr Lipscomb and Mrs Willis) were receiving professional development from the University of Sydney's STEM Teacher Enrichment Academy to develop units of work that would engage students in STEM activities and learning opportunities.

For this unit, students were tasked with planning, designing and implementing a new sensory garden space for the OAGS playground. Students worked in collaborative teams to research the needs of the school community, appropriate plants and materials and cost effective designs, with a view to creating garden spaces that represented the 4 Houses -

Biladurang, Bandhaa, Dinawan, Gugaa. After a term and a half of work, the model gardens created by our Stage 2 students were amazing!

As a cohort, students selected their favourite designs and these were presented to the School Executive for implementation. With the assistance of the OAGS P&F and an Australian Federal Government Local Schools Community Fund grant, the beginning stage of the garden has now been completed in the Primary playground near the morning "Kiss and Drop" bay. The main elements of the student designs have been incorporated in this early stage - the river bed (Biladurang), a crushed sand pathway (Dinawan), red gum seating (Bandhaa), a garden bed with a variety of leaf shapes and textures (Gugaa) and the all-important cubby house. There are plans for the introduction of further elements in the future. A massive thank you must go to Mr Jarrett for his tireless work to make the Stage 2 student's ideas come to life.



The benefits of STEM learning are vast, including early exposure to scientific fields of work, improved critical thinking skills, increased ability to work collaboratively and the creation of additional links between real life and the learning curriculum in school. Research has regularly found that all students can benefit from opportunities to explore and engage in STEM activities when they are presented by experienced and passionate educators. Our efforts with Stage 2 last year certainly supported the findings of the research. So much so, that STEM learning is now occurring in all stages across the Primary school and into the early Secondary school journey of OAGS students. Look out for new student designs, projects and proposals appearing within the school in the future!

Mrs Jessica Willis
Leader of Learning

Stage 3 Debating Group

Over the course of Term 3, a handful of Year 5 and 6 students have been involved in a new debating group held during lunchtime each Monday. They have been learning all about debating and how to make persuasive arguments. MnMs are a handy treat to help us remember our three 'M's – Manner, Matter and Method. These three 'M's are what every debater is assessed on in a formal debate.



The students have engaged in a variety of activities during this time. At one of our first meetings, we played a game called 'Middle Ground' where students had to respond to various statements by agreeing or disagreeing. If students agreed with the statement, they had to step forward into the middle of the room and share their thoughts before the opposing students could argue. This activity allowed students to find a middle ground on a range of topics and gave them opportunity to think on the spot making rebuttals with evidence. Considering the safety regulations regarding Covid-19, it may be too difficult for students in this debating group to showcase their debating skills externally and compete with other schools. However, we are looking at potentially holding a debate internally with students teaming up and debating against each other at some stage in Term 4. The students are very excited to put together a formal debate. Stay posted!

Mr Michael Cunial
Stage 3 Teacher



Book Week 2020: It's full steam ahead for Book Week to be held Week 1 of Term 4. Have you and your child/ren discussed Book Week dress up day? This will be held on Thursday the 22nd of October. Need ideas for costumes? The theme is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". This lends itself to a broad range of ideas - strange creatures from fiction such as fantasy creatures, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Narnia, Wizard of Oz, dragons, minions, unicorns, mermaids, monsters, aliens etc. There are many strange creatures in fiction books! Wild minds could be scientists, explorers, adventurers such as Albert Einstein, Tesla, Elon Musk, Steve Irwin, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Robert Falcon Scott, Jane Goodall, Marie Curie, Mae C. Jemison etc, or wild minds in fiction such as Matilda, Harry Potter and other characters with magical powers, and or amazing abilities.

Ms Taylor looks forward to seeing all of your ideas, and all of the students and staff dressed up to celebrate Book Week. Students from Transition to Year 6 will also be participating in a virtual incursion performance presented by "Perform Education" which will involve an entertaining skit, with an underlying message, related to the shortlisted Book Week texts.

As well as this, there will be opportunities for students to participate in quizzes, colouring in, relaxed reading and craft, during break times, over the course of the whole of Book Week.



Ms Karelle Taylor
Teacher-Librarian

Stage 4 Textiles and Design Projects

This week saw the completion of the Stage 4 Textiles and Design Projects for Term 3 in Design and Technology. The range of ideas and the level of technical application was outstanding. It was great to see so many students using the sewing machines to give their work a professional appearance. The task was accomplished with an accompanying design brief, success criteria and identification of a target audience.



NAIDOC Week Colouring in Competition

Naidoc Week Celebrations will be held at OAGS in November to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students are also invited to participate in a colouring competition. All students in the primary have been given the opportunity to complete the template in class and will be collected and sent to Sydney for judging in Week 1 of Term 4.





While most students will be enjoying their holidays, some music students will be practising hard for their upcoming AMEB exams. Some exams will be in the 3rd week of the holidays, and some during the first week of Term 4. We are so proud of all of you who are working towards taking on this next level of challenge in playing your instrument. Keep up the practise and all the best for your exams!



Mrs Priscilla Colgan & Mr Noel Annett



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ARMY CADET UNIT



Promotion Courses

During the first week of the holiday (26 Sep- 3 Oct) SGT Natarsha Linde, SGT Izzy Fox, SGT Zac Williams, CPL Brynn Player, CPL Faith Naveau and CPL Thapelo Nare have been successful at gaining a place on the panels for the NSW AAC Brigade Promotion Courses to qualify and prepare them for higher ranks. Unfortunately there were significant limitations to the course panels as we had further nominations who missed out. Planned Courses earlier this year were cancelled due to Bushfires (January) and then COVID (July). The Courses in September are being run online for the first time which adds another layer of difficulty and uncertainty - we wish our candidates good luck!

There will be NO cadet parades during the school holiday period.

Key dates for Term 4 are -

19 Oct - Rank & Staff ONLY

26 Oct - ALL Cadets commence normal Monday parades

7-8 Nov Overnight Biv onsite (1400 Sat till 1400 Sun)

22 Nov LCPL Course (tbc)

5 Dec - Ceremonial Parade and Dinner

12 Dec - Promotion Courses (January) preparation Day

Further information will be distributed in due course.

Terry Nye
Captain (AAC)
252 ACU

Chess

NSW Secondary Schools Western Region Teams Knockout competition - Second round competition.

Our senior Team (Scott McGoldrick, Rhys Johnston, Archie Campbell, Clay Perkins and Bec Kemp) played James Sheahan Catholic HS yesterday and came away victors with 3 wins and a draw. This means we continue next term to the last playoff round against St John's College Dubbo for overall second place.

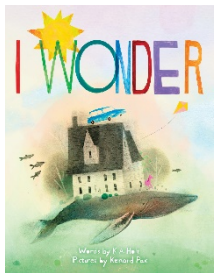
There are still a couple of games to play to determine the results for the internal school competition. It is very pleasing to see the number of lower primary students that attend each Thursday to play games and learn more about chess. Many thanks to Mr Joe Cummins for organising the weekly draw and ensuring we have a robust system of identifying the ranking of our players and the eventual champions.

Mr Terry Nye
Chess Coordinator

Early Learning

The holidays are with us, and with the current situation less families are travelling so I thought I would share with you the benefits of spending quality time with your child, as well as some different ideas for spending time together. The importance of spending quality time with your child can not be overstated. Time together is how you get to know about each other's experiences, thoughts, feelings and changing interests. Time together also shows that you value and appreciate your child, which is great for your relationship. It is not necessarily about the amount of time; it is about being present and with them.

Be active with your children. Run around at the park, play chasey or tip, set up obstacle courses around the home or in the garden, take up skipping, do some dancing or go for a ride around Lake Canobolas. Alternatively ask your child to make up a game that makes their heart pump fast. They will have some great ideas and they love being the one that knows the rules.



Library visits are fun and a great source of new books for sharing at bed time. A book that is new to me is 'I Wonder' by [Kari Anne Holt](#) and is full of wonders such as: What do clouds taste like?, Do my toys miss me when I'm gone?, and I wonder if cars and trucks speak the same language; great things to discuss with your curious child. Orange Regional Library also has recordings of picture books that your child might like to listen to. You can find them [here](#). Cooking is another fun thing to do with your child during the holidays. When children are involved in cooking they may be more likely to try new foods, and it is a great way for them to contribute to the family. You could also make a game of it by creating your own Junior Master Chef Competition.

Spring is here, so maybe you could do some gardening. Some children love seeing things grow, looking at the bugs or just helping about in the garden. We have some keen gardeners in Transition who love pulling weeds, planting seeds and watering the plants. If you are out and about in the garden or park, maybe your child could collect some natural materials and be creative. Here is an idea I found on one nature [art website](#). There are hundreds of nature craft websites online if you are looking for inspiration. Regular Craft activities are also a great way for your child to express themselves, be creative and solve problems. They can do a lot with very simple materials.

Finally, remember children don't need to be entertained all the time, boredom is good for children. By pushing through boredom and entertaining themselves, kids learn to think more creatively and hone their problem-solving skills. Boredom also promotes resilience, as they learn to get through something that, to a child, can feel tough or stressful.



I am sure you all have wonderful ideas on how to spend quality time with your child, enjoy your time, it passes very quickly. Most importantly, enjoy the holidays and stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards

Mrs Sally Drury

Early Learning Coordinator

Chaplain Chat

The last few terms have been crazy and chaotic in every way. Although there has been some good in the midst of the isolation and the upturning of our society, there are some serious gaps and difficulties that have arisen.

While a sense of normality has returned we're still only partially experiencing community. Our weekly sporting activities have limited spectators, celebrations and ceremonies are restricted or abolished and there can be a sense of guilt over an impromptu chat in the aisle at Woolies.

In communities we used to share life and experiences with one another; we experienced the comfort of a hug and the joy of high-fives; we gathered around food and coffee. In these activities we found value and a sense of belonging. In our current season when this isn't possible it's easy to lose sight of our value and place.

Some questions that can help us be aware if we are feeling disconnected to our community are:

- Have I had a meaningful conversation with someone outside of my family in the last week?
- Is there an activity that I have done recently that was with someone else? (Another adult or age appropriate)
- Is there someone I know who could use some social interaction or connection right now?
- How can I contribute to the communities I'm part of?

Mr James Esson

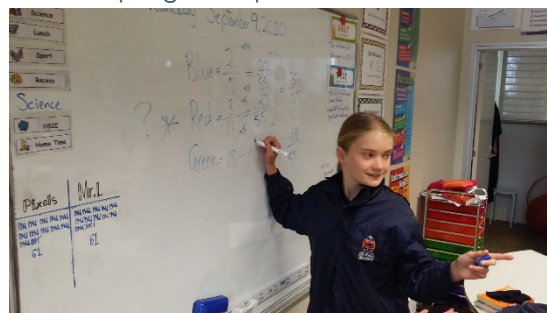
Chaplain and Primary Teacher's Aide

Maths Olympiad

Over the last 5 months, students from Stage 3 have enjoyed tackling the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads (APSMO) for 2020 (aka the 'Maths Olympiad'). The team has been meeting up before school every Wednesday morning to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in a safe, supportive and risk-taking environment. Students have certainly needed to think outside the box when attempting each problem!

The Olympiads consisted of 5 separate contests held approximately a month apart from each other, giving us plenty of scheduled time for practising and improving in between each Olympiad.

Skills that we explored included finding patterns and relationships, drawing scenarios, working backwards, trial and error, making logical lists and developing algebraic formulas. Here's an example of one of the more challenging questions that students were faced with, where each letter represented a digit and students were required to work out what each letter in the word 'SEUSS' represented:



GREEN +
EGGS
HAM

SEUSS

Mr Paul Lipscomb
Maths Olympiad Co-ordinator

OAGS Plus Holiday Care

Tracy Townsend will be running the OAGS Plus holiday program again, for this 3 week break. If you would like to book your child/ren in, please do so via [this form](#). You will receive an email from me to confirm the booking soon after. Please note, we are currently fully booked with a waitlist for these days: Monday 28 September, Tuesday 29 September, Wednesday 30 September, Tuesday 13 October and Wednesday 14 October.

Thank you,
Gabby Seton



OAGS PLUS
VACATION CARE



October 2020

<p><u>Monday 28 September</u></p> <p>Spring Time Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miniature gardens - Bird feeders - Spring craft <p>Rock Art</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 29 September</u></p> <p>Suzie's Art Workshop</p> <p>Energy-busting Activities</p> <p>Two teams go head to head- tug of war, novelty games</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 30 September</u></p> <p>Kitchen Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Butter in jar - Bread - Ice cream in bag <p>Handball Competition</p>	<p><u>Thursday 1 October</u></p> <p>Messy Day</p> <p>Let's get messy- slime making and more..</p> <p>Party Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Party games - Party food - Just Dance 	<p><u>Friday 2 October</u></p> <p>Disney Plus</p> <p>Dress up as your favourite Superhero, Star Wars character, princess, etc. from Disney Plus!</p>
<p><u>Monday 5 October</u></p> <p>Public Holiday CLOSED</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 6 October</u></p> <p>Craft Alive</p> <p>Sand art Tiedye art And MORE</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 7 October</u></p> <p>Photography & Action Videos</p>	<p><u>Thursday 8 October</u></p> <p>Creation Day</p> <p>Create with beads, Hair scrunchies, decorating, jewellery, sun catchers, fidget spinners, construction with boxes</p>	<p><u>Friday 9 October</u></p> <p>Dress up & games!</p>
<p><u>Monday 12 October</u></p> <p>OAGS</p> <p>Instrument making</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 13 October</u></p> <p>Legomasters</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 14 October</u></p> <p>STEM Challenges</p> <p>Make a kite, build a rocket, and more</p>	<p><u>Thursday 15 October</u></p> <p>Suzie's Art Workshop</p> <p>Minute to Win It</p>	<p><u>Friday 16 October</u></p> <p>Pyjama & Milkshake Day</p> <p>Build a pillow fort, sing karaoke, watch a movie, eat pizza. Wear your Pj's & relax!</p>



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 2020/January 2021

To ensure availability of correct sizing, orders must be placed during the fitting period.

Fitting will commence **Thursday 10th September** and will continue until **Friday 16th October 2020**

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 2020. At this time your order can be collected, and it will be possible to change sizes if needed.



OMC Trail Jersey Design Competition

Design and Win!

Orange Mountain Bike Club is running a competition to design the club's next trail jersey. Anyone can enter and the winner will receive a free jersey, made by quality supplier Tineli with their design.

It must use the club colours and include the club and sponsor logos. Voting will be open to all club members.

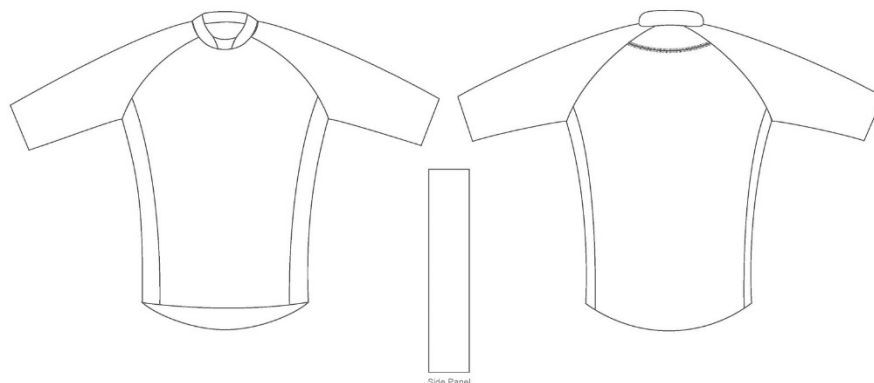
To get involved, download the template with guidelines and the design palette, then get creative!

For any questions, contact Mr Esson.

Mr James Esson

Chaplain and Primary Teacher's Aide

MTB Trail 3/4 sleeve jersey



ORANGE MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB TRAIL JERSEY COMPETITION

Guidelines

- Jersey will be available in short and 3/4 sleeve.
- Jersey to be predominantly Orange, with use of the other club colours Dark Grey and Silver.
- Include the Orange Mountain Bike Club logo.
- Include club sponsor logos. Tyrespower Orange, Orange Family Dental, Badlands Brewery.
- Competition is open to all, voting will be done by club members.
- The winner will receive a free jersey of their design.
- Email entries to: mtb@orangemountainbikeclub.com.au

Design Palette

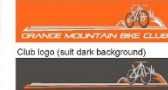
Orange (pantone 165c)



Silver (pantone Cool Grey 3C)

Dark Grey

Club logo (suit orange background)



Club logo (suit dark background)

Sponsor logos



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REGISTER NOW



Orange Little Athletics season starts this October. Register NOW to secure a place in this friendly but competitive athletics club.

Registration and payment is done online.

REGISTRATION COLLECTION

Friday 6 October
4.30pm-5.30pm

COMPETITION STARTS

Friday 16 October
5.30pm



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YAYALANHA

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH STUDENT MENTORING GROUP

Yayalanha 3 on 3 Cup

A round robin event as part of Youth and NAIDOC Week of 3 on 3 half court basketball games.

Saturday October 10

10.00am-3.00pm

Orange PCYC

Team and individual registrations accepted

Show us your skills and see if you can win the Yayalanha Cup
Email registrations to and for more information contact:

Katrina Hausia

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**Registrations need to be received by
1st October 2020**

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**A PLACE
to GROW**

Orange Basketball Summer Competition 2020-2021

LIMITED SPOTS GET IN QUICK!!

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 25/9/2020



Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
Mini Ball	HS Girls	HS Boys
Primary	Men's B and B Reserve	Men's C
Men's A and A Reserve	Women's B and B Reserve	Women's C
Women's A and A Reserve		Mixed (Open)
		3 x 3 Twilight Comp

IMPORTANT INFO

Comp Duration	12/10/20 till 26/3/2020 18 weeks including grading and finals.
Cost Per Player	Seniors \$160, Juniors, \$120, Mini Ball \$70 (10 weeks), Mixed \$100 (10 weeks)
Senior Teams	Teams will need to nominate 2 duty referees (from their team) and attend the duty referees course, duty refs to be paid \$10 per game. Email ODBA.refcoordinator@gmail.com for more info.
Mixed Teams	2 men and 3 women on the court per team. Term 4 Only, 10 weeks.
3 x 3 Comp	More info to come.
By-Laws	Please visit www.orange.basketball.net.au for the latest comp rules.

For more information, or for help finding a team, email orange.basketball@hotmail.com

cost and competition lengths subject to change