



*A New World of Learning...*

## ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER

6 June 2018

#### From the Headmaster...

Securing Success....

In working towards success we encounter both highs and lows. We take some time out to reflect on the lows and determine how we can improve in future, whilst soon after moving on with determination, better and more prepared for the experience. The highs need to be celebrated widely, shared with the wider team and used to encourage those around us.

This fortnight Orange Anglican Grammar School has excelled in both the sporting and academic fields whilst building stronger ties in our local and wider community. Hosting both the WAS and HICES Cross Country Carnivals and competing in the academic da Vinci Decathlon held in Canberra, allowed us to demonstrate that our School, after 11 years of development, is now on a level playing field with the most well established schools in the state.

Our Division Two HICES Cross Country win will now move us up to Division One. That coupled with our Secondary students 2nd place in Maths, 3rd place in General Knowledge and 6th overall in our first attempt at the prestigious da Vinci Decathlon against 25 highly competitive schools, demonstrated that we are capably flexing both physical and academic muscle at OAGS.

Whilst I am keen to emphasise to our community that we are achieving great things in sports and academics across our Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 program, there are achievements at the School that cannot be measured in seconds, millimetres or even through well-established academic programs and placements. The truth is that our real success as a Christian community comes from loving and supporting each other.



There are many day to day accounts of this, but amongst all the fun, competition and success of the HICES Cross Country carnival, we had one amazing act of kindness and care that stood out as a best example of what we are striving to achieve at OAGS. Mitchell Wheeler (Year 5) was in the middle of his race when a competitor from Redlands Junior School fell and was having trouble continuing. Mitch stopped and went back to help the runner. He then walked with him and helped him finish the last kilometre of the course. The staff from Redlands were full of praise and amazement for Mitch's actions. Mitch crossed the line last in the race.

*'People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.'* Luke 13:29-30

Mitch came a glorious last place in the race and demonstrated what it takes to come first in life and first in the hearts and minds of all those who witnessed his actions of sacrificial service. By



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

*For all of our important dates please find the live calendar on the Website:*

<http://www.oags.nsw.edu.au/notes-info>

#### *Public Holiday*

*11 June 2018*

#### *DC Green Author Visit*

*14 June 2018*

#### *CIS Cross Country*

*14 June 2018*

#### *Leave it on the Court*

*14 June 2018*

#### *NSW Titration Competition*

*15 June 2018*

#### *OAGS Athletics Carnival*

*20 June 2018*

*Stay in touch...*

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coming last through his actions of grace, Mitch came first in the eyes of the officials. Today I presented Mitchell with a Headmaster's Award and OAGS Pin for an 'Extraordinary Act of Service'.

Many thanks go to the Parents and Friends (P&F) team led by the President and Vice President, Lucinda Bradford and John Baker. The P&F's contribution to the WAS & HICES Cross Country Championships not only provided a valuable service whilst raising School funds, but brought a community together in service to each other.

Last week I concluded a series of Primary Parent meetings named 'An Evening with the Headmaster'. These Stage based meetings provided a gathering point for discussion and the sharing of a common vision for our School moving forward to 'Secure Success' for all our children. The evenings were very helpful in discussing various issues and developing an effective partnership and common understanding of the 2022 strategic vision. I look forward to announcing the Secondary 'Evenings with the Headmaster' early next term.



Congratulations go to our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) specialists (top row left to right in picture) Tim Brown, Erin Gibson, Rob Watts, Jane Keen and Kelly-Ann Sackey (middle bottom row). Our STEM Team presented at the Enrichment Academy run through the University of Sydney. Many of our students in the Secondary and Primary School are already benefiting from the STEM Academy and Project Based Learning initiatives. A design project currently underway in the Secondary School is exploring the possibility of an OAGS future library and investigating what it might look like, where it would be positioned, how it could be constructed and how much it might cost. I look forward to seeing their proposals.

Rev Louis Stringer  
Headmaster

## Library@OAGS

**PRC:** Please keep reminding Stage 2 and 3 students to write the title and author of the PRC books they are reading onto their reading records. The due date is 31st of August.

**BOOK CLUB:** Issue 4 is due 20th of June, 2018 so as to have time for delivery before end of Term 2.

**Book Week:** This is fast approaching and the theme this year is "Find Your Reading Treasure", which lends itself to children thinking about what is their most "treasured" book, and dressing up as a character from that.

**Homework Club:** Reminder this is open Monday afternoons from 3.15pm till 4pm for Stage 1, 2 and 3 students.

Ms Karelle Taylor  
Teacher Librarian



## HICES Netball

- On the 4th of May, ten students from Orange Anglican Grammar had the opportunity to travel down for the HICES Netball Competition. With an extremely early start leaving at 5:30am in the morning the girls were all excited and ready to go.
- The girls had a great start against Redlands, and performed incredibly well throughout the day. Miss Tilburg and Mrs Selwood were extremely proud of the girl's sportsmanship and effort throughout the entire day.

- Throughout the carnival there were selectors going around and watching for talented athletes and great sportsmanship. 30 players from all of the schools were selected to trial in the possible probables that was held at the end of the carnival. From the 30 athletes, 10 athletes would be selected into the ACISES Netball team. OAGS had 2 athletes selected into the possible probables which was amazing! Congratulations to Lucy Martin and Isla Stringer.
- As the day concluded, the girls were a little tired but still managed to sing their lungs out on the trip home. It was a great day and a credit to the girls who attended.

Results - **the students Played 8 games**

V Redlands won 5-0, V KWS lost 12-8, V All Saints won 10-3, V William Clarke lost 8-6, V Pittwater House lost 11-5  
 V Arndell Anglican College lost 12-3 V Central Coast Grammar lost 30-0, V St Pauls won 2-3.



Midweek Competition:

This competition is now well underway and two teams have been entered into the Autumn Midweek Womens Competition. **OAGS under 15 Wildcats** and **OAGS under 12** are joined by 3 athletic mothers.

The Wildcats have come out firing winning their first round, while Young Guns have gained valuable learning by being thrown into a women's competition. Their oppositions have commented on their great ability and wonderful sportsmanship.

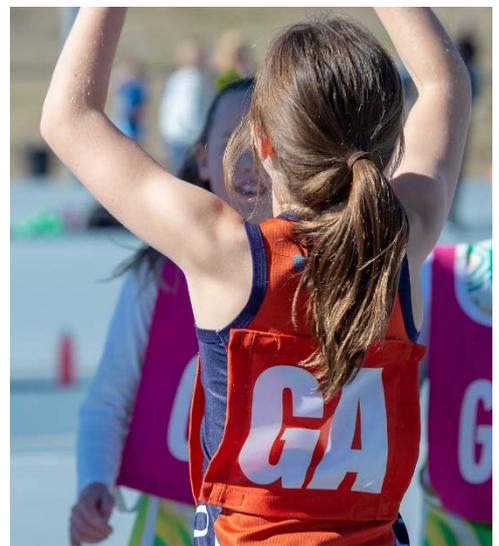
This has been a timely opportunity for the players to practice what they have learned at training and it is giving the players more exposure to competitive netball.

Saturday Games:

First round of Saturday netball is done and dusted. The day started out with our little under 8 Netnippers. This was beautiful to witness, watching our little players smile and all running towards the ball saying "here, here!". We also had

the coaches running around like headless chooks trying to move players like chess pieces. Families were very much entertained, the sideline filled with encouragement, smiles and laughter. Under 10 Sodapops drew 2 all to Hawks Phys X. Under 11 Gems coached by two of our senior students Laura Sharp and Alicia Robinson also came away with a draw 1 all. Under 9 Pixies faced off against OPS and we have been told that they won that game, unsure of the result as they do not keep score, from all reports the players all played very well. Our under 12 Determinators went down by 6 points against CYMS. The players all played their hearts out the day before at the HICES netball trials in Kenthurst, Sydney playing 8 games of netball to then play again the next day. This was a massive effort for our OAGS players. They all enjoy their netball and all came away with more knowledge and more smiles. Under 15 Wildcats were up against a tough team that had played together for a long time and have many of Oranges' representative players. They were defeated by 34 points however succeeded in their drive to keep on fighting. The improvement in their game turned heads on Saturday with members of the netball community singing praises for their efforts. OAGS Division 7 team is made up of players in the under 15 and players that wanted to play socially. They played CYMS and were beaten by 24 points, again the players were not disappointed, their love of netball and willingness to have keep going was amazing. They all had a great time and many players are showing great leadership skills and comradery.

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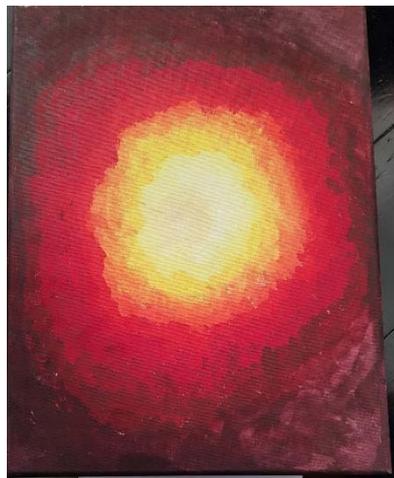


Upcoming Events:

- Marianne Murphy Shield term 3
- Leave on the court sessions lead by Laura Sharp and Alicia Robinson, Don't miss out!

Reminders:

- Hoodie orders
- Team App - Please don't forget to download the team app onto your devices!, It is a great way of allowing us the communicate to players and parents. Allowing us to send out reminders about training, games, umpiring duties and much more. Please go to the app store (the app is free, no charge at all), once downloaded search for your team name (eg: OAGS Pixies), and then receive all the information, keep up with the latest news and photos!
- Dress payments - if you haven't already please make sure that you pay for your dresses at administration!



Orlagh Fock (Stage 3 Miss Capps) achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place for 2 of her artworks in the 10 years and under landscape sections at the Orange Show on the weekend.

Jade Branwhite also entered the artwork section of the Orange Show, receiving two firsts and a highly commended award for her efforts. Congratulations to both Jade and Orlagh



### Taiko Drumming

Stage 3 and Year 7's got the opportunity to experience authentic Japanese culture by participating in a Taiko drumming workshop. Students quickly learnt this activity is very disciplined and can be physically demanding. Students also appreciated the musicianship skills and enjoyed the experience.

Ms Claudette Andrie and Mr Noel Annett



## *From the Sport Department*

### Secondary Interschool Sport

As part of the Term 2 Sport Program in the secondary school, Years 7-10 students travelled to Dubbo in Week 5 to take part in the first round of the Winter Interschool Sport fixtures against Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and Parkes Christian School. The first round of competition comes after 3 weeks of training which has included sessions run by Netball NSW and NSW Rugby coaches, (not to forget our soccer teams who have been expertly prepared by Mr Thompson and Mrs Kerridge!)

All in all we had around 80 OAGS students competing in Touch Rugby, Netball and Soccer games with many teams having a very successful outing. In particular, special mention to the Stage 5 Soccer Team who went through all 3 of their games undefeated against some very strong opposition.

A reminder that students need to be at school for an 8am sharp departure on the Wednesday 6th of June for Round 2 of competition in Parkes.

### Secondary Representative Sport Highlights

Congratulations to the following students who have travelled to Sydney in the past couple of weeks to represent WAS at AICES championships in Touch Football and Football (Soccer).

<b>Open Football (Boys)</b> Harrison Isaacs Jack Dixon Zac Pavy Luca Ross	<b>Open Football (Girls)</b> Milla Polley	<b>U16 Football (Boys)</b> Ethan Norcott
<b>Open Touch Football (Girls)</b> Laura Sharp	<b>U15 Touch Football (Boys)</b> Zac Oakes Harry Taylor Jock Johnston	<b>U15 Touch Football (Girls)</b> Lily Martin



Ben Doyle  
OAGS Sport Coordinator

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## LEAP@OAGS

On Thursday the Stage 4 LEAP students travelled to Canberra Grammar School in order to compete in the da vinci Decathlon. Over 250 students from more than 25 schools competed on the day. Despite 8 hours of travel in a single day, the team from OAGS placed 2nd in mathematics, 3rd in general knowledge and 6th overall!! It is hard to overstate just how significant this achievement is in the context of this highly regarded competition. Congratulations to all involved.



Earlier in the same week in LEAP, students were presented with the psychologist Karl Duncker's 1945 candle problem. Duncker used this as a cognitive performance test to measure the functional fixedness of a participant's problem solving capabilities. This particular test was also presented as part of Duncker's thesis on problem-solving tasks at Clark University and requires participants to solve the following problem:



*"How to fix a candle to a wall in a way that the candle won't drip onto the wall or floor"*

To solve this task, participants are presented with the following three items:

- Matches
- One long stem candle
- A box of thumbtacks

I would encourage readers to try this at home, as the solution while easy in hindsight is quite difficult to solve. To the testament of our LEAP students, every pair solved the problem within the time limit given, achieving 10 points each to their overall LEAP scores. If you would like to test your skills in completing this cognitive test, without knowing the answer, read on at your own peril....

The solution is to empty the box of thumbtacks and use the thumbtacks to pin the box to the wall and then light the candle with the match. While simplistic in reality, the concept of functional fixedness predicts that the participant will only see the box as a device to hold the thumbtacks and not immediately perceive it as a separate and functional component available to be used in solving the task.



**Mr Luke Simkins**  
LEAP Coordinator and Teacher of HSIE

## Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal

Over several years, Orange Anglican Grammar School has had a number of students represent the school at the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and this year was no different. On Sunday 27th of May, our largest group of students to date, worked together to door knock homes in the centre of Orange. The students gave generously of their time and collected over \$1000, which will help to bring hope to those in need.

This year we had several students volunteer for the first time to collect money. It can be daunting knocking on someone else's front door, but it was wonderful to see the students step out of their comfort zone for the benefit of others. Your service of those in need is a great example and encouragement to the rest of the school community. Well done to everyone who participated.



Mr Tim Brown  
Head of Secondary Welfare

### Counsellor's Corner



Black Dog  
Institute

## Help-Seeking Built Into Release of 13 Reasons Why

Published: 17 May, 2018 from <https://blackdoginstitute.org.au>

The release of 13 Reasons Why, season 2 will be launched with safe and informative resources in a collaboration between headspace and Netflix.

When Netflix launched the much talked about first series of 13 Reasons Why – a fictional show depicting the death of a teenager by suicide and its impact on those around them – many people the world over were left confronted by the difficult subject matter that the show covered. While it was certainly a conversation starter, there were questions about whether the show prompted discussions about suicide in a helpful way.

Ahead of the second season, the national youth mental health foundation [headsace](#) have teamed up with the global streaming giant in an effort to generate more helpful conversations about the subject matter.

headsace CEO Jason Trethowan is hoping to take the difficult topics that the show brought into mainstream discussions and encourage a safer, more informed dialogue.

“Our aim is to ensure that young people, parents and schools are supported and equipped to have constructive conversations about the themes that are depicted in the show,” Mr Trethowan said.

Alongside warnings and help-seeking information that will be displayed at the start and end of each episode, headspace have developed resources for young people, parents and schools to address the themes depicted in the show. They include advice on viewing the show safely, self-care tips and pointers on how to have difficult conversations. Conjoint Associate Professor Josephine Anderson, Clinical Director at the Black Dog Institute, approves of the move to provide strong resources to teens, parents and teachers when pop culture addresses heavy subjects.

"I think there is a need to react thoughtfully and appropriately to an issue like this. Young people, may be vulnerable to the sensationalising of topics like suicide, especially when portrayed in a TV series or film they are likely to find attractive," said Dr Anderson.

"On the other hand, we need to dispel the myth that talking about suicide will inevitably harm young people. There is evidence that says that won't happen if the topic is raised in a sensitive fashion."

While there is no way of stopping people from watching the series, we can put measures in place to provide positive influence and make sure they do it is being viewed safely. Dr Anderson highlights that it also offers the chance for the wider media community to promote positive help-seeking among young people and their families.

"We really encourage those advertising the show beyond Netflix, like journalists and reviewers, to take the opportunity to promote these resources in addition to providing warnings about the topics it depicts."

"What we want to do is reach young people wherever they are, through every channel they are using, so they know that even if they are feeling very troubled and hopeless about their situation, there is always help available."

The resources will be available from 5pm on Friday 18th May, 2018 and can be accessed via [13reasonswhy.info](http://13reasonswhy.info) or on the [headspace website](#).

If you or someone you know is in crisis please call one of the following national helplines:

LIFELINE COUNSELLING SERVICE - 13 11 14

KIDS HELPLINE - 1800 55 1800

SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE 1300 659 467 (cost of a local call)

**Mrs. Natalie Daugherty**  
**School Counsellor**

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## *Secondary School Honour Roll*

As a school, it is critically important we celebrate the outstanding things students do both inside and outside the classroom. Recognising student achievement helps to create a positive school culture where students feel valued.

At Orange Anglican Grammar, the Secondary School Honour Roll system is one important way that student growth is celebrated. In keeping with our school strategic plan we want to promote the development of the whole person. There are 4 strands of recognition in the Honour Roll system reflecting the value of growth in different areas of life. These strands are: Academic, Sporting, Cultural and Service. Following the launch of the Honour Roll system at the start of the year, there have been several hundred recognitions of significant student growth or achievement across these 4 strands.

The first level of achievement in the Honour Roll is the Bronze Award, requiring students to have received 5 recognitions in any of the 4 strands. When a student attains the Bronze Award, their achievement is recognised during a Secondary Assembly where they are presented with their Bronze lapel pin to be worn on their blazer. Congratulations to the students who have recently reached this level:

- Hamish Bracey
- Jack Dixon
- Madeline MacKay
- Neesha Pradhan
- Laura Sharp
- Anastasia Skinner
- Caitlyn Wright



We look forward to presenting more Bronze Awards as the year progresses as well as the higher levels of achievement: Silver; Gold and Platinum.

## Being out of Uniform

The realities of life mean that there are occasions when it is not possible for students to come in their correct uniform for good reason (e.g. blazer is being dry cleaned, school shirt is ripped,...). Parents of Secondary students, we ask if you could please provide a signed note or email your child's Tutor Teacher on days your child is not able to come to school in their correct uniform.

Students are ambassadors for our school, and as such are expected to wear their uniform with pride. Your assistance in this way will help staff follow up any uniform breeches fairly and ensure that leniency is shown towards students who have good reason for being out of uniform.

Mr. Tim Brown

Secondary Head of Welfare

# flexischools

## New Canteen Ordering System is here!



**Orange Anglican Grammar School** is constantly on the lookout for new ways to make your interactions with school more convenient. That is why we have engaged Flexischools, Australia's leading school payment system, to provide a new cashless way for you to pay for your canteen orders.

### Order and pay for canteen orders online with Flexischools online ordering...

Flexischools is the fast, convenient and secure way to order and pay for Canteen orders from home or on your mobile. Flexischools makes our canteen available to you 24/7

- Parents set up a Flexischools account online and pre-load the account with funds.
- Parent can use the funds in their account to order and pay for a range of services online
- Parents can view their orders online and can set a daily spending limit.

### Get Started with Flexischools...

#### Set up an account for online ordering...

You can set up an account online – it only takes a minute.

1. **Register for Flexischools** by visiting [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Add your student, their school and form class to get started.
2. **Top-Up your account** via Visa, Mastercard, PayPal or direct deposit.
3. **Make an order** by selecting from the range of options made available by your school and proceed to make payment for the order listed in your order pad.
4. **Review Orders** by logging back in to your Flexischools account. You can set recurring orders, view transaction history or cancel orders via your Flexischools login.

All orders must be placed by 9:30am on the day the order is required. The canteen menu will continue to be emailed on a weekly basis so that you are able to see what the meal packs are offering on any given day. Cancellations can also be made prior to 9:30am on the day of the order.

### What does it cost?

**Online Canteen Ordering Fee** - \$0.29 per canteen order

**Account Top-Up Fees** -

Direct Deposit (2-3 days) - Free

Credit Card/PayPal Surcharge (Immediate) \$0.15 + 1%

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*CWP*  
Central West Publishing

## OAGS Annual Short Story Competition

The objective of the competition is to provide a platform for young writers and to encourage them further

We cordially invite all OAGS students to participate in this competition and submit your short stories

The submitted entries will be scrutinised and 10-15 best stories will be selected and compiled in a story book published by Central West Publishing

Rules for participation:

- Students of all grades are welcome to participate
- The story can be based on fiction or non-fiction themes and should not contain anything objectionable
- The story has to be original and not copied from any digital or print source
- There is no limit on the length of the story, but short stories are preferred
- Cartoons and illustrations in the story are most welcome, though not necessary
- Maximum number of entries per student is two

This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your children to demonstrate their writing skills and become associated with a story book at an early age and perhaps become a published Author!

The entries can be submitted at [editor@centralwestpublishing.com](mailto:editor@centralwestpublishing.com)

The deadline for submission of your entries is 31 July 2018

*Headquartered in Orange, Australia*  
<https://centralwestpublishing.com>

## Parent Information Night

Dianne Gill from the *Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (ramhp)* will present a free Community Support Skills/Mental Health Education course on **13 June 2018**.

### This 1.5 hour training course will cover:

- Signs that someone may not be travelling well
- Finding and providing help
- How to look after your mental well-being
- How to help someone at risk of suicide
- How to have a conversation with someone you're worried about
- Cyber-bullying awareness/information
- and more....

**When: Wednesday 13 June 2018 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm**

**Location: OAGS Media Centre**

**Cost is free. Please RSVP to [natalie.daugherty@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:natalie.daugherty@oags.nsw.edu.au) by 11 June 2018**



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