

ISSUE 6

Term 2, Week 2

2021

OAGS News

It's a date...

Monday 3 May

School Photo Day

Tuesday 4 May

WAS SS Cross Country

Western All Schools Touch

Wednesday 5 May

NSW SS School Chess

PS Preliminary High Jump

AICES Soccer Championship

Thursday 6 May

Science and Engineering Challenge

Small School Rugby League Carnival

Friday 7 May

SS 1500m Event

Monday 10 May

SS Prelim High Jump

Tuesday 11 May

WAS Touch Football Trials

Wednesday 12 May

Athletics Carnival

AICES Boys Rugby Trials

Thursday 13 May

Safety in our Community (Kinder)

Saturday 15 May

Early Learning Open House



From the Headmaster...

I am always proud to have the opportunity to announce breaking news about the achievements of our students who have dedication to their chosen passions. It brings me great delight to congratulate Year 11 student **Pantsie Dwyer** who has been selected as First Trumpet for the Regional Youth Orchestra. This prestigious accolade provides Pantsie the opportunity to travel to Sydney and participate in workshops with members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra (SSO) and the Australian World Orchestra (AWO). The Regional Youth Orchestra will perform in a concert at the end of June at Angel Place in Sydney, both in their own right and with members of both the SSO and AWO.

I am confident that Pantsie will have some wonderful experiences that she will be able to share with our budding brass musicians within our own music program.



ANZAC Day

2020 was a year like no other. Unfortunately Anzac Day is one of the major events that continues to be impacted by the global pandemic. This year we were unable to gather as a whole school to participate in the local march, but rest assured that we were able to commemorate those that served and sacrificed their lives for our country.

On Friday 23rd April we gathered on Trinity Oval for the OAGS in-house Anzac Day Service. This year Mr Peter Reid, Teacher and Bagpiper, led our Cadets onto the oval for this solemn service. Student musician Ben Postma played the Last Post as our student and staff community took the time to reflect on the ultimate sacrifices made by the Anzacs, and the continued sacrifices made by defence organisations to this day.

On Anzac Day Mr Hazelton and I had the honour of marching alongside Suzie, Jock, Holly and Nicholas, our current School Captains and Primary Leaders, at the local march in Orange to represent our school, lay a wreath and acknowledge this significant day.

Year 7 2022

In recent months we have been overwhelmed by enrolment interest for Year 7 2022 and I am pleased to announce that we are now approaching a waitlist for this cohort with expressions of interest coming in daily. On Wednesday evening we gathered in the Media Centre for the Year 7 2022 Information Night. I have to say that after such a quiet 12 months on our school grounds it was so wonderful to welcome well over 100 members of our current and prospective community to the school to celebrate what is to come. During the evening I welcomed two of our current Year 7 students to the lectern to talk about their experience thus far. Jacqui, who has been here for just one term expressed that she feels so included and welcomed to our school, and this was heartwarming to hear. Blake, who has been at OAGS since Transition, showed amazing confidence and enthusiasm, and provided our incoming Year 7 students with the advice to have a can-do attitude. It was great to hear first hand of these students thriving, particularly after only one term in Secondary School!



Rev Louis Stringer
Headmaster

School Photo Day

Reminder!! Monday 3 May is our annual School Photo Day. Please ensure your child brings along their photo envelope with payment made online prior to the day or cash on the day. Please ensure you read the letter sent out regarding uniform requirements. Cadets should be in their full school uniform, and can change prior to Cadets commencing in the afternoon.

All students are required to be in their full formal winter uniform on the day. As has previously been communicated, this includes the terracotta jumper for K to 6 students, blazer and terracotta jumper for 7 to 12 students, the pleated skirt for all girls K to 12, and the fleece jumper for Transition students.

252 Army Cadet Unit students will not wear their cadet uniform to school on this particular Monday but are required to wear their full school uniform as described above. Army Cadet students are asked to pack their cadet gear in a separate bag and will be provided with an opportunity to get changed once all the photographs have been taken in preparation for Cadets that afternoon.

On this particular day, there can be a desire from some students, for eyeliner, eye shadow and lipstick to be worn, hair to be worn out instead of worn up, additional piercings worn and to leave facial hair unshaven. If parents could please partner with us and ensure that these areas of presentation are addressed prior to their child leaving for school that would be greatly appreciated. The school reserves the right to remove any student from a photograph who chooses not to meet the school's expectations.

If you would like additional information, refer to the [uniform guidelines](#).

Interview with an OAGS Alumni - Alicia Robinson

We recently had the exciting opportunity to interview 2019 OAGS graduate and School Captain, Alicia Robinson. Let's all hear what she's been up to since graduating.

What have you been up to since graduating in 2019 Alicia?

I took a gap year in 2020 and worked a lot at The Robin Hood and IGA. I was meant to tour Europe in April 2020, but that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

What are you doing now?

I'm studying a Bachelors of Nursing at Charles Sturt University in Port Macquarie. I also work at Chop n' Chill in Port Macquarie.



What do you like about university life?

Uni has made me more independent, more relaxed and open-minded. I have loved meeting new people. Dorm life is pretty cool too! My Mum recently drove all the way up to Port Macquarie to surprise me with a visit and see my Uni life.

What has been one challenge since starting Uni?

Getting back into the routine of studying and working on assessments since taking a gap year. One thing that has helped is arranging my dorm room to have a separate space for work and rest. Having a healthy routine of study, going to the gym and meeting new friends has helped as well.

Do you have any tips and advice for our current Year 11 and 12 Students?

Practice with HSC past papers and essays - do as many as you can actually. But make sure to have healthy breaks. I recommend downloading the 'Forest' app on your phone so that you get some good study time every day!
<https://www.forestapp.cc/>

I recommend that if you go to university, you apply for every scholarship that you are eligible for, and don't wait until it's too late. I was recently awarded the CSU 'Foundation Scholarship.'

Finally, enjoy your final years in school, it will be over before you know it! Good luck Year 12's!

Is there anything else that you want to share with us today Alicia?

I miss my OAGS family so much! I loved going to this school from kindergarten to Year 12. It's so nice seeing everyone again! Please stop in and say hi if you pass through Port Macquarie!

Mrs. Natalie Daugherty - School Counsellor, Suzie Daugherty - School Captain & Addie Webster - School Vice Captain

Caring for your child in the digital world

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is the world's first government regulatory agency committed to keeping its citizens safer online (Go Australia!).

This government organisation does an outstanding job educating and informing children, parents and educators about how to safely navigate the online world. One of the ways they support parents and caregivers is to run webinars that are designed to help them safely manage the online world for their child. If you have a child aged 4 to 13 years of age and are looking for some practical advice or tips on how to navigate your way through this stage please read the information below from the eSafety Commissioner.



eSafety's guide to parental controls

This Term 2 webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 4-13.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Dates (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Tuesday 4 May 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 5 May 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Thursday 6 May 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Tuesday 8 June 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Wednesday 16 June 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Tim Brown

Head of School Welfare and Wellbeing



Term 2 Sport

Term 2 is looking like it is going to be a busy term for sport with over 25 events occurring over 10 weeks! We have already had our OAGS Cross Country Carnival, WAS Netball and WAS Soccer Trials. Get ready to see some amazing sporting performances over the coming weeks.

The OAGS Cross Country Carnival was a beautiful day with a number of spectacular runners. Students from Transition all the way to Yr 12 participated in the day winning hundreds of points for their Houses. For the first time Secondary School were able to participate in a new cross country event, *Smile for a Mile*. This event allowed students of all abilities to have a run on the day and enjoy the beautiful scenery OAGS has to offer.

WAS Secondary Cross Country Carnival is coming up on Tuesday 4th May where we will be represented by over 20 students. Unfortunately WAS Primary Cross Country has been cancelled for 2021. Primary's next event will be HICES Cross Country on 24th May (information to follow).

Keeping in the theme of carnivals, OAGS Athletics Carnival will be happening on Wednesday 12th May on Trinity Oval. This is a whole school event with K-Year 2 participating in their own mini carnival, while students from Year 3 to 12 will participate in the normal carnival. Secondary students have been sent nomination forms and Primary will complete theirs in class. Parents are allowed to come and cheer on the athletes, ensuring they have scanned the school QR code and sanitised.

Term 2 Sports Calendar

Date	Section of School	Event
21st April	Whole School	OAGS Cross Country
22nd April	Secondary	WAS U15's Netball - Sydney
23rd April	Primary	HICES Netball Trials (nomination based)
26th April	Secondary	WAS Football Trials Boys and Girls - KWS
26th-27th April	Secondary	CIS Swim meet - Sydney
4th May	Secondary Secondary	WAS Cross Country - Bathurst Year 7/8 Girls and Boys Western All Schools touch Football Competition - Orange
5th May	Secondary Secondary	AICES Soccer - U15 Girls U16 Boys - Glenwood Year 9/10 Girls and Boys Western All Schools Touch football Competition - Orange
6th May	Secondary	U14 Rugby League Carnival - Parkes
11th May	Secondary	WAS Touch Trials Boys and Girls - OAGS
12th May	Whole School	OAGS Athletics Carnival
	Secondary	CIS Open Boys Rugby Union Trials -Sydney
13th May	Secondary	AICES Rugby Trials - Sydney
15th May	Secondary	CIS Boys 15 yrs Rugby League Trials - Sydney
24th May	Primary	HICES Cross Country - Blue Mountains
26th May	Secondary	AICES Touch Football - Penrith
27th May	Primary	Netball NSW Cup - Dubbo
28th May	Secondary	Netball NSW Cup - Dubbo
1st June	Primary	CIS Primary Girls Rugby 7's Trials
2nd June	Secondary	AICES Cross Country -Sydney
3rd June	Secondary	CIS Secondary Girls Rugby 7's Selection Trials
	Whole School	Gymnastics WAG Level 3 & up MAG All levels - Sydney
7th June	Secondary	ACIES Netball - Sydney
8th June	Primary	Futsal Competition - Bathurst
9th June	Secondary	Futsal 14 Girls Competition - Bathurst
10th June	Secondary	Futsal 16 Boys & Girls and Open Boys & Girls Competition - Bathurst
28th July	Secondary	CIS Girls Open Rugby Union Trials - Sydney



Hockey

Guess what's back... back again? Hockey's back for the Winter season and it is shaping up to be an amazing season with OAGS entering teams into every division - U18s, U16s, U14s, Open Primary and Joeys/Burras.

On Wednesday night, the Open Primary Pineapples kick started the season with a gripping game against KWS. The team went down 6-2, however, this was the first time many of the players had held a hockey stick or played on a full field so it was an amazing achievement. Congratulations to Miley O'Brien and Nicholas Irwin who netted two amazing goals, whilst Hallie Ellice proved her defensive skills tackling the hardest role of all, Goalkeeper. I am truly looking forward to watching this team grow and develop throughout the season.

A huge thank you to all of the Parents who have put their hand up to support all of our teams this year, whether it be in a coaches or managers role or just offering their assistance in other ways. Hockey is definitely growing at OAGS and it is massively attributed to the amazing support offered by family and friends and I am truly grateful.

Upcoming Games

Monday 3rd May: OAGS U18s Jellybeans v KWS Mavericks - 6:30pm (Smith)
 Monday 3rd May: OAGS U16s Killer Pythons v CYMS Tazers - 5:30pm (Davis)
 Wednesday 5th May: OAGS OP Pineapples v Molong Badgers - 4:30pm (Davis)
 Friday 7th May: OAGS U14s Favourites v KWS Raptors - 5:30pm (Davis)

Representative Girls Hockey

Congratulations to Brooke Windus, Alex Windus, Megan Cox and Georgia Oakes who recently competed in the WAS Girls Hockey Team at the AICES Hockey Tournament in Newcastle. The girls all had an amazing campaign, winning all of their games and walking away with a Gold Medal.

From this tournament, Megan Cox was selected in the AICES Open Girls Team to play at the CIS Hockey Tournament in May. This is an amazing achievement for Meg who only started playing hockey 2 years ago and now goes down in OAGS history as being the first hockey player selected at this level.



Mrs Amanda Jewell
 Hockey Coordinator



WAS U15s Netball 2021

On Thursday the 22nd of April Lucy Martin and Isla Stringer travelled down to Netball Central in Sydney to compete in the AICES Netball Competition for the WAS U15s Netball Team. The girls played to the best of their abilities, highlighting great sportsmanship and skills. Lucy and Isla represented Orange Anglican Grammar with pride and enthusiasm. Congratulations girls, well done!

Miss Abby Tilburg
 Netball Coordinator

OAGS Kicking Goals in Soccer!

A huge effort was shown by all the OAGS boys who trialled for the WAS Under 16 team at OAGS on Monday 26 April. The determined and skilful OAGS squad consisted of Braydon Richards, Luke Cox, Luke Brown, Ben Polley, Sean Antonio, Oliver Thompson, Nate Lee, Keegan Willis, Jacob Norcott, Tom Bock, Hayden Spedding, Manuel Camargo Rivera and Oliver Colgan. A huge thank you to Jess Weir for refereeing the matches, Hannah Dewar for the action photos, Millie Paterson for running the water and "Dr" Claudia Horan for being kept active as the first aider.



The first trial game saw OAGS matched against Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo. The boys won with a convincing 3:1 result. The next game, "Possibles and Probables", consisted of a mixture of OAGS, MAGS and Kinross players. Goalkeeper Sean Antonio had a quiet start to the day, with solid defence from Braydon Richards, Hayden Spedding & Nate Lee, not letting many opposing players through to the goal. Luke Cox, Luke Brown, Ben Polley and Oliver Colgan showed good involvement. They often were trialling in a position they were new to due to the selector's requests. Manuel Camargo Rivera showed great determination to play on after a stray elbow to the face. Oliver Thompson, Keegan Willis, Jacob Norcott and Tom Bock were persistent linking upfront and out wide on the wings, to set up a team mate with a goal or to score themselves.

The majority of the OAGS team were successful in gaining selection in the WAS team.

Congratulations to (Back L-R) Braydon Richards, Keegan Willis, Nate Lee, Oliver Thompson, (Front L-R) Jacob Norcott, Hayden Spedding, Tom Bock and Manuel Camargo Rivera.

These players stood out in their games against skilful and competitive players from Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and Kinross Woleroi School.

All the best to these players for next week's HICES trial games.

Mr Chris Doyle
Coach/PDHP Teacher



Basketball Winter Season 2021

The winter basketball season has begun and OAGS have been a force on the court. We have five teams participating in the winter competition. Our first ever Primary Boys team, the OAGS Troopers, have played two very competitive games, guided by their coach, Oliver Colgan. In the Secondary competition we have four teams playing: OAGS Pink Diamonds, OAGS Heat, OAGS Bandits and OAGS Orange. Each team has played several games, and it is really wonderful to see all the new faces and returning players that are participating in OAGS sports for the winter season. This week we will see two of our OAGS teams play head to head! OAGS Bandits and OAGS Heat will play each other to take the rights to the basketball court! A big thank you to all the parents who are assisting teams with getting students to games on time and also doing bench duty for OAGS. Thank you to Di Carrier, Ed Maclean, Oliver Colgan and Ryan Chirenje for again coaching their respective basketball sides. Good luck to all teams for your next round of games.



Upcoming Games

Monday 3rd May

OAGS Troopers: 4:20pm on Court 2

Tuesday 4th May

OAGS Pink Diamonds: 4:20pm on Court 4

Thursday 29th April

OAGS Heat: 5:10pm on Court 1

OAGS Bandits: 5:10pm on Court 1

OAGS Orange: 4:20pm Court 1

Mrs Erin Purvis

Basketball Coordinator/Early Stage 1 Teacher



ALPACA TEAM

The OAGS Alpaca team has been busy lately. We have welcomed two new team members, Patagonia KH Celestial Comet and Kyona Guns and Roses, to join Peter and Peter in the school herd. Thanks must go to Patagonia and Kyona Alpaca Studs for their support in selecting animals that will work best with our students.

While Comet and Gunner were at "study camp" for halter training over the holidays, we travelled to the Sydney Royal Easter Show to compete in the Alpaca Schools Competition. Rebecca Kemp, Ilka Gordon, Mitch Wheeler, Sabrina Mackay, Annabelle Wrigley and Lucy Martin demonstrated great skill in leading their animals (whom they only met an hour before the competition!) through a variety of challenges. This was the first

competition for most of these students and they performed extremely well in front of large crowds. Scores were close with OAGS placing third, receiving numerous compliments on their skills and presentation.

Last Saturday saw the dedicated team of Shanlei Christian, Ilka Gordon and Mykayla Hazelton make a very early start to head down to Hawkesbury Show to exhibit school animals for the first time. All animals earned ribbons, with Gunner placing first in the Junior White Male class and Peter and Comet placing second and fourth in the Adult Wether class. In addition to showing the school's animals, students were invited to exhibit animals for other studs, both in the show ring as well as in the Grand Parade. As interest in the Alpaca Team continues to grow at the school, we now have multiple training sessions each week and are looking forward to upcoming opportunities to exhibit our animals.





AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION FIELD DAY

The ACE facility was launched into the wider community in a big way with the recent Agriculture Innovation Field Day held at the school last week. Students from throughout the Central West travelled to the school to hear some industry's leading presenters talk about a range of topics, ranging from animal nutrition, selection of breeding animals, regenerative agriculture, wool classing and drones in agriculture. The day was hands-on, with students handling fleeces and machinery and many learning about the wide array of career opportunities available in agriculture.

The field day grew from the Australian Wool Innovation School's wether competition where schools from throughout the state, ACT and even some from South Australia are provided with a team of Merino wethers to grow over a six month period, and compete against each other in producing the most efficient Merino team judged on carcass and wool value.

The school was lucky to be covered extensively in local and state media and the links to the stories are attached.

A huge thankyou to all who made this day a bleating success.

[The Land](#)



Mrs Sarah Eyb
ACE Coordinator

STAGE 5 "LOVE BITES" PROGRAM

On Tuesday 30th March, Year 9 and 10 students embarked on a day of engaging discussions, sharing sessions and interesting discussions in the "Love Bites" Program.

The "Love Bites" program is a Domestic and Family Violence prevention program that also deals with the issues related to Sexual Assault. 8 facilitators from areas such as Women's Health, CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services), Social Workers for Domestic Violence as well as the police presented the latest, most relevant information relating to these topics. Students were encouraged to work collaboratively and to understand the knowledge needed to have respectful relationships, as well as developing their skills in critical thinking and assisting them in being able to problem solve and communicate effectively.

The students were well buoyed up by a delicious pizza lunch followed by a creative session where they expressed their views on what they had learned in the day, through the power of water colours and pastels.

Here are a few snippets of what students had to say about the day:

"The 'Love Bites' presentation was easy to understand and entertaining, giving us all an insight into topics that are really relevant and important in our age group. Overall a really good day!"

"What I found good about today is how they encouraged everyone to give their opinions. They got us to stand up and actually interact with them so that everyone could gain a deeper understanding of the problems that face our society."

"I found learning about domestic violence helped me to understand that it comes in many different forms and I enjoyed creating artwork of what we perceive it to be."

"I thought the day was run very well. It helped me understand the impacts sexual and domestic violence can have on a person and what the laws are to protect everyone. I strongly recommend continuing this program because I believe it was very beneficial."

"I thought the 'Love Bites' program was run really well and planned out thoroughly. Having volunteers come from outside of the school was really helpful because I think they really reached out to kids who may have not listened if it was a teacher talking. There was a lot of content that we covered but the way they presented was done extremely well without traumatising the students with really scary stories."

"The program was well planned out, very informative and a great way to learn about domestic violence and sexual assault. It really opened my eyes and helped me understand how bad it is in Australia. I would love to learn more about it."

Mrs Karen Huntly
Leader Secondary Welfare

OAGS Community Prayer Night

OAGS has so much to be thankful for. As Term 2 proceeds there will no doubt be unforeseen events and unexpected challenges. In blessings and trials God is unchanging and sovereign. The bible tells us to praise God unceasingly as well as bring our worries and requests to Him. This is exactly what we will be doing in our Community Prayer Nights.

You are invited this term's Prayer Night, on Thursday 13th of May from 6pm to 7pm in the Senior Library. We would love to see you there to listen or join in praying out loud, as we pray for our school, staff and students.



Mrs Sally Francis and Rev. Dave Whittingham

OAGS Canteen

Let's get to know our new Canteen Assistant and OAGS Parent, Miranda Blackmore.

What is your favourite food? My Mum's potato salad

What is your least favourite food? Pawpaw

Favourite Ice Cream Flavour? Ben and Jerry's cookie dough.

Do you prefer tea or coffee? I actually don't drink either.

Would you rather winter or summer? Winter. I love it when it snows here in Orange.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Jervis Bay about 3 hours south of Sydney.



What is your favorite thing about being a Canteen Assistant?

I love working with Sally, learning new recipes and working together as a team to get all the ordered food out on time.

Favorite thing about OAGS?

We are a committed Christian family. Christian faith, values and morals are extremely important to us - it's what we live by everyday. I love that our daughter can feel free to express her faith and beliefs and have them nurtured and encouraged whilst at school.

What do you enjoy doing when not working?

I love playing the piano and being creative with things like drawing, painting and crocheting.

If you could go anywhere in the world for a holiday, where would you go?

I would like to visit Jerusalem in Israel and see all the places Jesus would have walked, preached, where he died and was resurrected.

Welcome Miranda!

Mrs Sally Francis
Canteen Manager

CHESS

During the holidays on Saturday 10th April several of our chess players - Rhys Johnston, Charlotte & Elizabeth Johnstone, Archie Casey, Clay Perkins and Mykala Hazelton - spent a challenging and rewarding day playing multiple games in the Orange Holiday Chess competition. 33 students from the district attended with Rhys being the overall winner, with a perfect 8 wins from 8 games score. Charlotte, Lizzy and Mykayla also performed very well and received encouragement awards - WELL DONE to ALL.

Secondary Schools Knockout Competition

Our next game for the Senior Team (Rhys Johnston, Scott McGoldrick, Clay Perkins, Archie Casey, Bec Kemp, Mykayla Hazelton) is against Canobolas RTHS. This is Round 2 of the competition and will be played on Wednesday 5 May. Wish them luck!

2021 OAGS competition

We will commence this in the coming weeks. Games will be played each week during T2 & T3 until the champions (upper & lower secondary plus upper & lower primary) are determined.

Mr Terry Nye

Chess Coordinator



Brynn Player proudly wearing his Adventure Training Award (Gold Boomerang- Apr 2021) and his Bronze Commendation (achieving first place on the NSW Corporal Promotion Course - Sep 2020)



Another first for 252 ACU and OAGS - Sergeant Brynn Player qualified for the Adventure Training Award and now proudly wears the coveted gold boomerang badge on his left chest. This award required attending a 5 day course and passing many physical and mental assessments in swimming, army basic fitness test, obstacle courses, radio communication procedures, navigation, first aid, route marches, teamwork, leadership, and much more. The assessment was continuous and included theory tests as well as practical demonstrations of these skills. Only 80 candidates are selected each year with a pass rate of approximately 70%. Many long established units have never had an award holder in their history, yet 252 ACU has achieved this award after just over 2 years of existence (with 2020 being severely Covid affected).

Anzac Day

Unfortunately due to the many restrictions and directions from the Government, NSW RSL and the Canberra Cadet HQ, we were not allowed to march as a group behind the 252 ACU banner. We did provide cadets the opportunity to attend the flags at the Robertson Park Cenotaph (Dawn and Main service) plus carry flags and banners in the main march with the AAFC (Air Cadets). To their credit, our cadet representatives were well dressed and behaved in an exemplary manner. Notably, I have received many favourable comments from parents, members of the community and other dignitaries that were in attendance. The community is now starting to recognise 252 ACU as a unique community youth development group, which is developing and growing instead of thinking we are part of the other AAC school only groups in Orange.

Dates: 19-20 June – BIVOUAC



Cadets at the RSL Anzac Day lunch (Orange Ex-Services Club)



Flag attendants at the Robertson Park Cenotaph for Anzac Day

Captain (AAC) Terry Nye
Admin Commander

CRU HSC Study Camps

CRU Camps is a division of Crusaders, a non-profit Christian youth organisation. CRU hosts camps across Australia during school holidays. Some camps include HSC study camps, which provide outstanding opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students. OAGS has had multiple Year 12 students attend study camps in the past few years.

Two of our current Year 12 students, Zali Whybrow and Issy Fox, recently attended a study camp in Lake Macquarie. Let's hear what they have to say about their experience:

Issy Fox

I went to a CRU Study Camp in Lake Macquarie during the first week of school holidays. It was really fun and a great way to make new friends, see beautiful sunsets, and get help with HSC subjects. The leaders at the camp were very nice and encouraging, and they always had a smile. I would recommend this camp to other Year 11 and 12 students because it is a great way to get help from people who have recently completed the HSC, and it is a good environment with no distractions!



Zali Whybrow

During the holidays I attended a CRU HSC study camp in Lake Macquarie. This experience has made me walk into Term 2 feeling more confident and prepared for ways I can now study on my own. The camp was such a good environment to be a part of, getting to make friends and discuss some of the struggles Year 12's face as we are all experiencing similar situations. This was a Christian camp, but for those who may not follow in the path of God, this camp is still for you, as you learn new and interesting ways of interpreting the bible into your everyday life. This was a highlight for myself personally as at the end of the camp, I felt like I'd grown as a person and had so much more clarity on my faith. If you are in Year 11 and 12, I would highly recommend attending one of these camps, as you are able to get ahead in your studies and, whilst doing this, making new friends and having a good time in an amazing environment.

If you would like more information about CRU camps, please email natalie.daugherty@oags.nsw.edu.au. Scholarships are available through CRU.

Mrs Natalie Daugherty
School Counsellor



MUSIC NOTES

Our Winter Creative and Performing Arts Showcase will look a little bit different this year! 'OAGS Onstage' is coming up soon on **Wednesday June 16th** at **Orange Civic Theatre**. If your child is a Dancer, Actor, Singer or Instrumentalist there is a good chance that they will be involved. Students are already working hard on their performances for a very special evening.

Tickets will be available from Monday 24th May via Ticketek, they will be just \$13 each. Performers will not need to purchase a seat.



WEDNESDAY JUNE 16 @ 6PM

Congratulations!! To all our wonderful student performers in today's lunchtime concert. It is so wonderful to see how willingly our students are embracing the opportunity to perform in front of each other. Even more heart-warming is the level of support amongst the students and staff who packed out the music room as an appreciative audience, encouraging their fellow students and enjoying their performances. In fact, the demand for performance slots has been so overwhelming that we will have to limit future concerts to a maximum of 7 performances, and only one piece per performer. Apologies to any performers who signed up for today's concert but did not have time - you will be given priority in the Week 4 concert.

Mrs Colgan



Chaplain Chat

In primary chapel this term students are being challenged to memorise our longest-ever memory verse! Titus 2:11-14 contains so many great truths of scripture condensed into just a few verses so it is a wonderful passage to spend time digging into. Every week we are visited by Captain Memory Verse who sets different challenges for the kids (so far, the kids are winning!). We hope that, through this series, students will understand the depth of God's love for them and the way Jesus transforms our lives.

For the grace of God has appeared which brings salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age while we wait for the blessed hope - the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people for his very own, eager to do what is good.



In high school chapel we are taking a term to look at the character of God through a series "God is..." After spending last term looking at how we respond to the message of Jesus, we take a step back to see how the character of God is seen in the life and work of Jesus. We have started our term by looking at how God has made Himself known to us, so we in turn can know Him. We hope that through this term we will find more understanding of who God is and how we can take hold of God Himself in our lives through Jesus.

Early Learning Police Visit

On Wednesday, Kindergarten and Transition students were fortunate to have a visit from Senior Constable Jane Heffeman, our local police school liaison officer. She spoke to us about how we can work together to keep safe in our community. The session supported Kindergarten's exploration of how to be safe in our community. There were lots of questions asked, demonstrating the children's interest in the police. Many questions focused on the different equipment police carry and all the different jobs you can do in the Police Force. The students got to look at the handcuffs and share their own police experiences. Senior Constable Jane spoke about stranger danger, being safe when travelling in the car or riding a bike, what number to call in an emergency and what to do if you get lost. As she left she flashed her police lights and sounded the siren. There were lots of 'oohs' and 'aahs'. She set the children some homework, so that if they ever need to speak to any of the emergency services they will be able to tell them where they live and the names of their parents. She suggested practicing in the car on the drive to school. It was a fun and informative experience.



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Book Club: Orders for Issue 3 for 2021 are due by Thursday 6th May.

National Simultaneous Storytime: The annual NSS will be held on Wednesday the 19th of May. The book chosen by ALIA this year is 'Give me some Space!' by Philip Bunting. Students from Transition to Stage 2 will participate in the NSS, with some Stage 1 students assisting with the reading/performance of the text. Other students are encouraged to come dressed as astronauts, aliens or planets. There will be "creating" sessions held in the Library and classrooms in the lead up to the day. There is also an exciting opportunity for students to watch the astronaut, Shannon Walker, read the text from space!! A copy of



the book was sent into space with her in November 2020 for this occasion. Keep an eye out for links to the video and other resources.

Homework/Study Club: Homework Club for Primary and Study Club for Secondary has started again for Term 2. The Primary sessions run on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in the Junior library from 3:15 - 4pm. Collection of students can be made from the Admin car park. Some students also catch their regular bus before 4pm. Secondary sessions are held on Monday and Tuesday afternoons in P1 and P2 classrooms from 3:30 - 4:15pm. Most students proceed to Cadets or are to be collected from the Greet and Go area.



Lunchtime In the Library!: Lunchtime in the Library has started again with a range of device-free activities on offer. Monday is "Reading Time" - a time for quiet reading with perhaps the occasional special guest reader - Tuesday is "Drawing and Colouring", Wednesday is "Lego and Games" and Thursday is "PIP", which is a personal interest time. During Week 2 and 3, PIP is decorating Mother's Day gift bags. Future activity opportunities will be determined based on student feedback. Unfortunately, at this point in time, Secondary students are unable to participate in "Lunchtime in the Library!". However, from Term 3 onwards, when the new Library space is open, they definitely will! Coding, Book Club, etc. will run especially for those students in Secondary who are interested.



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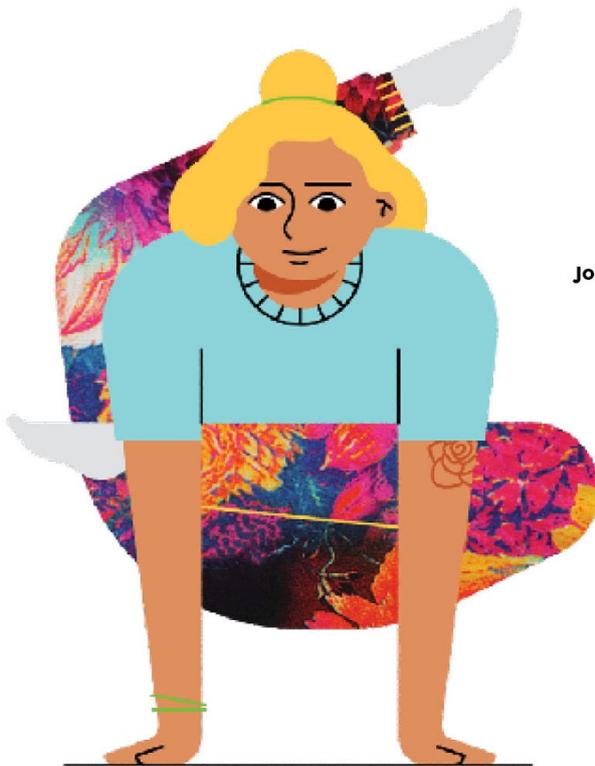


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Zucchini muffins



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2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
1 carrot, grated
125g tin corn kernels, drained
1 small red onion, finely diced
1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
6 eggs, beaten
1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.
Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.
Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.
Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

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Kind regards,

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thank you!

