



A New World of Learning...

ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

8 November 2019

From the Deputy Headmaster....



This Saturday is November 9th. The forecast is for a light frost, a minimum of 1 and then a brief maximum of 13. The joys of late spring living in Orange! As an independent School in NSW we formulate our school year to ensure that we meet the mandatory teaching hours according to NESA. We also look to AHISA for term date guidance and then consult with The Anglican Schools Corporation (TASC) to pattern our term breaks in line with the other 20 corporation schools in our network. Traditionally OAGS has had a two week break between Term 1 and Term 2 (Autumn) and another two week break between Term 3 and Term 4 (Spring). The other significant term break has been the longer three week break between semesters (Term 2 and Term 3), the Winter break for 3 weeks. This break has been placed here largely due to the pattern that is set by the majority of other independent schools who are located in warmer winter climates. It makes sense in terms of symmetry to have the longer break between semesters, but it makes little sense if that longer break coincides with traditionally bleak weather.



The climate of Orange, especially during Winter, has promoted a discussion around the placement of the three week break. Why would we choose to give our families an extended break during the coldest and bleakest months of the year? While this record breaking drought has meant that the most recent years have been chilly but sunny during Winter, those who were here in 2016 will remember a much damper Winter with weeks on end of drizzle, sleet and cold.

With all this in mind, we have therefore decided to **move the three-week break** from the middle of Winter and into the Spring break. Thus, the break between Term 2 and Term 3 will be shortened to two weeks, while the break between Term 3 and Term 4 will be lengthened to 3 weeks. There will be no net change to the total number of school days or holiday days for our school community. Rather, we are hoping to provide our families with a greater chance of finer weather for their holiday breaks with their children.

Please note the Calendar dates for OAGS 2020 below.

Kind Regards

Scott Hazelton
Deputy Headmaster

It's a date...
For all of our important dates please visit the live calendar on the Website

Remembrance Day Service

11 November 2019

Western NSW Touch Football Schools Cup

12 November 2019

Transition 2020 Orientation

13 November 2019

Year 7 2020 Orientation

14 November 2019

Instrument Tryouts

14 November 2019

NSW Secondary Schools Chess

15 November 2019

OAGS Dance Showcase (and Dress Rehearsal)

18 November 2019

Kindergarten 2020 Information Session

19 November 2019

Year 7 2020 Information Evening

20 November 2019

Stage 3 Goldfields Excursion

21 November 2019

'Ladies of the Land' Day

22 November 2019

OAGS vs MAGS Soccer

22 November 2019

Primary 2020 Captaincy Speeches

28 November 2019

OAGS Annual Christmas Lunch

3 December 2019

OAGS Christmas Carols

4 December 2019

Transition/Kindergarten Final Assembly

5 December 2019

Year 6 Celebration

9 December 2019

OAGS Presentation Night

11 December 2019

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TERM DATES – 2020

The School Day*

Starting Time: 9:05am

Finishing Times: Transition 3:05pm, Primary 3:15pm, Secondary 3:20pm

Term 1	New Staff Induction and Executive Teacher Days	20, 21 January	11 weeks
	Staff Days	22, 23, 24 January	
	<i>Australia Day holiday</i>	<i>Monday 27 January</i>	
	Year 7, 11, 12 & Transition commence	Tuesday 28 January	
	Year 1 - Year 12 commencement	Wednesday 29 January	
	Kindergarten commencement	Thursday 30 January	
	Term ends	Thursday 9 April	
	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 10 April</i>	
	<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 13 April</i>	
Term 2	ANZAC Day	<i>Saturday 25 April</i>	10 weeks
	Transition to Year 12 resume	Monday 27 April	
	<i>Queen's Birthday Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 8 June</i>	
	Term ends	Friday 3 July	
	Staff day	6 July	
Term 3	Transition to Year 12 resume	Monday 20 July	10 weeks
	Term ends	Friday 25 September	
	<i>Labour Day holiday</i>	<i>Monday 5 October</i>	
Term 4	Transition to Year 11 resume	Monday 19 October	8 weeks
	Term ends	Wednesday 9 December	
	Staff Days	10-11 December	

*Teachers will be on duty from 8:00am until 4:30pm each day.

NAIROC 2019

On Wednesday 30th October, I took the current Primary Drama Club to participate in the NAIROC Eisteddfod, for the second year in a row. NAIROC is run during NAIDOC week. It aims to encourage Indigenous students to perform on stage and to showcase their talent as well as providing the opportunity for the wider community to get actively involved and contribute to the NAIDOC Week celebrations. The Primary Drama Club performed a Dreamtime story called 'The Starfish Man.' It was a great opportunity for the students to be involved in the NAIDOC week celebrations, and become immersed in traditional Indigenous dances and storytelling. The students represented the school proudly, and enjoyed watching the other schools in the Orange community perform their items. Keep an eye out for NAIROC 2020.

Mr Kyle Palmer

Primary Drama Coordinator



Secondary English Report

What do you call a group of poets?? Year 9!

Ms Stevenson's Year 9 English class has begun the term by looking at the idea of 'Protest' and how different perspectives can be communicated on this issue. They have researched a number of different protests throughout history and, in groups, composed poetry to reflect what they have learned. The standard was very high and all were worthy of publication!

Cake

Took place in Paris, France in the year of 1789
Outside the Palace the civilians gathered
Starved and mistreated by the government and monarchy
The French flag was held high
Smoke began to flood the streets
Like icing on cake

The riot began,
Blood of the deceased was scattered everywhere
Boom, rumble and pow, the guns sounded
And thud as the guillotine slammed down
Slicing everything in its path
Let them eat cake

(by Rhys Johnston, Jessica Williamson, Jade Branwhite, Campbell Preston)

Uprising

Bodies gather, in Tiananmen Square
In the heart of China, the year of 1989.
Civilians packed like sardines, everybody is there
A sea of blue shirts, chanting in time.

They are there to protest for free speech and press
Standing strong, not knowing what is to come
Tanks rolled in, about to cause a mess

People were massacred with a disastrous outcome
The cries of the wounded could be heard from afar
At least 10,000 people died, a tragedy occurred that day
History was made that day, never to be spoken in China again
(by Ella Stringer, Georgia Oakes, Amelia Wirth, Jack Gordon)

Lenin

The people marched through St Petersburg
Crunching through thick February ice and snow
Red flags strung up on walls
Soldiers and workers come to hear Vladimir Lenin's calls

Was actually passionate protestors feet
1917 was the year
That every Russian will remember with fear
(by Vincent Xu, Hamish Ingham, Daniel Wilkinson, Milla Polley)

Salt
In India, Gandhi marched
They needed salt but they weren't allowed it
They wore their traditional clothes
60 000 people marched 240 miles
The March was like a waterfall
Washing away the violence of the past
They walked - rain, hail or shine
It remains a key event in India's struggle for independence
In 1930 they won their Protest
This is the story of Gandhi and his army
(by Lily Martin, Tiffany Pretorius, Bayden Willis, Harry Buckland)

Freedom
At the wall of Berlin they stood
People anticipate the crashing of the wall
As the wall fell, hope rose
Families are made one again
The fluttering of falls was music to their ears
Police stand like toys on display
155km of rumble there stood
As the wall is broken a bridge is made
(by Charli Hobbs, Matthew Oates, Haylea Whybrow, Ben Wotton)

Liberty
A sea of red filled Lincoln Memorial
reflecting off their signs.
Stained with the blood of the past,
They were fighting for their freedom.

Underneath lies a seafloor of black and white
Fashioned by their suits.
The waves created by an influx of people,
The thud of their marching echoed through Washington.

Determined as a pack of wolves.
segregated from their tribe
They had a dream, that they were free
and that their rights were restored.
(by Hamish Roberts, Millie Gibson, Thapelo Nare, Alex Windus)

Ms Catherine Stevenson
English Teacher

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
whose confidence is in him.
They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8
BibleVerseImages.com



Ladies of the Land fundraiser

'Ladies of the Land' is a non-for-profit organisation that is helping support women living in rural and remote areas who have been affected by the drought. For their Christmas, the girls of 46:5 have decided to work together to help these ladies feel special this Christmas. On Friday 22 November, the girls from 46:5 will be face painting for a gold coin donation in the lower primary area from 8am and during recess times. In addition, we will be selling Zooper Doopers for a gold coin donation during the OAGS and MAGS soccer match during lunch.



OAGS values are Truth, Excellence and Service. It is our mission to pursue the service value by supporting our wider community and Ladies of the Land. **1 Peter 4:10 (NIV): "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."** Please help us by raising as much money as possible, so we can fill the shoeboxes up to give back to the wonderful ladies who have been doing it tough this year. Please contact Mrs. Natalie Daugherty if you have any questions.

Charlie Watson - Vice School Captain



'Love Food Hate Waste' High Schools Sustainable Cooking Competition

On Friday 1st November, Emma McMaster, Cleaa Taylor and Zali Whybrow competed at the 'Love Food Hate Waste' High Schools Sustainable Cooking Competition at the Orange TAFE. The girls were given a budget of \$30 and tasked with writing two recipes to produce four main meals. An important part of the competition was learning to shop and cook sustainably, therefore having limited leftovers and using all of the food products purchased. The girls purchased all of their groceries from the main sponsor 'The Agrestic Grocer' which included 2 compulsory items - mince and chickpeas- to produce a tasty Stuffed Sweet Potato Shepherd's Pie, Crumbed Vegetable Chips (made from the vegetable peels) and a Chickpea Stir-fry. The girls were up against exceptionally talented Year 11 Hospitality Students from other schools but managed to finish 1 point behind the winning team.



This incredible competition was part of Sustainability Week which focuses on ways to limit waste, use less energy and shop locally. The girls learnt so much from the experience and the wonderful chefs who gave so much of their time to expand their knowledge and skills of cooking in a commercial kitchen.

A big thanks to the Orange Rotary Club who ran the competition, Orange TAFE for holding the event and Beau Baddock from the Agrestic Grocer for sponsoring the event.

Mrs Amanda Jewell



CIS Team Triathlon Championships, 2019

On Monday 28th October, a group of 18 Secondary students competed at the CIS Team Triathlon Championships, held at the Penrith Regatta Centre. This was a new event for our students to compete in and all teams came away with some encouraging results. The day started with the OAGS junior boys and girls teams. Both teams gave their best effort, with the boys coming 19th and the girls finishing 21st. OAGS had 2 teams in the intermediate boys field and both teams raced well to finish 28th and 34th. In a tough field, the OAGS senior boys finished just outside the top 10, placing 11th. The day finished with the OAGS senior girls team coming in 27th. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship on the day and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mr Whittingham for joining us on the day.



Miss Stephanie Harrison Triathlon Coach





Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Students who are moving into Kindergarten in 2020 have had two days to experience what Kindergarten is all about. The feedback from the students was that it was lots of fun. The things they highlighted as being the best part of their day was 'Everything', planting the seeds, making a puppet and playing on the big play equipment. Now there is lots of excitement and talk about going to Kindergarten next year. Thank you to the wonderful Kindy teachers and the team that supported both these experience days.

The Early Learning Team



Ushiku Primary School - Japan

Over the last two and a half years we have developed a friendship with a school in our sister city region of Ushiku. Ushiku Primary School families opened up their homes in 2017 to host our students on the Japanese Study Exchange Trip. We continued our relationship through Skype exchanges, giving our students an opportunity of speaking Japanese with native speakers and an opportunity for Ushiku Primary students to practice their English skills with us. We also exchanged information about our region and culture, letters, videos, emails and photos, giving both school students an opportunity for an authentic language exchange in our globalised society that we live in. Unfortunately this friendship has come to an end. I'd like to thank Ushiku Primary School for their friendship over the years and hope they can continue their language exchange with another school in our city.

Last term, Stage 2 studied a unit on Japan and this week the students were given an opportunity of speaking face-to-face to Ushiku Primary School. This was a wonderful way to wrap up Stage 2's Geography unit and all students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We said goodbye to our friends in Japan. さよなら



OAGS Stage 2 Students



Ushiku Primary School & OAGS



OAGS Year 8 students speaking to Ushiku Primary School students



Ms Claudette Andrie
Secondary Japanese Teacher

OAGS Dance Showcase 2019

OAGS will be presenting performances from the 2019 Dance Program participants, as well as solos/duos/trios to showcase the talent in our school. Our partnership with United Dance Project has been a success again this year, and they are excited to showcase a troupe from their cheer program.

DATE: Monday 18th November 2019

TIME: 6pm

VENUE: Orange Civic Theatre (Byng Street)

TICKETS: \$15 adults & \$10 children/students

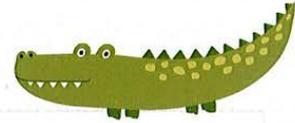
Tickets are available for purchase via Ticketek from Monday 28th October. KEA Productions will be filming the showcase for purchase - \$20 each (EFT available).





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WHERE: Orange Function Centre

WHEN: Wednesday 13th November

TIME: 9am-2pm

ADMISSION: FREE

Come along and speak with local businesses and providers about jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships and training opportunities in the Central West.



Here's your opportunity to give back to the community call 0447817662 or email jacqueline.there.se.smith@det.nsw.edu.au to book your spot

Dr Steve Peterson, Professor Bryce Vissel and University of Technology Sydney warmly invite you to:

Creating Connections

The latest neuroscience research on dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and spinal cord injury is coming to Orange.

Leading neuroscientist and Director of the Centre for Neuroscience & Regenerative Medicine Professor Bryce Vissel will present the Centre's vision of a future without these diseases and injuries, and what it will take to get there.

Professor Vissel will also explain how the Centre can prolong quality of life for patients.

Invitation

DATE
Wednesday 4 December, 2019

TIME
6:30pm - 9:30pm

VENUE
Orange Ex-Services Club
231-243 Anson St, Orange

COST
To confirm your attendance please deposit \$50 per person to BSB: 062 692
Account number: 3866 6293
Reference: your name
by 27 November 2019
Includes a 2 course meal and inspiring presentation

RSVP
stevedebpeterson@gmail.com
by Wednesday, 27 November, 2019

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SHOOSH FOR KIDS

11 - 17 November 2019
sport.nsw.gov.au/shooshforkids

Join the Office of Sport, Sport NSW, State Sporting Organisations and grassroots clubs across the state for Shoosh for Kids, the initiative promoting positive spectator behaviour at junior sport. Visit our website to sign up, gain access to posters, social media posts and more and let your members know where you stand on poor spectator behaviour.



Let's keep kids coming back to junior sport!

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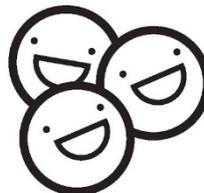


What is SHOOSH FOR KIDS all about?



Shoosh for Kids isn't about staying completely silent as a spectator.

In fact, positive spectator behaviour is encouraged. Cheering on both sides of the competition is encouraged.



Shoosh for Kids is about trying to make sure the environment at junior sport remains positive - so that kids keep coming back to sport and stay happy and healthy.

Find out more at or join the initiative
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