



# ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

31 July 2020

### From the Headmaster....

Year 12 2020, may their light shine brightly....



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

#### **Kindergarten & Transition**

**2021 Open Day**

**1 August 2020**

#### **HSC Trial Examinations**

**commence**

**17 August 2020**

#### **School Photos**

**17 August 2020**

#### **OAGS Athletics Carnival**

**(No spectators  
unfortunately)**

**26 August 2020**

#### **Valedictory Service**

**23 September 2020**

#### **Valedictory Assembly**

**24 September 2020**

#### **Valedictory Dinner**

**24 September 2020**

#### **Spring Fair**

**25 September 2020**

Term 3 of every school year marks the beginning of a term-long 'farewell' of our Year 12 graduating class. This year we move to farewell our largest cohort thus far, with 16 fine young adults due to complete their formal studies.

On Tuesday I met with the Year 12 students for lunch; a weekly date for the remainder of the term. This time is invaluable - a time for reflection and to touch base and hear of exciting plans for the future. A time to share a meal, discuss the trials and tribulations of study and HSC preparation, and a time to plan the exciting final celebrations that are to come amidst

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**Website** <http://www.oags.nsw.edu.au/>

**Parent Portal** <https://edumate.orangegrammar.nsw.edu.au/>

a difficult year of COVID related restrictions. A common theme was the excitement to finish studying and have a well-earned break, with many looking forward to travelling where possible.

Whilst every student that graduates holds a special place in our community there is one notable mention that I must highlight. Jackson Willis, the 2020 School Captain, is the very first student in the history of our school to complete the entire 14-year journey at OAGS, from Transition in the Holy Trinity 'Bluestone Hall' through to Year 12 on Murphy Lane. The entire story from start to finish in one school, experiencing every change and challenge, an expanding staff body, new students, great new facilities, new programmes, and ultimately striving for every success that was possible.



This weekend we are holding our Transition and Kindergarten 2021 'Open House' sessions. As we open the gates to the newest potential students I reflect on Jackson's journey, the strength of our current Year 12 students, and I am excited to be able to share this story and the very real possibility of welcoming these families into our community for the next 14 years. As we reach maximum numbers in Preschool and Year 7, given the amazing growth and change we have experienced throughout Jackson's journey, we can only imagine what is to come for our 2035 graduating class!

Matthew 5:16

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**Rev Louis Stringer**  
**Headmaster**

## WHERE WERE YOU?

Wow – What an exciting time we had at the disco. Thank you to all the Primary and Secondary Staff for doing an absolutely fabulous job of supervising the event. There were over 300 students in attendance, from Transition to Year 12. A special mention has to be given to the fabulous level of cooperation shown by parents in the drop of and pick up routine. We couldn't have run the event without your willingness to follow the procedures necessary to meet the current requirements. There were coloured lights, strobes, glow sticks, grooving, twisting and most importantly loud, popular music! Thank you to all for making the night such a wonderful experience for the children.

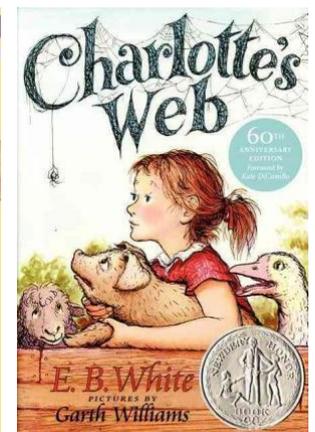
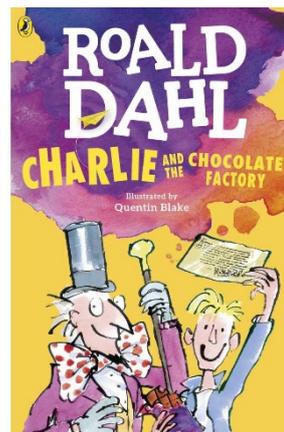
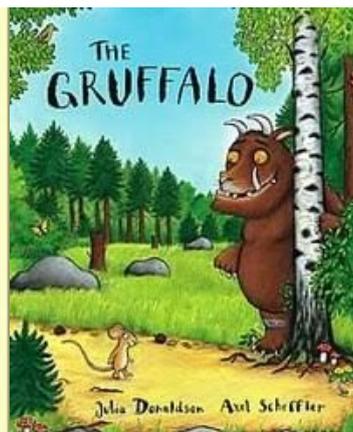
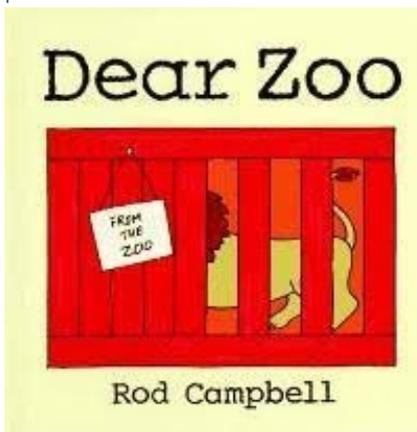


## Transition News

Why reading with your preschooler is important.

Learning to read is an important developmental achievement of childhood, and it sets the stage for later school and life success. But learning to read is not straightforward. Parents often ask how they can help their children to become good readers.

As parents, you play a key role in supporting and nurturing a love of reading, before and after your children start formal schooling. By talking, listening, reading and playing word games with your child, you are building their language skills. During these experiences, particularly shared story time, preschoolers are also developing their attention, memory and thinking skills that will prepare them for school. Preschoolers benefit from having books read to them. When parents read to children, it helps build children's vocabulary and expands conversations. Making up stories or retelling stories from your own experiences are also a great way to develop vocabulary and share experiences. When developing a reading routine, you can start with short picture books, like *Dear Zoo* and move onto longer picture books like *The Gruffalo*, followed by introducing your children to chapter books, such as *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* or *Charlotte's Web*. Sharing your favourite childhood books is a wonderful way to develop a love of shared reading with your children. Sharing books that your children may have watched in a movie format is also a great way to introduce them to multiple versions of the same story and begin conversations about what was the same and what was different about each version of the story. Children have access to books through the school library. The local Orange Library is also a great resource and is free to join. They have an amazing range of books and this allows you and your children to choose new books and experiment with different styles of writing, such as factual text, poetry, picture books and short stories.

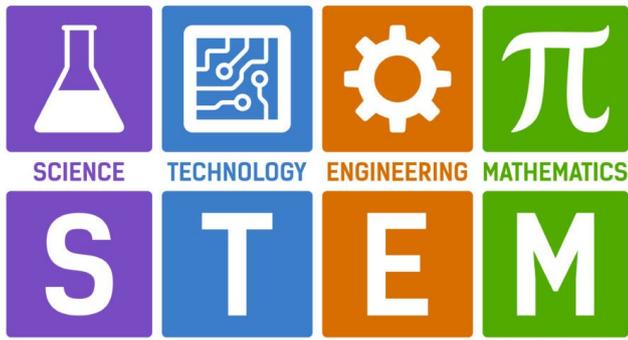


The children have been enjoying lots of different reading opportunities in Transition and we are looking forward to exploring the text *Giraffes Can't Dance* this term. Some of Transition's favourite books are *A Stack of Alpacas* by Natt Cosgrove, *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig* by Eugene Trivizas, *The Wrong Book* by Nick Bland, *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas* by Aaron Blabey and *One Thing* by Lauren Child. Enjoy reading to and with your child, and talking about books no matter how old or young they are.

**Mrs Sally Drury**

**Early Learning Coordinator**





## STEM in the Primary School

STEM is a well researched and evidence-based approach to learning and development that combines the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Along with the development of knowledge, STEM learning also encourages the acquisition of skills that are beneficial throughout life and across all careers opportunities - problem solving, creativity, critical analysis, teamwork, independent thinking, initiative, communication and digital literacy. Employer demand for STEM qualifications and skills is high, and will continue to increase in the future. According to the NSW

Department of Education, 75% of jobs in the fastest growing industries require workers with STEM skills. Skills developed by students through STEM provide them with the foundation to succeed at school and beyond.

All students across the Primary school, engage in STEM learning through their Science and Technology units. The main focus this year has been on the development of design skills - brainstorming, planning, designing, testing and evaluating. This term, the students will continue their STEM engagement through a range of activities and projects:

- Kindergarten - are learning about weather and how individuals make choices about clothes and activities they participate in based on the weather in their area. Students will complete an individual project, using skills in reading, writing, graphing, observing and designing.
- Stage 1 - will be learning about machines. They will explore the different push and pull forces used to make machines work, focusing on Rube Goldberg machines that do a simple task in a complicated way. Students will design, test and evaluate their own machine.
- Stage 2 - students are investigating data and how digital devices use data to present information. Students will be working in groups to use Bee Bots and Spheros to complete design challenges, testing their resilience and patience as they work through problems.
- Stage 3 - students will be learning about the sustainability practices used in the Australian food and fibre industry and the importance of these for the long term viability of our environment. Students will then use their new knowledge to plan, design and present a more long term sustainable practice or process in OAGS.

**Mrs Jessica Willis**

**Leader of Learning (Primary)**



## War On Waste

In an attempt to reduce our footprint on our environment, OAGS is moving towards being a zero waste school.

Over the coming term, a number of strategies will be put in place to meet this goal.

We can all play our part. How can you help? .....**Watch this space**.....

**The Sustainability Team**

### Stage 3 Peer Support

Stage 3 students enjoyed a Peer Support training day in the Media Centre last Friday, led by Mr Lipscomb and Mrs Fowler. All students participated enthusiastically in a number of team building and leadership activities designed to support them as they embark upon leading the students from Kindergarten to Stage 3 through the Peer Support program.

The Peer Support training addressed concepts such as empathy, what makes a good leader, assertiveness, decision making, facilitation of a group, relationship building, communication and the expectations of a leader.

We are very proud of our leaders and know that they will do a wonderful job when Peer Support begins for Terms 3 and 4 this Friday.

**Mrs Lisa Fowler & Mr Paul Lipscomb**  
**Leaders of Primary Welfare**



## Library@OAGS

**PRC:** Just a reminder that the final due date for the PRC is Friday the 28th of August. Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 will have had access, via Canvas, to PRC books in video form during Lockdown. These can be added to the list. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will complete the rest of their lists as a whole class with their classroom teacher. Students in Stage 2, Year 3 & 4, only need 10 books from the list. This is a rule change due to COVID-19, as students were restricted from access to libraries. The other 10 books are Free Choice. Hardcopies of the student reading record are available in the Library. If you wish to complete your child's list online, contact Ms Taylor for your child's username and password, and [use this link to the PRC site](#).

**Book Club:** Due date for Book Club Issue #5 is **Friday 7th of August**. It is preferable that LOOP (online) orders are made rather than bringing in cash.



**MS Readathon:** This begins, officially, on Friday 1st of August and runs for the entire month. The school has been registered and some students have joined the OAGS school team. Well done to those already raising funds for this worthy cause. More information about the challenge will be provided to classes in the coming week. To Register your child/ren for the Readathon, please go to the **MS Readathon** site. Children can register individually or join the Library Lasers class group. For any assistance with this, please contact Ms Taylor.

**Book Week 2020:** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the official CBCA Book Week has been postponed until the 17th-23rd of October, which just so happens to be our last week of school holidays. Nevertheless, OAGS will endeavour to celebrate Book Week during Term 3. Stay tuned for the date. The theme this year is "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". Students have begun exploring the shortlisted books during library sessions. Please enjoy these

photos of Stage 2 Lightbulbs reading in small groups.

**Ms Karelle Taylor**  
Teacher-Librarian





# SPORT @ OAGS

## The Return of Winter Sport Competitions

### Soccer update:

It is exciting for our students to be able to play soccer again even though it is a shorter season. OAGS has 6 teams competing, from Under 6's to Under 11's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers and coaches for supporting OAGS Soccer. Thank you to Jane Chung, Tim Brown, Ben Chiarella, Reynee Ward, Bryce Elsegood, Pip Humphreys and John Ward.

I will be assisting with soccer training sessions for all teams. These will be held each Tuesday from 3:20pm - 4:20pm, on Trinity Oval. Soccer shirts have been ordered but delivery may be delayed due to COVID-19 impacting on shipping. When shirts arrive, I will contact parents. Players are to wear their OAGS PE/Sports shirts until the soccer shirts have arrived.

Wishing all players an enjoyable and successful soccer season.

**Mr Chris Doyle**  
**OAGS Soccer Coordinator**



### OAGS Basketball Winter Season off with a BANG!

What a great start to the Basketball Winter Competition with two teams playing their first games last week. We have three boys teams playing this season, one Primary and two Secondary. It was great to see all the boys enjoying being back in the stadium to play and having a great time with their friends. Well done on a fantastic start to the Winter season.

**Mrs Erin Purvis**  
**OAGS Basketball Coordinator**

The OAGS Orange basketball team had their first game last Thursday. They had a nervous start but after a few short minutes, they were dominating and managed to win the game 32-16. Every player played great, with Andrew Ingham being awarded 'Player of the Game'.

**Tim Phiri**  
**Student Coach**



## Reflecting on Sport With...



### Tom Dale

#### What sport do you enjoy doing the most?

Athletics (800m, 1500m). Running is just really fun and easy for me. I find it a really natural sport to compete in. I get a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction out of running any length of distance but 800m and 1500m are my all time favourites.

#### Favourite sporting teams:

Not a team but Kenyan and Ethiopian runners. Everton Football Club, Football Club Barcelona, and before it was shut down the Nike Oregon Project.

#### Favourite sporting moment:

Eliud Kipchoge running the sub 2 hour marathon as well as David Rudisha's 1:40 800m world record run.

#### What sport have you never tried but you would like to try one day?

Extreme distance running (60kms and over) because I just really like testing my abilities, especially my abilities with running. I would really like to see how far I can actually run. I've never run over 30kms so 60kms and over would be a really good achievement for my running.

#### If you could have a day with one athlete (dead or alive) who would it be and why would you choose them?

Eliud Kipchoge because I would just want to talk to him about his training, about running and get really good insight from the GOAT runner who can cover so many distances at such great paces. He is a massive idol of mine when it comes to running so getting to spend a day with him and doing training/conditioning similar to how he does would be really cool.



### Timmy Phiri

#### What sport do you enjoy doing the most?

Basketball. It is fast-paced and goals are constantly being scored. This results in higher scoring games, and therefore more entertaining to watch and play.

#### Favourite sporting teams:

In terms of Basketball, my favourite team is the OAGS BLUE!!! But in the NBA it is Portland Trailblazers. In Football it is Paris Saint-Germain F.C.

#### Favourite sporting moment:

That's a tough one... from the ankle breakers in basketball to the amazing shots in football, my all-time favourite would have to be when Damian Lillard for the Portland Trailblazers scored a buzzer-beater to win the game from almost halfway on the 23rd of April 2019. This was in order to make it to the next stage of the playoffs. It had me on the edge of my seat!

#### What sport have you never tried but you would like to try one day?

I've always wanted to try NFL. I believe it would be an amazing experience wearing the protective gear while playing a high impact yet strategic game, allowing you to go all out with minimal risk of injury.

#### If you could have a day with one athlete (dead or alive) who would it be and why would you choose them?

I would love to spend a day with Shaquille O'Neal. I find him an entertaining player and I love his mentality. He's an aggressive player but off the court he is a funny guy. I think I'd enjoy learning from him and also just having a good laugh with him.

**Ms Lauren Della Ca**  
Sports Coordinator

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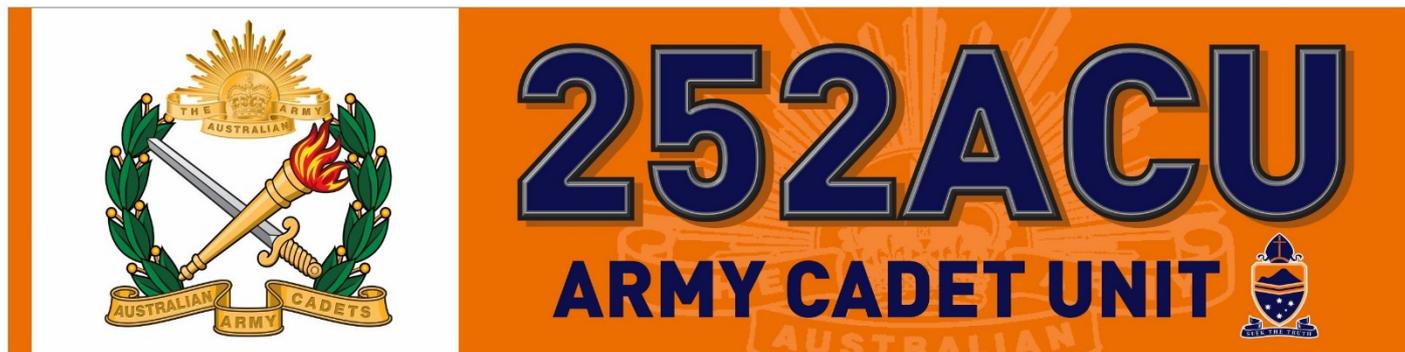
## CHESS

**NSW Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Knockout Competition.....GREAT NEWS....**OAGS have won the Round 3 Draw by forfeit. Our opponents from Henry Lawson HS (Grenfell) advised me on Thursday that they could not field a team. Our players now have several weeks to concentrate on honing their skills during the school competition before the Round 4 Draw is announced.

**OAGS competition** - Primary (upper and lower) & Secondary continues each week this term. It is important for all Primary players to attend each week (Thursdays during MB) as we need to identify 25 players to represent the school in a competition, against other schools, later this term.

I must pay tribute on behalf of the school to Mr Joe Cummins for his dedicated support and attendance each week to help improve and extend the skills of our players and foster greater understanding of the chess strategies. Mr Linde has also joined us each week which means that he and I can both work on helping younger players to understand the basics of the game and prepare them for representation teams in the future.

**Mr Terry Nye**  
**Chess Coordinator**



There is no further news at this time of being able to start again. All the paperwork has been submitted and has now been accepted by the NSW HQ and passed to Canberra (after making all the revisions after four previous attempts). Hopefully I will have great news to report in the next Newsletter.

The rank have been working with the adults each week to prepare some good learning activities for our return to parading.

**Recruiting** - Despite no advertising I continue to receive applications to join the program from students at other schools. If you know of students at other schools (Years 7-10) who may be interested in joining the Cadet program please have them contact me or complete the online EOI (Expression of Interest) on the website at [armycadets.gov.au](http://armycadets.gov.au)

**Terry Nye**  
**Captain (AAC)**  
**Administrative Commander**



### **CrossFit for Secondary Sport**

CrossFit is one of many activities that I recommend to improve mental and physical self-care. CrossFit is a functional fitness training program that prepares anyone for the "unknown and unknowable". This is achieved by CrossFit's motto, "constantly varied, high-intensity functional movement". What does this mean exactly? It means do a little of everything! This includes Olympic weightlifting, gymnastics, metabolic conditioning, sports and a solid diet. Athletes get to be challenged by performing a series of movements at high intensity, with the specific purpose to

achieve improvements in the 10 fitness domains - cardiovascular/respiratory endurance, stamina, strength, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance, and accuracy. CrossFit athletes are from all walks of life and are all ages, sizes and abilities. One of the best components of CrossFit is the encouraging and motivating community feeling.

CrossFit Red Two at Red City Gym are one of OAGS great hosts for our Secondary sport this term. Our students are privileged to have Lachlan Learge and Karina Peters as their CrossFit coaches. Working for CrossFit Inc. Lachlan trains trainers and teaches the CrossFit Level 1 course around the globe. It's been awesome to see our students push themselves physically and mentally in their CrossFit workouts.

**Natalie Daugherty - School Counsellor**



## OAGS Community Business Directory.

*Do you own a local small business?*

The P&F are compiling a **School Community Business Directory**. This directory will be made available to the school community to raise awareness of local small businesses with connections to OAGS. At a time where we are recovering from the effects of lockdown and encouraging people to buy local, we hope that this initiative will be a small step in the right direction.

The link below will take you to a simple form to complete - it will take you no longer than 3 minutes! The directory should be ready to search by September. We also hope to conduct some video interviews later on for the FB site with business owners.

If this is you, or someone you know - please click on the link below - TODAY!

<https://forms.gle/RLvRQd2R4y4hUGVq9>

PS - it will be helpful to have a small logo ready to upload. :)

Yours with encouragement in this tough season.

**OAGS Parents and Friends assoc.**

Contact [oagspandf@gmail.com](mailto:oagspandf@gmail.com) for further information.



## Kindergarten Open House

*An opportunity for prospective families to visit our campus and see how we can cater for your child in Kindergarten 2021 and 2022.*

**Saturday 1st August 2020, 2pm - 3pm**

If you would like to foster your child's natural curiosity, provoke wonder and creativity as they explore all aspects of the New South Wales Curriculum, consider joining our Kindergarten programme and begin your educational journey at Orange Anglican Grammar School.

Please RSVP to [enrol@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrol@oags.nsw.edu.au) or phone 02 6360 4811.



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## Transition Open House

*An opportunity for prospective families to visit our campus and see how we can cater for your child in Transition 2021 and 2022.*

**Saturday 1st August 2020, 3pm - 4pm**

If you would like to foster your child's natural curiosity, provoke wonder, creativity and independence, to help them prepare for and transition successfully into the Orange Anglican Grammar School Kindergarten programme, consider joining one of our Transition programmes (2 day, 3 day or 5 day) and begin your educational journey at Orange Anglican Grammar School.

Please RSVP to [enrol@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enrol@oags.nsw.edu.au) or phone 02 6360 4811.



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PARENTS & FRIENDS  
ASSOCIATION

Presents...

# TRIVIA???

night via  ZOOM

**Friday 7th August - 8pm start**

-  Gather a group, register your team, 2-10 people \$25 per team
-  Go to the P&F Facebook Page for more details '[oagspandf](https://www.facebook.com/oagspandf)'
-  Play from the comfort of your own home, or someone else's
-  A great excuse to get together
-  Delicious food platters are available for order.

details &  
registration



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# Charles Sturt University

## Parent Information Session

Earlier in the year we ran a online parent information night that had over 200 people attend, and we received overwhelming feedback that we should do another one, so here we go!

Next Tuesday the 4th August at 6.30 pm to 8 pm Charles Sturt will be hosting its second [Online Parent Information Session](#). We'll step parents through the application process and early offer programs for university. We'll talk about our paths into uni, student services, accommodation options and scholarships. Plus, our experts will be available to answer any specific course questions.

First up, we'll run everyone through some important information in a short presentation. Then parents can jump into their two chosen breakout sessions. The first session they'll choose from career areas, and then in the second session parents choose the support service they are interested in the most – ensuring a tailored experience where everyone can find out exactly what they need to.

Each breakout session will be recorded and available after the event.

Please click here to [book a spot](#).

This is an excellent opportunity to not only learn about Charles Sturt but take away some tips and tricks on how to support your children through their next steps no matter where they go.

## FOODCARE

FOOD RELIEF. FOOD RESCUE.

### OPENING HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.30 to 1.00pm.  
And Thursday 4.30 to 6.00pm.

### LOCATION

142 March St, in the green shed.

### FREE TRANSPORT

Free door to door transport is available Tuesday and Thursday mornings only. Please call 0467 229 673 by 4pm the day before to book your seat.

### AT THE SHOP

FoodCare provides a range of fresh and frozen foods and household items. Some items are free, others are at a discounted rate. FoodCare aims to assist those who are experiencing financial hardship and help their budget go further.



### WAR ON WASTE

FoodCare is all about fighting waste in Orange. We provide a 'food rescue' service and accepts in-date donations of food and household items from producers, farmers, food service retailers, local gardeners, farmers markets, household pantries and community events.

### VOLUNTEERING

FoodCare operates due to the commitment of a group of fantastic volunteers.

If you would like to give back to the community and help this great community service visit the website or call 0447 577 884.

### VOUCHERS

For information about or to order FoodCare vouchers for your clients, please email [info@foodcareorange.org.au](mailto:info@foodcareorange.org.au)



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## Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



Here's what you'll find on the [website](#):

- [Interactive lunch box builder](#) that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy [recipes](#) and snack ideas.
- Informative [blogs](#) about healthy eating for the family.
- [Sign up](#) to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



Cancer Council  
Healthy Lunch Box

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WHILE EVERYONE ELSE WALKS

## FAST FORWARD PROGRAM

An early-offer to university for standout Year 11 students

At the University of Canberra, we believe being passionate about your community and going above and beyond in all aspects of life is what really sets you apart.

Fast Forward is UC's exclusive club designed for students who want to prepare for university life with a boost.

As a member you'll receive a range of benefits including UC gym membership, a study grant in your first year and an early unconditional offer to a UC degree of your choice.\*  
See how Fast Forward can benefit your future.

[Canberra.edu.au/fastforward](http://Canberra.edu.au/fastforward)

\*Degrees included in the Fast Forward Program early entry only.

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