



## NEWSLETTER

28 August 2020

### From the Headmaster....

In Term 4 of every year I have made it my habit to meet weekly and share a meal with the Year 12 students. Given the difficult restrictions that have been announced this year, we spent this week's lunch workshopping creative ways to be able to celebrate our graduating class, whilst still following the government mandated guidelines. It was heart-warming to see that our Year 12 students are keeping a positive outlook, and are open to finding new and different ways to mark their final days at our school. Whilst we have postponed the Valedictory Dinner in the hope that we can return to a more 'normal' format later in the year, we hope to farewell the students in a socially distanced and responsible manner in the final week of this term.

Earlier this week a letter was distributed to all families summarising the following key points and providing clarity around the most recent current government advice.

#### School and use:

- OAGS and all OAGS facility users (e.g. 252 Army Cadet Unit & OEC) have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.
- All future community user groups must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

#### Parents and Friends groups:

- Parent social events or functions are no longer permitted.
- Parent and Friends meetings should continue on-line only. P&F social events or functions are not permitted face to face.

#### Campus Guidelines (in addition to previous communications)

- Parents and Caregivers are not permitted to enter the OAGS campus, including Administration, unless completely essential and pre-arranged by appointment. As per previous guidelines, please phone the school to pre-arrange drop offs and pickups during school hours.
- Visitors, staff and students must observe and obey all signage on entry to the campus.

#### COVID-19 Testing

- Students absent or sent home due to flu like symptoms need to be Covid tested.
- Staff and students must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free.
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school.
- If a student is away for 3 days or more a medical certificate must be provided on return to school.
- Schools must not travel outside of their local community area or zone for all interschool activities.
- Professional learning should be online

#### Travel and Group Activities

- Schools must not travel outside of their local community area or zone for all interschool activities
- Larger events such as round robins and gala days involving more than one school are not permitted
- Some group activities such as choirs, chanting and the use of wind instruments in a group setting are not permitted



### It's a date...

**HSC Drama Examination  
(Performance)**

**31 August 2020**

**OAGS Athletics Carnival  
(No spectators  
unfortunately)**

**1 September 2020**

**Piano Concert for Transition**

**4 September 2020**

**Valedictory Assembly**

**24 September 2020**

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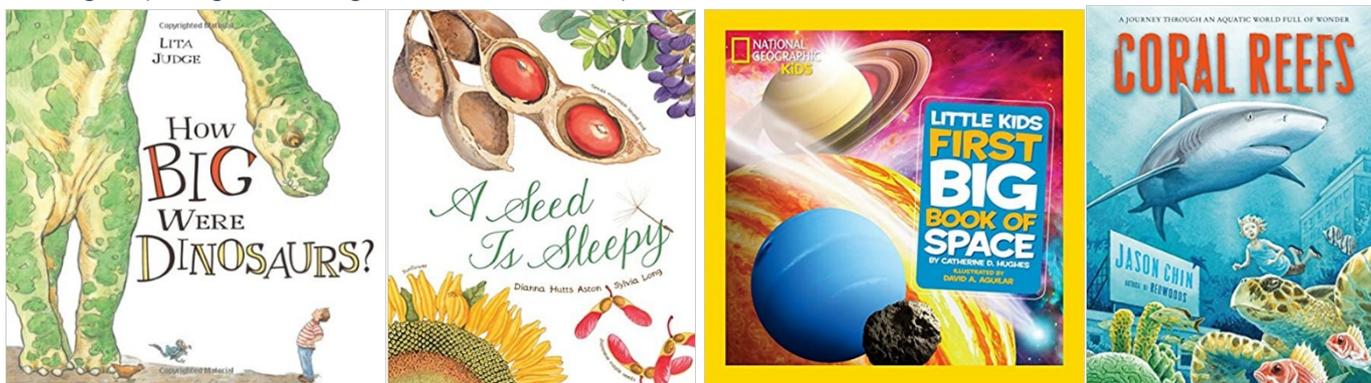
- Schools may hold a modified Year 12 assembly to recognise the completion of school
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted and schools should not promote or sanction social activities organised by others.

As Headmaster I am deeply aware of the emotional and social impact that the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are having on our students and school community. Rites of passage for our students to gather, celebrate, compete or perform in are currently placed out of reach. I wish to reassure you that the Executive and School are working towards initiatives and additional programs that continue to support our students and promote wellbeing and build emotional and social capital during this difficult time. We also look forward to announcing further developments regarding the celebration of our graduating Class of 2020 in an appropriate way.

**Rev Louis Stringer**  
Headmaster

## Science Week in Transition

Young children are naturally inquisitive, full of questions about the world around them and have a natural drive to investigate how things work. Transition students are no exception. They ask about the world, things they have seen and things that they wonder about. In Transition we take advantage of this innate curiosity and channel their enthusiasm for scientific discovery. Even the very simplest activities, such as looking at objects through a magnifying glass, can introduce children to scientific concepts and stimulate scientific thinking. By encouraging and directing their natural curiosity, and familiarising them with basic scientific vocabulary, young students begin to make sense of the world around them, and gain some understanding of how things work. Exploring or playing with science concepts provide children with opportunities to develop and practice many different skills and attributes. These include communication skills, collaborative skills, team working and perseverance, as well as analytical, reasoning and problem-solving skills. Have fun reading, exploring and talking about our world with your child.



Some of our recent questions of the day are: How does lava come out of a volcano? Why do fish like water? Why is metal so hard? How does water plus sunshine make a rainbow? As you can see Transition students are full of curiosity.



The Senior Science teacher Miss Smith and Lucy demonstrate some amazing science reactions for our curious Transition students.



We wondered why the raisins rose and fell in fizzy water and how to make a rainbow using Skittles. Did we get the same result when we used water as we did when we used milk? We also made pink and blue elephant toothpaste.

**Mrs Sally Drury**  
Early Learning Coordinator

## Science News

My name is Ms Jo McPhee. I am a student teacher with Charles Sturt University and feel privileged to have spent the last five weeks working at Orange Anglican Grammar School with Stage 4 Science. Year 7 have been learning about the structures and functions of the circulatory and respiratory systems in humans. In addition, we have explored some illnesses, such as heart attacks, that can result when these human systems are not working well. We have also explored how a healthy diet and lifestyle can help to minimise problems with our body systems.



## CHESS

Our games continue on Thursday (morning break) as we work through the weekly draw to determine our internal champion players and also a pecking order for external team competitions. It is important for students to arrive on time so matches can be completed in the time available so we do not disrupt class time. We must thank Mr Cummins who has spent much time preparing the weekly draw and analysing the results to look at the development of our players. Thanks also to Mr Linde who is helping our younger players to learn and enjoy the game.

### NSW Country Secondary Schools Knockout Chess Team Competition

STOP PRESS - Today, I have just received notification that our opponents (to determine the 2020 winner) will be Mudgee HS. Our 6 players will be working hard to prepare for their games in the coming week to see if we can retain our 2019 crown.....wish us luck!!

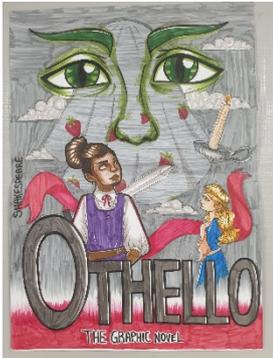
**Mr Terry Nye**  
Chess Coordinator



## English News

"O, beware, my lord, of jealousy;  
It is the green-ey'd monster, which doth mock  
The meat it feeds on." – **William Shakespeare, Othello**

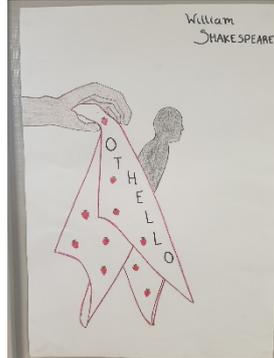
In *Othello*, a villain uses lies and deceit to stir trouble, bringing about a tragic end for the newlyweds, Othello and Desdemona. Year 11 Advanced English has been examining the ideas of 'Love' and 'Jealousy' while studying this famous play for their senior English module *Narratives that Shape our World*. Students were tasked with creating a poster or graphic novel cover to express the themes and concepts of the play. I think you'll agree, they were successful! By focusing on colours and symbols as ways of expressing ideas, students are able to visually represent and create an understanding of the ideas behind Shakespeare's work in a new and expressive way. I must admit, I'm jealous of their talents!



By Suzie Daugherty



By Emma McMaster



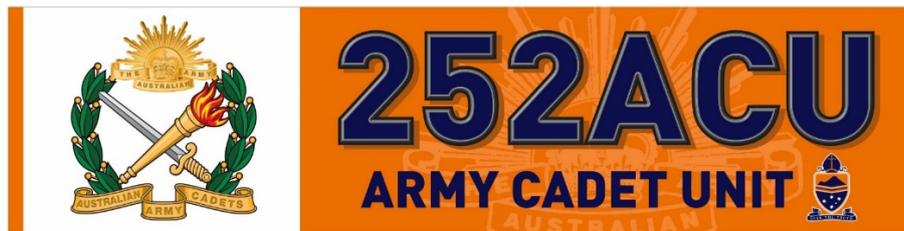
By Adelaide Webster



By Reala Glanford



By Ryan Chirenje



Monday 17th August was our first parade since we went into suspension in March. It was exciting to have 44 cadets attend as we restarted our training under COVID distancing restrictions. The sausage BBQ and the hot milo drink at the 6pm break helped warm everyone in the colder temperatures. It was great to see everyone again, especially those cadets from other schools. The cold did not deter our cadets as 42 attended last Monday. The plan is to consolidate our Monday routines then look at recruiting again when the COVID restrictions ease. This term we will be revising skills, introducing some new activities as well as preparing our rank for their promotion courses in September.

Our cadets who nominated to take part in the CYBER TAIPAN competition (Brynn Player, Rhys Johnston, Thapelo Nare and Scott McGoldrick, with Mr Player and myself) will spend Day 2 on Saturday working through the varying challenges - wish them well - talk to them to see if you would like to participate next year!

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



### Year 7 to 12 Girls - The road to opportunities

Living in the country brings with it many great opportunities that our city friends often miss out on. Whilst this is true, it can also be said that country students can also find themselves searching for opportunities that can be more easily accessed by their city friends.

On Wednesday 12th of August a short film, called "The Road to Opportunities" was presented to female students in years 7 to 12. This film challenges girls in rural areas to make the most of the opportunities that life offers them, by documenting the journey of one student as they seek to embrace moments in their life to fulfill their potential. The video was produced by our Year 12 Female School Captain, Jessica Bennett following her successful nomination to the "Country to Canberra Competition" where she met with our Prime Minister. Congratulations Jessica on the professional production of an informative and relevant short film and thank you for sharing this with our female secondary students.



## Secondary Honour Roll

As a school, it is 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. Rhys Johnston was recently awarded our highest honour, the Platinum badge. He was presented with his badge at last weeks Secondary Assembly. Congratulations Rhys.



## Winter Sports Competitions

### Hockey Update

#### Joeys and Burras

The youngest members of our hockey community have missed a few games due to the cold and wet weather. When they have been able to hit the turf, they have put the cold aside and given it everything! Practising new skills each week such as dribbling, tackling and shooting at the goals, the players have been able to put this into play when taking on the other teams during their modified game time. The players are improving every week and we can feel that very special goal being awarded in a game soon.



#### Open Primary

The Open Primary team have had their biggest success to date, having a nil-all-draw with one of the leading teams in the competition. This amazing achievement represents the players determination to improve on their individuals skills and as a team each week, despite many of the players being new to the sport. Returning players James Butt and Nick Irwin continue to shine by continually developing their game play and encouraging those players around them whilst new players Celeste Rengger and Charlotte Johnstone are making a name for themselves in their first season.

Special mention must go to Greg Finlay who scored a brilliant goal this week against Cyms. Great work Greg!



#### Junior Secondary

The Junior Secondary hockey players have really started to gel as a team and find their individual spots on the turf. With a large majority of the girls playing their first ever season on hockey, they have really worked hard to learn the rules and the intricate skills that are required to succeed. Adding to the pressure of playing, the girls have also taken it in turns to play in the goal keeper position, a very scary job indeed! The players are to be congratulated on their openness to welcome players into the team from other schools who would have not been able to play due to COVID-19. The families who have joined our hockey community have commented on how happy their children are playing with the OAGS team and how they are such a wonderful group of young players. Keep up your wonderful sportsmanship and willingness to improve!

#### Opens Secondary

The OAGS Secondary Hockey Team has taken on many challenges this season, not only have we braved the elements by playing in the freezing cold and rain, but we have welcomed a range of first time players to the game and learnt to gel as a team. However, this has not stopped us from showcasing why we are a team to be watched. Our last game was our greatest challenge yet, with three of our most experienced players out due to injury, it was time for the new stars to

make their way, and we were not disappointed. The first half was extremely intense with Confederates having many shots on goal.

The defence led by Tiffany Mitchell, Jessica Curtin and Goalkeeper Megan Cox pulled off some amazing saves only conceding only two goals. Coming back on the field from halftime the team showed great determination not to be overrun and thanks to the attacking speed machines, Bryce Elsegood, Ryan Chirenje and Lily Martin OAGS managed to score two quick goals to get us back in the game. With only a few minutes to go, Confederates were able to combine the skills of two of the men's leading goal scorers to put away the final goal, making the game 3-2 at the final whistle.

Even though we haven't won a game yet, I'm super proud of the whole team and how much we have improved in just these few weeks. Bring on the rest of the season and hopefully it is less cold!

\* Update: we only went down to the leading team CYMS 1 - 0 on Monday night. Taking on a team full of representative players was never going to be easy but we really showed them the OAGS spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork.



**Alexandra Windus**  
Team Captain

**Mrs Amanda Jewell**  
OAGS Hockey Coordinator

### **Netball update**

The netball season for our Junior and Senior teams almost comes to an end for the very short 2020 season. Our Junior and Senior teams will play their last round game this Saturday on the 29th of August. For teams who have not finished in the top 4 this will be the end of their season. To the teams that have made it into the finals we wish you all the best of luck!. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our coaches for all of the hard work they have put in while coaching.

- U11 Starbursts - Emily Patterson & Ella Stringer
- U12 Sherbets - Lily Martin
- U13 Chupa Chups - Jessica Curtin

Our Net Set Go teams continue to play for the remainder of the school term.

- U8 Candy Canes - Lucy Martin & Isla Stringer
- U9 Marshmallows - Megan Cox & Amelie Fowler

**Miss Abby Tilburg**  
OAGS Netball Coordinator



## Summer Sport Touch Football Competition

Orange Anglican Grammar would like to offer the students the opportunity to represent the school within the local Touch Football Competition for the 2020/2021 season. After a successful 2019/2020 season, we are looking to make this year bigger and better!

Please fill out an individual form for each individual player if your child is interested in playing touch football in the 2020/2021 season!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYroqeLW0tc9r0-yHZwQkbVJAScyEgxcVu9xH36dgn5cN9Mg/viewform>

### Competition Age Groups

- Minis U6 - U9
- Juniors U10 - U14
- Seniors U15+
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### Competition Day

Minis and Junior players compete on Wednesday afternoons with time slots ranging from 4:00pm – 6:30pm at Waratahs Sports Ground. Seniors compete on Thursday afternoons with time slots ranging from 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Waratahs Sports Ground.

Miss Abby Tilburg

OAGS Touch Football Coordinator

Ms Lauren Della Ca  
Sports Coordinator



### ORANGE THUNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

#### 2020-2021 JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER EOI's

Players wanted for Boys & Girls U8 to U18—main & development teams to be picked

All teams will participate in four representative events over 2020-21 season

All junior representative teams will participate at Junior State Cup in Wagga Wagga

Express interest here—<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJ2N3QG>

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## Reflecting on Sport With...



### Luca Ross

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

My favorite sport to play is soccer. I have been playing soccer since I was very young, soccer gives me a feeling of freedom and happiness.

**Favourite sporting teams:** Favourite sporting team is Liverpool Football Club.

**Favourite sporting moment:** When Liverpool played Barcelona in the semi final of the Champions League, and in the first leg Liverpool lost 3-0. Then in the second leg they had to win by 4-0 to go to the final and they did it.

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

Water polo, because it requires high fitness levels and it looks fun.

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

Steven Gerrard, because he is one of the best players who ever played for Liverpool.



### Jackson Willis

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

I enjoy athletics the most because it's a very competitive individual sport while it is also a sport to have fun.

**Favourite sporting teams:** My favourite sporting team is probably the Aus Track and Field team.

**Favourite sporting moment:** Usain Bolt's world record of 9.58 at the Berlin World Championships and Wade van Neikerk's World record run from Lane 8 at the Rio Olympics.

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

I would like to try European handball because it is a variation of a lot of sports and looks fun.

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

I would spend the day with Usain Bolt because he's a very down to earth guy.



## Wigs for Kids!

On Saturday 24 October Year 3 student Loti Ward will be cutting and donating her hair to 'Wigs for Kids', an important initiative aligning with the Variety Children's Charity organisation. Here is what Loti has to say:

### ***I'm chopping my hair and need your help!***

*I have made the decision to make a difference by cutting and donating my hair to be made into a wig for someone who has lost their hair due to a medical condition. I'll be chopping off my ponytail on my 9th Birthday in October 2020.*

*Wigs cost families up to \$6,000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth. By making a donation to Variety - the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need.*



Thank you for helping kids in need.

<https://hairwithheart.variety.org.au/fundraisers/lotiward>

We are so proud of you Loti!

## OAGS Student Service Team

Rubbish and flying debris continue to be an ongoing issue on OAGS school property. It can be a bit embarrassing, especially if a family is having a school tour. Therefore, I've decided to team up with Mr Andrew Jarrett and Mr Keith Macleay to create a team of students to help pick-up rubbish from the school! Students from all years can sign-up and volunteer on Thursday mornings from 8:30-9:00am; I will be creating a roster for the rest of term 3 and term 4. This is a great opportunity to serve our school and show some school spirit. I am very thankful for the 20+ students who have already signed up! If you are interested in signing up, please don't hesitate to email myself or the helping staff.

Thank you!

**Suzie Daugherty - Year 11 Student**



## Drama News

Drama students have had a busy start to the term, developing new skills and creating exciting new plays. Year 10 are working on a hilarious twist on the traditional "who dunnit" and have trialled new ways to communicate character, place and transitions.

The Year 7 and 8 Drama Ensemble is also working on a number of comedy skits that will be filmed and sent out to families to enjoy watching. Together, the ensemble have created vibrant and comical characters who reflect the different responses to "going into lockdown".



Year 11 have experienced a feast of different theatrical styles and traditions and have tested their ability to create theatre styles from Ancient Greek theatre all the way to Expressionism and Absurdism.

Congratulations to Jessica Bennett, who has submitted her HSC Drama major work. Jessica created a film based on music from the 70s. Jessica worked tirelessly amongst difficult conditions to create a theatrically stunning film.

Good luck to Aaran Maxon and Ethan Norcott, who will perform for HSC examiners next week. Both Aaran and Ethan have produced engaging and exciting characters from two very different monologues. We wish you both the best of luck as you perform your hearts out. Chookas!

**Mrs Rachel Crane**  
Drama Teacher



## Leave it on the Court

'Leave it on the Court' resilience programme is currently running for all girls in Years 5 & 6. Our vision for 'Leave it on the Court' is to build resilience and confidence against bullying in the upper primary female students. The weekly sessions include educating the girls on topics including bullying, peer pressure, proper use of social media, perseverance, resilience, serving others, conflict and assertiveness training, etc. We finish each session with



some sort of physical activity such as role-playing, dancing, yoga, mindfulness. The sessions run every Tuesday during the first break until the end of Term 3. Thank you to

our secondary student helpers Charlie Watson, Jess Bennett, Zali Whybrow, Suzie Daugherty, Issy Fox, Emma McMaster, Charli Hobbs, Lily Martin, Milla Polley, Bec Kemp, Lucy Martin and Annabelle Wrigley - we could not do this group without your leadership and support!



**Mrs Natalie Daugherty**  
School Counsellor



1. The Music department continues in full swing as students adapt without hesitation to new regulations around singing and playing wind instruments in groups. Nothing will stop our enthusiasm for embracing different learning opportunities as we adapt to new classroom and ensemble practices. While, sadly, some ensembles are necessarily on hold, many students are discovering the joy of playing percussion together and moving creatively to music.

Stage choirs have been learning cup patterns, bucket drumming and chair drumming to classical and pop music. Music classes have been a whirlwind of scarves, parachutes, paper plates (for playing and ice-skating on), toys and puppets, ukuleles, hand percussion and xylophones. Students have quickly adapted to wiping down shared equipment with every use and ensuring hands are sanitised. These children are growing not only in musical ability, but also in resilience and flexibility which are skills that will benefit them in all walks of life.

**Mrs Priscilla Colgan**  
Primary Music Teacher





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