



ORANGE ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

7 February 2020

From the Headmaster....

God continues to bless our school with new students and their families. This year we have welcomed 37 new Transition students, 38 Kindergarten students, 56 Year 7 students, and a further 29 students across the remainder of the School. We will be welcoming more new families in the coming weeks and Terms ahead. This growth is encouraging, but more notably the community care and relationships we continue to build is a wonderful thing to be a part of.



Kindergarten 2020



Year 7 2020

It's a date...

For all of our important dates please visit the live calendar on the Website

OAGS Swimming Carnival

10 February 2020

HSC Drama Excursion

11 February 2020

Sports Assembly (Swimming)

20 February 2020

SS All Schools Triathlon

26 & 27 February 2020

PS Hockey Gala Day

26 February 2020

Canberra Show - Alpacas

28 February 2020

SS Camps Information Night

3 March 2020

Tuning in to Teens

3 March 2020

Winter Sports Launch

4 March 2020

PS WAS Swimming Carnival

4 March 2020

Year 11 Commencement Dinner

5 March 2020

252ACU New Recruit Induction

7 March 2020

PS HICES Swimming Carnival

9 March 2020

SS WAS Swimming Trials

12 March 2020

PS CIS Swimming Championships

26 March 2020

SS AICES Swimming Championships

30 March 2020

OAGS Athletics Carnival

7 April 2020

OAGS Easter Fair

3 March 2020

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2019 saw the opening of 'The Hangar', a wonderful space that allows our school and community gather en masse, out of the elements, to share in Assemblies, Chapel Services and special events. It provides a state of the art sporting surface for our teams, and a Parade Ground for the 252 Army Cadet Unit. It goes without saying that this facility has been a wonderful addition to our school. 2020 sees our school embark on further exciting building projects and future planning.

This year in June we look forward to seeing the start of construction on our new library facility. This will also include an Administration area, Reception and Student Service Desk. Its location behind the existing Media Centre will further centre our staff and teacher services to the School and provide a purpose built facility. On completion early 2021 we will move to construct our Early Learning Centre incorporating many new exciting features for both Preschool and Kindergarten children. As we grow to a School beyond 500 we need to continue to develop a thriving environment that services the growing needs of our student population and dynamic staff team. I am looking forward to sharing further information with you as we progress through this process.



Towards the end of last year I wrote to families canvassing for those who are most affected by the drought and trying to gain a better understanding of the significant impact of our current circumstances. In meeting with the Prime Minister last week I was able to discuss those challenges and am pleased to announce that we are to receive \$76,000 of relief funding to directly benefit those families challenged by drought. The Morrison Government is committed to supporting school communities. Helping maintain schools' viability in the face of cost pressures will ensure continuity of education for students from drought-affected families and that schools continue to be a central and stabilising force across communities in times of hardship. I would like to thank Mr Morrison, not only for taking the time to listen to our situational needs, but responding in action with compassion for those that he serves. Over the next fortnight I will be working with those families affected and providing them some much needed financial relief.

This coming Monday we will host our annual Swimming Carnival at the Orange Aquatic Centre. This is a great event that builds community and house spirit amongst our students as they support and encourage their peers.

OAGS 'Parents and Friends' will be hosting welcome drinks at the Greenhouse on Friday 28 February from 6:30pm. I look forward to attending, and encourage new and existing families to come along to this relaxed event to hear of the way we can work together as parents, friends and staff of our school to build community and lend a helping hand where possible. I would like to thank outgoing P & F President Mrs Elise Kane for her commitment to building collaborative relationships within the P & F in 2019. I look forward to working with new President Mr Jon Baker and the Executive and members of the P & F in 2020.

In Christ's service,

Rev Louis Stringer



Welcome Mrs Walicki....

Over the Christmas break we farewelled Miss Dimity Capps, and welcomed Mrs Dimity Walicki! Congratulations to Dimity and her new Husband, Peter, who walked down the aisle on a beautiful summer's day in December. We wish Mr and Mrs Walicki all the very best for a blessed future together.

Introducing Mr Chris Doyle

1. What subjects are you teaching this year?

CAFS (yr11 & yr12), Physical Activity & Sports Studies (yr9 & yr10), PDHPE (yr9), Science (yr8), Mathematics (yr7) and Sport (yr7).

2. What is your favourite subject to teach?

PDHPE

3. Where were you born and where did you grow up?

I was born in the Riverina town of Griffith NSW. My family then moved to Orange where I grew up and completed my schooling.



4. If you could be a famous sports star, what would you choose and why?

It would be an amazing experience to be a famous athlete in any sport. Playing Ice Hockey in the NHL would be incredible.

5. Favourite movie or book?

I mainly read biographies of sporting personalities.

6. What do you love about OAGS so far?

Inclusivity, competence and positivity within the OAGS community.

7. If you could have dinner with any 3 people, alive or dead who would they be?

My Grandfather Jack Norris, my Uncle Mick Norris and Johnny Cash.

8. What advice do you have for teenagers today?

Surround yourself with good people who have a positive influence on you, believe in yourself and realise your potential.

9. Do you have a quote or mantra that you try to live by?

Be kind to yourself and to others.

10. 2 truths and a lie: Can you give us 3 statements about yourself, 2 of them true and one not - the lie will be revealed in the next newsletter!

I can speak 3 languages, I spent a Christmas working in a refugee camp overseas and I won a state title in athletics.

Thanks Mr Doyle! Now, which one of those is a lie??!!

Medical Action Plans

Just a reminder that all medical action plans are due for renewal. If your child has a medical condition that requires specific first aid please provide an action plan to Administration for 2020 that is signed by your doctor, along with any medication required.

Uniform opening times

The Alinta Uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-4pm and on Thursday morning from 8:30-10am. Outside of these hours purchases can only be made online at the Alinta website. These purchases can then be delivered to the students during opening hours. Unfortunately OAGS Administration cannot assist with uniform purchases outside of these hours.

Thank you for your understanding.

Library@OAGS

Welcome to a new school year! The Library@OAGS is a busy place of literature, learning, relaxing, fun, making and investigating.

Library Bags:

Transition students will receive a navy school library bag from Mrs Drury.

Kindergarten students have their new school library bags for borrowing and families will have been notified of borrowing days via Dojo. New students have received a school library bag in their first library session with Ms Taylor.

Borrowing:

Initially, Kindergarten is limited to one book per week whilst they are establishing good borrowing and return habits. It is expected that school library books are cared for in the home to avoid damage. If a library book or bag is damaged or lost in any way, please notify Ms Taylor as soon as possible and replacements can be organised.

Secondary school students may be issued with novels and textbooks for study. It is expected that these are returned to the library when no longer required.

Book Club: Once or twice per term students in Transition to Year 6 will bring home a Book Club catalogue for ordering. The due date will be stamped on the catalogue. It is preferable that orders are made online using the LOOP function. Instructions for that are on the catalogue. Class names have been updated. Cash orders are accepted but it is very important that the order details are clear and legible and the students names and class are added. Cash orders are to be sent to Admin. Orders and deliveries are managed by Ms Taylor. Deliveries are sent to classrooms for distribution by the classroom teacher. This is a wonderful scheme that allows the school to collect points which can be spent on classroom resources.

PRC:

The Premier's Reading Challenge commences on Monday, March 2nd. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will complete the challenge in class with their teachers. Students in Stage 2 and 3 will complete individually. I look forward to seeing many more Gold certificates this year, and maybe even a Platinum! More details about this to come.

If you have any questions or concerns about Library@OAGS, please contact Ms Taylor via email karelle.taylor@oags.nsw.edu.au



Ms Karelle Taylor
Teacher-Librarian



Wednesday School Sport

In Term 1, our Primary School students will be eagerly learning new skills and preparing for the OAGS Athletics Carnival by completing an athletics programme. Year 7 students will be getting to know each other and having fun whilst participating in Putt Putt Golf and Barefoot Bowls throughout the term. Years 8 - 10 students will be given the opportunity to involve themselves in Indoor Tennis or Ninja Warrior Gymnastics!

Please ensure your child has a water bottle and adequate sun protection during this warmer weather to ensure they can be involved and make the most of their sports sessions.

OAGS Inter-house Swimming Carnival

Our Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday 10th of February, 2020 at the Orange Aquatic Centre. This is a compulsory event for all students from Years 3 through to Year 12. However, due to the fact that higher level competition begins at the 8 year old age group, Year 2 students who are able to comfortably swim 50 metres should attend and compete. *(Please note that only Year 2 students who are competing should attend the carnival, and that non-competitors will remain at school).* Attached is the [2020 OAGS Swimming Carnival Program of Events](#).

Students are encouraged to bring along their "House Spirit" by wearing their house colours, cheering on their teammates and involving themselves in all the events of the day!



Ms Lauren Della Ca
Sports Coordinator

ARMY CADETS - 252 ACU

The 2020 year, for Cadets, started on Australia Day with running the sausage BBQ at Bunnings from 8am until 4pm. A cancellation on Friday left an opportunity for us to raise the community profile of the cadet unit as well as fundraise. Many thanks to Mr Player, Mr Linde and Mrs McGoldrick plus Brynn Player, Thapelo Nare, Scott McGoldrick, Mitchell McGoldrick, Natarsha Linde and Oli Thompson for cooking and serving at the stall.

2020 Dates - A complete list (Parade Card) of the 2020 dates can be found on the OAGS website.

PROMOTIONS. Promotions are awarded based on commitment, positions available, demonstrated leadership ability, qualifications (course attendance and skills training) plus attendance at Bivouacs and AFX. We have a great leadership team for 2020 and the ranks to which they have been promoted are as follows -

Sergeant (SGT) - Isabella Fox, Natarsha Linde, Zac Williams, Harry Stringer

Corporal (CPL) - Jack Gordon, Charlie Watson, Brynn Player, Thapelo Nare, Faith Naveau, Tyarna Pavy,

Lance Corporal (LCPL) - Oliver Thompson, Mitchell McGoldrick, Scott McGoldrick, Ethan Errington, Hamish Ingham, Andrew Ingham

Commence Monday 10 Feb - ALL CADETS 4.30 till 7.30pm - including those students who have already decided to join - YES cadets will be held after the Swimming Carnival.

Information Session - For students and parents who are UNSURE about the commitment or require more information please attend a special Information session at 6pm Monday 10th in the Media Centre.

NEW RECRUITS. Anyone in Year 7 (turning 13 in 2020) to Year 10 is able to join. If you are unsure.....why not come on a Monday afternoon to see what it is all about. Please speak to Mr Nye about starting the online application process and getting a note for your parents. Uniform issue **Sat 7th- Sun 8th March** plus an overnight Bivouac at OAGS.

Mondays - Monday Parades are from 4.30pm till 7.30pm with a sausage sizzle for the Dinner break. This year, to raise funds for equipment, we will also be operating a limited cash canteen. OAGS students have the option of wearing cadet uniform all day or to change into cadet uniform after school. Cadets remaining onsite after school must go to the Primary playground / bus bay area, or the supervised afterschool Homework area.

Term 1 Bivouac Sat 28 - Sun 29 March

Captain Terry Nye
Admin Commander

Transition

What a wonderful start to the Transition year. We began by getting to know each other and becoming familiar with our classroom routines. We shared text about different feelings and how to be a good friend. This was all achieved whilst laughing and having fun, playing games, dancing, and being creative. We also discussed possible class names, stay tuned for the result.



Mrs Drury and Mr Whittingham



Local Hero

Shout out to Megan Huntly (year 5) who donated more than \$130 towards a local family in need. Megan started fundraising last year and when she heard there was a need she did not hesitate in volunteering her support.

Good on you, Meg!

Blasting off into 2020!

The Music Department has kicked off the year with a bang! We have lots of young musicians ready to take their first steps, lots of new instruments to guide them on their way and our ensembles are shaping up to be our forte this year. Beat the back-to-school blues by signing up to learn an instrument at www.oags.nsw.edu.au/music or email

noel.annett@oags.nsw.edu.au for more information.

(pictured: Calai Bunworth with her brand new euphonium)

A promotional poster for Colin Buchanan's concert. The top half features a collage of confetti and a crowd of people. In the center, the text "Colin Concert Live" is written in a large, yellow, cursive font. Above the text, there is a small circular inset showing a puppet character with the text "WITH SPECIAL GUEST NUDGE!". Below the main title, a red banner with white text reads "AUSTRALIA'S NO.1 CHRISTIAN KIDS ARTIST" with a star icon. The bottom half of the poster is yellow and contains the following text: "TICKETS: \$15", "2pm, Saturday 22nd February", "The Hangar, Orange Anglican Grammar School, 7 Murphy Lane, Orange." At the very bottom, a blue banner with white text reads "Purchase tickets at: www.colinbuchanan.com.au".

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Australia's #1 Christian Kids Artist is coming to OAGS for the music, madness and mayhem of his live family concert! **Colin Buchanan** (you might know his songs Aussie Jingle Bells, or 10, 9, 8, God is Great, and perhaps you even remember him from Play School!). Colin's show, including Nudge the Puppet, will engage children with songs, fun, audience participation and perhaps a surprise or two!

Colin's show will be held at Orange Anglican Grammar School's 'Hangar' on Saturday 22nd February at 2pm. Tickets are \$15 (Children under 2 are free). Buy tickets at www.colinbuchanan.com.au/blogs/shows.

Year 7 well led by their Peers

At the conclusion of last year, a large number of newly appointed Peer Support Leaders participated in an intensive program of leadership training with the specific focus of being peer mentors to Year 7. Their great attitude and involvement on that day hinted that we would be blessed with a wonderful group of Peer Support Leaders in 2020. If the first two weeks of the year are anything to go by, our Year 7 students are in for a terrific term of Peer Support.

On Tuesday the 28th of January, 56 students made their way through the Orange Anglican Grammar School gate as Year 7 students for the first time. Mixed with both excitement and nerves these new students were met and welcomed by their Peer Support Leaders:

Alex Windus, Amelia Patterson, Bayden Willis, Campbell Preston, Claudia Horan, Ella Stringer, Elli Wilson, Georgia Oakes, Hanna Dewar, Hayden Spedding, Kaitlyn Davis, Kate McMaster, Lilly Hassall, Lily Martin, Matthew Oates, Milla Polley, Oliver Colgan, Rhys Johnston, Sylvia deGraaff, Thomas Bock, Tiffany Mitchell and Trinity Radburn.

On the day, the leaders assisted Year 7 transition into Secondary school, running a 'making connections' session. Year 7 students were broken into small groups of 9 students and with their Peer Support leaders participated in a number of activities designed to help students get to know others. The leaders have shown a genuine interest in the students they led and helped them to settle in so well.



Building on this great start, the Peer Support Leaders have begun to meet with Year 7 every Tuesday this term, considering how to grow and develop resilience. I look forward to seeing the growth these Year 7 students make over the course of the Peer Support Program.

Well done, on such a great start to the year.

Mr Tim Brown
Head of School Welfare and Wellbeing



WELLNESS AND WELLBEING AT OAGS in 2020

At Orange Anglican Grammar School, Wellbeing initiatives have successfully contributed to making our School a safe, inclusive and connected community that promotes wellbeing and learning. In my role as a leader of wellbeing the important topics of bullying, online safety, communicating with your child and the school will be the focus of sessions and events throughout 2020. These programmes are designed to assist you in facilitating a safe and positive learning journey for your child. Term 1 will focus on celebrating Harmony Day and our student body will unite to speak out against bullying on the national day of action against bullying and violence on Bullying NO WAY Day. The term will finish with our annual Easter Fair. The Student Wellbeing hub website is a great resource for parents to get started on their wellbeing journey in 2020. This can be found at www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au

This site is full of practical tips and advice with links to a wide range of topics and initiatives. An example is the link to the 2020 Safer Internet Day website. On Safer Internet Day (Tuesday February 11), millions of people around the world unite to raise awareness about online safety issues and to inspire positive change. This day will create a perfect opportunity to kickstart your own online safety conversation with your own children. You can use eSafety's ideas and resources to help improve the online safety in your home on Safer Internet Day and every day of the year.

Mr Keith Macleay - Head of Wellbeing

Start the chat before
someone else does



Start the chat about online safety and help make every day a Safer Internet Day!

Join in the Safer Internet Day buzz

This year Safer Internet Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. The theme is 'Together for a better internet' and Australia's eSafety Commissioner is encouraging parents to mark the day by starting family conversations about online safety.

You can download our Safer Internet Day resources at esafety.gov.au/sid and use them to start the chat about online safety with your family.

Explore Australia's online safety hub

Check out eSafety's great range of advice and resources. Get started by visiting our **parents and carers** pages and reading the practical tips for kicking off an online safety conversation. You can also download our **'Parents guide to online safety' booklet** (available in 5 languages), look through **eSafety Kids** with your family or get familiar with our **step by step advice** for reporting different types of online abuse. **Find out more at esafety.gov.au**

Join our free parent webinar

The session will cover how to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and cyberbullying.

Helping Kids Thrive Online

12th February 2020 at 8:00 PM (AEDT) 14th February at 2020 12:00 PM (AEDT) **Register now at esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars**



eSafety Commissioner

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OAGS Canteen

Some Quick Tips from Flexischools to navigate the new Flexischools App. The brief video shows how to place canteen orders and can be accessed through this link: <https://vimeo.com/388149878/8de421ed83>.

Thank you for placing your orders through Flexischools. Doing so is extremely helpful in getting the orders ready in a timely manner.



Quick Tips and Navigation Video



Home

Scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then swipe left and right to view various services and offers. Here's a [helpful video](#) to show you exactly how to navigate.



News

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User Profile

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OAGS PLUS



A before and after school program Schedule of fees

Before and After School Program

Session	Times	Rate	Conditions
OAGS Plus AM (before school) early bird rate	7am – 9am	\$7	Bookings made by 6pm the day prior to attending
OAGS Plus AM (before school) general rate	7am – 9am	\$10	Bookings made after 6pm the day prior
OAGS Plus PM (after school) early bird rate	3:20pm – 6pm	\$15	Bookings made by 9am on the day attending
OAGS Plus PM (before school) early bird rate	3:20pm – 6pm	\$20	Booking made after 9am on the day attending

Please note: all bookings must be booked and paid via Flexischools.
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If a student presents at OAGS Plus without a Flexischools booking, a \$15 additional admin fee (per student) will be applied when charging the session rate to your account.

For any enquiries relating to the program please email
oagsplus@oags.nsw.edu.au

OAGS P&F NEWS

Each new year presents new opportunities for us as parents, grandparents, friends to be involved in the growth and development of our fabulous school.

The Parents and Friends Assoc (P&F) is one route to contributing and we would love to have you on board with us. I am very grateful to my colleagues who have accepted roles on the Exec for this year, and indeed to those such as Elise, Felicity and Catherine who worked so hard last year. We want the P&F to be simple, to Create Community, To Raise Money and to Support School Events.

Last year we ran Community events such as the Trivia Night, and we ran BBQs and morning teas at school events. We raised over \$10,000 and gave funds to the library and sensory garden among others.

This year there will be similar opportunities and we are already planning ahead! We also want our meetings to be simple – and fun.

We understand that many parents would like to contribute to the P&F but don't want to be involved in 'committee' meetings.

So our general meetings will primarily be based around hearing a presentation from the Principal with a Q&A session with some updates on P&F opportunities.

The more tedious detailed planning will be kept within the Exec.

The first of these new GMs will follow our 'Welcome Drinks' night on 28th Feb from 6pm at the Greenhouse. Casual, Relaxed, Friendly, Welcoming. Please come along with your families and catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Yours in service, Jon Baker (President).

SAVE THE DATE
Welcome Drinks
Friday 28th February
More details on our
Facebook page

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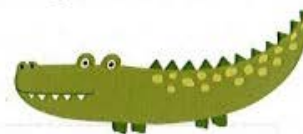
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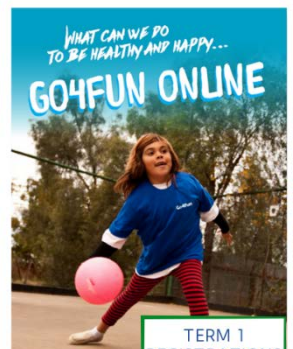
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- Weekly targets and challenges
- Progress tracking
- Rewards, prizes and freebies!!!!



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