



NEWSLETTER  
22 May 2020

## *From the Headmaster...*

We are about to embark on the final week of our gradual return process, and we are elated to see so many students back onsite, as we continue the learning journey moving from remote learning to the face-to-face classroom setting.



### *Pick up and drop off guidelines*

We would like to thank all of our parents and caregivers for their patience with delays in the pick-up and drop off zones with an increase in car travel since the gradual return commenced. We appreciate that the traffic has been frustrating and we are working through ways to constantly improve this process. Thus far, the longest wait time has still been less than 10 minutes total from the time a car enters the queue, collects their child/ren and exits the campus. In the meantime, it is worth mentioning that whilst 3:20pm-3:40pm is proving to be the popular pickup time with the most traffic, 3:40pm-4pm is very quiet and would prove to be an easier option for those who would like to avoid the line-up.

As outlined in the most recent Newsletter parents are reminded to drop off their children at the designated drop off zones. As per existing health guidelines, parents are asked to remain inside their vehicles and practice social distancing. All students from Year 1 to Year 12 are to alight from their car and enter the school grounds on their own - no parents are to accompany their children on site and are asked not to congregate outside of the school to wait for students or socialise with other parents at this time. As is already Kiss and Drop protocol, parents are asked not to exit their vehicle.

Parents of children in Transition and Kindergarten are invited to accompany their children onto the school grounds for drop-off if they need to. Please observe the signage at the school entry points, sterilise hands and observe social distancing measures when on the school grounds. Parents of our youngest students are asked to minimise the time that they spend on the campus as much as is possible and not to enter classrooms or other school facilities when dropping their child to school.

### *Late arrivals and early departures (in Administration)*

In order to maintain the safety of both our parents and staff we remind parents that entry to the OAGS Administration building is also currently restricted. If your child is arriving late we request that you phone ahead to advise of the arrival time. On arrival, similar to the morning drop off, please drop your child to the Administration carpark and supervise their entry, from your car. If your child requires assistance, an Administrative staff member will be available to meet you at the carpark.

If you would like to pick up your child earlier than the school finish time, please also phone ahead and your child will be escorted to you in the Administration carpark.

### *P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop*

Given the current situation, the Second Hand uniform shop will remain closed for the foreseeable future. If you are seeking particular second hand items please email your specific requirements and sizes to [oagspandf@gmail.com](mailto:oagspandf@gmail.com) and the P&F will do their best to check the stock and make arrangements for you to purchase in a 'contact free' manner.

Given the current guidelines it is important that parents **do not enter the school** unless completely necessary and agreed upon with the OAGS Administration team in consultation with our School Executive. All visitors are required to read and sign the Visitor Health and Safety Plan prior to entry.

**Stay in touch...**

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We currently have a unique opportunity to reflect and move forward keeping what we have learned under the imposed conditions that this pandemic has thrust upon us and rejecting that which is simply not working or wanted. Some of us have rediscovered the pleasure of cooking and eating, rediscovering genuine flavours that have little of 'fast' and much of 'slow'. We may also have found time to learn a new skill, finish that book that had been gathering dust or pull our favourite board game off the shelf.

It is time to 'clean house' - literally in some cases! - and think about what we value and wish to change moving forward and what we will discard to make room for a rich and decidedly slower present.

In this time of reflection, it is important to consider that some of our children and family members are showing signs of thriving in this new environment of remote learning and working, whilst others are demonstrating anxiety in the face of such rapid and unsettling change.

While you can be assured that your children will be warmly welcomed back to school by their teachers and gently guided through the changes, it may be that you could see signs of anxiety in your child/children manifesting as some of the following;

- restless or defiant behaviour without cause
- social changes including withdrawal
- physical changes - stomach complaints, shortness of breath, crying and can't explain why, trembling or sweating
- sleep difficulties - nightmares, difficulty falling or staying asleep
- change in school performance - trouble concentrating, feeling overwhelmed or procrastinating
- negative thinking
- perfectionism
- tantrums
- school refusal

As we move back into full time learning, it is important to keep a watchful eye on our children and ourselves. If you are observing any of these signs, be comforted in the fact that they may be easily explained and go away on their own. However, it may just be that this article serves as a puzzle piece for you to help make the decision to seek help for signs that have hung around for a little too long.



At Orange Anglican Grammar School, we have a wide range of resources to provide help and support, you need only to reach out and ask.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Lisa Fowler**  
Leader of Primary Welfare



### **Zooming with Stage 1**

The Stage 1 teachers have loved seeing the faces of our wonderful students at school. Due to the current circumstances, we have adapted many of our usual routines to accommodate remote learning. Zoom has provided us with many opportunities to do the things we love and miss about face-to-face learning.

One thing we have really missed is the opportunity to read books together. On Thursday May 14, Ms Taylor read the students a story during our Daily Zoom session. Listening to confident readers engage with texts is such an important skill for all students as they develop their own reading skills. Each day in the classroom and during Library lessons, we

spend considerable time modelling these skills so it is wonderful that this has been able to continue remotely.

On Friday May 15, Stage 1 participated in a 'LEGO Master Challenge' through Zoom. Students were asked to make a LEGO model of their House animals - emu, kangaroo, platypus or goana. The students blew us away with their LEGO skills.

The Stage 1 teachers look forward to having the students back fulltime and hope everyone remains safe and healthy during this time.



**Stage 1 Teachers**

## News from Transition

It has been wonderful to see so many faces back in the Transition classroom, even if it has only been for 1 day. The children have spent lots of time reconnecting with their friends and the excitement on their faces has been marvellous to see. The Transition Team have also missed having the students face to face and are looking forward to a full house in the not too distant future. This has all been done with a phenomenal amount of handwashing, a process in which Transition students are very well practised.

Joel the builder was in last week, doing some minor work on our ramp! It looks super and the children had lots of comments about it today. Towards the end of this Term, Transition will be constructing a community in their classroom and we are looking for all sorts of small boxes, tubes, scraps of material, curtain rings, wool, unwanted wrapping paper and ends of rolls of wallpaper. If you have any of these items or anything else you think would be fun to recycle or reuse it will be much appreciated in Transition. As you can see below, we also have some budding builders, so if you have off cuts of softwood, plastic or cardboard pipes the children will use them in the most creative ways.

Thank you for your support

**Mrs Sally Drury**  
Early Learning Coordinator



## Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten classrooms have been buzzing over the past two weeks. We have begun to welcome our students back into the classroom with many attending one day last week, and increasing to two days this week. We are so proud of how resilient our students have been, by adapting to remote learning, and then embracing the gradual return to school. We are all very much looking forward to a return to full time, face to face teaching and learning in the near future.

Kindergarten students working from home have been busy using the resources available to them to complete English and Mathematics activities, from finding objects to describe using adjectives, to locating examples of 2D shapes and 3D objects. We have continued to start our day with a Kindergarten Zoom meeting, where we talk about the day ahead and share stories. We have been extremely impressed at the quality of work being submitted by the students working from home, and by the students attending school.

Last Tuesday, Mr Macleay hosted a Well-Being Zoom meeting to talk about friendships. His puppet friends, 'City Mouse' and 'Country Mouse' came along to share their story about compromise and what being a good friend might look like. It has been so wonderful to see the students' friendships pick up where they left off as they return to school.

**Mrs Pearson, Mrs Purvis and Mrs Willis**  
Kindergarten Teachers



## WELL-Being WEDNESDAY – Secondary

WELL-being Wednesday has become a regular weekly event on the Zoom Calendar in the Secondary School. House gatherings in the Zoom Room of 30 plus are the new normal as students seek to connect with their friends and have fun online. Last week it was a dress up for the special occasion. Ms Della Ca had her family jewels on full display and a good old fashion game of Charades had the chat line running hot. This Wednesday at 1pm students will be Zooming in with their House Mates wearing their favourite sporting team's colours. A trivia quiz will test their knowledge of Sport and the chat line will be open for stories of past sporting glory.



Keith Macleay  
Leader of Wellbeing

## CADETS - 252 ACU

**Update** - Our HQ in Canberra are continuing to assess the situation for return to face-face (normal) weekly activities. Things that work in our favour are that we are located on a school site compared to a defence facility. Rest assured that we will be in a position to start earlier than other units due to our regional location and being based on a school premises. My Army Reserve position on the NSW Cadet HQ means I am well informed of the decision making process due to phone conferences each Tuesday night. I am hopeful we can gain approval from OAGS and the Army to start later next month.

**Monday Zoom Lessons** - the cadet rank continue to provide lessons by Zoom each Monday night. Details are emailed to cadets via the email address entered on cadetnet.

**Cadetnet** - we continue to experience difficulties where parents have set up their son or daughters account without inserting a secret Question & Answer which allows the individual to reset passwords. I have added student email addresses to ensure messages reach the cadet as well as parents. Cadets who are having difficulties (OAGS students) need to see Mr Nye (with their device) when they are onsite.

**Recruiting** - we have continued to receive enquiries about joining. We are able to take new members (online joining) during this static period. Please refer any interested families to me.

Captain (AAC) Terry Nye  
Admin Commander



Wherever there is hardship and need you will find the Salvos. For over 140 years The Salvation Army has walked alongside Australians in need and we will continue to do so. The Red Shield Appeal is The Salvation Army's signature annual fundraising drive, supporting our vast network of social and community services. These services range from providing shelter for the homeless, assisting families in crisis through practical support and financial counselling. Vulnerable Australians rely on these programs every day.

So much is uncertain, but one thing we know: in the coming weeks and months, the Salvos will be needed by Australians like never before. As more people face

hardship, isolation and the evils of domestic violence, we will give people the care they need.

To show your support, click on the link below. Scroll down the page to find the OAGS LOGO and help us reach our goal.



<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/orange-salvos>.

# OAGS P&F NEWS

It's been an unusual year for all of us and so when the P&F Executive group met last week, it was far from certain that we'd have much to talk about!

However, I believe that what came out of that meeting was actually very positive. I want to share the three main ideas that we are working on at present:

### **Class Contact Lists and Class Coordinators**

Very soon we will be sending out an invitation to all parents to join the CCL. This will enable parents to more easily develop social contact with each other and help Class Coordinators (CC) to plan group socials (when allowed!) welcome newcomers, support teaching staff and communicate P&F events.

Applications for CCs are very welcome.

### **Business Directory**

We believe that it is particularly important at this time to support our local businesses. If you own a business or have niche skills, providing us with some basic information will allow us to set up a directory that can be used by the whole school community.

Again, an email will come out soon.

### **Zoom Trivia!**

OK, so we can't run a trivia as we usually do, but why not form small teams and then Zoom in with your answers. We thought that this was a great winter warmer and a fun social opportunity to boot. Coming zoom!

Thanks to my amazing colleagues in the P&F. We are all proud of how well our school has coped during this difficult period. Go, OAGS!!!

Yours in service, Jon Baker (President).

Join the P&F and  
have your say on  
how we support  
the school

#### OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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## Christianity Explored

Need some good news for a change? A world shaking event such as the current crisis can raise big questions. Life is short. What is it all about? Where does God fit into all this? To help with this we would love you to join us for Christianity Explored.

- Who** The adults of our OAGS community  
**What** An opportunity to explore some of these big questions and, as you do, find the best news in the world.  
**When** Thursdays, 7:45pm from Week 4 onwards (21st May). If you miss the first week, it's still okay to join afterwards.  
**Where** Your lounge room, via Zoom.  
**How** Each week involves watching a couple of short videos with an opportunity for discussion and questions. If you'd prefer to just listen that's okay as well.  
**Why** Because big questions need big answers.



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Watch a short video invitation to the course [here](#). See the course website [here](#).  
To join or find out more information email [david.whittingham@oags.nsw.edu.au](mailto:david.whittingham@oags.nsw.edu.au) or call me at the school.

David Whittingham  
School Chaplain



## THE UNIFORM SHOP

### Term 2 Shop Opening Update



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Uniform Shop will be open as normal from Monday 27th April.

To abide by social distancing regulations, we require any customers that wish to attend the shop for a fitting or to try on more than 2 garment to book an appointment. Appointments can be made by contacting the shop.

**Postage and Order Collections:**

For contact free collections, customers are recommended to select home delivery on all orders which will be dispatched twice weekly. If you prefer to collect your order from the Uniform Shop please collect during the opening hours.

**Contact Free Ordering:**

- a. *Order Online* - [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)
- b. *Phone Order* - call the shop  
- call our call centre on 02 4321 0433

Thank you for your consideration

Uniform Shop

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8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

#### RE: COVID-19 – IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR SCHOOLS, PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Due to these unprecedented times of the Coronavirus global pandemic, **Apple City Tours** would like to advise that we will be continuing our School Bus Services in accordance with **Transport for NSW COVID-19 Precautions for Public Transport Services** and **Safe Work Australia's guidance** for Public Transport in assessing our controls and practices to help prevent the spread of the virus and other common infections.

Apple City Tour's School Bus Services are an important and essential service for the community and will be maintained for those that need to travel.

The following information is important for Schools, School Student's and all passenger's:

- A. Social Distancing does not apply to Dedicated School Bus Services.**
- B. Resultantly, Dedicated School Services are not included in the Government's recently announced guidelines to limit passengers on board public transport. School children will not be refused travel or left at bus stops for social distancing reasons.**

Apple City Tours monitors the patronage numbers and where practicable will encourage social distancing between passengers and where possible keeping the row of seats behind the driver and adjacent to the driver empty.

Apple City Tours priority is to strive to provide and maintain a routine of high standard cleaning and sanitising on a frequent basis and more as required, to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other illnesses, for the safety, comfort and assurance for passengers and the public.

This high standard of cleaning and efforts to minimise the risks, is not limited to the buses, but also includes cleaning of the Depot Facilities, Administration Office, Staff Amenities, Driver Station Area and other risk minimisation procedures including Staff Rostering and social distancing.

Apple City Tours uses a High-Grade Disinfectant and Sanitiser, with our Cleaning and Sanitising regime consisting of:

- **Twice Daily (Morning and Afternoon) - cleaning and sanitising the Buses to include all touch points, concentrating on the driver's seating area, dash, steering wheel, handrails, seats, seat rails, seatbelts and buckles, windowsills, windows, floors.**
- **Depot Administration Office (including staff kitchen), are cleaned and sanitised daily, to include touch points, concentrating on door handles, desktops, keypads, kitchen amenities, chairs, table, windowsills, light switches.**
- **Depot – Driver Station Area, Staff Amenities are cleaned and sanitised daily, to include touch points, concentrating on bench tops, chairs, toilets, light switches.**
- **Hand Sanitisers, antibacterial hand wash, disinfectant wipes, are provided for all staff, on the buses, at the depot, driver's station, in the staff amenities and office.**

Additionally,

- **Office Staff are rostered to work at different times, plus also have the opportunity to work from home to assist in minimising risk.**
- **The Depot and Depot Office is closed to all non-essential visitors.**

Rest assured, Apple City Tours will continually monitor the health advice of the NSW Government and the relevant health authorities, ensuring that the standard of cleaning either meets or exceeds the guidelines for Public Transport as published by those governing authorities.

Should you have any further queries with regards to our operational response to COVID-19, please contact our office directly on 6365 8395.

Yours faithfully,

**JOHN WOODHOUSE**  
Managing Director / Operations Manager  
Apple City Tours, Orange

#### INFORMATION for SCHOOLS STUDENTS RETURNING FROM 11<sup>th</sup> MAY

Orange Buslines will be delivering bus services in accordance with Transport for NSW COVID-19 Precautions for Public Transport Services advice, issued on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020. This advice has been developed with regard to Safe Work Australia's guidance for Public Transport.

Specifically in regard to school students and school services the following information is important;

- **Social distancing does not apply to dedicated school services**
- **No school student will be left at a bus stop**

Further, Orange Buslines will be encouraging social distancing on buses where patronage levels permit. The seats immediately behind the driver and adjacent to the driver will be isolated to minimise contact between the driver and passengers.

Additional cleaning has been introduced on buses since the outbreak of COVID-19. The additional measures include;

- Additional cleaning of all touch points including hand holds, stanchions, bell pushes and seat top rails *prior to commencement of all shifts both in the morning and afternoon, with hospital grade disinfectant.*
- Drivers will be carrying out additional cleaning during any layover.

Orange Buslines will continue to monitor processes and practices as students return in increased numbers. All advice from TfNSW will be strictly adhered to.

Please contact me on 02 6362 3197 if you require any further information.

David Lee  
Manager