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From the EDITOR

The 'Special Achievements' section of the Oracle has exceeded all previous editions and we are fully aware that many more accomplishments have occurred of which we have no knowledge. We have a lot of quiet achievers.

The following pages clearly demonstrate the dedication, commitment and hard work our students endure in order to follow their passion and succeed in their goals. Many are learning about competition, defeat and going against the odds plus sacrificing social time for training and study, several undergoing coaching and practice before and after school as well as weekends.

This is the calibre of student we have at Ormiston College. Enjoy reading about their great accomplishments. ●

Valerie Warwick
Editor

INNOVATION IS ABOUT MORE THAN JUST THE ASTUTE USE OF TECHNOLOGIES, IT'S ABOUT NEW THINKING, RECONCEPTUALISING AND DEVELOPING DIFFERENT APPROACHES WHERE WE BELIEVE WE CAN ACHIEVE A BETTER OUTCOME.

From the HEADMASTER

Mr Brett Webster

As the students within our vibrant community steadily progress through the various stages and milestones of schooling, each year they are another step closer to the exciting and challenging futures that await them in 'the real world'.

The world of the 21st century will surely be an exhilarating place, especially for those who have developed the mindsets and skillsets needed to capitalise on the new frontiers and opportunities that will be on offer, the constant emergence of new technologies and the shifts and disruptions to business and life that will come with it.

To provide an education of value in a world where change is a constant, learning at OC has continued to shift toward 21st century models in which we aim to assist students to think flexibly, critically and creatively; to work collaboratively; interdependently and through technology, solve real world problems, as well as develop the confidence and optimism that the future is theirs to make.

In addition to showcasing the many dimensions of our community and campus life, this edition of the Oracle helps to illustrate the College's commitment to being a leader in school innovation and celebrates some of the people and programs that have assisted Ormiston College to win the 2014 National Award for Innovation. ●





STOP PRESS: In addition to Ormiston College winning the National Education ICT Innovation Award, we have now learnt that Mrs Tamara Sullivan, Dean of E-Learning, has been recognised by Microsoft, as an Innovation Educator Expert, for the work she is currently undertaking at Ormiston College which is proving to inspire and engage students. As a result of this work she will be a participant in the Microsoft Innovation Educators Expert Program, part of a global initiative which recognises educators who are using technology to transform education.

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MEDIA RELEASE AUGUST 27, 2014 – LORNE, VICTORIA, TO RECEIVE THE PRESTIGIOUS INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) AWARD: 'ORMISTON COLLEGE IN BRISBANE'S SOUTH-EAST SUBURBS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS THE INAUGURAL WINNER OF THE COMPUTELEC/EXPANDING LEARNING HORIZONS (ELH) AWARD FOR INNOVATION, DEFEATING TWO OTHER FINALISTS AND A TOTAL OF OVER 50 NOMINATIONS TO TAKE OUT FIRST PRIZE.'



Headmaster, Mr Brett Webster and members of the Ormiston College Learning Innovation Leadership Committee (LILC) team, Ms Tamara Sullivan, Dr Ian Thomson, Mr Tim Barrett and Mr Zane Edhouse attended Australia's premier annual education technology conference, held this year in Lorne, Victoria, to receive the prestigious award.

Ormiston College has long prided itself as a school that continues to successfully work towards the future, by accepting the inevitable need for ground-breaking change in teaching and learning. The strategic long-term plan for the College clearly documents the importance of continual improvement in educational outcomes through the use of technology. Recognition of this, therefore, was gratefully appreciated by our LILC team.

Comment from the Judges: "Ormiston had best demonstrated exceptional use of resources to support and develop 21st century education capabilities. Their commitment in innovation is embedded in everything they do. This is the manifestation of a clear vision for enhanced teaching and learning with improved student outcomes at its core."

The prize-money will be used to extend professional development opportunities for staff. The award, however, goes to the entire school community, teachers and students: it is the outcome of the work our students produce from the teaching they receive, that provides Ormiston College with its strong academic reputation.



OTHER INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENTS AROUND CAMPUS

Staff members have the opportunity to submit new ideas and programs under the College's Innovation Grants program. Early in the year six successful grants were awarded.



JUNIOR SCHOOL – FLIPPED CLASSROOM: The flipped classroom model is about ‘flipping’ how content is actually learnt. Through the use of digital technology and the College’s Moodle site, students access content lessons at home or in the library: basically wherever they have internet access. Using the Flipped Classroom model, allows students the ability to pause, rewind and fast forward the teacher. This enables deeper understanding of the content and the opportunity to continually revise a lesson. On the ‘flipside’ this model allows teachers to focus on higher order thinking skills and feedback rather than on content delivery. Grant awarded to Mr Travis Goulter: Deputy Head of Junior School.

YEAR 5 MUSIC IMMERSION – VIRTUAL CONDUCTOR: For many, Year 5 can represent the beginning of a musical journey that can influence a lifetime of music appreciation. The purpose of the Virtual Conductor program is to provide the ability for our students to receive online training and mentoring from some of Australia’s best musicians and/or conductors. The project allows top musicians like James Morrison, Richard Gill, Andre Rieu and others, to run a rehearsal of the Immersion Concert Band or String Ensemble, or provide a master class for students learning a particular instrument using technology such as Microsoft Lync. Further to this, as the new technology will be mobile, our students will have the opportunity to connect and collaborate with others from around the globe. In time, the project could see our Year 5 students join with others around the globe to form a learning network or virtual orchestra. Grant awarded to Mr Shane Tooley: Dean of Music.

YEAR 7 – AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS: In the literacy foci of English, Year 7 students engage in a simulated trip around the world, providing them with the opportunity to problem-solve and engage with different cultural perspectives. The experiences are progressively reported on a blog. The aim of this cross-curricular project is to engage students in learning that improves their reading, writing, digital and financial literacy skills. The unit is delivered through the use of gaming conventions to engage students. This project is reflective of Middle Schooling priorities, such as providing students with interactive and collaborative learning

opportunities to acquire a broad general knowledge of the world. Grant awarded to Mr Peter Hoens: Head of English and Drama Department.

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE – HI-TECH AND FLEXIBLE

LEARNING SPACES: Investigating spaces to accommodate furniture that facilitates flexible learning. Once the spaces are in, the new way of teaching (now referred to as learning; agile learning, personalised learning or self-directed learning), it involves the complete collapse of the old teaching model, which had teachers working in closed classrooms with students at desks. In the new system, children take more responsibility of their own learning. The curriculum stays the same as all schools are required to comply; it is more about ‘how’ the children go about learning. Teachers work in groups to guide students as they set about finding out things for themselves. Grant awarded to Ms Deborah Ponting, Teacher Librarian, Mrs Annette McArthur, Secondary School, Ms Louise Thwaite, Secondary School.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT – PLATFORMS OF SOCIAL

MEDIA IN BUSINESS: Providing units of work that engage students in authentic, relevant business scenarios. By offering units and integrated material relating to social media usage in business, will echo market trends and offer engaging content which will build on students’ prior knowledge. From an ethical point of view it will allow instruction on social pitfalls, plus how it is used in HR recruiting and elsewhere. Students studying Business from Year 9 onwards will benefit and a focused unit on Social Media in Business will be developed for Senior Business Management. This will include Social Media Strategy and tracking Return on Investment (both time and money). Grant awarded to Mrs Georgina Barfoot, Secondary School.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT – ARDUINO ROBOTICS AND

3D PRINTERS: In September, following the successful submission for funding, the Technology Department’s innovation initiative, Arduino Mechatronic, became a reality. Year 12 IPT students participated in a full day Arduino Robotics workshop with Mr Bunting, Technology Subject Coordinator and Mr Edwards of Shane’s Robotic. The students used Mathematics, Computer Programming, Computer-Aided Design, Physics and Electronics to create the automated devices and the programs that controlled them. The students designed components using CAD software and then printed their parts on the 3D printers. They then learnt how to connect sensors, LCD displays, servos, cameras and a variety of other input and output devices to the Arduino. Finally and most importantly, they then programmed the devices to perform specific functions using a C-based programming language called Processing.



Several Old Collegians, who are currently studying Engineering at University, joined the Information Processing Technology (IPT) students to act as mentors and to offer their expertise as the students embarked on their IPT project. During Term 4, the Year 12 IPT students will be working in groups to design and build autonomous Arduino robots using knowledge and skills they learnt in the incursion. Grant awarded to Mr David Bunting, Subject Coordinator, Technology.



MORE EXCITING CREATIONS FROM OUR 3D PRINTERS

The 3D printers are allowing our students to take any design they create on screen and produce a prototype. We have a total of five 3D printers in operation.

Our Year 9 Design Technology students have been working, since February, on their project. They learnt some simple car aerodynamics with a vision to building their own CO₂ powered race car. First they produced a design folio for the concept of their car and went on to learn how to use our 3D modelling software (AutoDesk Inventor, the industry standard at the moment). They will finally produce a 3D on-screen model of their initial design and ensure that it is to race specifications. The models are put through a virtual wind tunnel to see how they fair and finally they create the 3D printed prototype. The full scale cars will be worked on and raced.

The 3D printers are also being used by our Senior Graphics classes. Year 11 students create pieces from re-imagined Monopoly sets, whilst Year 12 students produce mini versions of houses as well as new toy designs. The IPT students and Robotics club will be producing custom made components to work on robots they are developing. The printers will definitely be busy!



THE LEARNING INNOVATIONS LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (LILC)

The LILC, which consists of 15 members across the College from a range of curriculum areas, has focused on the effective integration of ICTs as one of the key strategic priorities. The exciting new projects include E-Tutoring in Mathematics via Lync, Collaborative Learning with external experts; Early Years Connected Classroom through blogs; the 3D Printing Program; the Flipped Classroom; the Robotics Program and STEM projects. ●

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



EMILY AIMS FOR RIO OLYMPICS 2016 AND COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2018

Emily Meaney (Year 11) competed in the 10m synchronised diving event at the 2014 Australian Grand Prix competitions in Adelaide and Melbourne in March and achieved overall First place and was recognised as Australian Champion along with her partner Hannah Thek.

Sadly, after this competition Emily sustained a serious injury to her back and was unable to compete in Dresden, Germany as part of the Australian Junior Team competing in the 2014 International Youth Diving Competition in April. This was a great disappointment to Emily as she had won gold in her event at this competition in 2013. Emily also missed out on the 2014 World Junior Diving event in Russia as a result of her injury.

Due to perseverance and sheer determination, Emily continued to train hard all year and has now recovered from the injury in time for the 2014 Qld Open State Diving event in October and the 2014 Australian Open Diving event in Adelaide in December. She will also compete in the Australian Grand Prix in January 2015.

There is no doubt that Emily is a committed elite athlete. She trains six days a week, a total of 30 hours. She gets out of bed each morning at 5am and is at training by 6am until 8am. She then leaves school each day at lunchtime in time for training at 2.30pm until 6pm. It is important to Emily that she also achieves well academically and with the help and assistance of College staff Emily is on top of her studies and is achieving excellent results in all her subjects.

It is Emily's goal to compete for Australia at the Rio Olympics in 2016 and the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. Well done Emily, we are all behind you. ●



SHAYNA SELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR PAN PACIFIC TEAM

After four months of training, Shayna Jack (Year 11) took part in the Age National Championships, conducted in the Sydney Olympic Pool in April: there she swam in the 200m, 100m and 50m Freestyle, the 100m Backstroke and the 100m Butterfly. Shayna came First in all three of the Freestyle events; the 200m with a 15 Years Old Australian record and personal best (PB), plus a seasons best in the 50m, plus a second in the Backstroke.

With those winning results she was selected for the Australian Junior Pan Pacific Team, to compete in Hawaii, Maui, from the middle of August to the beginning of September. This news meant many laborious hours of swimming, training 10 times a week in preparation. Being a contestant at the Junior Pan Pacific meant competing against girls of 18 years and under from all around the world.

INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENT

On the first day of competition, Shayna had the heats for the 200m where she qualified through as first breaking the Australian record and her own PB. In the finals, she was second with yet another Australian record and again beating her own PB. Day two Shayna qualified second in the Heats for the 100m, followed that night by the final when she managed to dig deep to win the Freestyle with another PB. That same night, she was part of the 4 x 200m Freestyle Relay with Shayna leading off; her team came second behind the American swimmers. Day three saw her in the night finals of the 4 x 100m Freestyle Relay, coming First with an 18 and under world record. Day four Shayna qualified third in the 50m Freestyle and swam fifth in the finals.

The event was a magnificent achievement for Shayna and we are all extremely proud of her. In Shayna's words, "I had gone out and tried my hardest and ended up with a few medals to take home, plus it was the best team I have been on so far." A truly outstanding accomplishment, Shayna; well done. ●

ELLA TAKES OUT FOUR MEDALS AT THE STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ella Peters (Year 4) participated in her first ever South East Regional Athletics Championships in February when she competed in four events, the 200m, 100m, 70m Sprints and the Long Jump. Ella had a very successful Championship winning four Gold Medals.

As a result of her success, Ella qualified for the State Athletics Championships in March, held in Cairns. There she received medals for all events entered: two Silver Medals and two Bronze Medals. Ella also broke the records and received personal bests (PBs) for the 200m, 100m, 70m Sprints and the Long Jump. Well done, Ella, a great accomplishment for someone of your age. ●



ROY CAMPBELL SELECTED FOR TWO AUSTRALIAN TEAMS

Roy Campbell (Year 12) has experienced a great Water Polo season which resulted in him being selected for not one but two Australian teams. Here is a brief summary of his outstanding achievements this year:

- Selected for the Australian School Boys 17 Years and Under Team travelling to compete in New Zealand in December 2014. In the lead up to this he was in the Met East Water Polo Team and competed in Queensland Schools State Championships in Rockhampton in March 2014. Subsequently he was picked for the Queensland School Boys 17 Years and Under Team that competed in Noosa in June.
- Selected for the Australian Born '97 team that travelled to New Zealand in July for the 2014 Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival. He was the only player from Queensland selected for this team.
- Was selected for the Queensland 20 Years and Under Team to travel to Adelaide in July (unfortunately he was unable to attend due to a clash of tournament dates).
- Part of Queensland 18 Years and Under Team that competed in Perth in April.
- Most Valuable Player in the Barracudas Senior Mens Team competing in the Brisbane Competition in the 2013/14 season.

Roy has been involved in Water Polo since he was nine years of age and started competing at the age of 11. He first represented Queensland when he was 13 years old. Roy trains nine times a week plus he plays games twice a week during the season, which is in Terms 1 and 4.

This is an amazing feat and we congratulate Roy on a most successful season but moreover on being selected into Water Polo Queensland's 'Emerging Athlete Program' (a program aimed at identifying and developing talented athletes). Roy is also currently being trialled as a potential Queensland Academy of Sport member. ●

LUCINDA SELECTED FOR THE WORLD CHILDREN'S BASEBALL FAIR IN MATSUYAMA CITY, JAPAN



Lucinda Cavanagh (Year 6) joined children from around the world in Japan's Matsuyama City for the World Children's Baseball Fair held at the end of July through to the beginning of August. Each year five children from fifteen countries are invited to attend the Fair, which was established in 1989 by Sadahara Oh and Hank Aaron, along with Dr Akiko Agisha.

Participants receive top class training from major league coaches selected from around the world as well as attending and enjoying a number of cultural events. Lucinda was honoured to have been nominated and thrilled when Baseball Australia selected her, not only as the only Queenslander but also one of only two girls to be going on the trip of a lifetime.

Lucinda has been selected to represent Queensland in the U15 Women's Baseball National Championships, being held in Canberra in January 2015. Having qualified, age wise, by just two months, Lucinda at 12 will be one of the youngest in the Championships.

Lucinda started playing T-ball when she was five and moved over to baseball four years ago. She was the second baseman for her otherwise 'all boys' team, the Redland Devilrays, when they won the Brisbane South Little League Major Championships earlier in the year. Congratulations Lucinda, what a wonderful experience for you. ●

BEAU ACCEPTED INTO THE AMDA COLLEGE AND CONSERVATORY OF PERFORMING ARTS IN 2015

Beau Rush (Year 12) lives an extremely hectic life, not only is he completing his senior studies at Ormiston College but outside of school he is already very well-known on the Musical Theatre scene. He has recently played the role of 'Princeton' in the Brisbane Arts Theatre production of Avenue Q and his other credits include: The Scarlet Pimpernel (Ignations Musical Society); Orbit (Queensland Theatre Company in collaboration with Grin and Tonic Theatre Troupe) and Seussical - The Musical (Brisbane Arts Theatre). He was also Assistant Musical Director for the Addams Family Musical that played in August. Beau has a Diploma of Musical Theatre from Trinity College London and is completing his Diploma of Performance (Acting) from the Australian College of Music.

In 2015 Beau will leave Australia to accept a position at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA). Admission to AMDA is extremely competitive; their students come from all over the globe, selected from auditions in 36 cities throughout the United States and many countries throughout the world. AMDA is the premier performing arts conservatory with campuses

in New York's Upper West Side and in the historic Hollywood district of Los Angeles. We congratulate Beau on this excellent achievement and wish him every success in 2015 when he commences his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. ●



Courtesy of Greg Barte Photography

GABRIEL, JACOB, JASMINE AND RACHAEL REPRESENT AUSTRALIA IN USA

When it comes to international championships Gabriel Soner (Year 10), Jacob Soner (Year 8), Jasmine Mathias (Year 9) and Rachael Taylor (Year 4) are seasoned competitors. All four have enjoyed outstanding success over the years and their rigorous training in preparation to each big event has led to many outstanding wins.

Earlier in the year as a result of their accomplishments, the four students were invited to join the Australian Karate Team to compete in the 50th Anniversary of the Kubota Karate Championships in America. This was a milestone event in the history of Karate which was held at the Occidental College in Los Angeles. The students proudly represented their country by competing alongside other students from many different international branches. Our congratulations on being selected to take part in such a special event. ●



L to R Back: Jasmine, Gabriel, Jacob
Front: Rachael



MAJOR PRIZES FOR BREANNA AND ISABELLE IN AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST SINGING COMPETITION



In Term 1, Ormiston College Music Department held its biennial event 'The OC Voice' which showcased the impressive vocal talent of many of our students. For two girls, however, their voices have now extended way beyond the realms of the Lingo Lin Theatre, allowing them to be heard across a much wider audience.

Breanna Fielding (Year 12) won the Intermediate Fast Track Singing Showcase grand finals. This event is Australia's biggest un-televisioned singing competition with over 700 entries from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Breanna won \$750, a session with a consultant from A & R Warner Music Australia plus Studio Time with Bignote Productions and a Trophy. Breanna is also recording her first single which will be on iTunes.

Isabelle Allinson (Year 6) also competed in the grand finals and won the Junior Division of the Fast Track Singing Showcase. Isabelle also received a recording session with Bignote Productions, a consultation with A & R Warner Music Australia, plus she has been asked to submit a demo tape to David Capice of Capice Management. Isabelle also received a Trophy.

As a result of the photograph of Breanna and Isabelle that appeared in the local newspaper, the two girls were invited to sing at the Awards Lunch for the Redlands Women's Information Network in August. Well done girls, we look forward to following your future progress. ●

BRINGING HOME MEDALS FROM THE NORTH QUEENSLAND GAMES AND QUEENSLAND TITLES

Two of our students, Charlotte Graham and Ben Pedersen (both Year 5) commenced their year with great results. The two Taekwondo prodigies attended the North Queensland Games in Townsville with a team of 26 Hwa Rang Taekwondo members, under the leadership of Coach Lionel Graham: the team returned with 41 Medals, including 23 Gold.

Ben Pedersen played off for the Bronze Medal in the Junior Male Blue Belt Division, resulting in a win against a Mackay student to achieve a well-deserved podium finish, while Charlotte Graham played off in the final of the Junior Female Red Belt Division, to win the Silver Medal in the Free Sparring event as well as achieving a Silver Medal in the Open Team Pattern Competition.

The two young players were joined by another Ormiston College student, Tom Gadloff (Year 5) to compete in the recent Queensland Taekwondo Titles, where all three students achieved medal performances in tough matches. Tom won Gold for the Junior Red Belt division in Free Sparring, while Ben won Silver and Charlotte won Bronze. Charlotte and Ben also competed in the Black Belt division for the first time, showing great composure against more experienced competitors. ●



Taekwondo Queensland Titles
Lionel Graham (Hwa Rang Academy - Director), Chris Blight (TKD Qld - President)
Ben Pedersen, Tom Gadloff, Charlotte Graham



Sarah Naulls



Annick Myburgh

SARAH AND ANNICK ACCEPTED INTO FORENSIC SCIENCE RESIDENTIAL CAMP

Sarah Naulls and Annick Myburgh (both Year 9) were accepted into the Forensic Science Residential Camp, held in Armadale in July. The girls each had to submit an essay and supply a summary of their academic credentials along with the College support statement.

The whole focus of the camp was to provide complex problem-solving with a Forensic Science theme, requiring them to use specific scientific techniques and skills for real-life problem solving. Students worked together to solve crimes using microscopy, chromatography, database searching, fingerprint analysis, cryptography and collaborative problem-solving.

Selection into this high level of study is limited; Sarah and Annick's acceptance into the camp was well-earned and will have provided the girls with invaluable knowledge and experiences that will assist them in their future Science projects and assessments. ●

WILL MAKES THE NATIONAL TENNIS TITLES IN PERTH

Will Maher (Year 10) has had the most outstanding year on the tennis court so far this season: his ranking has placed him among the top juniors with a current Australian ranking position of Twelfth and a ranking of Fifth in Queensland for boys born in 1999. Will has been part of the First Tennis Team since Year 8 and this year saw him Captain the boys in the finals.

Will (who is 14) was selected as the Number 1 Player for the Met East Team this year to contest the Schools' Under 18s Tennis Championships held on the Sunshine Coast in April. Will gained a position in the Met East Eight Man Queensland Squad which saw him head to Perth as the youngest male selected to take part in the Australian U19s Schools Tennis Championships. This was a great learning experience for Will whose Team Managers complemented him for his on and off court sportsmanship and behaviour.

Outside of school has seen Will achieve solid performances:

- Australian U14s showdown Hard Court Championships Singles – Twelfth
- Queensland U14s Rod Laver Hard Court Championships Doubles – Winner
- Queensland U14s Rod Laver Hard Court Championships Singles – Third
- Queensland U16s Clay Court Championships Singles – Winner
- Queensland U16s Clay Court Championship Doubles – Winner
- Victorian U14s Clay Court Championships Singles – Runner up

A wonderful result from your perseverance and relentless training, Will. ●



MALE SWIMMER OF THE MEET FOR DYLAN PLUS OUTSTANDING MEDAL COUNT



Dylan Lewis (Year 11) trains at the Chandler Swim Club, usually ten sessions a week with a mix of swimming and gym. His morning sessions commence at 5.20am and go on until 7.30am: he eats his breakfast in the car on his way to school each day. Dylan returns to the pool after school, training from 4.00pm to 6.30pm, with each of his swimming sessions around 6km and gym sessions for cardio and core strength.

Dylan was awarded the Male Swimmer of the Meet at the Queensland Secondary Swimming Championships this year. He won Gold medals and broke records in the 200m and 400m individual medleys (IM) and Gold medals for the 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke. He achieved Silver medals in the 200m Butterfly and 400m Freestyle and Bronze in the 200m Freestyle.

In April Dylan competed in seven events at the Commonwealth Games Trials (Australian Championships) alongside the swimmers who made the Australian Team for Glasgow. He then competed in eight events in the Australian Age Championships in Sydney, making the top ten in six of those events, narrowly missing a medal placing fourth in the 400m IM.

Dylan competed in the Brisbane Metropolitan Championships in October and in December he will be competing in the Queensland State Championships (where he was awarded the Male 15 Year Swimmer of the Meet in 2013).

A most remarkable achievement over the year, Dylan and so well deserved. ●



FLYNN AND DYLAN ENJOY ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON

In the July holidays Flynn Warden and Dylan Penniket (Year 3) experienced a hectic three days when they competed in the Logan City Champions Cup, a three day Soccer tournament. Their team, the U9 Redlands United Fury (Komodo's) gave 100% each day and went undefeated throughout the entire competition, winning against John Paul College, defeating the Lions Football Club and beating Magic United from the Gold Coast in the finals. The boys came away proud victors of the tournament having been announced the U9 Logan City Champions.

The boys continued their run of success when their team went on to win the Logan Lighting Premiership Plate in September; a carnival that includes 20 strongly competitive teams from Brisbane and the surrounding suburbs. They also took part in the Gold Coast Champions Youth Cup. The boys took part in the Mini Masters for U8, U9 and U10. They played teams from all around Australia and were crowned runners up Mini Masters for 2014. A huge achievement! ●

SOPHIA, ONE OF ONLY TWO QUEENSLANDERS TO RECEIVES A GOETHE INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP

Queensland receives two scholarships each year that are awarded to students of German (Year 10 or 11) from the Goethe Institute. The scholarships are funded by the German Embassy in Canberra and are limited to one applicant per school. This year the applicants had to write about a German Festival which reflected the national focus of the Goethe Institute for 2014. Their written piece also had to be recorded. Applications from throughout Australia were submitted to a judging panel for selection. The scholarship offers a four week intensive language course and cultural experience in Germany during the month of July.



Sophia Hughes (Year 10) chose to write about the 'Berlin Festival of Lights' and recorded her vocal submission, which was judged worthy of one of the two scholarships. The trip included a stay in Germany where she visited Bonn, Cologne, Berlin and Munich. Sophia also experienced a two week stay with a German family in Laufen, Switzerland near Salzburg where she attended the local school.

During the month long scholarship Sophia had the opportunity to visit two different countries, make new friendships with people from all around the world, experienced life within a German family, widen her knowledge of the culture and add greatly to her vocabulary and fluency of the German language. Congratulations, Sophia. ●

VINCENT D'AMICO - 'IMPROVISATION KING' AND SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD PRIZE WINNER

Vincent D'Amico (Year 7) decreed supremacy in Improvisation solo acting and shared supremacy in Improvisation group acting at Wynnum Manly, Beenleigh and Redlands Eisteddfods with a royal flush of gold medals. Vincent adds to this proclamation his Creative Championship title, McDonalds Trophy (character) and four place prizes. Vincent's jewel achievement is his additional two podium places in both sections competed in at the Sydney Eisteddfod judged by NIDA and industry affiliated judges. In the June and September school holidays Vincent completed NIDA courses: he performs his Trinity College acting level 4 exam in November. ●
(Submitted by C. D'Amico)



FIVE OF OUR VOLLEYBALL STUDENTS HELPED TO BRING HOME THE OVERALL WINNERS TROPHY TO QUEENSLAND

Connor Spence, Tristan Brodryk and Evelina Lindblom (all Year 12) plus Bailey Jones and Gabriel Koller (both Year 11) were originally talent spotted at the Junior and Senior School Volleyball Cups and were then further selected from well over 120 students per age group to a training group of approximately 40 per age group. Following this they were again selected in the final 20 athletes (two teams per age group) in the final travelling teams, with a tough six month training schedule behind them plus travelling long distance early every Sunday morning.

They each represented Queensland in the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships held at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra in July. The competition was played off against other Australian States plus New Zealand North Island and New Zealand South Island.

Connor's Under 19 Team narrowly defeated in the Bronze Medal playoffs to be placed Fourth. Tristan's Under 19 Team did very well, they were placed Seventh. Evelina's Under 19 Team won Silver. Bailey's Under 17 Team won Silver and Gabriel's Under 17 Team won Gold. This medal count helped return the Overall Winners Trophy to Queensland once again. Well done all. ●





AUSTRALIAN TITLE AND STATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR JORDAN

Jordan Predl (Year 8) who trains with the Ashfield Ballet School has had great success with her dancing this year at both state and national level. After winning the junior division of Hip Hop at the Australian Teachers of Dancing Queensland State Scholarships, she then went on to win the Australasian Title.

Jordan represented Queensland in not only Hip Hop but also in Jazz and Tap. She was placed Third in the state in both Jazz and Tap and was awarded Fourth at the Australasian Junior Jazz Scholarship against Australia's top junior dancers. Jordan won over \$1000 in prize money towards furthering her dance studies.

In order to be eligible to compete in these scholarships, dance students need to receive a very high examination mark and from there they are select for competition against dancers from all over Australia. Following her success, Jordan is extremely focused on pursuing her dream of a career in musical theatre and/or the commercial dance industry. ●



MRS MIDDLETON AND MR ROGERS SELECTED FOR THE AUSTRALIAN GLOBAL POWERLIFTING ALLIANCE TEAM

Mrs Sandra Middleton, Student Support Services and Mr Kev Rogers, Head Trainer and Proprietor of the Ormiston Private Health Club (www.ophc.com.au), recently won their individual weight classes at the Council of Australian Powerlifting Organisation (CAPO), National Championships, held in Brisbane. As a consequence of this, they have been named on the Australian Team to compete in the World Titles of the Australian Global Powerlifting Alliance (GPA) in Sydney, late November.

Mrs Middleton, who is trained by Mr Rogers, won her weight class (52kg Fly Weight) and won the overall Masters Class in Bench Press and Deadlift (Push/Pull) and set a new Australian Record.

Mr Rogers won his weight class (60kg Light Weight) and set two National Records and three World Records. Mrs Middleton will be shooting for a 1.25 times body weight Bench Press and a 2.5 times body weight Deadlift. Mr Rogers is gunning for a 2 times body weight Bench Press and a 3 times body weight Deadlift at this year's World Championships. ●



MS JACKEL RECEIVES MLTAQ AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY PRACTICE



In early October, at the Biennial Conference of the Modern Language Teachers Association of Queensland (MLTAQ), Ms Elke Jackel, Language Coordinator, was presented with the MLTAQ Award for Exemplary Practice.

The Award recognises the contribution that members of the MLTAQ make to the teaching and learning of languages and is on the recommendation of other practicing teachers. The Award is judged upon methods and ways in which current theories of education find expression in the classroom; how teaching practices improve learning outcomes for students and how the teacher networks, supports and shares with other teachers in order to generate best practice in the learning of languages. ●

WOODY CHOSEN TO APPEAR ON DISNEY CHANNEL

Woody (Edward) Holmes (Year 6) was very lucky to be chosen from hundreds of hopefuls in Queensland to attend the two day Tim Cahill/Foxtel Football Academy; from that he was chosen as one of just ten children from across the whole of Australia to film in a three minute segment with Tim Cahill for the Disney Channel.

The filming took two full days to produce the three minute program which featured Woody and his love of football, especially goalkeeping. It aired on the Disney Channel repeatedly during the months of May and June with Foxtel using a section of the footage with Woody and Tim Cahill as part of their ongoing advertising campaign. ●



OUR ANNUAL 'SINGING FOR YOUR SUPPER' SAW THE LINGO LIN THEATRE FULL TO CAPACITY. THE PARQUETRY FLOOR WAS FILLED WITH TABLES AND CHAIRS, CREATING RESTAURANT-STYLE DINING, WHICH WAS CONTINUALLY REPLENISHED WITH ENTICING SAVOURIES. THE STACKED THEATRE SEATS WERE FULL TO THEIR MAXIMUM WITH PARENTS AND FAMILY: ALL HAD COME TO BE ENTERTAINED BY OUR SIX CHOIRS.

THE STAGE WAS ALIVE, WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC AS 316 CHORISTERS TOOK TO THE FLOOR FOR 'SINGING FOR YOUR SUPPER'



Entertainment was certainly what the audience received. The evening commenced with two contrasting pieces presented by the Chamber Singers. This was followed by two songs from Kinder Chorus Blue, then a further two by Kinder Chorus Maroon. The two choral groups then joined together to sing 'My Little Boat', forming a combined chorus of 97 students.

Three songs were then presented by our Pochino Choir, followed by another three sung by the OC Singers.

One of the highlights of the evening was the all-male Redback Chorus, who delighted the audience with their rendition of three choral pieces, accompanied on the piano by Dr Ian Thomson.

From there we went on to hear four songs presented by the OC Chorus, and finally ended the evening with the return of the Chamber Singers who sang three songs, ending with a magnificent rendition of 'Let it go' from Frozen, which was arranged by Dean of Senior Music, Shane Tooley. ●



The Ormiston College Music Gala is always a very popular event. This year's event covered a diverse array of musical talent: students from Year 5 through to Year 12 performed a wide cross-section of musical entertainment which included Guitar, Brass, Strings, Woodwind and Vocal presentations. Three songs were then presented by our Pochino Choir, followed by another three sung by the OC Singers.

The clever combination of choral groups added to the enjoyment of the evening: Pochino Choir and OC Singers, the Combined Kinder Chorus plus the OC Singers and OC Chorus were three vocal groups that left a lasting impression on the audience. Each of the many combined musical ensembles also created memorable performances which added to the enjoyment of the evening. ●



NASUBI GALLERIES ARE SMALL PORTABLE GALLERIES, FIRST DEVELOPED BY THE JAPANESE ARTIST TSUYOSHI OZAWA, AS A WAY IN WHICH TO TAKE ART TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT THE HIGH COST NORMALLY CHARGED BY THE LARGER PROFESSIONAL GALLERIES.

YEAR 9 ART STUDENTS CREATE THEIR OWN NASUBI GALLERY

Having decided to present their own Nasubi Gallery, the Year 9 Art students had to ensure they were being entirely authentic in the actual formation. They worked through a design process by researching, experimenting, resolving and reflecting in order to communicate a true re-creation of the Japanese gallery.

The highlight for our Year 9 Art students was to see their own works showcased in the Shared Space Gallery and to

share in celebration with their peers. To create the appropriate atmosphere and in keeping with the Japanese theme, light refreshments of sushi and green tea were served to the visitors.

The achievement for our Year 9s was twofold, not only did they produce original and outstanding pieces of art work but they also exercised their creativity by successfully developing and designing a Nasubi Gallery: an example of how the visual arts can stimulate and fuel both the mind and the imagination. ●



STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM (SHEP)

We were delighted to have our Music students acknowledged again this year by the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. Each year our numbers appear to grow and this year was certainly our best with 38 students invited to join the prestigious State Honours Ensemble. Our students had the opportunity to work under the tutelage of eminent national and international conductors and alongside some of the best up and coming musicians in their field. Our students were selected for Voice, Strings, Wind, Brass and Percussion. The week-long rehearsal culminated in a Gala Concert at the Queensland Conservatorium. ●



'IN ALL DEBATES, LET TRUTH BE THY AIM, NOT VICTORY, OR AN UNJUST INTEREST'

William Penn (English Philosopher)

IN EMBRACING THIS SENTIMENT, OUR DEBATERS HAVE BEEN A CREDIT TO THE COLLEGE

Ormiston College has proven itself to be a debating powerhouse in the Redlands. At the beginning of the debating season ten teams across Years 8 to 10 entered the Queensland Debating Union Competition. Of these teams, eight made it into finals rounds. This positioned Ormiston College as one of the most successful schools in the debating season.

Mr Burgess's Year 12 team, Yasmin Akhtar, Courtney Graham, Lilly Greer, and Olivia Wyles, was the flagship team of the year, building upon their 2013 quarter-final achievement to

make it into the semi-finals. This feat has only previously been achieved twice, in 2011 and 1999.

Whilst the victory of winning the competition eluded our teams, the quality of their debates was certainly reflective of the sentiment of William Penn "In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not victory, or an unjust interest." Our congratulations to all teams on a well presented season. ●

NATIONAL A-CAPPELLA COMPETITION IN MELBOURNE

In September the Ormiston College Chamber Singers flew to Melbourne for one day to compete in the National A-Capella Competition. The singers represented the College and Queensland extremely well, walking away with three awards.

Best Vocal Percussionist – Matthew Garnett

Best Soloist – Ryan Watson

Best Comedy Song for Ghostbusters ●





ORMISTON COLLEGE RACE DAY

IT HAD ALL THE INGREDIENTS FOR A PERFECT DAY AT THE RACES...

Add together a sunny day with a cool breeze, colourful couture and stylish millinery, chilled wines and finger food and you could be fairly certain of a good event. Then add to that, families and friends of Ormiston College, Old Collegians and an atmosphere brimming over with smiles and laughter and you are definitely on to a winning streak – and we haven't even mentioned the horseracing.

The mood of the day was one of fun as people met, mingled and enjoyed the pleasures of the day, regardless of the fact that many horses chose to pass the winning post in the wrong order.

Caulfield Cup was an excellent race day to celebrate and having an area exclusive to Ormiston College overlooking the winning post added to the atmosphere.

We thank our major sponsor, Eaton Services Group, for their generosity and also for attending on the day and presenting the winners of the Fashions on the Field. We also wish to thank our other sponsors for the important part they played in sharing the Ormiston College Race Day with us. ●

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THE CULTURAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

OC'S GOT TALENT!

In June the Senior Cultural Committee hosted the inaugural OC's Got Talent, inviting students from Years 7 to 12 to ply their various talents. The Committee ran a rigorous audition process throughout the term culminating in an all-out fight to see who would be the very first winners in the OC's Got Talent Finals.

The versatile performers included Scottish Highland Dancing, complimented with live bagpipes, courtesy of a willing parent. A magnificent selection of Hip-Hop Dancing, Italian Opera, Pop Music, Guitar and Piano performances and a spectacular dance rendition of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

This excellent form of entertainment was a 100% student-inspired, organised and run, with Cultural Prefects Peter Neville and Helen Walker driving the event. Old Collegians, Liam Ibbott and Elliott Major (Class of 2013) who were Cultural Captains from the previous year, were invited back as Adjudicators. Jack Vandenberg (Class of 2012) took on the responsibility of running the technical side from the Theatre Control Room.

The audience, consisting of students, staff and parents, were presented with a high calibre multitalented show, making it very difficult for the adjudicators. The first ever winners of the inaugural OC's Got Talent were:

- First Alys Holmes (Year 12) – Opera Singer**
- Second Ryan Watson (Year 11) – Piano and Singing**
- Third Curtis Luxton (Year 9) – Guitar and Singing**

All performers are to be praised for their preparation, overall talent and the great confidence shown. The depth of creative skill across our Secondary School is very obvious and will definitely prompt the occasion to become an eagerly awaited annual event on the College calendar; thanks to the members of the Cultural Leadership Committee and their teacher-leader Miss Egan. ●



THE ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARD COMPETITION IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE INITIATIVE AND CREATIVITY IN THE WAY THAT SCHOOLS COMMEMORATE ANZAC DAY, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON INVENTIVENESS BALANCED WITH TRADITION. SUBMISSIONS ARE MADE TO THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS.

YEAR 3TB CREATES AN INSPIRING WAY TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THEIR COUNTRY



Mr Barrett, Year 3TB class teacher, could also be referred to as a script writer, voiceover specialist, video maker and the astute educator. He came up with a very interesting way in which to teach his class an important part of the Year 3 History curriculum. In order to make Anzac more meaningful to his students, Mr Barrett scripted a re-enactment of the landing of Gallipoli which explained the conditions of the war.

The students became heavily involved with the project. The footage, which took three periods to film, was shot on campus at Ormiston College with the class acting-out the story, which included intermittent explanatory voiceovers.

As well as submitting the re-enactment, they also included an interview with a veteran from the Korean War and a presentation of War Memorials using the iPad App '30 Hands'.

Mention must go to Ms Strickland, Mr Barrett's fiancée, who spent many hours editing the footage. Congratulations Year 3TB students on a great mini-movie and well done Mr Barrett for creating a very thought-provoking way of informing your class on one of Australia's important and historical events. It will certainly have left a memorable impression on your students. ●

THE REDBACKS FINISHED SECOND IN THE TERM 3 CHAMPION SCHOOL STAKES FOR THE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR WITH A 65% OVERALL STRIKE RATE. THIS WILL GIVE THE REDBACKS THE TITLE OF CHAMPION TAS SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR FOR ONLY THE SECOND TIME.

SENIOR SPORTS REPORT – TERM 3



The mighty Redbacks finished the Term 3 season with three Premierships.

- **OC Volleyball** was champion Volleyball school again, winning two flags with the Year 10s losing their first game in three years in their grand final showdown against CHAC
- **OC Touch** had a tough season apart from the Firsts who were runners up to St Columban's
- **OC Basketball** enjoyed their best strike rate ever, 65%, with the Firsts and Year 9s runners-up
- **OC Soccer** chimed in with a Year 8 Premiership, the first back to back Premierships in OC Soccer history

Congratulations to Premier Teams:

- **Year 9 Volleyball** (Coach – Ashley Noble; Manager – Tomoko Carson; Captain – Kellie Eden)
- **Seconds Volleyball** (Coach Paul Dhu; Manager – Damian Molyneux; Captain Carly Woodbine)
- **Year 8 Soccer** (Coach – Phillip Makridakis; Captain Kieran Hill)

Thanks to our dedicated coordinators Brian Parsons, Kirsten Murray, Peter Ioannidis and Malcolm McBride and all our coaches and managers for their efforts in another successful season for the old maroon and blue. It's been a long year and we have much to celebrate. ●

JUNIOR SPORTS REPORT – TERM 3

As always Term 3 was a busy one for Junior Sport. JTAS Soccer and Basketball always attract high participation numbers but this year saw an even greater student involvement. We fielded 10 Soccer teams and nine Basketball teams. There was always a buzz on the Junior School Oval and Multipurpose Courts on a Saturday morning, with eager players trying their hardest for their team and their school.

The JTAS Athletics Carnival was a highlight with OC improving on a sixth placing in 2013 to place fourth this year. Ella Peters broke two JTAS records in the 9 Years Discus and 200m and many other students ran, jumped or threw personal bests. The consistency at training, effort and desire to perform well for OC was a highlight of the season.

This Term students are able to participate in JTAS Tennis and Touch Football, be involved in pre-season JTAS Swimming and play a new sport in Golf. Those students participating in golf are able to challenge Mr Webster in a 'Pitch and Putt' friendly game towards the end of the term. ●



PINOCCHIO

JUNIOR SCHOOL BRING PINOCCHIO TO LIFE

In September our Junior Drama students brought to life the ever popular story of Pinocchio. Children and parents were entertained as they watched the well-known puppet maker, Gepetto, craft a piece of talking wood into the image of a boy that would become his son, Pinocchio. The audience was taken on an interesting journey meeting many different characters along the way.

The cast was made up entirely of Junior School students from Prep to Year 6, providing a valuable introduction to staged drama for our young Prep performers. Pinocchio was produced and directed by Junior Drama Teachers Miss Hannah Sutherland and Miss Bernadette Jarvis and assisted greatly by parents and staff. The colourful presentation was a wonderful opportunity for our young drama students to rehearse and perform on stage in the Lingo Lin Theatre. ●



GREAT OUTCOMES FOR THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



As a result of the fundraising, earlier in the year, the Ormiston College Social Justice Committee, Redland City Council, Variety Queensland and Bush Car 143 Aussie Rock managed to reach their financial goal. This enabled a Liberty Swing (designed specifically for disabled children in wheelchairs) to be purchased and erected on the foreshore at Masthead Drive, Cleveland.

Gratitude is evident from the smile on the face of the child enjoying her first ever swing, watched by Councillor Karen Williams, Mayor of the Redlands. ●

STUDENT 2 STUDENT PROGRAM

FIVE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, JOSHUA BURTON, GEORGIA DAWSON, LUCY HILLMAN, MARTINA TOMAN AND PIPER WILSON, TOOK UP THE COMMITMENT TO VOLUNTEER THREE 20 MINUTE SESSIONS EACH WEEK TO ASSIST YOUNGER CHILDREN, SELECTED BY THE SMITH FAMILY, WHO ARE AT LEAST TWO YEARS BEHIND IN THEIR READING AGE.

Volunteers with a high level of literacy skills are trained and supported by the Smith Family enabling them to pause, prompt and praise their buddies and to form a strong bond. Each is provided with identical book packages and telephone contact continues over a period of 18 weeks.

Lucy Hillman (Year 12) "The phone calls have quickly become a highlight of both mine and my buddy's week. Of all the benefits from participating in the program, the gratitude conveyed by my buddy and the family is possibly the most rewarding. To see the improvement with each new book started really boosts their esteem and my own."



Georgia Dawson (Year 12) "It's been amazing to see how overtime he has not only improved his reading skills but has become more engaged with the activity of reading itself. I think the most exciting thing for me is, one day my buddy will be stuck with a word and I'll have to help him work it out, but then the next time he'll get it all by himself."

Piper Wilson (Year 11) "At first he was shy and relied on me to help him with words, now I am simply reminding him of some of the more difficult language. I look forward to listening to him reading, it has really been beneficial to both my buddy and myself."

Joshua Burton (Year 11) "Over the last few months my buddy has shown substantial improvement in his reading prowess and it can be seen that he is becoming a better reader. This is a win-win program because my buddy learns to love reading and I have the opportunity to feel great about helping him to do this. It also allows me to meet the service commitment part of the Duke of Edinburgh program."

The Student 2 Student Program, is just another way our Social Justice Committee are able to reach out to help others. ●

Georgia Dawson sharing a session with her buddy

Collegian COMMUNICATOR



POPS INTERNATIONAL... SPREADING THE NAME AND GOODWILL OF ORMISTON COLLEGE



NINE POPS (PARENTS OF PAST STUDENTS) ANNABELLE ALEXANDER, PRUE RYAN, JULIE VANDERBENT, SANDRA DEVINE, PAMELA WAISTELL, ALLISON CAMPBELL, PAULINE CHEH-LORD, HELEN SPENCER AND JENNY STEVENS STARTED A BOOK CLUB WAY BACK IN 1996, WHILST PARENTS OF ORMISTON COLLEGE.

Now, 18 years later, having decided to assist with the collection of books and fundraising (led by Pastor Neale Collier from Cleveland High School) they went about filling a container to send over to Lulanville, the main town on the island of Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu for the students of Palon School.

Over the years, Ormiston College had amassed many books that were no longer serviceable due to outdated information. The Uniform Shop also had obsolete and factory-flawed uniform items. The Library carefully selected the books and the school uniforms were gathered together, all were packed into the container along with some second-hand shelving that had been acquired. In the June/July holidays Pastor Neale Collier, along with students from Cleveland State High School, went to Vanuatu to set up two other libraries on Santo and personally delivered the Ormiston College boxes and library shelves to Palon School.

Our POPS could only get to Palon via a 4WD on a very bumpy, dirt road, where they spent two exhausting days assembling shelves, sorting, stacking and classifying the books. They each took 30kg of assorted luggage, made up of all kinds of educational resources, books, posters and clothing for the children.

About 100 children attend Palon School, which has just four classrooms for children in Kindergarten to Year 6. The community is midway through constructing a new kindergarten enabling the old kindy room to become the library.

Annabella Alexander remarked: "Headmaster John, his wife Dorothy and Evelyn the one kindy teacher, have their hands full with the most gorgeous, bunch of happy, healthy, inquisitive children, all with enormous smiles. They welcomed us with a

ceremony, sang us songs in their native pidgin and lined up to give us all a handshake at the beginning and the finish. We were all given local gifts of sarongs and handmade leis. Our gift to them is a room full of books to explore, where before they had none. Their gift to us is profound. For all of us, the experience was the humbling joy of giving just a little and receiving so much in return." A wonderful experience for our POPS; one they will never forget.

We can all enjoy hearing about this adventure, knowing that their kind and charitable gesture enabled Ormiston College to be a small part of their story. ●



SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday 3 October 2015 - EVENING EVENT

Sunday 4 October 2015 - FAMILY PICNIC

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SOME SNIPPETS OF INFORMATION GLEANED FROM PARENTS OF THE POPS INTERNATIONAL STORY:-

SIMON RYAN (CLASS OF 1996) Works at Data #3 in Brisbane, is married to Sarah and has a nine month old son, Oscar.

NICK RYAN (CLASS OF 1997) Is an Underwriter at QUS (Property Insurance) in Brisbane.

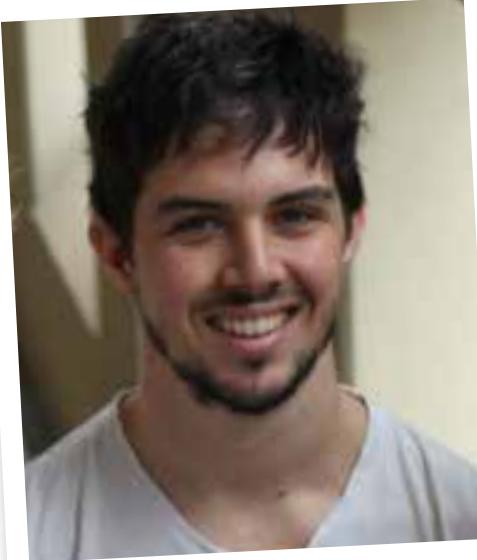
ANDREW RYAN (CLASS OF 2002) Has just finished a Bachelor of Education at University of Queensland lives with his girlfriend in Brisbane.

PAUL DEVINE (CLASS OF 2005) Gained a Science degree from University of Queensland. Went travelling for a while incorporating his passion 'rock climbing'. He is now at University of Wollongong studying Mechanical Engineering.

JAMES DEVINE (CLASS OF 2008) Having gained his degree at University of Queensland, he is now working as a Civil Engineer in Brisbane.

BROOKE WAISTELL (CLASS OF 1997) Is married and has two children, Jake aged nine and Olivia aged seven. Brooke lives in Ormiston and works part-time in the Credit Union.

PIA WAISTELL (CLASS OF 1999) Is married and has a young daughter Eva. Pia has also returned to work part-time as a Communications Officer for a Mining company.



YOUNG INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR ELLIOTT SMITH

Each year the Australian technology industry holds an awards night, The iAwards, it was there that Elliott Smith (Class of 2008) received two accolades, the Hills Young Innovator of the Year, which included a prize of \$10,000 and an award of \$5,000 for the best Mobile Application.

Elliott is currently an Engineering student at Queensland University and was delighted to receive the award for his creation of a medical device that he hopes will improve the lives of children suffering from respiratory problems. His App and prototype device, created with two other university students as part of a thesis project, aims to help children with the genetic disease cystic fibrosis.

This is a most remarkable feat, the staff and students of Ormiston College warmly congratulate you. ●

CHELSEA ROFFEY AWARDED THE CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP

Life is always busy for Chelsea Roffey (Class of 1998) especially since 2012 when she was awarded the Konica Minolta Queensland Sports Officiator of the Year (AFL Goal Umpire). Last year Chelsea was invited as a guest of APEC to attend the Women's Leadership Forum in Beijing. This year however Chelsea received recognition on another front, having been awarded a Churchill Fellowship. Chelsea explained, "This will take me to USA, Canada, the UK, Sweden and India to study strategies for narrative and social change that 'empowers girls to be authors of their own lives'. In essence, I am aiming to leverage my role in football and as a journalist to enhance diversity for broader social, health and economic outcomes, as well as building confidence in girls." Chelsea left Australia in October and plans to return to Melbourne in January of next year. Excellent news Chelsea and so well deserved, we wish you every success in your upcoming travels. ●



DOMINIC AMONG AN ELITE GROUP OF STUDENTS



Dominic Hains (Class of 2013) has been acknowledged for his academic excellence and recognised as a member of the elite group of Australian students. Dominic was the winner of the prestigious Australian Student Prize, an award that is only granted to the top 500 students throughout the whole of Australia: the award carries a \$2,000 bursary. He was accepted into Queensland University and has enrolled in a dual Engineering and Information Technology degree.

Dominic has not yet decided on his Engineering major but says "I want to take advantage of every opportunity available to me in the next few years at UQ. The combination of the dual degree will give me great flexibility and will open doors to a very exciting and diverse career path." We look forward to your updates, Dominic. ●

KATHERINE STEVENS NAMED UNIVERSITY SPORTS CAPTAIN



This year, Katherine Stevens (Class of 2011) was named as the 2014 Queensland University of Technology Sports Captain. Katherine captained at the Northern University Games on the Sunshine Coast where they won as overall champions and the University Games in Sydney when they were the top ranked Queensland university at the national level. Katherine also managed and captained the QUT mixed touch football team in both the Northern Games and the Australian University Games, coming away with Gold medals as undefeated champions.

Said Katherine, "I played for the Queensland Country Outlaws team in the National Touch football championships Elite 8 competition in March and recently played in the Under 20s State of Origin Queensland team where we won the series 2-1. I have just been named in the 2015 Australian women's Under 20s touch football team for the Youth Trans-Tasman to be played against New Zealand in January." Well done, Katherine, our best wishes for the Youth Games next year. ●

SARAH ODGAARD, CATCHES A SHARK ON HER TROPICAL ISLAND

In the last ten years Sarah Odgaard (Class of 2004) has packed quite a bit into her life. After leaving Ormiston she moved to Townsville where she completed a degree in Psychology at James Cook University. Later, on deciding to make a career change, Sarah moved to the UK for two years where she worked as a live-in carer, which gave her spare time in which to travel Europe. It was a wonderful experience that bought on a passion for nursing. So, on returning to Brisbane Sarah started her graduate entry nursing degree at Queensland University of Technology, taking only two years to complete, instead of the normal three.

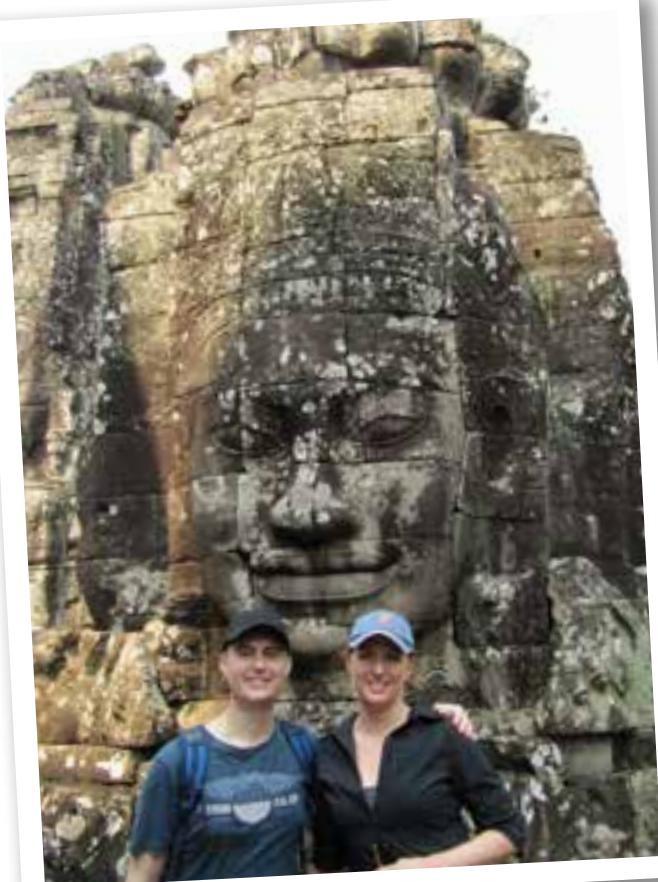
Fast forward nearly two and a half years, and, having graduated from University for the second time, Sarah now has a graduate Registered Nurse position with Queensland Health at Thursday Island Hospital.

Sarah said "I'm loving nursing and working on a tropical island with all its added benefits. While I'm here I am trying to explore as much of the Torres Strait as possible. I have been camping on the Horn and Friday Islands and fishing off Prince of Wales and – caught my first shark."

In December Sarah will have a three month rotation on the mainland at Bamaga before returning to Thursday Island Education to finish off her graduate year.

"Other happy news" said Sarah "I have recently become engaged, with my fiancée proposing on a recent visit (he still lives in Brisbane). We will be getting married in September, 2015 and I couldn't be happier." Our congratulations to you both, Sarah, we look forward to wedding photos next year. ●





BASED IN ASIA SINCE 2012, SAM BETTS AND SARAH WHITEFORD

Sam Betts (Class of 2000) and Sarah Whiteford (Class of 2001) both completed Petroleum Engineering degrees from the University of New South Wales. Since then they have lived and worked in Brisbane, Perth, Melbourne and Bangkok. Sam is currently a Reservoir Engineer for the international oil company Coastal Energy, and Sarah has connected with several other Old Collegians through her work at Horizon Resources International. Sarah is currently working as a Project Engineer on a drillship project in South Korea. They have been based in Thailand and Korea since 2012.

As a way of giving back to the regional community, Sarah will be taking on a fundraising challenge in February 2015, by cycling over 400km through Cambodia's lush countryside and busy cities. The money raised will go to Unicef Australia, 'Keeping Children in Families'. Sarah's comment was "We are so truly lucky, why not share that abundance with kids who might not get a chance otherwise?" We wish you all the best with your fundraising effort. Sarah would be delighted to receive donations and messages via <https://cycleforkids2015.everydayhero.com.au/sjwhiteford>

QUT VICE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP FOR NICOLA JONES

In recognition of her academic achievements during high school, Nicola Jones (Class of 2013) was awarded a Queensland University of Technology Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence. The scholarship spans four years of university study. Nicola is currently studying a Bachelor of Radiation Therapy which allows her to experience clinical placement at the Princess Alexander Hospital.

In addition to this Nicola has accepted the position of QUT Student Ambassador enabling her to represent the university at various career expos, open days and high school visits. Nicola has said "I really would like to encourage current Year 12 students to consider applying for university scholarship positions to enhance their future university experience." Congratulations, Nicola, and great advice for our upcoming graduates. ●





IMPROVEMENTS TO JUNIOR SCHOOL PICK-UP AREA

INCLUDING SHADED WAITING AREAS,
PATHWAYS AND GROUP SEATING

THE 2014 ORMISTON COLLEGE ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM

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The project for the 2014 Annual Giving Program is Improvements to the Junior Pick-Up Area. It is proposed to provide the busy drop-off and pick-up area with shading from hot sun and shelter from rain. The area will be appropriately landscaped with pathways and shrubs.

Please consider becoming a part of this continuing tradition. The 2014 Annual Giving Donation Form can be accessed and downloaded from the College website. ●



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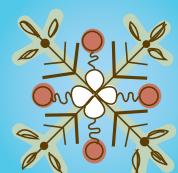
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