



## From the District Principal

Welcome back to the final term for 2018! Students have returned full of fun and energy, wearing the correct uniform and getting straight into examinations, assignments and preparations for the final day of School for Year 12. As you will see later in this Communique, we are very excited to have an Oakwood Team taking part in the OSGA National Debating Competition.

We will again be holding a farewell assembly for the Year 12 students and Year 10 are rapidly mastering catering plans (with their Technologies teachers) for the traditional luncheon. We look forward to such sentinel moments with joy for the future but feel a little sad for ourselves at the same time; as it means that the Class of 2017 are soon to be graduating and moving into the world of work while we remain behind and miss them.

*Other comments from Mrs Moxham appear on page 3.*

*Mrs Ann D. Moxham*

## Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
October 23-27	Final Internal Exams for TCE Subjects
October 24	Visit by Mr Hugo Vaughan, OSG Lead RP and Mr Damien Barry
October 25	OneSchool Debating Competition
October 26	Hobart Show Day
October 31	Whole School Assembly to announce SLT 2017-18
November 2	Colour Run P5-6, on each Site
November 3	Last day Yr 12 – Yr 11 hosted assembly & Yr 10 hosted dinner
November 6	Recreation Day Holiday
November 8-9	OSGA Regional Principal Team Visit to Oakwood





Hobart students at their 'Italy' stall as part of Multicultural Day



Year 7-9 students competing in the Oakwood House Debating Competition Finals at the Launceston Site

## Fundraisers

Term 3 was a very busy term full of whole School activities, however, the SLT managed to squeeze in Multicultural Day which was a fabulous success. The Cross Country & Colour Run also gave students an opportunity to raise funds for the School and everyone did an amazing job. The actual event will take place next week – all welcome!

### Multicultural Day



## Excursions & Events

In the 10 short weeks of Term 3, students and staff worked to make many Whole School excursions and events run successfully. Some of these are listed below (in no particular order).

### Primary Swimming Program



### The Achievers Conference 2017 (Yr 10-12)

### Site Open Days

### Primary Book Week



### Debating Competition & Primary Public Speaking

### Agnew (QLD) Regional Principal Visit

### Profile of the Arts



### History Day



## *From the District Principal (continued)*

Parents will by now be aware that the Tasmanian Government has passed a new Education Act and that, among other things, it has created new **Attendance compliance requirements** for Students, Parents and Schools. You will no doubt remember an excerpt from a ministerial order that I sent out to all families via the Weekly Notices last term, which comes into effect in 2018; other aspects are already in force. The main message of the Education Act and related Ministerial Orders is that **all students enrolled in a School** (such as Oakwood) **must attend the school on every designated school day unless given permission to do otherwise by the Principal.**

Parents are required under the Act and the related Ministerial Orders to ensure that all enrolled students comply. I am mentioning this in order to clear up a misunderstanding that seems to have arisen for students in Years 11 and 12 and their parents. **Parents cannot give their children permission to stay home to study if I have not first given permission for this to take place from the School perspective.** We have had SDL study at home plans in place for some students and we do declare certain days or weeks as study at home possibilities. An example of the latter is the forthcoming Swot Vac. That will commence from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please note that I have not given permission for Year 11 and 12 students to be absent during Week 3 to study at home. **All SDL Study at Home permissions will cease to be in force as at the end of Week 2 so that we can rely on having all students at school in Week 3** to get final advice and direction from their TCE teachers. If an individual parent wishes to seek permission for their son or daughter to be exempted for part or all of one or more days in that week, they will need to apply to me in writing.

As those who attended the Multicultural Day run by our SLT would know, the Launceston French Team put on an amazing display of the French cuisine and were awarded first prize by the SLT team. The student leadership has been in contact about their reward and we have collectively decided that their prize will be a lunch outing on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Planning is well underway. Congratulations to all team members!

The final day of last term was a wonderful community spirited event with incredible History displays, talks and songs presented to us all by the Primary to Grade 8 students. The only thing that marred a perfect day was the weather! Raining out the Cross Country/Colour Run as it did, has meant that we have had to re-schedule the **Colour Run for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.** Each Site will hold the event at their own location and letters about this will come out from each Campus Site Coordinator. We hope that as many parents and friends can come out to see the students getting covered in coloured powder as possible. They have been so proactive in using this fun event to raise funds that it would be super if they could hear us all roaring our support for them as they run by next week. **Look forward to seeing you there!**



*Oakwood History Day at the Devonport Site*



## Year 11 & 12 Canberra Trip



*Mt Ainslie Lookout*

## Year 11 & 12 Canberra Trip – Student & Staff Reflections

Recently I was privileged to accompany the Oakwood senior students on an action packed two day tour of Canberra, which proved to be an outstanding success. The trip consisted of a variety of stops, beginning with the Australian Institute of Sport on day one (which unfortunately the Hobart contingent missed due to flight delays) where a gymnastics athlete guided the group on a tour of the world class facility. Also on day one was a visit to Questacon, the National Science & Technology Centre. While here the group was free to explore the engaging and informative interactive displays on many areas of science. Many of the Oakwood boys took an interest in the flight simulator, and soon realised that flight navigation is a very challenging skill to master. Perhaps most popular with our students and staff was the free fall slide, where the shoes came off and an orange jumpsuit was placed on each willing adventurer. At the top of the 6m slide was a bar from which participants briefly hung suspended in mid-air, before letting go and free-falling vertically before the arcing slide caught each and slowed them at the bottom. There were many screams and all left the slide grinning ear to ear!

Day 2 again was busy, with scheduled visits to lookout over Canberra from Mt Ainslie, participate in the 1975 Prime Minister overthrow while at the Museum of Australian Democracy (with Ronald Harris doing a fantastic British accent!), and lastly explore the Australian War Memorial in a touching and magnificent *We Will Remember Them* program. With the roaring and chilling winds atop Mt Ainslie, we decided on an impromptu driving tour of many of the Worlds embassies located in Canberra, of which the bus even managed to get a wave from guards of the United States Embassy. From there was an unscheduled stop at the High Court of Australia, which was a magnificent piece of architecture and design, boasting an estimated 50m high internal ceiling. Inside we were all treated to informative, exciting, and topical discussions from High Court staff on the role of the High Court in Australia, and some of the 'hot topic' political issues.

Thank you to the staff and Parents who joined our students on an exciting and educational time in the Nations' capital, it was a worthwhile experience for all.

*Mr Jesse Wright*

The Canberra trip was excellent. I must say I was impressed with how the teachers handled it! I, like many students, thought they might have been overly controlling but, they trusted us and allowed us to make our own decisions where possible! This was great and I was impressed by the professionalism they showed throughout the trip.

The program was excellent, I would definitely recommend to include the High Court and where possible a quick visual bus tour of the Embassies. Personally I believe the High Court is an important part of our Country and it was great to see where the final judgements come from and to visit the highest court in the land.

Parliament House was good, I would have like to have a short time in the Senate Question Time. However, the session in the House of Reps was excellent, which made up for the fact that we missed Pauline Hanson in her burka. The Old Parliament House was also good, I had heard in past years that this was boring and expected it to be. However, it was actually really good. I would definitely recommend in future years not to do the voting course, rather a hands on course like the one we did.

War Memorial was good, in future years I would recommend the kids to do the sound and light shows, they are the most interactive and interesting for those who aren't interested in war.

Overall a great trip! Everyone enjoyed it and certainly got no regrets! I would definitely recommend that it be continued for future grades. Although I set out to enjoy myself on a fun excursion for 2 days, I actually learned an awful lot and for anyone studying Legal Studies it was an excellent way to back up in-class learning.

*Year 12 Student*

...My favourite part of the trip was probably Question Time, this was a very fiery and entertaining time, and also the slide at Questacon was an awesome experience. The best learning experience for me was going to the Australian Institute of Sport, this was a very interesting and educational place for me as I love learning about sport and watching where the real athletes train. We also had time to have fun on the interactive activities to test our skills and that was a good way to end the tour.

All in all the day was enjoyed immensely by all, and it was a great excursion.

*Year 11 Student*

The Canberra trip was an enjoyable 'outside the classroom' learning experience. The students were engaged in activities ranging from vertical drops down the slide at Questacon, to re-enacting the Dismissal and watching the behaviour of our politicians in a fiery Question Time in the House of Representatives.

Our students represented our school very well, and we received positive comments on their behaviour from the bus driver, the flight staff and others during the trip.

*Mrs Vanessa Harvey*



## Primary Public Speaking

### Winning Speech – Jemimah Bissett, Warriors, Launceston

Hello all, today the warriors who are Denby Arkcoll, Donovan Arkcoll, Chenoa Cunningham, Janae Trimmer, Angus Overton, Zara Cunningham, Travis Bissett and I. We are here to convince students and teachers how we need to improve our learning at Oakwood. We strongly believe every school deserves to have hard working and dedicated students who love to learn.

Firstly, we believe that a good attitude will improve our learning and listening skills. Even though you could be bullied for being a goody-goody having a better attitude is WAY better than having a bad attitude. Also, having a better attitude will make your 'Boring school day' into a day that you don't even know took 6 hours because your too busy having fun. Quote by Winston Churchill: Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. Never ever under estimate the power of a good attitude. Another quote by Albert Einstein: Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.

Secondly, we also think that a better working environment is a funner way to learn and work at school. I saw a video on one school global where there was a desk that was a whiteboard. How cool that would be. How much more happy would we be coming to school with a comfortable working environment. It would be so comfortable you wouldn't want to go home. You would want to work harder, you would be more organized. Close your eyes everyone, and imagine walking into a colourful primary with colourful walls and comfortable furniture, wouldn't you like to work in this comfortable environment? I know I would!! People may think that we would waste time and get distracted by the wonderful colours and comfy furniture, quote by the warriors: how do you know if you haven't even tried.

Finally, we believe that having better technology would make all areas in our learning a heap better. With better technology you would get faster internet connection, up to date answers and it would give us better marks in projects. It would be a ton easier for students and teachers. Quote by Edward Teller: The science of today is the technology of tomorrow. Quote by Barack Obama: Computers are going to be a big part of our future....and that future is yours to shape.

Overall, with a better attitude, better working environments and better technology it equals up to a better and improved learning.

## Final Arrangements & Timings for the 24 October Visit

Mr Hugo Vaughan, OneSchool  
Global Lead RP and Damien Barry to  
OneSchool Tasmania

### 7.30am

Mr Hugo and Mr Damien will meet with Mr Ben Tchappat (Lead CA and Board Member) with Mr Jim Woolston (CA and Board Member) for a Tour of the new Site at Techno Park.

### 9.00am

During Mentor period, the RPs will speak with all of Year 4 – 10 in the Hall (MPR) at Launceston Site and via VC/Zoom to the rest of the State.

### 3.15pm

All Staff Meeting – at which the RPs will speak to staff members (teaching and non-teaching) in the Library at Launceston Site and via VC/Zoom from 3.15pm

### IMPORTANT

Year 11 and 12 students may now join with their parents and the wider community at 7pm (either in person or via Zoom) as per the invitation already circulated by Ben Tchappat and also by Gwendy.

For clarity, this means that Year 11 and 12 students who do not have an exam on Tuesday do NOT have to come into their home campuses as there will now not be a talk for them following the morning block of exams (students with an exam obviously do need to come in for their exam, only). However, any student who wishes to speak with Mr Hugo Vaughan or Mr Damien Barry is of course welcomed to do so following the examination.

**Ann Moxham**  
District Principal



Mr Hugo Vaughan, Global Lead RP



## House Cup Total for Semester 1 + Term 3

### Warriors



Event	Term & Week	Score
Cross Country	Postponed	0
Debating Competition		739
Student Points	T3	124
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>T1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>3000</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3863</b>

### Raiders



Event	Term & Week	Score
Cross Country	Postponed	0
Debating Competition		659
Student Points	T3	134
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>T1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>2989</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3782</b>

### Troopers



Event	Term & Week	Score
Cross Country	Postponed	0
Debating Competition		673
Student Points	T3	121
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>T1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>2871</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3665</b>



## OSA National Debating Competition

### An exciting new learning experience

As you would be aware, Oakwood will be participating in the OneSchool National Debating Competition this month, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The competition will be held at the Precinct in Sydney, with OneSchool students from across the country competing against each other, debating about a range of controversial topics.

OneSchool have instructed that each team will participate in 2 debates, once in the affirmative and once in the negative. Speeches are to go for 4 minutes each. Including rebuttal, 3 minutes will be allocated between speakers to give time to formulate rebuttals.

The topics that will be debated include:

- That people should be fined for not recycling;
- That we should lift the international ban on commercial whaling;
- That we should greatly increase the price of water;
- That Australia should embrace nuclear power
- That we should close the zoos;
- That we should not allow animals to be used as objects of sport.

We are very excited about this event and look forward to seeing the results of the day. On behalf of everyone in the School, Mrs Moxham sends every member of the team our very best wishes for a successful completion and thanks Mrs Amanda Pitt for taking on the coaching role. Good luck, all!

### Tasmanian Group

Declan Cunningham  
 Indianna Steen  
 Amelia Colledge  
 Logan Churchman  
 Mrs Amanda Pitt (Coach)

# Who will be Tasmania's student of the Year?

*{The most 'Student of the Week' Awards gained in Semester 1 + Term 3}*

Coming 1<sup>st</sup>...



**Jay Tchappat**

Year 8

Tied coming 2<sup>nd</sup>...



**Indianna Steen, Jacob Bissett**

Year 10



Coming 3<sup>rd</sup>...



**Ingrid Knight**

Year 6

## Important Reminders & Messages

### Student Devices

- Students are asked to clean off their devices of all music, videos, and old years' work during the term break in view of a spot check during the first few weeks back of Term 4.

### 2017 CAP Debenture Clarification

CAP is generously sponsored by Businesses who embraced the initial CAP vision that 'we will sponsor students that commit to do extra-curricular study.' The sponsorship includes the following benefits:

- All course fees are paid.
- \$1750.00 is paid to assist your 2017 School Fees. This is remuneration and shows on a workplace pay advice, but is paid direct to the School.

Completion Debenture - Students will need to show evidence of having completed their 2017 study plan by self-reporting their progress on the CAP student portal against the allocated units of study. Remember - all course work must be submitted by 13.11.2017. CAP Coordinators/CACTLs will check the student portal and make a recommendation as to awarding the debenture.

- If all course work is completed satisfactorily - DEBENTURE AWARDED
- Only some course work completed satisfactorily - 50% OF DEBENTURE AWARDED
- Less than the minimum has been submitted- DEBENTURE NOT AWARDED

### New Vans for Deloraine Transport

- The Board is excited to announce that they have finalised the purchase of 3 new Mercedes Sprinter Vans to replace the current hard-worked Toyota Hi Ace Commuters used to transport the Deloraine students to and from the Launceston Site each day. The new vans will be arriving in a few months!



### Lost and Found

A Launceston Year 6 Student has two items of clothing missing – a pair of Black Dress Shoes, Size 6 Men's, and a brand new jumper, Size 10. If anyone has seen these or know whereabouts, please contact the CAO.







## Tasmania Calendar

[Term 4 (you can request the whole Calendar from the CAO)]

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	Oct 23	24	25	26	27
	<i>Final Internal exams for TCE subjects with external assessments</i>	<i>Final Internal exams for TCE subjects with external assessments</i>  Visit by Hugo Vaughan and Damien Barry	<i>Final Internal exams for TCE subjects with external assessments</i>  NLT FTF Mtg – AM away  OSA Debating Competition	<b>Hobart Show Day</b>  Year 3 – 10 ACER Tests	<i>Final Internal exams for TCE subjects with external assessments</i>  Year 3 – 10 ACER Tests
3	Oct 30	31	Nov 1	2	3
<i>Final days to upgrade criteria results (maximum of 2 'supps')</i>	Year 3 – 10 ACER Tests	Whole School Assembly to announce SLT 2017-18  Year 3 – 10 ACER Tests	Year 3 – 10 ACER Tests	Year 3 – 10 ACER Tests  Last day for all TCE assessment catch-ups/upgrades!  Colour Run Period 5 and Period 6 (3rd time lucky) on each Site	<b>Last day year 12 – includes Year 11 hosted assembly &amp; Year 10 hosted dinner</b>
4	Nov 6	7	8	9	10
	Recreation Day HOLIDAY		AU RP Visit	AU RP Visit	





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