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From the Headmaster

Our students are provided with many opportunities to acquire a competitive nature, good sportsmanship and a desire to do well in everything they attempt.



Our strong, yearlong co-curricular program offers TAS and inter-school sport plus numerous cultural activities, all of which assist in building great qualities. The following pages will clearly illustrate the commitment of many of our high achievers.

It is these accomplishments that make Ormiston College a great place to be, as the honours they receive resonate throughout the entire school. No matter if it is an individual student award, success by a whole cohort in an international competition, an Eisteddfod group receiving a place or a team winning their match, these honours spur us all on to do our very best.

This has been an exceptional year for the overall recognition of our students.

Brett Webster
Headmaster

From the Editor

One thing is for sure, Ormiston College never stands still. Our staff are constantly developing new academic programs to stimulate student-driven learning.

Teaching spaces and classrooms are continually being upgraded in line with modern technological needs. Facilities are ever-improving as our campus expands to provide the very best in teaching and learning for both students and staff.

This edition of the Oracle shares the announcement of the Staff Annual Innovation Grants, also the completion of the Murraya Court project; it covers events of current students; news from Old Collegians and the annual fun night spent with POPS, our Parents of Past Students.

Enjoy some of the dynamic everyday happenings of our Ormiston College community.

Valerie Warwick
Editor



Bank Of Queensland **TWILIGHT** *Family Fest*



...and the band played on

The Bank of Queensland Twilight Family Fest was a wonderful success, clearly enjoyed by all those who attended the event.

Prior to the designated time, families started arriving with picnic rugs and folding chairs and it didn't take long before the vast lawn of the Southern Courtyard was taken over by a mass of happy families.

Craig Martin and his Swing Band provided great entertainment with a repertoire that consisted of many well-known favourites. Three of our secondary students, Chenaya Aston, Chiara Gay and Molly Snaylam provided

the very profession vocal backing to many of the numbers and Ryan Watson delighted the audience when he accompanied Craig Martin in a duet. It was a great opportunity for several of our secondary students to play



What does it take to make an event successful?

- ✓ Fantastic weather
- ✓ Family get-togethers
- ✓ Fun for the children
- ✓ Festival food
- ✓ Fine Wines
- ✓ Funky Market Stalls
- ✓ Faultless entertainment
- ✓ Fabulous atmosphere
- ✓ Free entry
- ✓ FIREWORKS!

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alongside the Swing Band, Paul Keasey on trombone, Xavier Bradford and Rowan Van der Veen on trumpet and Kali Roche on Alto.

To the delight of onlookers two of the College choral groups had the opportunity to make their debut with a professional band. Dozens and dozens of yellow-clad members of our young Kinder Chorus appeared on stage to present their version of the Yellow Submarine, complete with rolling blue waves. Our eldest Ormiston College choral group, the Chamber Singers, gave a wonderful performance towards the end of the evening, which clearly demonstrated the maturity and quality of our older singers.

There was a continual buzz throughout the entire event with plenty to see and do: colourful market stalls for parents and various rides for the younger family members. A selection of festive foods to satisfy every palate, including a gourmet BBQ manned by the Headmaster and Executive staff plus there were fine wines sponsored and served by Sirromet.

We thank our major sponsor, the Bank of Queensland, in particular Brett Smith, Manager of the local Cleveland Branch who attended on the day and assisted the Headmaster in picking the winning numbers from the barrel of our mammoth raffle, the items of which were generously donated by our event sponsors.

Just before 7pm, families and friends made their way down to the Bank of Queensland Oval where they were transfixed by the magnificent, colourful display of shimmering fireworks against the night sky. It was a wonderful ending to our Bank of Queensland Twilight Family Fest.

Staff Innovation Grants Awards

Last year the College introduced an Innovation Grants Program providing an opportunity for staff to submit initiatives that were considered creative and dynamic, capable of directing staff members towards a united culture of innovation.

The program was developed to encourage leadership and shared learning strategies that would continue to ensure currency of knowledge and instruction in a rapidly-changing world. In 2014, six Innovation Grants were awarded.

This year submissions were over prescribed with staff presenting many enterprising and visionary ideas. In August, ten submissions were approved and the following grants were awarded.



Flexible Spaces

Grant Awarded to Ian Burgess, Humanities Department

Practitioners agree that teaching and learning and the organisation of schooling, needs to be redesigned in order to address the needs of learners and societies for the 21st century (Darling-Hammond 2008).

Flexible learning spaces in Humanities will support pedagogies in the 21st century, whereby the Humanities staff will undertake the 21CLD training and build units with explicit links to one or more of the 21st century skills. By outfitting the Humanities rooms with these spaces, designing and showcasing units of work and creating training videos demonstrating their effective use of flexible spaces, the project will build capacity within the Ormiston College staff.



STEAM Prototype Lab

Grant Awarded to David Bunting and Michael Hiratos, Technology Department

In all areas of education, but particularly in STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) based subjects, students are not only expected to design solutions to problems, they are required to build and test prototypes so that they can refine and develop their solutions.

Such prototypes can be in the form of an artwork, a scientific model, a telescope, a trebuchet, a geometric shape, a computer program, a website, a simulation of a process in MATLAB, a robot etc.

This project focusses on acquiring more equipment for the development of a STEAM Lab in the form of a Laser Cutter to be used across the Secondary Departments and the Junior School.

Project based learning in the middle years

Grant Awarded to Annette McArthur

This project will benefit an important area of student learning and enhance 21st century capabilities. It will expose science staff and teacher leaders to the essence of project based learning (PBL). The old-school model of learning facts and reciting them out of context is no longer sufficient to prepare students to thrive in today's digital world.

Deep thinking and solving complex, real world problems develops fundamental literacy skills and 21st century capabilities, including collaboration, using ICT, knowledge construction, self-regulation and skilful communication. Through the use of PBL, students become administrators of their learning, coached and mentored by their teacher. Teachers require guidance and exposure to this pedagogy to enable the effective implementation of PBL. Through this project they will develop skills and units utilised in this important pedagogy.



Real world problem solving simulations

Grant Awarded to Georgina Barfoot, Business Department

The Business Department continues to provide students with opportunities to engage in authentic business scenarios suitable for our future business leaders. The core of this proposal, is to facilitate the Australian Business Week (ABW) Enterprise Education Program with our Year 9 and Year 10 Business Management students.

The ABW will provide business simulation programs to foster key skills in entrepreneurship and innovation and provide strong avenues to develop leaders for our business sector.

Coding pathways

Grant Awarded to Travis Goulter, from Prep to Year 12

To succeed in a digital century, Australia will need modern skills to propel the economy forward. Technology is transforming the way industries operate from the inside out and the sophistication required to innovate will only increase. Teaching skills like technology design and coding is not just about future-proofing our students' employment, it is about future-proofing our evolving knowledge-innovation economy.

It is that notion of future-proofing that makes it imperative to teach students coding. This proposal not only involves the auditing of current coding programs, activities and teaching expertise at Ormiston College but its aim is to lead a direction of coding pathways throughout the entire campus, Prep to Year 12 campus.



Coding pathways

Grant Awarded to Dr Ian Thomson, Mathematics Department

There is a growing desire throughout Australia and the world to find ways to incorporate coding into the school curriculum. Since coding and mathematics are closely connected it seems logical to incorporate coding pathways into our mathematics curriculum.

This grant aims to integrate coding for all secondary students. Rather than adding coding onto the mathematics curriculum, coding will be taught by embedding it into the current curriculum and with the funding, staff training and workshops will be attended plus units across the campus will be developed.



iPads for Junior School reading support

Grant Awarded to Gillian Williams, Learning Support

For continued provision of Ormiston Colleges' dedication to improving learning and equipping students to thrive in the digital age, this grant aims to develop and implement a Learning Support Vision.

Utilising mini iPads to enhance literacy development for children: the program will enable personalised reading pathways for younger student. Students will interact with appropriate applications, incorporating the use of Read and Write Gold and levelled readers, installed on devices for use at home and at school.



Peer Instruction

Grant Awarded to Chris Challen, Dean of Studies

This project is based on the work done by Eric Mazur, professor of Physics at Harvard University, utilising a method known as 'Peer Instruction'; promoted as improving the learning in medium sized and large sized classrooms globally. It incorporates the concept of the flipped classroom and electronic polling methods in an endeavour to get all students in the classroom actively involved with their learning. The emphasis is on optimizing the opportunities for students to develop higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills rather than just resorting to the accumulation of knowledge and basic facts.

The learning progress of each student and of the class as a group can be recorded and monitored in a formative manner and the teacher can measure and control the effectiveness of their teaching on a daily basis, rather than wait for the results of summative assessment.



Arts-ICT Global Connections

Grant Awarded to Shea Bingham, English/Arts Departments

A project that will lay the ground work for global communication and collaboration, establishing close connections with overseas students: using peer assessment to analyse, synthesise and evaluate their outcomes; thus leading to improved student work.

Students in Year 9 and Year 10 will connect through the use of Skype for Business and OneNote online to partner with schools across the globe, building stronger connections between the use of ICTs and the Dimensions of Learning Framework. Meaningfully integrating ICTs into Arts curriculum, will enhance the development of complex reasoning skills for students to engage in real-world problem solving and innovation. Arts educated students will contribute to the 21st century workforce by being creative, collaborative, socially and ethically aware, compassionate and technically proficient in their chosen fields.



Specialised 3Doodlers Wearable Technology

Grant Awarded to Julianne De Lange, Visual Arts Department

The 3Doodler is a drawing tool that heats quickly to extrude heated plastic which cools quickly and solidifies into a strong stable structure.

Visual Art will purchase a class set of this innovative art tool for use in both Middle and Senior School programs. Students will be able to draw in three-dimension to create free standing forms quickly and directly.



Book week celebrations

The national theme was **'BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD'**
 Certainly the case at the Junior School Grand Parade



August saw our Junior School students and staff completely immersed in the annual Book Week festivity.

This year was extra special in that it celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the event. The Children's Book Council of Australia has been hosting Book Week since 1945 in honour and celebration of the works of Australian writers and illustrators.

Ormiston College students however took it that bit further celebrating favourite stories by authors from throughout the world. A very happy, colourful occasion that enabled our Junior students to share and enjoy their knowledge of literature and make-believe.

Visiting Authors to the College in 2015

- Isobelle Carmody
- Peter Carnavas
- Barry Jonsberg
- Hugh Lunn
- Brian Falkner
- Christine Bongers



Special Achievements

Many Ormiston College students are achieving notable levels of merit outside of school through various clubs and organisations. Ormiston College only learns of these if parents or students supply us with the details. For this reason it is possible that students worthy of mention are not included in the Special Achievement section. The inside cover of this magazine gives an email address for editorial contributions.

The Arts



Jordan performing way above her age level

Jordan Predl (Year 9) represented Queensland at the Australian Teachers of Dancing Australasian Dance Scholarships in Melbourne in July. Jordan qualified in top four in Queensland for Hip Hop, Classical Ballet and Tap. She had outstanding success winning first place in Hip Hop for the second year in a row, having to dance in an older age group due to winning the Junior category in 2014, therefore competing in the Intermediate level (under 16s) which she won again.

Being the youngest winner in a very tough competition is witness to Jordan's dedication to her dancing and the ability to balance both her school work with her passion for dance.

A wonderful achievement, Jordan.

The Arts



Success at national level for Sienna

Sienna Predl (Year 5) represented Queensland at the Australian Teachers of Dancing Australasian Dance Scholarships in Melbourne in July. Sienna placed second in the Sub-Junior Hip Hop State titles and went on to place third at Nationals.

This was the first time Sienna has competed at a National level so it was a fantastic achievement placing third against hip hop dancers from all over Australia.

Well done, Sienna.

Academic



Alexander receives the Peter Doherty Award

Alexander Muirhead (Year 12) was one of only 20 school students throughout Queensland to receive the Peter Doherty Award for outstanding senior mathematics and technology. Alexander represents the brightest and best of the 2015 science, technology, engineering and mathematics students.

In order to win the award, Alexander needed to present a 1000-word submission demonstrating mathematics and technology beyond the school curriculum. Other achievements to be acknowledged were the building of a robot, at the equivalent of national level: show the use of physics to simulate a black hole plus his participation in the Queensland University of Technology Vice Chancellor's Young Scholar's Program.

Next year Alexander hopes to study a dual degree in mathematics and aerospace engineering.

The College congratulates you on your award and wishes you every success with your future plans.

Sport

Shayna has Olympians worried



Many families would have seen Shayna Jack (Year 12) featured on Channel 7 News in July. Over the last few years we have all watched Shayna's swimming career blossom and were delighted when she was selected as a member of the Australian Youth Swim Teams. Her achievement in becoming Triple National Age Champion and hearing of her dominance at the Junior Pan Pacific in Maui, thrilled us all. She then replicated those achievements in 2015, again taking the 50m, 100m and 200m freestyle titles at the Australian Age Swimming championships, and earning her position in the World Junior Dolphin Team, competing in Singapore before travelling to Samoa to be part of the 2015 Youth

Commonwealth Games Team, achieving medal positions in all of her chosen swims. As well as her individual medal achievements Shayna was part of the Gold Medal Girls Relay Team, winning the 4 x 100m and 4 x 200m freestyle in a new Junior World Record time.

To see national television quoting "The Brisbane swimmer who's got Olympians worried" is of no surprise. Congratulations on another great year of swimming, Shayna.

We admire your perseverance, determination and commitment. Ormiston College will be right behind you in the coming years.

Sport



Surprise for Bailey at the end of the Australian National Thailand Tour

Selection to the Australian Junior Development Team came to Bailey Jones (Year 12) after her trial at the Australian Volleyball Camp in Melbourne. Arriving in Thailand, Bailey immediately commenced a rigorous five day training and recovery sessions in preparation for the faster Asian-style play. Bailey's team went head to head against Singapore's National Senior Women's Team (average age 26 years against the Junior Team whose average was 16 years). The following 13 days were competition based. Only at the end of the tour did Bailey learn that the event was a trial camp for selection to play in the Asian Championships in 2016. The Thailand Tour leaves Bailey in contention to be trained and selected in the 2020 Olympics.

An amazing experience Bailey, a very worthy contender.

Academic

Early tertiary studies for Caley

The Ormiston College Business Department offers its Legal Studies students the opportunity to commence their tertiary studies early through participating in the STARTQUT program. Caley McDonald (Year 12) has been successful in her tertiary course of 'Justice and Society' within the Faculty of Law at Queensland University of Technology, Garden Point Campus.

In addition to her Ormiston coursework of six subjects, combined with holding the office of College Prefect and Captain of Debating, Caley has displayed her skills of organisation and persistence to complete and gain credit for the course.



Academic

Georgia represents Ormiston College at the International Youth Conference

An exciting new opportunity to represent Ormiston College arose for Georgia Carrigan (Year 11), to attend the Chrysalis International Leadership Youth Conference held at Emmanuel College, University of Queensland during the July holidays.

The week long, residential program provided Georgia with the ability to work, socialise and discuss issues of domestic and international importance with students from all around the world.

The benefits gained from being a part of a worldwide youth representation is of immense value to students, participation of which the Ormiston College Business Department is keen to encourage.



Sport

Matthew to tour South Africa representing Australia



Matthew Smallwood (Year 11), made his first hockey team as a 14 year old and has continues to progress. At a school level Matthew represented Met East at the Under 19 Queensland Championships for the third consecutive year. Recently he represented Queensland at the Under 16 National Championships in Perth, being the second time he has been selected for the team. Matthew was also selected in the Brisbane Under 18 team that won the State Championships and was named in the Queensland Squad. Matthew plays a key role in the

Commercial team in Brisbane's top junior league each Friday night. He has also started in the Men's Division 2 team. We congratulate Matthew on his continued success.

Matthew will play for the Australian Under 16 Schoolboys team when it tours overseas in June next year. The team will be heading to South Africa for the tour which will last approximately three weeks.

Congratulations on an exceptional year of hockey.

Sport

Flynn selected for Football Federation Australia Skills Acquisition Program

Each year Soccer Clubs throughout the area select their outstanding young players to try out for the Football Federation Australia Skills Acquisition Program, of which only 12 are selection. The program is implemented by the Federation to perfect and accelerate the skill development of identified players at the critical age of 8 to 11. Flynn Warden (Year 4) was selected and automatically gained a place in the U10 Komodo A Team at Redlands United.

Flynn's team have had a very successful season and were awarded the Championship at the tough four-day Logan City Championship Cup. Flynn has been training hard for the Gold Coast Cup, a five-day tournament held in the September school holidays.

Well done, Flynn.



The Arts

Rachael and Ellie win with 'Cat Connection'

In the Brisbane Speech and Drama Eisteddfod Rachael Taylor and Ellie Webster (both Year 5) made an impression on the adjudicator with their performance of two pensioners in their presentation of 'Cat Connection', winning the Junior Duologue section. Rachael also went on to receive the trophy for Best Junior Runner-Up.

Rachael is also a very dedicated Martial Arts competitor at intermediate level (5th Kyu, Blue Belt 2 Tip). Rachael started Karate six years ago and currently trains five and a half hours a week, competing at the Queensland Titles at Carrara Stadium in October. Her divisions are forms (individual and group), points sparring, continuous sparring and tracking weapons. Rachael is extremely competitive, setting her expectations high, with an ultimate goal to compete for the black belt challenge 'Champions of Champions'.



Good luck, Rachael.

The Arts



Kione features in two films within one year

It has been a very rewarding year for young actress Kione Arthy (Year 4). Whilst it was exciting making her first film debut in a multi-million dollar production filmed on the Gold Coast earlier in the year, it was even more exciting for Kione when she acquired her dream role in the film 'The Contests'. Kione portrayed the young 10 year old version of the lead actress, Melanie Zametti, in the film's flashback scenes. The full feature film has been in production for two years and is about to be featured in various movie festivals throughout the world.

Kione enjoys attending regular casting workshops and has been active with several other assignments this year including photo shoots for billboards, internet and brochures, plus radio voice-over work. As well as her school work, Kione has enjoyed drama since Year 1 and is a member of the College Pochino Choir, she is also a keen sportswoman, enjoying swimming, netball and basketball.

Well done, Kione, we will keep our eyes on the big screen.

The Arts

Emily receives a Gold Medal for piano

Emily Zeng (Year 3) has been playing the piano for three years and currently studies at the Young Conservatorium Griffith University. Recently, in the Brisbane Music Eisteddfod Emily entered three sections and received three awards: she presented Studi by Piero Rattalino, placing her first to receive a Gold Medal; she also received two Highly Commended for her presentation of pieces by Tchaikovsky and Koehne. Earlier in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod Emily received a third and a Highly Commended. Emily will be taking her Level 3 AMEB examination this year.



Congratulations, Emily.

The Arts

Vincent D'Amico is Queensland Champion, Sydney Eisteddfod Prize Winner and Multiple Eisteddfod Championship, Trophy and Adjudicator Award winner

Vincent and Bianca Allen are Queensland Duologue Runner-up Champions

(Article submitted by Mrs C. D'Amico)

Vincent D'Amico is Queensland champion for improvisation, Queensland runner-up champion for duologue (with Bianca Allen) and Vincent and Bianca are Queensland place recipients for character recital. Vincent and Bianca competed hard in the Heritage Bank's 122nd Queensland Eisteddfod in open sections in April.

Vincent also competed in the Wynnum Manly, Ipswich, Beenleigh and Brisbane Eisteddfods, winning 18 gold, four silver, three bronze and two highly commended places.



Vincent looks forward to competing in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod and Australian acting titles in Canberra. Vincent aims this year to top Queensland for his Level 5 Trinity College acting exam as he was advised he had done for Level 4 last year. Vincent is also taking the Speech and Drama Level 5 exam.

Murraya Court

The Murraya Court precinct has now been completed with various new gardens and sweeping pathways leading to the offices of the Student Services building, which is proving to be more convenient and central for our students.

The relocation of the College Print Room has greatly improved the servicing of print for the entire campus. New, advanced printing equipment has added greatly to the overall production of College printing.

Murraya Court also made way for the amalgamation of the Uniform Shop and the ROCC Shop, allowing more space for stock, better changing facilities and a brighter more open area for the purchase of all College uniforms.

The College Chapel has also been relocated to Murraya Court and is there to provide a place for Chaplain Claire to facilitate voluntary student group-activities as well as communicating and reinforcing Ormiston College Christian values across the campus.





The Business Department's Annual Moot Court

Once every year the Lingo Lin Performing Arts Theatre at Ormiston College takes on a transformation, not so much in its appearance but more in its function. Whilst it requires a performance, an audience, a storyline and a lot of playacting, the differences are many.

The auditorium becomes a Court Room, the audience becomes the Jury: actors take on the role of the Accused, the Judge, Witnesses and Lawyers. The storyline becomes a Court Case and the finale is the Final Verdict, which is completely unpredictable, depending wholly and solely upon the representation of the main players and their ability to deliberate.

Transformed into a Supreme Court Room, the Year 11 Legal Studies students arrived fully prepared for their case which was structured around the issue 'One coward punch can kill'. After a week's deliberation the Jury from St Andrews Anglican College found Mr Samuel Downs (Liam Hukins, Year 11) guilty of the manslaughter of Mr Anthony Greg.

As a result, having taken precedents into account, statute law and mitigating circumstances raised by Council, Mr Downs was sentenced to a period of six years imprisonment with a non-parole period of four.

Once again the Year 11 Legal Studies students excelled themselves to bring forward an excellent Moot Court as well as educating the Ormiston College community on the topical, yet tragic societal issue. Thanks must go to Miss Murray for the construction of the case and to Miss Nieuwenhuis from St Andrews Anglican College for her support and the provision of the visiting Jury.

Mr Damian Molyneux, Academic Coordinator, looks forward to 2016 with two new endeavours for the Business Department, the ABW online business simulation as well as the Ormiston College Business Hub (Business Matters): an exciting year ahead.



So who do you think topped the night?

Thank goodness it wasn't a choral competition! How would we ever select the best choir when each group possessed their own engaging qualities?

The youngest choral members of the College, **Kinder Chorus Combined** produced a grin on the faces of the packed audience with their version of the song 'Everybody Smiles', setting a high standard for the evening that followed.



The **Pochino Choir** held the attention of the audience with their presentation, cleverly ending with the complicated tongue-twisting American folk song, 'Jenny Jenkins'.



OC Singers started off with a selection of three well-presented melodies and retired from the stage in an orderly, well-disciplined manner; only to return ten minutes later with a complete transformation. Dishevelled, tousled hair, uniforms in complete disarray and a look of sheer defiance as they stormed the stage with their brilliant interpretation of 'School Song'. It was superbly executed, providing great enjoyment for both audience and the performers.

The newly formed Middle School choir, **OC Voices**, introduced their performance with a traditional African song '*Siyahamba*', which was received with great applause as were their other two pieces. This was an excellent debut for the new choir who have only recently come together as a group.



A really beautiful rendering of the Welsh folk song '*The Ash Grove*' was presented by the **OC Chorus**, who went on to delight the audience with an equally poignant presentation of '*Just one Person*'. Both numbers had the audience captivated.



The **Chamber Singers** presented three very different songs enabling the group to display great versatility. Their final song '*Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*' was a wonderful example of their vocal flexibility.



The evening certainly ended on a high with a spectacular presentation from the all-male choir, the **Redback Chorus**. Their interpretation of '*Cantar*' was extremely uplifting but their sensational rendering of the old Monty Python favourites '*Always Look on the Bright Side of Life*' had the entire audience swaying, waving their arms in the air, singing, whistling and humming. It was a spectacular ending to a great night of entertainment, leaving the audience wanting more. Our all-male choir was the absolute hit of the night!

The Lingo Lin Performing Arts Theatre was packed to capacity. The lucky early birds, who managed to book tables for supper, were rewarded with unsurpassed service from our ever industrious Music Support Group. Our Dean of Music, Mr Robert Stewart and Head of Junior Music, Miss Rebecca Thomas, along with Miss Michelle Sanders and Ms Maxine Montgomery, conducted the various choral groups, whose accompanists were Miss Claire Brennan, Mrs Imelda Alim, Mrs Linda Muller, Miss Heather Kim and Dr Ian Thomson. Together they provided the audience with an impressive repertoire of choral works and an evening of enjoyment, surprise, fun and appreciation for the musical talent within our College.



Parents of Past Students (POPS)

IT'S MAGIC

A night of fantasy and make-believe

Entering the Hall of Fame, one was immediately immersed in an atmosphere of fanciful reverie. Wizards, Warlocks and Witches were seen chatting to magical characters from Wonderland and the Emerald City. This year's theme for the POPS Trivia Night was **'It's Magic'**; which certainly did the trick in creating a warm atmosphere of fun.

The evening was a huge success, with many loud cheers at the end of each round as team members were given their scores. The much sought-after Gold Logie Style Trophies for first place were awarded to 'The Mad Hatters'. Receiving the Gold Medals for second place was 'Team Alluminarti', closely followed by 'Wizardology', who took out the Certificates for third place. The

table taking home the legendary Boobie Prize was the team 'Spellbound'.

Prizes were also presented to 'The Mad Hatters' for the Best Dressed Table, which was nothing less than a magnificent work of art. The 'Wizards of OC' team won the prizes for the Best Costumes.





A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY
 On 14 March 2004 Clare Taylor, then a current parent (of Matthew and Glen Taylor) held a Trivia Night fundraiser for the OC Drama Support Group; on 31 July of that same year, Clare was asked if she would be Question Master for our very first POPS Trivia Night (the theme 'Christmas in July'): the annual event became a popular OC tradition.
 Now, 14 years on, Clare, our very committed past parent, is still our dedicated Question Master.



As a result of this year's POPS event, \$2,400 was donated to the Ormiston College CLI (Centre for Learning and Innovation) and the Prep to Year 2 Library, for the purchase of additional ergonomic furniture items. POPS also donates prizes to the College Speech Night. Next year's costumed theme is returning to 'Christmas in July' and is booked to be held on Saturday, 30 July, 2016. The invitation is extended to ALL members of the Ormiston College community, their family and friends.

A very big thank you to Clare Taylor, our Question Master and her ever-loyal Judges, Deb, Kerry and Jess.





Collegian Communicator

Lachlan represents ANU at Waseda University in Tokyo

Lachlan Oberg (Class of 2014) is currently studying and living on campus at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. Lachlan is completing a Bachelor of Philosophy (PhB) in science. This degree, unique to ANU, attempts to recreate research aspects of a Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) for undergraduates. This semester, Lachlan is studying in the department of nuclear physics (home of Australia's largest particle accelerator) modelling the electrodynamic of quantum vibrations in atomic nuclei, with world renowned physicists.

Lachlan was fortunate to be chosen to represent ANU at Waseda University in

Tokyo, Japan, in a four-week summer exchange program. He studied Japanese language, anthropology and politics with over 100 other international students, while living in a dorm in the heart of Tokyo. Lachlan was pleased to be able to say *"Much to my surprise, I was still able to read, write and speak everything I had learned from Ms Matthew in Years 8 and 9."*

He went on to say *"I would recommend current students about to graduate in Year 12 to consider applying to interstate universities, as it has provided me with many opportunities I would not have had access to in Queensland."*



A great start at ANU, Lachlan, congratulations.

Alex completing a dual Masters Degree in Munich

Earlier in the year we heard from Alex Long, (Class of 2009) currently completing a dual Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering between Queensland University and the Technical University Munich (TUM). He is part of an Artificial Intelligence Laboratory within the University (which coincidentally is run by an Australian). His Masters thesis is centered round developing a way to imbue humanoid robots with an artificial sense of touch,

The next big step for Alex is for him to decide whether to continue with a Doctorate or look at his broader skills in a corporate career, preferably in the Energy Industry. He likes the discovery aspect that would come with the Doctorate but admits, in his words *"I do miss the great Aussie weather and my family."*



Alex has thoroughly enjoyed the experience and broadening opportunity of arriving in Munich during the Oktoberfest when no accommodation was available and having to sleep on the floor.

Being the first person from the University of Queensland he has also had to work on many administration issues between the two Universities. Alex has loved the skiing, is learning German and enjoying visiting many of the surrounding countries.



On graduation from Ormiston College in 2009, Alex was awarded the Caltex Best All Rounder Award.

Congratulations Alex on a very exciting future.

London Calling - An update from Sian

Working in London was not in mind when Sian Middleton (Class of 2009) was awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship at Queensland University of Technology to study a Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic), from which she later graduated with Honours. For her first posting Sian liked the look of Airlie Beach and decided that would be a great place to work, so in 2013 she headed to the idyllic, picturesque part of the world and thoroughly enjoyed working in paradise.

Taking a holiday to Europe during 2014 opened the door for Sian to consider working overseas. Her application to work for the London Ambulance Service was accepted and Sian headed to London in January this year. Sian



recently featured in a story on Channel 9 News promoting the LAS recruiting drive in Australia which was filmed in her first responder vehicle and on the job with Big Ben and the London Eye in the background – all in a day's work. At the moment Sian has no plans to return home, and is looking to work with the LAS for at least two years. Following that, it will be wait and see. For the moment, Sian is happy to take every opportunity that comes her way and we wish her well.



Vanessa, Australia's youngest fulltime Marriage Celebrant

Vanessa Linn (Class of 2004) was not only the celebrant for the adjoining Ormiston College wedding, she has also facilitated the weddings of Old Collegians Emma Smith (2004), Miranda Wilson (2003) as well as Kate and Andrew. In October she will be marrying high school sweethearts, Alex Happle and Tiia Orth (both 2004).

Prior to becoming a wedding celebrant, Vanessa was a Japanese and Drama Teacher. She is now the youngest Australian fulltime wedding celebrant, her company is called Butterfly Ceremonies (www.butterflyceremonies.com.au). Vanessa lives on the Gold Coast with her fiancé, also a former Ormiston College student, Todd Miles (Class of 2001). The two will be tying the knot in May, 2016.

Wonderful news, congratulations to all those newly married couples. There has to be something magical about OC!

Wedding photographer, Kristen Richelle, formally Ward (2003), is happy to be contacted on 0421 691 073. Ormiston College has facilities for such occasions and would be delighted to be the venue for Old Collegian weddings.

17 Old Collegians reunite to celebrate the wedding of Kate and Andrew

On 4 July, Kate Slater (Class of 2003) married Andrew Clauson (Medallion Students, Class of 2004) in an intimate ceremony by the water at Manly, witnessed by close family and friends. A reception was held at Bungalow 4171 at Hawthorne. Kate and Andrew honeymooned with friends on the South Island of New Zealand. The wedding was highlighted by the amazing fact that 17 Old Collegians gathered together to share the special occasion. Even more significant, the wedding was facilitated by celebrant, Vanessa Linn (Class of 2004), plus the photographer was Kristen Richelle (formally Ward, Class of 2003) as well as siblings and school friends of the bride and groom.

Kate is a teacher at AB Patterson College, teaching business and social science. Andrew is a fitter and turner working with Rogers and Lough Marine Engineers. Currently they are living in Wynnum but are looking to move to the Gold Coast hinterland next year.

It is always exciting for the College to hear of marriages between Old Collegians and wonderful to see the continued friendships that is shared among old classmates. Our very best wishes for your future together Kate and Andrew.



From L to R: Kristen Richelle formally Ward (2003), Lisa Kilkeary (2003), Hannah Collett (2003), Joe Fallon (2000), Steph de Veer née France (2003), Vanessa Linn (2004), Groom, Andrew Clauson (2004), Meg Pearce née Slater (2001), Paula Bridges (2004), Bride, Kate Clauson (née Slater, 2003), James Pihlaniemi (2004), Clare Slater (2000), Camilla Clauson (2006), Melissa Bonutto née Cheras (2003), Julia McKue formally Roberston (2003), Miranda Tester née Wilson, (2003), Chloe Quintal née Clarke (2003).



Zoe enjoying a career in Nursing

After leaving Year 12, Zoe Arthy, (Class of 2006), went to TAFE to study Nursing. In 2009 she graduated and enjoyed the experience of working in several different places as an Enrolled Nurse. In 2011 Zoe commenced further studies at Queensland University of Technology to gain her Bachelor of Nursing, graduating in 2014.

Zoe is currently working as a Registered Nurse in Auchenflower for a Sleep Centre. Her main focus is for the care of children but she also takes care of adults at the Centre. Zoe is kept extremely busy as she also carries out agency shifts in various different hospitals and is really enjoying nursing as her career.

Since leaving Ormiston College Zoe has kept up her love of music by playing with the Redland City Bands. Zoe's other great passion is Horse Riding which she enjoys at the Cherbon Waters Equestrian Centre. Through the Ormiston College Facebook page, she keeps up with many of her old classmates and would love to hear from others. Great to hear your news, Zoe.

A message received from Charlton Otene - Serving a two year Mission in Fiji



"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to attend such a highly respected school. Which has been foundation of good principles, ethics, policies and successful strategies in place to benefit each student. Our college motto 'Seek to Achieve,' with hard work and study, goal setting and leadership and striving to become the best we can, allowed us to prepare for adulthood. I'd like to acknowledge and humbly thank each of my teachers, who had to put up with me, but really genuinely cared and supported me. I appreciate and respect you all, thank you! Class of 2013 was the Best Ever! Although my sweet sister Keani would probably challenge me I'm sure. However I do count myself fortunate to have had good friends, with the same education goals as I, during my years at OC. I wish them well in all there pursuits and endeavours for happiness and success.

When I graduated from OC, I attended university, and continued to work saving enough money to support myself for my two year Mission. Putting studies and other adventures on hold I travelled to Provo Utah in USA, to continue to study and learn the language at the Missionary Training Centre. We were also blessed with snow in April!

Now with being called to serve in the Fiji Suva Mission I am serving some amazing people in the beautiful Islands. The Fiji people have nothing we have, yet little do they know they have everything we don't. Charity is a contagious disease out here, there isn't a single hut or house you will walk past where people will not say 'Bula' or invite you in for some food and drink. They have nothing, but will give you everything they have, I feel like I almost don't deserve to be here, they set a better example of living with the pure love of Christ than I do...and I'm a missionary. At the moment I'm serving in the Burewai district. One of the perks of serving in the bush is that we get a truck. Unfortunately, this is at the expense of living in one of the roughest areas in Fiji. We spend each week sleeping in three different flats around our area in order to visit people that live really far away from us. I love it, though none of the days are the same and every day is an adventure. The food is to die for. The best fish and pig you will ever taste. I love everything they put in front of me. Missionaries are held in the highest respect here and they allow you to sit and eat at the head of the table. If the family don't eat after you more often than not they just won't eat. I wish I learnt to be as humble and charitable as people are here before I came out. Maybe that's why I'm here. The kids here are beautiful, they love us missionaries and always want to play with us in the villages.

Over the next two years my purpose as a missionary is to invite others to come unto Christ and to help them strengthen their relationship with God. Au Lomani Kemuni."

Elder Charlton Otene
Fiji Suva Mission

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Giving back to the community



On Saturday, 1 August, the day after the senior formal 'THE CHOP' took place

Ten Year 12 Ormiston College girls met at the foreshore in Raby Bay to have between 25cm to 50cm cut off their hair. The hair has been donated to make real hair wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair as a result of chemotherapy.

The girls were well supported by family and friends including past and present Ormiston College students and several members of Ormiston College staff, including Mr Hornibrook. The girls set up an Everyday Hero page to fundraise for 'The Chop'. All funds went towards a chemotherapy infusion chair for the new oncology section of the Mater Redlands Private hospital. The original target was \$2,000. Donations have now reached \$5,376 plus an additional \$440 raised on the day.

Sincere thanks must also go to two local businesses that gave up their time to cut the girls hair. Three hairdressers from 'Blow' Ormiston and Sharon Frampton, from 'Sharon Frampton Hairdressing' at Birkdale.

The Social Justice Committee goal for 2015, was to raise \$8,000 for a chemotherapy infusion chair as many people in our school community have been touched by cancer. They have had to endure or watch loved ones take the hour long trek into town for treatment,

leaving them fatigued. The option of local treatment will be positive for many in our local community. In addition to the girls' effort the Social Justice Committee have now raised almost \$7,000.

The School Community Committee and the Rugby Ormiston College Pink Day have kindly contributed to this cause. This brings combined funds to approximately \$12,500 which covers the cost of one chair and makes significant progress towards purchasing a second.

In addition to fund raising the Social Justice Committee have been running a monthly cancer awareness campaign which will continue for the rest of the year.



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