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From the EDITOR

When we log on as staff members we automatically expect to see daily 'Morning Notices' from the Secondary School and 'Around the Grounds' from our Junior School, plus numerous emails regarding events that are about to take place that day or evening.

During the course of the day staff will overhear or be involved in conversations relating to other activities that have just taken place or are about to occur. When walking around the campus it is highly likely that you could come across a class or group of students involved in some enterprising project that you were unaware of, so it is fair to say there is always something happening somewhere.

Having said that, there are occasions when walking from one building to another you never sight a student because they are all heavily engrossed in silent study: it is then, when the school bell is heard announcing a lesson change, that you experience the hustle and bustle of the College day as hundreds of students take up their books and bags and move on to the classroom for their next subject.

Such is the hectic life at Ormiston College but it doesn't stop there: sport at the weekends, training sessions in the afternoons plus a myriad of co-curricular activities that occur before and after school.

The Term 2 Oracle has recorded just a few items from our very active, vital and dynamic College, please enjoy. ●

Valerie Warwick
Editor



OUR ORMISTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS CONSTANTLY GROWING. AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH YEAR WE WELCOME NEW FAMILIES TO THE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE, PREP AND ALL MAJOR INTAKE LEVELS.

From the HEADMASTER

Mr Brett Webster

At the end of each year we see our past student numbers increase as our graduating Year 12 students change rank and become Old Collegians while at the same time their parents become known as POPS (Parents of Past Students).

The Ormiston College family is ever-increasing but this growth is something that extends far beyond numbers.

Last year highlighted the College's strengthening community support with numerous families and friends sharing our 25th Anniversary celebrations. This year the feeling of unity continues. It may be intangible but it is always present, the 'spirit of Ormiston College.'

It was this spirit that underpinned the magic of our biennial College Carnival last Semester, after which so many students, staff and volunteers commented on the wonderful family and community atmosphere that enveloped the entire occasion.

Similarly, the official opening of the new Administration Building provided a very strong sense of group ownership and pride.

It is the spirit of Ormiston College that accompanies our students each Saturday when they take on the challenge of sport and that same spirit that drives our students as they participate in academic competitions, eisteddfods and other events.

It is a spirit that pervades all aspects of an OC education and something that our Old Collegians take with them as they venture out into the world as young adults.

The spirit, support and unity of purpose that binds the Ormiston College community are invaluable and something, I hope you will agree, that is captured well in the stories and photographs on the following pages. ●



THIS YEAR 'UNDER 8S WEEK' (16 TO 23 MAY) HAD THE THEME 'EVERYONE CAN PLAY' AND PLAY THEY DID. THE VERY SPECIAL WEEK INCLUDED A VISIT FROM MRS BATEMAN'S YEAR 3 STUDENTS, MANY OF WHOM WERE PAST ELC CHILDREN WHO ENJOYED REMINISCING ABOUT THEIR DAYS IN PUGGLE'S BURROW. LATER IN THE DAY THERE WAS A LOT OF FUN HAD IN THE PRE-PREP PRECINCT.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

UNDER 8S WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On the Thursday morning all classrooms were set up with different activities and all doors were open. This proved to be very exciting for the children who could move from room to room at whim, trying out all the various new activities whilst working alongside different friends. Teachers were impressed at the involvement and co-operation the children demonstrated as they approached and took on new and unfamiliar games and activities.

Great fun was had by the Pre-Prep children who enjoyed playing in the Kindy and Toddler rooms. Easy interaction between the different age groups was very obvious, giving siblings a chance to share their playthings. The children made various pieces of creative art work, threading, painting, drawing and play dough, plus group games with instruments, trucks, blocks, puzzles and a lot more besides.

Morning tea, which was shared by all groups, was greatly enhanced by the Pre-Preps' favourite song 'Let it Go'.

A SHARED SEAFARING TRIP FOR PREP AND PRE-PREP

As our Prep children had experienced several seafaring experiences and projects during the term

it was decided to elaborate on the theme with the Pre-Preps. On the last day both groups were put into teams, each team represented by a colour boarded a pirate ship and set sail for Fun Island.

There were a variety of activities set up with each team having the opportunity to participate. There was pirate hat making, dress ups, water play, eye patch making, a treasure dig, painting pirates and play dough island making. They experienced water play by exploring the oceans for treasure and designed their own pirate flag. The children enjoyed engaging with each other and had fun creating and participating in the exciting pirate theme.

ACTIVE LEARNING - BUILDING POSITIVE DISPOSITIONS TO LEARNING:

The children actively engaged in many different experiences seeking to link prior learning with new learning.

CONNECTEDNESS - BUILDING POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS:

The children confidently participated in the new and unfamiliar with their peers, students and educators/teachers from the wider Ormiston College school community. ●

IT WAS A NIGHT ON THE OCEAN WAVES FOR OUR PREP BUCCANEERS, PIRATES, MERMAIDS AND MISCELLANEOUS SEAFARERS, WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE BUCCANEERS BALL TO CELEBRATE THE END OF TERM TWO.

THE PREP BUCCANEERS BALL

ARRRR, SHIVER M' TIMBERS, JIM M' LAD!

Our sea themed characters gathered in the Junior Arts Centre drama room to further immerse themselves in what had been their major topic for the term.

The exciting night began with a costume parade for our parent audience, when the Prep models took to the stage to twirl in the spotlight

with a musical accompaniment. It was then on to a photographic session and a grand seafaring picnic dinner and what a great spread that was.

Our Preppies then headed off to the activities on offer. There was 'Pirate Paradise' held in PAD, 'Magic for Mermaid' in PAH and 'Delightful Disco' in PFM. Arrrrr, a great night was had by all! ●



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT HAD A BUSY TERM WHICH FEATURED JTAS NETBALL AND RUGBY SEASONS, DISTRICT AND JTAS CROSS COUNTRY, THE INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS PLUS THE TOURING TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL RUGBY AND NETBALL GAMES.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Students fielded 10 Netball teams and five Rugby teams. Over the course of the season all teams continued to impress their respective coach with their individual improvements in skill and game sense.

Despite fielding equal strength teams, Ms Waller-Brown's Year 6 Red team finished the season undefeated.

The JTAS Cross Country was a highlight with Ormiston College winning the Red Division in a convincing fashion,

five of the eight age group trophies were claimed by a committed band of OC athletes.

The Rugby and Netball seasons concluded with a Year 6 Rugby and Netball game played against a touring Townsville Grammar School group. OC won the Netball and went down in a very close Rugby game; both schools were pleased to finish the seasons with exciting, competitive games. Term 3 will see the JTAS Football, Athletics and Basketball seasons commence. ●



THE REDBACKS ENJOYED THEIR GREATEST SEASON IN TAS COMPETITION WINNING A RECORD 19 AND LOSING ONLY 7 FINALS. THE REDBACKS WON A RECORD ELEVEN PREMIERSHIPS, THE BEST SEASON HAUL IN OC'S TAS HISTORY.

SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORT

REDBACKS RECORD SEASON

OC HOCKEY finished in a blaze of glory with three flags and the title of TAS Term 2 Hockey champions with a best ever 90% strike rate.

- Year 8 (Coach: Fiona McCreddie; Captain: Brittany Bell)
- Seconds (Coach: Anita Williams; Manager: Sandra Bown; Captain: Kirstie Walters)
- Firsts (Coach: Bernadette Pangrazio; Captain: Annie Smith)

OC NETBALL enjoyed their best season ever winning four premierships and a record overall strike rate of 65%.

- Year 7B (Coach Ashley Perkins; Captain: Abbie Webster)
- Year 8B (Coach: Samantha Wong; Captain: Taylah Smith)
- Year 10B (Coach: Emma Cecchin; Captain: Bailey Robinson)
- Year 10A (Coach: Kerrie Millar, Captain: Ellie Ward)

OC TENNIS enjoyed their best season ever with a 73% strike rate picking up the Year 8 and Year 7 GBC flags as well as equal first top TAS Tennis school.

- Year 7 GBC (Coach: Matt O'Neill; Manager: Luke Cudmore; Captain: Kieran Jawanda)
- Year 8 (Coach: Matt O'Neill; Manager: Elaine Gilmour/ Kylie Penniket; Captain: Aiden Kenway)

OC RUGBY picked up two flags: the Year 7s and Year 8s

- Year 8 (Coaches: Mike King, Justin Ormandy, Phil Van Niekerk; Manager: Ivan Silvey; Captain: Jackson Kovacic)
- Year 7 (Coaches: Brent Malcolm, Matt Stewart, Jack Rodda; Captain: Cade Elliott)

Overall the Redbacks were the TAS Term 2 Champion School for only the second time, winning comfortably from St Paul's, with JPC third. ●





BRUSHING ASIDE THE FACT THAT ORMISTON WAS NOT INVITED TO ATTEND THE WORLD CUP IN BRAZIL, THE JUNIOR SCHOOL DECIDED THEY WOULD HOLD THEIR VERY OWN VERSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

JUNIOR SCHOOL JOINS THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Over 120 students have been enjoying an exhilarating seven-a-side mixed football competition against their friends and classmates. Our competitive OC World Cup sportsmen and women represented teams from around the globe, including Portugal, the United States of America, Chile and of course Australia.

The focus of the competition was to promote the 'Getting Along' foundation of 'Program Achieve', encouraging and supporting good sportsmanship, the importance of team work and school spirit.

Teams will be uniting again in Term 3 for the OC World Cup Finals. ●

YOU MAY NEED TO PHONE A FRIEND TO BE SURE BUT BE WARNED, THE GEOGRAPHERS OF OC ARE A VERY SHARP BUNCH. BEFORE YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION, IT WOULD BE UNFAIR OF ME NOT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU ...

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN AN OC GEOGRAPHER?

A report from Head of Humanities, Mr Ian Burgess

Late in Term 1, every geographer in the Senior School sat the Australian Geography Competition, a multiple choice paper that tests student's subject knowledge and geographical skills. Whilst many schools select students to enter this competition, Ormiston College has always entered all of our geographers in it as we consider it an excellent opportunity for students to test themselves against the rest of Australia, the Pacific and South East Asia: 471 students participated this year and I am proud to say that the Redbacks attacked!

In total, students obtained 32 High Distinctions, 41 Distinctions and 57 Credits. These are certainly our best results in the time I have been associated with the College.

An outstanding achievement though came from Year 11 student, Jarrod Allen who was the top ranked male student in Queensland and was just pipped for best student in the state by one mark. This places

Jarrod in the top 16 students in the country and enables Jarrod to attend the Geography Big Week Out in September. This is a week of field work, introduction to geographical information

systems and other

activities that serve as a selection trial for the Australian team to compete in the 2015 International Geography Olympiad in Tver, Russia (find it in an atlas!).

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Incredibly, fellow Year 11 student Hayden Harris was the fifth best male in the state, giving us two students in the state's top 10.

What is also interesting to note is the very different paths that these two students have taken in their Senior studies. Whilst Jarrod has chosen to go down a STEM pathway using Geography to complement his Science and Mathematics subjects, Hayden has immersed himself in the Humanities, studying Geography and both Modern and Ancient History. Clearly Geography provides the opportunity to value add to any student's education in a meaningful and relevant way.

The excellent results the College has achieved this year are a reflection of the ability of the students and their willingness to engage with the subject. The transferability of the critical thinking skills students develop in Geography and History at Ormiston College enable students to engage with real life problems and propose real life solutions every day in the classroom. All this is possible through the hard work, talent and passion of their teachers, a group of people that the students and myself are fortunate to work with.

So, with these recent results in mind, are you really game enough to now say "I am smarter than an OC Geographer?" ●

CHALLENGING AERONAUTICAL STUDY

Dean of Studies, Mr Chris Challen, accompanied his Year 12 Maths C class on an investigative study excursion to Queensland University of Technology. The students visited the Technology Centre at the University where they worked on the design of aeroplane wings. The session provided the group with hours of problem solving, calculation and reasoning, an interesting and valuable challenge for our Year 12 mathematicians.





CLEAR BLUE SKIES, SUN AND A COOL BREEZE PROVIDED A PERFECT MORNING FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND THE UPGRADED SOUTHERN COURTYARD ON MONDAY, 26 MAY. VISITING GUESTS TOOK THEIR SEATS IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE FACING THE NEWLY BUILT RAISED OUTDOOR STAGE AREA AND ENJOYED AN INSTRUMENTAL RECITAL FROM THE COLLEGE SYMPHONIC BAND.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND SOUTHERN COURTYARD

Special guest Councillor Karen Williams, Mayor of Redland City, was joined by Dr Mark Robinson, State Member for Cleveland, Councillor Wendy Boglary, Members of the Board of Directors of Ormiston College and Chairman, Mr John Miller, the Headmaster, Mr Brett Webster, College parents, students and staff.

College Captains Mitchell Carrigan and Hannah Fox took it in turns to lead proceedings. The Headmaster welcomed all visitors and gave an outline of the many years of planning that had taken place prior to the completion of the new Administration Building and the advantages that were already being experienced by staff, students and parents in the servicing of the daily administrative needs of the College.

Councillor Karen Williams, Mayor of Redland City, spoke endearingly about the importance of Ormiston College and of the role it had played and continues to play in Redland City. As Mr John Miller and Dr Mark Robinson took the lectern both endorsed the Mayor's comment on the great contribution Ormiston College had made to the area.

Not only was it a special event in the school's history and a beautiful day weatherwise, the atmosphere was enhanced by the arrival of several flocks of colourful parrots who chose to be visually present and a couple of kookaburras who attended to give their vocal representation, all adding to the uniqueness of the special event. The official opening of the ceremony concluded with the unveiling of the brass plaque. ●



PLACING OF THE TIME CAPSULE

The Headmaster then invited guests to move with him to the front of the Administration Building for the commencement of another special ceremony. The Symphonic Band struck up a fanfare as Mr Webster took his place at a lectern and explained how the whole school community had shared the College Foundation Day, 22 October 2013, and had witnessed 15 students present a special selection of items to be placed in a time capsule celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Ormiston College. He then asked Mr Peter

Brandon, a foundation teacher, to step forward to place the brass plaque on the time capsule, which will remain buried until the year 2038 when the College celebrates its 50th Anniversary. As this was carried out another fanfare was heard and the capsule was lowered into its purpose-built bunker.

Guests were then invited to take a tour of the newly opened Administration Building. The event concluded with morning tea in the Administration Staffroom Café. ●

HELPING PEOPLE BY FUNDRAISING AND REACHING OUT TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED IS WHAT THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, MADE UP OF STUDENTS FROM YEARS 6 TO 12, IS ALL ABOUT. THIS YEAR THEY DECIDED UPON THE THEME 'REACHING OUT TO AUSTRALIA' WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO FOCUS UPON ACTIVITIES THAT WILL ASSIST MANY PEOPLE WITHIN THE REDLAND COMMUNITY. SO FAR THEIR EFFORTS HAVE TAKEN THEM IN THREE DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE: 'REACHING OUT TO AUSTRALIA'



Our students partnered with the Redland City Council, Variety Queensland and Bash Car 143 'Aussie Rock' to provide a Liberty Swing for disabled children in the local community. A Liberty Swing is designed specifically for use by disabled children in wheelchairs. The new swing will be installed in the foreshore park on Masthead Drive in Cleveland. This fund raising event was by way of a major raffle and BBQ's in the Junior and Secondary schools. ●

In Term 1 our students raised money by holding a bake sale plus the sale of handmade flowers and cards. The money raised went towards sponsoring a child for a year by assisting with costs on the basic school needs such as books, uniform, school bag and money towards class excursions. As part of the theme 'Reaching out to Australia', our students were able to contribute to an easier school life for one disadvantaged child.

Also, from money raised at Valentine's Day and Mother's Day events, a contribution was made available to provide afternoon teas for the Smith Family's newly established 'Learning Club' at Vienna Woods State School in Alexandra Hills.

In Term 2 the Social Justice Committee implemented the 'Student 2 Student' program in conjunction with the Duke of Edinburgh participants. Five volunteer Year 11 and 12 students give three 20 minute sessions each week to younger students who are at least two years behind in their reading age. The 'Student 2 Student' program, which is also run by the Smith Family, matches buddies who have a high literacy skill with those who need to improve their reading ability. By becoming a Reading Buddy our students are able to develop a bond with their younger reader and help them to improve their reading standard and so enhance their overall learning capacity. ●



L-R: Yonaton Mendels, Georgia Dawson (SJ prefect), Rachel Lake, Program Coordinator – Learning for Life The Smith Family, Sarah Richards (SJ Prefect), Annick Myburgh, Claudia Ho.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 8: CHARACTER BUILDING - THE GREAT RACE

Who would have thought that a Character Building activity could provide a major challenge, unite a whole year level, strengthen team spirit and still create the greatest fun for its participants? Well, the Great Race certainly produced all of that and more.

The rationale behind the Great Race was for the Year 8 cohort to complete their final 'Getting-Along' component by competing in a number of challenges. The Great Race course was set up in a way that encouraged problem solving and collaboration that resulted in building a strong and positive relationship among the students and their members of staff.

The event commenced with an hour long presentation in the Lingo Lin Performing Arts Theatre, where students received advice on resilience and the necessity for persistence. The Year 8 students then enjoyed a BBQ lunch with staff members in the Theatre Courtyard. The afternoon was spent practicing and enhancing their skills by taking on the many challenges set for them at various station points. Staff members from Science and English Departments joined in the activity which heightened the enjoyment for the students. The event was organised by Year 8 Coordinator, Mrs Annette McArthur, supported by the Form Teachers.



YEAR 9 SCIENCE SHARED WITH YEAR 1 BUDDIES

Great excitement was had by the Year 1 students when their Year 9 Buddies invited them to visit the Science Labs to share information on their most recent science project. This was a big adventure for the Year 1 students and an enlightening experience for the Year 9 Science buffs, who thoroughly enjoyed explaining and discussing their knowledge and experience to their young friends.

The **OC BUDDY PROGRAM** that operates throughout the school provides a magical, enriching element that unites our entire College.



COMPETITORS COME FROM SCHOOLS ALL AROUND THE BRISBANE AREA TO ENTER THE WYNNUM MANLY EISTEDDFOD, WHICH OFFERS A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF ADJUDICATION.

MAKING OUR MARK AT THE WYNNUM MANLY EISTEDDFOD

Throughout the term our Junior School Speech and Drama students worked hard rehearsing their selection from a diverse range of literature: Humorous Verse, Australian Poetry, Prose, Character Recitals, Improvisation, Impromptu Speaking and Reading, plus the presentation of their own devised Public Speaking pieces. The Eisteddfod season not only provided a wonderful opportunity for those who love to perform, it also assisted our young communicators to enhance their presentation skills, confidence and self-esteem.

This year the sections were large making competition very fierce but regardless of this, Ormiston College soared to the top with almost every student being placed within 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Highly Commended and all receiving over 80 marks (Honours). A great result for the students, their teachers and the College.

FIRST TIME COMPETITORS: A special mention for some of our 'first time competitors': congratulations to Jade Richards (Year 2) placed First out of 27 competitors in Humorous Verse, Matisse Grant (Year 2) placed Third in Humorous

Verse, Carlton Jaffrey (Year 5) placed Third in the Set Poem section, Grace Schulz (Year 5) who received a Highly Commended for Humorous Verse and finally, Ella Johnston (Year 6) who, despite being one of the youngest competitors in her section, was placed Second for her Character Recital as well as Third in her Humorous Verse. All of these students commenced private tuition with Ormiston College this year, most have been studying Speech and Drama for less than six months, we are therefore delighted in the success they received whilst representing the College. Well done to all of our Eisteddfod competitors.

Our Junior Drama teachers, Miss Hannah Sutherland and Miss Bernadette Jarvis, are to be congratulated on their contribution to the success of this year's Wynnum Manly competition. Parents wishing their children to enter the upcoming Redlands and Beenleigh Eisteddfods are still able to enrol their child in the Ormiston College Junior Speech and Drama program by contacting Miss Sutherland on h.sutherland@ormistoncollege.com.au ●



PINOCCHIO REHEARSALS ARE UNDERWAY WEDNESDAY 17 AND THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Group Drama students are already preparing for their upcoming production in September. Performing in Pinocchio are Oliver Fletcher as Pinocchio, Raquelle von Stein as Jiminy Cricket and Caterina Korhammer as the Blue Fairy. ●





PARENTS WERE TREATED TO A VERY CREATIVE AND EXCITING COLLAGE
 DRAMA NIGHT PRESENTED BY THE SPEECH AND DRAMA STUDENTS FROM PREP
 THROUGH TO YEAR 6.

DRAMA COLLAGE NIGHT

Our Preps gave a wonderful presentation of a poem entitled 'The Triantiwontigongalope' which thrilled the audience. Year 1 students presented a very interesting poem that incorporated dance and a movement piece centred on the subject of the Olympics. Year 3 and Year 4 selected World War 1 to demonstrate their thought-provoking physical theatre

piece and Year 5 and Year 6 gave a multitalented presentation with their range of monologues and group poems. All in all it was a memorable evening, clearly demonstrating that, apart from fun, Speech and Drama has the ability to build confidence and self-esteem in our young performers. ●

DRAMA: INCORPORATING GEOGRAPHY, ANIMAL STUDY AND CREATIVE MOVEMENT

The Year 3 and Year 4 drama class completed a three week process Drama mini-unit on endangered animals in Africa and South America. During these lessons students 'travelled' to both continents, learning about the landscapes and environment, discovering and discussing the similarities and differences in climates in relation to Australia. In groups, students were allocated an animal (Jaguar and Toucan from South America, Gorilla and Elephant from Africa) and over the three weeks students participated in a number of activities which required them to:

- Depict how the animal moved to a song (by producing a shadow with their bodies)
- Create a short skit to show why these animals are endangered
- Create a short skit to explain what can be done to help protect these animals in the wild

The Drama Unit provided great stimulus incorporating imagination, creative movement, improvisation and mime. ●





Collegian COMMUNICATOR



1995 – 2014 COLLEGE CAPTAIN TO MANAGING DIRECTOR

In 1995, **Adam Leishman** accepted the role of College Captain, a position only offered to senior students who demonstrate headship and the ability to take on responsibility. Throughout his graduating year, Adam took on his leadership role alongside Co-Captain Peita Laufer. Adam was on the College Formal Committee, the Student Representative Council, and was Cricket Captain.

Nineteen years later and from the other side of the world, Adam is very much 'the leader' in his field. Having worked in Brisbane as Business Development Director with Transit Systems, the next step to work in London within the Australian bus operations group Tower Transit, who bought-up part of London's bus routes, was not surprising.

A year on, Adam, who holds the position of Managing Director with Tower Transit, and who was heavily involved in the acquisition, is extremely happy with his decision to move overseas. Whilst he still takes part in business development in his London position, he is more immersed in operations with the company having 1,500 staff members and a fleet size of 413, operating 22 bus routes.

Recently Adam had the opportunity to meet and speak to Prince Charles (who incidentally, also completed his senior school years in Australia). It may interest Adam to know that he has certainly exceeded his own personal expectations, as our records show his entry in the 1995 College Achiever year book, where he listed his future ambition as – Professional Golfer. ●

PREMIERSHIP LAWYERS

Two recently admitted Queensland Solicitors enjoyed OC Premiership success in last season's TAS competition. Both graduated from QUT and recently completed the required professional practice.

Anita Williams (class of 2005) also graduated with a Bachelor of Business and has been working in a Brisbane law firm. Anita has coached back-to-back Hockey premierships including last season's Second XI team. Unfortunately for Ormiston College sport, Anita has recently moved to Sydney with her partner, **Nathan Strelitz** (class of 2005), who has been offered a promotion as an Operations Manager with JJ Richards. Anita is hoping to find a job with a Sydney law firm. OC Hockey hopes she will score a future premiership hat trick when she returns to Brisbane in the not too distant future.



Luke Cudmore (class of 2000) was admitted as a Solicitor in July and is currently working as a Law Clerk with a Brisbane firm. He does pro-bono work with the Wynnum Manly Community Legal Service where he is

also President. Luke hopes one day to be admitted to the Bar. Luke also managed the Year 7 GBC Tennis Team which won a Term 2 Premiership.

The photograph shows Luke at the recent ceremony, accompanied by his father, our own Dean of Activities, Mr Greg Cudmore. ●



Four more Ormiston College graduates ENTERING THE FIELD OF LAW

Yoshiko Robertson (Class of 2005) was admitted in March last year and has been working on the Sunshine Coast specialising in Family Law.

Phoebe Richards, nee Thomson (Class of 2005) recently graduated in Law and is waiting to be admitted. Phoebe currently has her hands full with a beautiful six month old addition to her family.

Emily Attridge (Class of 2005) has recently graduated in Law.

Sophie Reincastle (Class of 2007) has also recently graduated in Law.

Our congratulations and best wishes to you all, our legal profession is certainly in excellent hands. ●



2014 VGEN PRESIDENT AT MONASH UNIVERSITY (Caulfield Campus)

Meg Lovegrove (Class of 2012) would be remembered for her role as Social Justice Prefect who co-lead the Social Justice Committee with Kayla Duckham. After graduation from Ormiston Meg was accepted to study Interior Architecture at Monash University in Melbourne and after completing her first year she applied for the position of Monash University Caulfield Campus VGen President.

VGen (Vision Generation) is World Vision's youth movement in the fight against global poverty and injustice. Joining together with a network of young people across Australia, who speak out with one voice to advocate for those living in poverty. They influence our world through grassroots campaigning one campus, classroom or community at a time.

In early 2013, Meg attended the VGen National Retreat, which brought together VGenners from all over the country, youth with a shared passion for social justice. She stated "We had the honour of being spoken to by some of the leaders in the movement against global poverty and injustice including Medibank CEO George Savvides, Jody Lightfoot, Ruth Dearnley and VGen's own Ian Grimwood. At the retreat I was named Monash University Caulfield Campus VGen President for 2014."

Meg went on to say "Through my work at Ormiston College with the Social Justice Committee and the support of my family, especially my brother Luke Lovegrove, and now through my work with VGen and World Vision, I am able to fulfil my dream to help end global poverty and injustice."

We thank you for keeping in touch, Meg and congratulate you on the work you are doing. Our Social Justice Committee is still a very active part of OC. ●

PRACTICUM TEACHER from QUT

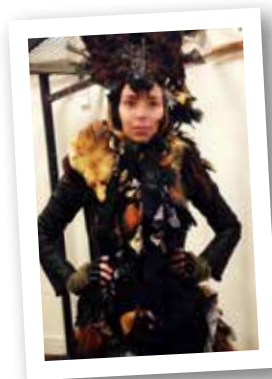
Earlier in the year Michael Bowden (Class of 2005) returned to Ormiston College from QUT to complete his final two Pracs with us. Michael worked with our Year 9 and 10 students for Physical Education and our Year 10 Science and Biological Science students. We wish him well in his future teaching career. ●

GREAT DIVERSITY of acting roles for Rebekah

Rebekah Schmidt (Class of 2012), is experiencing a very hectic time at USQ where she is in her second year of a Bachelor of Creative Arts – Acting Major. Just recently Rebekah performed in her first full-scale show 'Where in the World is Frank Sparrow', the national premier of the work by Australian playwright Angela Betzien. The production was performed in the Arts Theatre of USQ and presented in conjunction with Artsworx.

Rebekah is currently busy working on a cabaret show called 'Love Me Tinder' that will be performed in November at the USQ Concert Hall. She has also commenced rehearsals for an original Australian play that will be filmed later this year and put online as a resource for schools and high school students. It is the diversity of roles and the excitement of bringing the productions together that Rebekah is really enjoying. Looking to future months, Rebekah is preparing for the University's annual 'Shakespeare in the Park Festival' which will start rehearsals early in 2015, the production is to be King Lear.

Rebekah, be sure to let us know when the Australian play for senior students has completed shooting, I am sure our English/ Drama Department would be very interested to view it. ●



POPS ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT



AT THE END OF JULY THE PARENTS OF PAST STUDENTS (POPS), HELD THEIR ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT CHOOSING THE THEME 'HOLLYWOOD MUSICALS'. AS USUAL, THEIR COSTUMES AND PROPS DID NOT DISAPPOINT AS ONE BY ONE COUPLES ARRIVED CLAD IN VARIOUS OUTFITS DEPICTING THEIR FAVOURITE MUSICAL.

POPS BRINGS HOLLYWOOD TO OC

The Pirate of the Caribbean (alias Sharron Lavey), President of POPS, welcomed the past parents back to Ormiston College. This was followed by a warm welcome to Clare Taylor, Question Master Extraordinaire, who informed us that this was her tenth POPS Trivia Night, prior to that, she had been instrumental in running many others at OC as the coordinator of the Drama Support Group Committee.

A lot of news exchanged hands on the current whereabouts and career paths of the various Old Collegians as POPS moved from table to table reigniting old friendships.

The Headmaster, Mr Brett Webster, auctioned a donated gift from the company Dark Grey but ending up capping the highest bid and purchasing the prize. All profits on the night are donated to the Library Resource Centre in order that they can be enjoyed by both Junior and Secondary students. POPS also donates to the Speech Night prizes.

The evening provided a great atmosphere as the teams competed for answers. On many occasions voices broke out in song as familiar musicals were played. At the conclusion of the evening, everyone rose to their feet and danced. It was certainly another, warm get-together shared by one of our greatest OC groups.

The Trophies for First Place were taken out by the team 'Anything Goes', the Medals for Second Place went to 'Age of Aquarius'. A tie for Third Place was settled by the toss of a coin between 'The Magnificent Seven' and 'Transyl Brainians' with 'The Magnificent Seven' winning the Certificates. The Booby Prize was proudly accepted by the team 'Singing in the Rain'. ●

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Whilst the annual event is run by POPS, it is open to Old Collegians, College staff and to all current parents and friends of Ormiston College.

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Blue skies, great company and a fabulous array of prizes all added to the excitement of the 2014 Bank of Queensland Ormiston College Golf Day on Thursday 29 May. It's an event that brings together parents, past and present, Old Collegians and many of our commercial partners and other supporters. While skill levels vary enormously, enthusiasm and goodwill is always very present, making this event at the Redland Bay Golf Club a popular annual activity. On behalf of the College, we thank our generous sponsors, their support enables us to achieve more and whether it occurs directly or indirectly, it is the students and families of Ormiston College who are the beneficiaries of this support. ●



OVER 60 STUDENTS IN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PROGRAM

OF THE 60+ STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD PROGRAM, APPROXIMATELY 12 ARE COMPLETING THEIR GOLD AND SILVER AWARDS, THE REMAINDER ARE WORKING TO COMPLETE THEIR BRONZE AWARD.

Part of the program includes a four day Sea Kayak trip from Cabbage Tree Point to Cleveland. This particular trip challenges the endurance and fitness of the participants and builds on their strength and fitness.

Students also took on a week-long Jackaroo/Jillaroo Camp at Leconfield (near Tamworth) in New South Wales. This part of the program assisted students in building their confidence, self-esteem and added greatly to their life skills. This was also a great challenge and relied heavily upon teamwork and the ability to work well together in unfamiliar circumstances and in unknown territory.



The next challenging journey will be on the Tall Ships trip around Moreton Bay on the Southern Passage.

As well as the journeys away from the Redlands, many of the students are working within our local community as volunteers. This work can be extremely versatile, working in elderly care, taking on tasks where labour is required, working with animals and many other chores and assignments that benefit from their help.

Over the last five years the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program has expanded in numbers, with more and more students wishing to take on the mental and physical challenge by trying out something new, exciting and rewarding. The program is coordinated by Mrs Annette Window and Mr Glen Henville, along with other volunteer staff members who assist during the trips away. ●



FOR MANY YEARS NOW ORMISTON COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH WHEN IT COMES TO THE ANNUAL ECOMAN (ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT COMPETITION). THIS EVENT, ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED AS A BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYEES, IS A WONDERFUL HANDS-ON LEARNING TOOL TO FAMILIARISE STUDENTS WITH THE WORLD OF BUSINESS.

THE OC WINNERS OF 2014 ECOMAN - ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

The competition provides the opportunity for Year 11 students who study Accounting, Business Management and Economics, to use their theoretical knowledge in a practical sense by operating a hypothetical business in a competitive economic environment.

Ormiston College has a proud tradition in this competition and this year's team, consisting of Jarrod Allen, Ellen Heit, Caley McDonald, Thomas Muir, Piper Wilson and Matthew Zago, performed exceptionally well over the strenuous three days of the competition. The team's success was very obviously due to the students working cohesively together and exhibiting skills of effective teamwork, intense negotiations and performing accounting procedures under immense pressure to make their business a success. Congratulations to the team. ●



COMPUTER PROGRAMMING: BEST PLACED QUEENSLAND TEAM

WELL DONE TO THREE OF OUR YEAR 11 STUDENTS, ALEX MUIRHEAD, JAMES COPPERTHWAITTE AND MICHAEL POOLE WHO RECENTLY COMPETED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPUTER PROGRAMMING COMPETITION, ALONG WITH 130 TEAMS FROM THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The boys were not only recognised as the 'Best Placed Queensland Team', they were the 'Top Year 11 Team' and were placed ninth equal out of 130 teams, missing out by just one place to compete in the Sydney finals.

This was an Ormiston College best ever result in what is considered a very prestigious competition. ●



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The evening will incorporate the artwork of our graduating Year 12 students and will provide opportunity for the College to acknowledge their achievements.
Wine, light finger food and entry is complimentary.

Our art exhibition is again committed to supporting "ACT for Kids", and a gold coin donation would be appreciated during the evening.

OPENING EVENING

FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2014

6.30PM FOR 7.00PM

WEARABLE ART PARADE AT 7.00PM

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Prof. Andrew McNamara
Head, Visual Arts, Queensland University of Technology

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