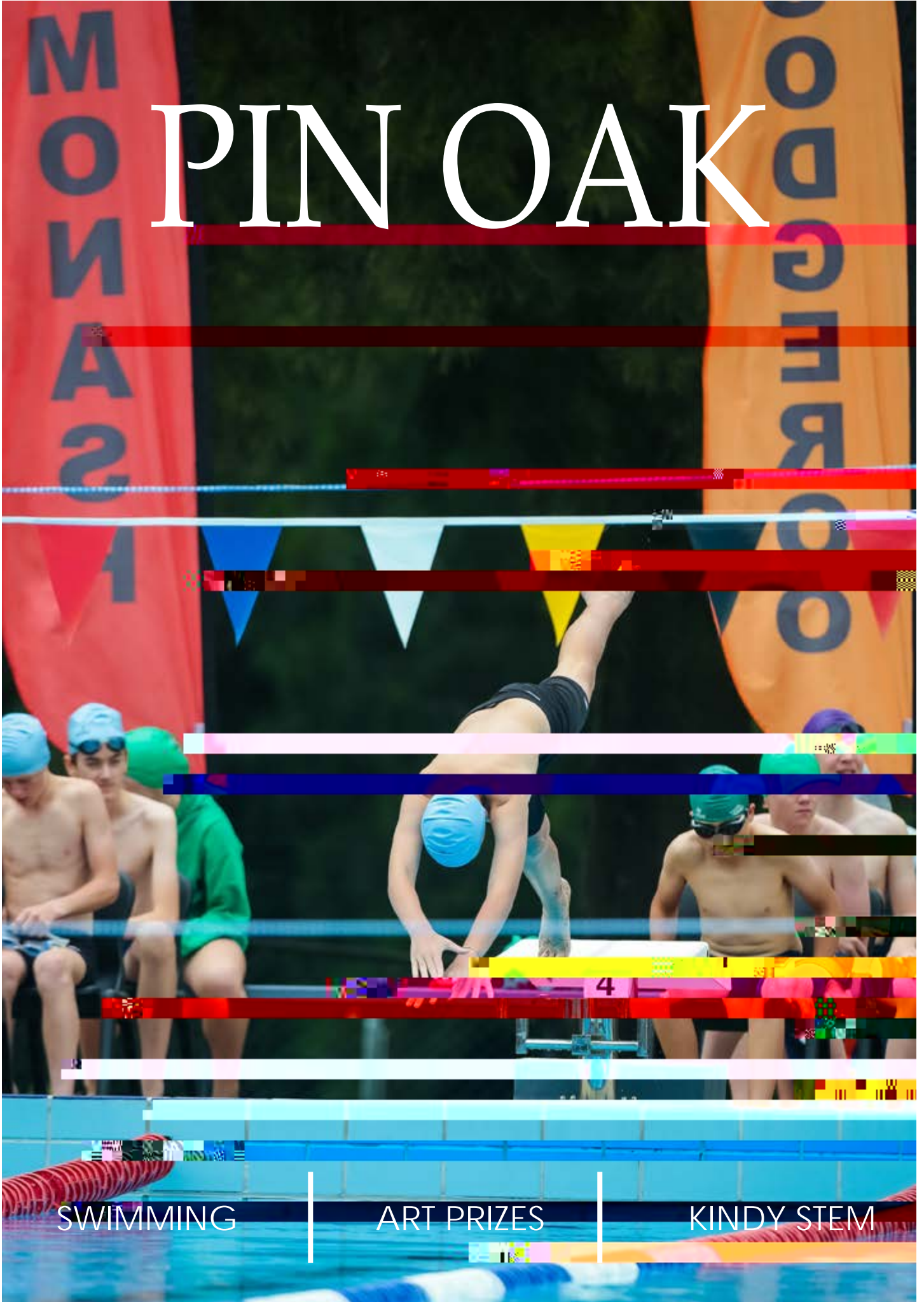


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SWIMMING

ART PRIZES

KINDY STEM

While our student leaders could
never have imagined the events

The Piano in the French Quarter

Those families that have been with us for a while know that we love to bring some magic to the school

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Weekly Awards

Learning Journey

K: Elsie Herrmann
 Yr 1: Hugo Tait
 Yr 2: Thomas Apostolatos
 Yr 3B: Xander Fisher
 Yr 3R: Oliver Chesham
 Yr 4A: Charlie Halloran
 Yr 4W: Louisa Wright
 Yr 5M: Lisa Mussett
 Yr 5N: Evelyn Hammond
 Yr 6H: Eddie Boot
 Yr 6S: Marshall Devlin

Oxley Values

K: Benjamin Cadden
 Yr 1: Evan Callan
 Yr 2: Naomi Robertson
 Yr 3B: Rose Hurst
 Yr 3R: Lily Bennet
 Yr 4A: Jack Friesenecker
 Yr 4W: Oliver Coram
 Yr 5M: Addison Umoren
 Yr 5N: Hamish Aston
 Yr 6H: Hugo Adams
 Yr 6S: Summer Johns

Excellence in ICAS Awards

Year 4
 Luca Sicari
 Distinction English
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 Distinction English
 Distinction Science
 Liliana Giro
 Distinction English
 Elena Clarke
 Distinction English
 Archie Adams
 Distinction Science
 Year 5
 Isabella Sicari
 Distinction English
 David White
 High Distinction
 English
 Distinction Science
 Jameson Clarke
 Distinction English
 Distinction Maths
 Year 6
 Coen Bertollo
 Distinction Maths
 Distinction Science



Can you believe that we are completing our fourth week back at school and it has been so wonderful to hear the laughter of children and see so many beautiful interactions.

Spending time with our youngest students never ceases to provide much laughter and joy as I share the world through their eyes. Starting school is a big deal and our Kindergarten children are doing an amazing job navigating the world of 'Big School'.

They start the day with such enthusiasm and energy but after a day at school being 'switched on', learning lots of things, remembering rules and doing lots of things for themselves that perhaps parents do for them at home – they are very tired.

We congratulate our youngest students on a fabulous start to the year – they try so hard
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 energy is infectious!

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Each day, we celebrate how lucky we are to be back at school and learning in the wonderful, engaging environment that is Oxley Junior.

Please enjoy this photo snapshot of our Kindergarten students.

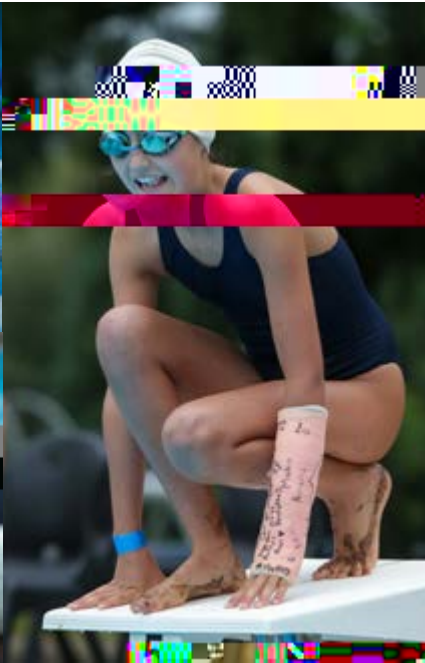
By Jane Campion, Head of Junior School



Oztag

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 Vale Junior Oztag competition! Made up of Clancy O'Mahoney, Fraser Wisken, Henry
 Burton, Freddy Florida, Brodie Murray, Jett Loiterton, Molly Harwood, Rosie Vild and
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 sport. To say they were thrilled is an understatement! The team played so well together
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 of fun.

JUNIOR GALLERY



FEATURE

I love James Bond. Truly, I can't tell you how many hours I've spent pouring over his books, fascinated with the deeply intricate and academic story he so boldly commands. I am of course talking about my favourite bird watching book: *Birds of the West Indies* by a Mr James Bond. It's truly a pinnacle of society, a story beloved by all and far beyond its time: published in the year 1936.

Ok, I'll be honest, I've never read a bird watching book in my life.

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Elaborate car chases and tuxedos, English accents and montages of extremely good-looking people doing morally ambiguous things. The all-consuming franchise that is James Bond.

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Ideologically, I don't love the concept of some twisted male IDQWDV\ JURZLQJ LQWR D SUREOHPDWLF KIGUD HVN ¿OP IUDQFKLVH

Morally, I just wasn't sure if I wanted to indulge in something that already had far too much attention for all the wrong reasons.

But the fascinating thing about James Bond is that despite these GLVFUHS DQFLHV LW LV WR WKLV GD\ WKH ORQJHVW ODVWLQJ ¿OP IUDQFKLVH of all time.

People are infatuated with this concept and that's not something

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as a guilty pleasure but at the end of the day something about the human brain is innately drawn to this. The only sensible thing I could think to do --aside from saying slightly snarky things about

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Well, before there was ever a James Bond there was an Ian

Flemming. An Ian Fleming who spent his days as a British 1DYDO LQWHOOLJHQFH RâFHU VWUDWHJLJLQJ DQG UH VWUDWHJLJLQJ %ULWLK

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escapes he debated the technicalities of operations and listened to the monotonous tick of the clock in the strategy room. Despite his achievements - which included planning operation Goldeneye, which sounds very cool and important - Fleming felt restless.

Undervalued.

Under-utilized.

And so the war ended and Fleming was truly at a loss. He had always promised himself that if he even survived the war, he would buy land in Jamaica and escape from the reality of England.

So, he did, moving in the year of 1943 he bought his land and named it Goldeneye. You can see how his lack of subtlety when it comes to secret operation names might not have worked in the superspy business.

It was in Jamaica that Flemming met the love of his life, his

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abundantly clear: James needed to be classy. Thin, smart, good looking and very English.

Broccoli and Saltzman weren't too sold on this idea and ended up favouring Sean Connery for the role. Fleming was, of course, And they had cast a bulky bodybuilder*, who was not in the least bit witty and most certainly not British. To make matters worse, he was an unknown. Ardently unfamous in almost every way.

Despite Fleming's protests Connery was awarded the roll and the indie production that was James Bond began. Deciding against

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The people loved it.

Despite Flemming's protests the Bulky James Bond captured the world's heart. He was the perfect source of comfort, one strong sophisticated man saving the good world from forces of evil. After such uncertain times in the second world war (and the threat of reassurance and they weren't exactly picky about where it came from. Sure, therapy's nice and all, but a pretty man in a suit brandishing a shiny gun: now that's peace of mind.

Connery seemed to have caught wind of the public's obsession, and despite his earlier lack of fame he wa

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years, including a gap year trip with a friend in Australia which
opened my eyes to how learning from others gave me wisdom
beyond what I imagined possible.

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I moved here from Hervey Bay, in Queensland. I had also
taught at Toowoomba Preparatory College, Fraser Coast
Anglican College and in Cairns, as well as overseas in China
and Japan, specialising in early-childhood teaching. Each of
these opportunities was as exciting and interesting as the last.

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Ngununggula means 'belonging', in the traditional language of the Gundungurra First Nations people.

Ngununggula Regional Art Gallery is the most recent art gallery to open in the Southern Highlands.

The gallery has set their focus on the visual arts as well as the education, cultural voice and artistic practice, and have their sight set on becoming the place for expression and discovering for "generations to come". The gallery is suitable for all ages and is family friendly. Each Friday from 6pm-9pm 'Ngununggula nights' attract those who want to get their "weekend started", with live music, beverages, food, and an extended gallery opening into the night. For more information on what bands will be playing when, see the Ngununggula website and book your tickets.

Starting on January 8th until the 13th of March, Ngununggula Art Gallery opened the 'Dingo project'

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Our news cycles often revolve around discussions of gender and celebrity. There was a time when women weren't even allowed on stage. Fast forward to now, and we have female leads and actors, comedians, musicians, and writers in the spotlight. Not only that, but many celebrities are sharing their anxiety stories with high relatability.

Kate McKinnon

"People are often confused when they meet me because I'm soft-spoken and pensive. I am extraordinarily introverted". This is what the SNL star says of herself while portraying and satirising well known celebrities from Justin Bieber to established politician Hilary Clinton. Across genre and gender she shows insight to the character and person.

When Kate McKinnon was in school, she struggled, as many

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SENIOR GALLERY



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GOOD & OTHER NEWS

It is with great pleasure I introduce Dr Fiona Radford to Oxley College in 2022 as the Head of History, History teacher and new Mawson mentor. Dr Radford teaches junior history as well as Yr. 11 and 12 Ancient, Modern and History Extension. Having taught at SKEGS Darlinghurst amongst other schools in the past, Ms Radford has transitioned to Oxley



