



The Access Gazette

OPEN ACCESS COLLEGE'S STUDENT-RUN NEWSLETTER

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DESIGN

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EVENTS

WELLBEING
TIPS

&
MORE!



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Open Access College and our associated campus, The School of The Air at Port Augusta, covers more than twenty-five Indigenous Nations.

In the spirit of reconciliation, Open Access College acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

OAC Mural completed in 2022 by OAC students with guidance from Cedric Varcoe, a proud Ngarrindjeri and Narargga man.



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Student Poetry



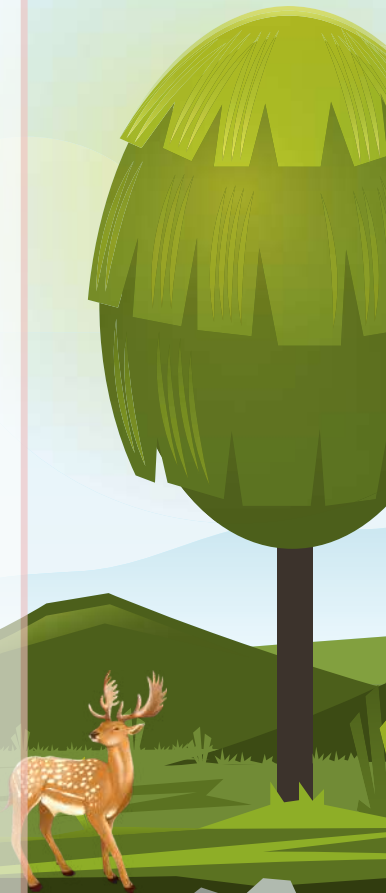
Charming Waters

By a Year 10 student



The lake welcomes all.
With a warm embrace,
It echoes an alluring call.
Its voice filled with grace,
Keeps me awake
I never want to leave
For the calm, crystal lake,
has captivated me.

Like a bear,
The trees stand strong.
Leaves dance in the air
Magpies sing a song.
Bees create honey,
As sweet as cake.
Snakes, frogs and bunnies,
All hang out by the lake.



Scroll On By

By Portia (Year 10)

Awoken with your first thought
My phone, a tendency
That's become a dependency

You spot the time ticking away,
Another hour spent consumed
Becoming the victim of the algorithm
doom

'Just five more minutes,' you say
You return to the scroll,
As time continues its roll

With the morning gone,
Sucked away by the fear of missing out
Left with anxiety and a feeling that
messes about

All you can do is wonder,
Is this what I want?
Is this REALLY what I want?

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VISUAL ARTS



Nj, Year 6

Title: "BON3Z"

Surrealist painting based on
René Magritte

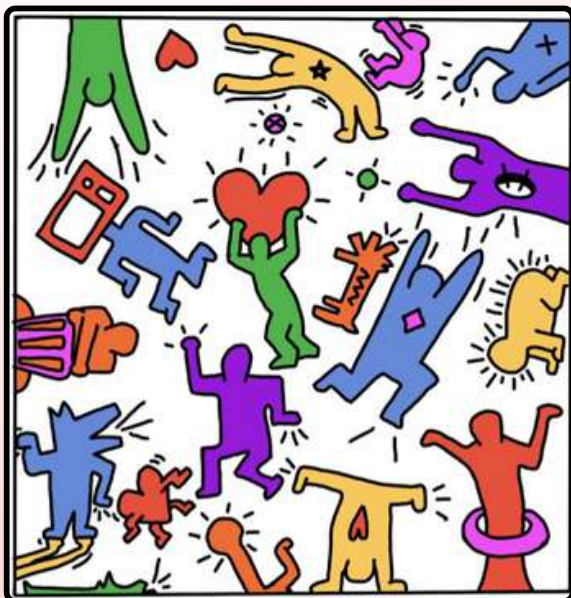
Marcie, Year 11

Stage 1 Creative Arts
Medium: Crocheting



Elodie, Year 10

Year 9/10 Artistic Messages
Topic: Keith Haring - Digital
Illustration



VISUAL ARTS



Emelia, Year 10

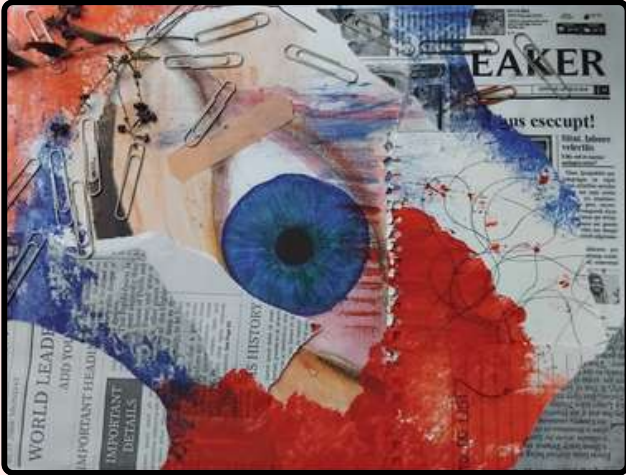
Year 9/10 Art Skills
Topic: Art In Nature

Elijah, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills
Topic: Mixed Media Surface/Collage Study



VISUAL ARTS



Aaron, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Surface/Collage Study

Teagan, Year 10
Year 9/10 Art Skills
Topic: Mixed Media
Watercolour - Jellyfish



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VISUAL ARTS



Junn, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Watercolour - Jellyfish

Teagan, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Title: 'Mourning in colour'

Artist: Teagan

Mediums: Acrylic paint, Water colour paints, printed images, paint markers/alcohol markers, permanent markers.

Date: 27/03/25



VISUAL ARTS

**Emelia, Year 10**

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Title: Ocean Sunset

Artist: Emelia

Mediums: coloured pencils,
outliner pen, water colour

Date: 10/04/25

Clementine, Year 9

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Title: The Swan's love

Artist: Clementine

Mediums: acrylic paint, oil pastel,
charcoal, poscar marker, water

Date Created: 08/04/25

**Bridgette, Year 9**

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Title: Unknown

Artist: Bridgette

Mediums: watercolour,
pencil, ink

VISUAL ARTS



Elijah, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Title: Buone Notizie (Good News)

Artist: Elijah

Mediums: acrylic paint, oil pastel and fine liner.

Date Created: 25/03/2025.

Madison, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Title: Snail trails and beetle tales

Artist: Madison

Mediums: Collaging, pen, paper, stickers, soda tabs and glue

Date Created: 3/04/25



Jonah, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

Inspired by artist Jean-Michel Basquiat

VISUAL ARTS



Elijah, Year 10

Year 9/10 Art Skills

Topic: Mixed Media

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Clementine, Year 9

Year 9/10 Art Skills

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PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT

DANIEL WILD (YEAR 11)

Daniel Wild is a Year 11 student studying several subjects at Open Access College. One of those subjects is Stage 1 Digital Communication Solutions (Photography). Daniel has a passion for landscape/nature photography and has demonstrated this in his wonderful landscape images of autumn leaves, reservoirs, mysterious paths, lichen/moss and structures in nature taken for the Design Process and Solution as part of the coursework.



PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT

DANIEL WILD (YEAR 11)

Some of the skills that Daniel has been developing in Digital Communication Solutions are knowledge of angles, focal point, filling the frame, rule of thirds, lighting and undertaking the design process, with particular focus on the use of colour and adjustments.



Many of these skills have been utilised in the photographs present in this article.

Beth Schmidt – Design and Technology Teacher at OAC



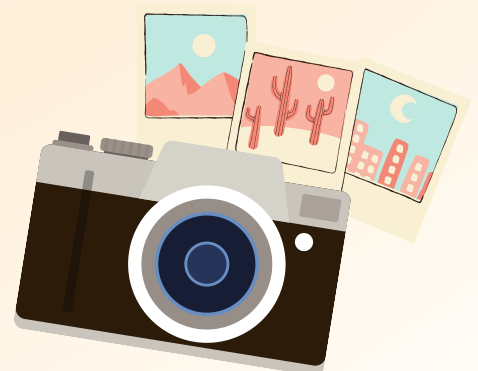
Thanks to Daniel Wild for sharing his photographs for the Gazette!

PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT

MADELINE TUMMINELLO (YEAR 12)



Madeline Tumminello is a Year 12 student studying several subjects at Open Access College. One of those subjects is Stage 2 Digital Communication Solutions (Photography). Madeline has a passion for photography and has demonstrated this in her stunning images of 'the great outdoors' and 'country life'.



PHOTOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT

MADELINE TUMMINELLO (YEAR 12)



Some of the skills that Madeline has been developing in Digital Communication Solutions are Adobe Photoshop editing and techniques, knowledge of angles, focal point, filling the frame, rule of thirds, lighting and undertaking the design process.

Many of these skills have been utilised in the photographs in this article. Madeline's images are clear, crisp, and show incredible contrast, sharpness and technical use of colour.

Beth Schmidt – Design and Technology Teacher at OAC



Thanks to Madeline Tumminello for sharing her photographs for the Gazette!

