



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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Country Education Foundation of Australia

Head Office Grand Opening

Orange High School students were an integral part of the Grand Opening of the Country Education Foundation of Australia's Head Office recently.

CEF works to support young school leavers to achieve their study and career aspirations. Our local foundation, CEF Orange & District, is run by a group of volunteers passionate about helping rural and regional young people to achieve their dreams. Eight Orange High School leavers received a scholarship in 2020 to put towards their study.

Our school provided the food through the efforts of our VET Hospitality students and the entertainment through the efforts of our talented musicians from the Orange High School Stage Band.

Our students, ably supported by our wonderful staff, were fantastic ambassadors for Orange High School as they entertained seventy guests and dignitaries representing the network of over forty local Country Education Foundations (CEF) across Australia.

Many thanks must go to Mrs Tammy Nash, Mrs Lisa Phillips, Mrs Deanne Prusiak and Mr Brian Irvine for "rallying the troops" and proudly representing Orange High School.

WHAT'S COMING UP AT OHS



TERM 1 - WEEK 9

Week 9 - Events Cancelled

TERM 1 - WEEK 10

Week 10 - Events Cancelled

TERM 1 - WEEK 11

Tuesday 7th April - Tell Them From Me Survey

Wednesday 8th April - OHS P&C Meeting

Thursday 9th April - Last day of Term 1

Friday 10th April - Good Friday - PUBLIC HOLIDAY





From the Principal

Principal

Chad Bliss

Deputy Principals

Kristie Anderson (Rel)

Andrews Jones (Rel)

Head Teacher Admin

Andrew Hetherington - Students

Jo Beeby - Staff (Rel)

Head Teacher Welfare

Kate Rogan (Rel)

Kylie Winslade (Rel)

Year 7 Advisor

Katie Cutcliffe

Year 8 Advisor

Jacky Lyden

Year 9 Advisor

Tammy Nash

Year 10 Advisor

Lisa Phillips

Year 11 Advisor

Monica Peasley

Tim Boyle

Year 12 Advisor

Tegan Dray

Cassie Coates

Careers Advisor

Glen Pearson

School Counsellors

Liz Sams

Baden Bogdanovs

Sport Co-ordinators

Ben Callaway

Amanda Livingstone

Student Representative

Council Leader

Mel Hope

Dear parents and members of our school community.

Welcome to the end of week 8. Our school landscape has certainly changed significantly since my newsletter report a fortnight ago. With the COVID-19 virus being declared a pandemic in recent times, there has been a lot of angst and anxiety across our community. Yesterday, the Prime Minister and Federal Health Minister indicated that schools will remain open. This decision is based on the advice of health and pandemic experts and has been supported by all of the Premiers, all Chief Ministers and the Commonwealth Government. We have and will continue to follow the expert medical advice that you would expect of us.

Our school is the cornerstone of our community. It provides stability and consistency, and right now this is more important than ever. Our work in ensuring we maintain some normality for our students is essential to keeping morale and positivity high in these extraordinary times. I will continue to provide you with regular updates based on the latest advice from the NSW Government and the Department of Education.

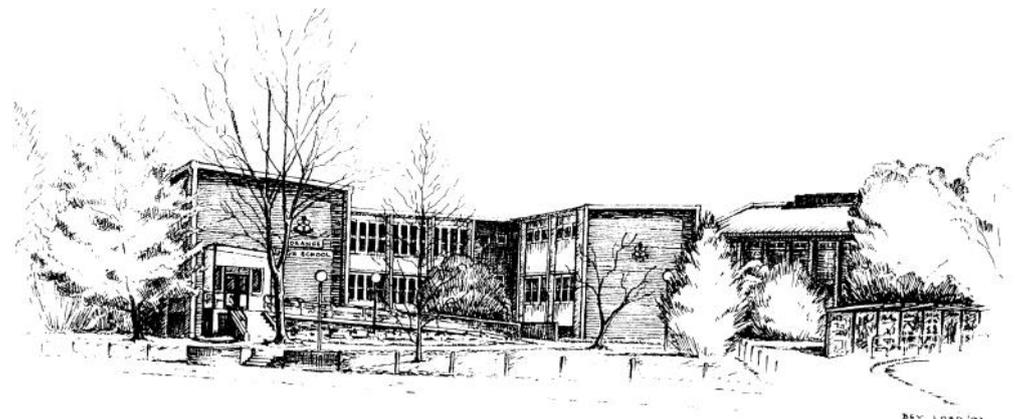
I would urge you to consider ensuring that your children are attending school if they are well and it is safe for them to do so. If they are unwell, please do not send your children to school. We do need to know if you are keeping your child home for any reason so we know exactly where our students are on any given day.

Electronic Devices

You are aware that we are a BYOD (bring your own device) school. Many of our students are bringing their electronic devices to school. I strongly encourage you to ensure that your child has their electronic device every day. Our staff are in the process of updating our digital learning platforms and we will be working with our students more than ever on teaching them to use some of our digital learning platforms such as Google Classroom and One Note. It is essential that our students have their devices each and every day.

Coming to School

As stated above, NSW Public Schools are open and the expectation is that our students are attending school if they are well. If your child is unable to be at school, please contact us on 63623444.



From the Principal

NAPLAN

You may have seen media reports today that the 2020 NAPLAN tests will not be run. I can confirm that Education Ministers have met today and decided that the NAPLAN exams will not proceed in 2020. We will be continuing to ensure we are measuring, analysing and evaluating the literacy and numeracy skills of our students using a variety of internal assessment measures throughout the year, and we are confident that we have the processes and procedures in place to know where your child is progressing in terms of their literacy and numeracy development. I look forward to providing ongoing updates to you over the coming days and weeks as we focus on providing a sense of normality for our entire school community.

Assessment

As we approach the end of the school term, there are many assessment tasks which will be due between now and the 9th April. Some of these tasks are in class tasks and require our students to be in class for the task.

We will continue to follow our school based assessment policy which can be found under the assessment tab on our school website.

Faculties have some adjustments in place for students who are sick and we will continue to follow our illness and misadventure procedures to ensure fairness and consistency across our school.

I remind all of our families to ensure our students are adhering to strong hygiene practices by regularly washing their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.

We will continue to provide the very best educational opportunities for your children as we work through these extraordinary changes together. I am happy to answer any questions you may have in relation to your child. Please feel free to email me on chad.bliss@det.nsw.edu.au should you wish to make contact.

I hope you have a wonderful fortnight and I look forward to speaking with you in week 10.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Help us
stop the spread

Clean your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.

Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or a flexed elbow. Put the tissues in the bin.

Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.

Stay home if you are sick.

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands 2 Apply soap 3 Lather & scrub

4 Rinse hands 5 Turn off tap 6 Dry hands

Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.

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Whats Happening In Science

Orange High Schools Science faculty would like to welcome Ms Jen Mansur and also welcome back Mrs Julia Boardman, to our wonderful team. Ms Mansur has come to us from Condobolin High School and is currently teaching Junior Science, Crime Scene Investigations and Year 12 Biology.

Mrs Boardman joins us fulltime this year and is teaching Junior Science, STEM and Year 11 Investigating Science.

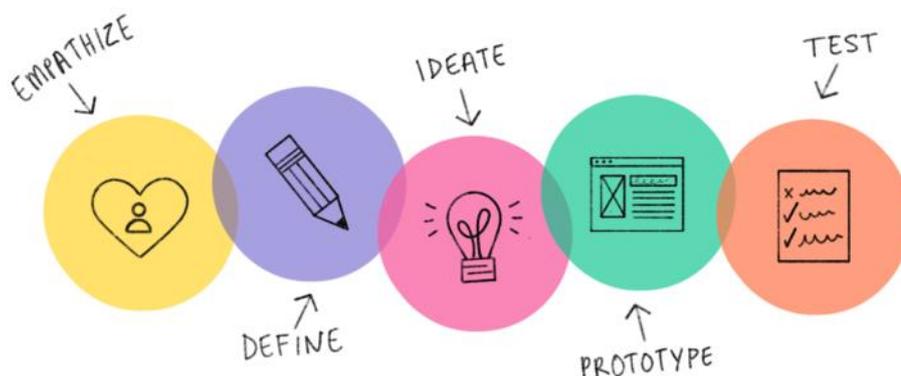


Design thinking

The Science faculty is continually looking for ways to deliver the best educational practices for our students. The goal is for our pupils to become successful members of the workforce post schooling, equipped with the 21st century skills necessary to meet the challenges of a complex and changing world.

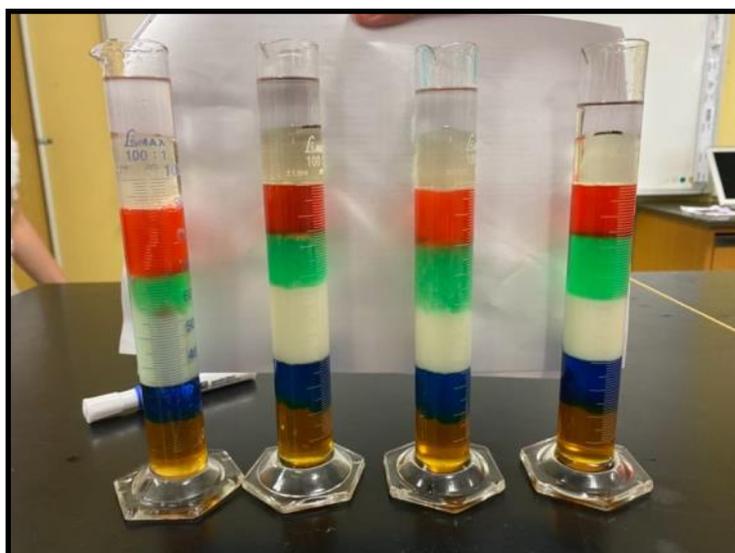
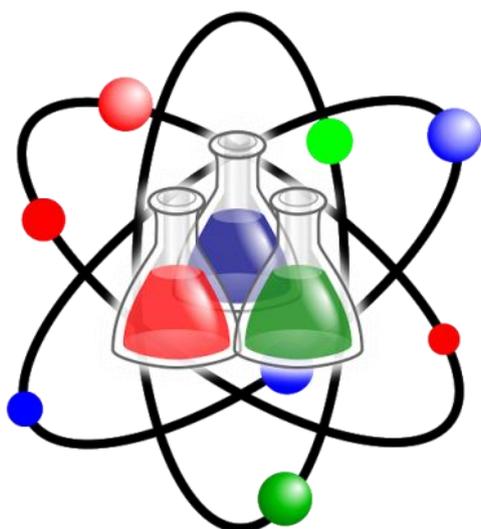
Design thinking is a systematic process that empowers people to develop new, innovative solutions to problems. This year we are structuring our stage 4 and 5 Science programs around this project-based learning experience.

We endeavor to deliver knowledge and understanding of concepts from the syllabus using current and relevant real world problems.



Whats Happening In Science

Some very exciting learning has been occurring across all of our Year 7 classes, focusing on a design thinking based Chemical World program. Our students have settled in well, adapting to the new environment of a science lab and its safety requirements, developing skills necessary for working in teams and learning a lot of new vocabulary. We encourage parents and carers at the end of the day to discuss what new language and ideas they have learnt during their Science lessons, as this helps solidify understanding scientific concepts. One of the benefits of science is the wide variety of hands on and practical experiences our students get when exploring new ideas. Here are some images students from 7SC3, very proud of their perfect density columns.



Taylor Henderson

On Thursday 12th March, students at Orange High School were treated to a special performance by Australian singer and songwriter Taylor Henderson.

Taylor Henderson rose to fame after placing third on the fourth series of Australia's Got Talent in 2010. Three years later, he became the runner-up on the fifth season of The X Factor Australia and subsequently received a recording contract with Sony Music Australia.

A great time was had by all students and staff.



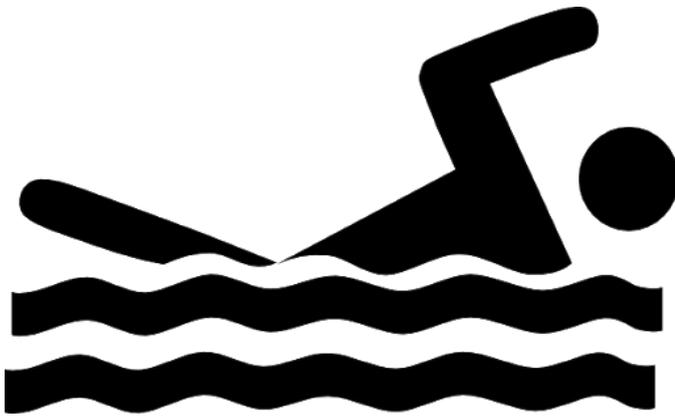
Isaac Herbertson Orange Bush Nippers

This season Year 8 student Isaac Herbertson has been attending Orange Bush Nippers not only as an Age Manager Assistant within the club, but also an active member of Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club, patrolling on the beach on weekends and school holidays.

Isaac is also learning life saving knowledge of CPR, providing water safety and how to read the beach conditions.

Isaac's dedication towards Orange Bush Nippers over this season has been invaluable and he has been a positive influence to peers and younger members.

Well done Isaac! Orange Bush Nippers are very appreciative of you volunteering your time.



WSSA CHS Selection Trials

Orange High School had a very successful day at the Western Schools Sports Association CHS Selection Trials in Dubbo on Thursday 12th March, in addition to some great results all our students demonstrated great sportsmanship towards each other and other competitors.

We had 12 swimmers who competed in 47 events, achieving 10 Personal Best's and qualifying for 27 events (including 3 relays) at the CHS Meet held in Sydney in early April.

RYDA

Year 11 attended the annual Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program on Thursday 12th March. The students were presented a range of interactive and information sessions. This included:

- Experiencing the relationship between speed and stopping distances;
- Looking into how their personality is an important aspect of the total road safety equation;
 - Discussing key risk areas for young drivers and passengers;
 - Interviewing a crash survivor and investigating the accident;
- Looking at the role of mood as a risk factor and developing strategies to recognise and change harmful mindsets;
- Looking at the road from the perspective of other road users.

The students were fantastic representatives of Orange High School during the program, and it is hoped that they took several key messages from the day to keep themselves and others safe when they are a road user.



University Showcase

On Wednesday 4th March, Orange High School hosted the University Showcase. Year 12 were able to speak with five universities: Southern Cross University, University of New England, University of Newcastle, University of Wollongong & Charles Sturt University. Students had the opportunity to gain valuable information directly from these universities, particularly on pathways to university for students studying a non-ATAR pattern of HSC study.



Careers Department Roadshow

On Wednesday 19th February, Orange High School hosted Samantha Devlin from The Careers Department to speak to Years 9 & 10 about the functionalities of the website we subscribe to:

www.thecareersdepartment.com

Students had the opportunity to register to access the careers education resources on the website, including a Resume Builder and Virtual Work Experience. Students were also given a magazine and were encouraged to set personal career goals.

We look forward to utilising this website as a tool for use in Career Connection lessons.



School Stream

School Stream is one of the communication platforms that we use at Orange High School to deliver important information in real time.

It enables our parents and carers to keep up to date with school newsletters, notifications, and alerts.

If you haven't already, we encourage you all to download School Stream via the App Store or Google Play.

Once you have downloaded the app, search for Orange High School and agree to receive push notifications.

Download our school app for free!

Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Download instructions:

- Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
- Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
- Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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Stewart House



Every year 1,700 public school children attend the safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12-day stay, they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment.

Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall wellbeing.

This experience provides children with a much-needed break from their current circumstance. Children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

To keep the doors open for the 1700 children who depend on the Stewart House program every year, we need to raise \$4.5 million per annum and every dollar raised will help them change children's lives.

If you would like to donate, envelopes can be collected from the front office.

HANDY WATER SAVING TIPS



Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth



Take shorter showers and collect a free shower timer at Orange City Council reception



Use the half flush option on your toilet



Only run your washing machine on a full load



Scrape your dirty dishes instead of rinsing them



Mulch your gardens to reduce evaporation



Refer to Orange City Council's website for rain water tank rebate eligibility



Call Orange City Council to register for a free household audit and have water saving devices installed

WATER FOR LIFE



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LEVEL 5 RESTRICTIONS

TRIGGER POINT 30%

With Orange's water supply now below 30% capacity, the city has moved to Level 5 water restrictions. What does this mean?

RESIDENTIAL GARDENS

- No sprinklers, micro-sprays, or soaker hoses.
- Drip systems, buckets and watering cans on Sundays only, 6pm-7pm.
- One hand-held hose with a trigger-nozzle for up to half an hour during that period.

BATHS AND SHOWERS

- Suggested limit of 3 minute shower.
- One shallow bath per day.

WASHING MACHINES

- Full loads only.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS

- Only to be used 7am to midnight daily.

NO

- Topping up water features.
- New turf.
- Pop-up children's pools.
- Washing cars at home.
- Watering lawns.
- Topping up or filling swimming pools.
- Washing hard surfaces eg buildings and paving.



Check Orange City Council's website regularly for updates regarding which water restrictions are in place.

www.orange.nsw.gov.au/water

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