

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back! I hope that everyone enjoyed the change of routines that school holidays bring about.

This week the Orange Community and Orange High School are celebrating NAIDOC Week. Our Indigenous students led by our Aboriginal Education worker, Mary Croaker and Mark Swanson, have been involved in a number of activities celebrating the Aboriginal culture. We hosted a very successful interschool touch football day on Tuesday.

Mary continues to do a wonderful job promoting reconciliation at our school and in the broader community. I know that I am echoing the thoughts of all staff when I say Mary has certainly educated and assisted each of us in our work, and I would like to acknowledge the difference she makes to our school community.

A huge thank you to our P&C for the very successful Trivia Night that was held on the last Saturday of Term 3. The evening raised around \$1,200 for the Bus Drive and provided a great night's entertainment. Special thanks to Sally Duncan, Colin Kjoller and Graeme Cardin for their organisation of the evening. Thank you also to the local businesses who donated the prizes for the evening. (I have included the list later in this Newsletter).

Our Year 12 students begin their HSC examination next Monday and we all wish them well. Two of our Year 12 Dance students have been invited to audition for 'Callback'. 'Callback' showcases the best performances from the Dance practical examinations across the state. I would like to congratulate Bridie Gell and Tessa Rochelli and their teacher, Miss Hope for their obvious success. Well done.

Congratulations to Jackson Griffith-Bankovic who has been selected as a member of the orchestra for this year's School Spectacular. Jackson will be the first trombone. This year we will have dancers, choir members, orchestra members and a solo vocalist performing. I always look forward to the School Spectacular, but his year will be particularly special.

We will be holding a Gala Day (fete) on Wednesday 16th November as the final fundraiser for the new school bus. The Bus Drive committee and P&C are hoping to have sufficient funds raised to purchase the bus this year.

The Gala Day will begin at 3.00pm and conclude around 6.30pm, so please mark the date on the calendar. We will also need helpers and donations to make the day a success. We will provide more details as the Gala Day approaches. If you have any ideas for stalls or events, please contact me.

Thank you to all of the students (and families) who sold chocolates to assist the Bus Drive. Their efforts raised almost \$4,000. If your child hasn't returned their money or chocolates, please have them do so as soon as possible.



This week we farewell Mr Graham Waters who is retiring after 37 years of teaching. I would like to publicly thank Graham for the difference he has made to students learning over this time. I also wish him well for the future.

As always, please contact me with suggestions or concerns.

M Angus, Principal

SMS MESSAGING

This coming term we will be trialling the use of emailing and SMS messaging in an attempt to improve attendance across the school.

It is hoped that by providing brief, timely messages that we can let parents and carers know when their child is not at school, or when there has not been an explanation for an absence from school.

During this trial, we will only send you a message if:

- * there are outstanding unexplained absences for your child, or
- * you expressly ask us to inform you when your child is away.

We will be able to take your responses to these messages as explanations - negating the need to write a note to your child's roll call teacher.

During the trial we'll be happy to take your comments and suggestions on how to make the process better.

Stewart Vidler & Helene Hamilton HT's Admin

P&C RAFFLE

Congratulations to Barbara Masling of Orange who is the winner of the P&C raffle of a fridge donated by Electrolux and a \$100 gift voucher from Woolworths.

K Lummis, P&C**UNDER 15'S GIRLS' BASKETBALL ROUND 2**

On Friday the 16th September the Under 15's girls' basketball team competed in the annual CHS Western championships. Earlier in the term, the team won the qualifying round robin and demonstrated the ability to work as a team. With little experience with the game of basketball, the girls demonstrated an impressive ability to draw skills from other sports. Their unique style of play stumped the opposition most of the time and this helped develop their strong team bond. Unfortunately, with increasingly challenging opposition on the day, fatigue and injuries became increasing burdens on the team. The girls battled through some tough games against Forbes, Cobar, West Wyalong and eventual winners South Dubbo. From the most to the least experienced player, it was great to see how much the girls had improved over such a short period of time. Each player represented Orange High School with grace and pride, but most satisfying, was to see the camaraderie the girls had developed.

Congratulations to Abby Tilburg, Ashlee Bastinaansen, Hayley Swain, Jacinta Turner, Melanie Siret, Phoebe Parsons, Shannen Downer, Sophia Kloosterman, and Stephanie Hinds for coming 3rd in the annual CHS Western Basketball Championships.



J Yee, Basketball Coach

WELFARE WORDS

- This week is NAIDOC Week! Our Indigenous students have had a very busy schedule, beginning with the march down Summer Street on Monday. At Orange High on Tuesday, we hosted a Touch competition between the local schools, proving to be very successful. We had a group participating in the Eisteddfod on Wednesday, and today, we will hold a full-school assembly during period 4 to celebrate the Indigenous culture. Tomorrow, our students will have the opportunity to participate in a golf day. Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have assisted in the activities this week. You do us proud.
- Immunizations are being held today for Yr 7 (final HEPB and HPV needles) and for any Yr 7 or Yr 10 students who missed the Boostrix needle last term. Should your son/daughter be absent today, you will need to contact me at

school urgently if you wish them to have these injections – all should complete the schedule to ensure cover from these diseases. There should be back-up sessions at one of the other local schools in the next few days.

- Permission notes went home for all Yr 11 students for the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program to be held on Thursday, 27th October, at Towac Racecourse. This program is designed to equip young people with the knowledge to stay safe on Australian roads and consists of 6 sessions. One of which shows a video of a car accident and another on stopping distances where the students will be given the opportunity to be a passenger in a police vehicle. Students are requested to wear full school uniform and bring their lunch. Water will be provided, as will bus transport to the venue. Please return permission notes and \$10 before Monday, 24th October.
- Interrelate Family Centre is conducting "The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child" on Thursday, 20th October, 2011. See the flyer on the back of this newsletter for details, or ring 63600895 to book a place.
- Don't forget the promotions for Coles, Woolies and Athlete's Foot. Keep the Earn and Learn vouchers coming in for Books in the English Faculty; sporting equipment for the PE faculty; and money donated for Peer Support programs in Welfare.
- Thank you to all those families who have brought in good quality second hand uniforms for the Student Assistance Scheme. We are appreciative of the donation.
- Here are some dates for your calendar:

Mon – Friday	10 th – 14 th October	NAIDOC Week
Thursday	13 th October	Yr 7 Final immunizations
Thursday	27 th October	RYDA for Yr 11 students

ORANGE HIGH NETBALL CLUB

- Grand finals were held on the last Saturday of last term and the Orange High School Club had some successes... In the morning games, both Junior A and Quicksteps won their respective 15s division 1 and 2 matches. Quick 9 in Division 7 were runners-up, as were Westoil in Division 1.

Congratulations to these four teams on an outstanding season.

HAVE MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved various levels in the *Have Merit* system. Their awards are the result of exceeding expectations in the classroom and for extra-curricular activities.

Jackson Griffith- Bankovic of Yr 11 has become our very first Silver Award recipient. Jackson has achieved 800 Merit Points. Well done.

Violet Award (450 merits)	Jordan Capnerhurst (11)	Samuel Lucas (Yr 9)
Indigo Award (300 merits)	Holly Dixon (Yr 11)	Tori Evans (Yr 11)
	Hannah Bullen (Yr 10)	Dionne Anslow (Yr 9)
	Peter Brus (Yr 9)	Beth Clarke (Yr 9)
	Margot Foy-Brown (Yr 9)	Billy Greatbatch (Yr 9)
	Sophia Kloosterman (9)	Hayley Swain (Yr 9)

	Megan Ezzy (Yr 8)	Connor Fitzsimmons (7)
Blue Award (150 merits)	Melissa Bullen (Yr 10)	Mitchell Esposito (Yr 10)
	Kieran Fraser (Yr 10)	Daniel Kellett (Yr 10)
	Damien Kirkness (Yr 10)	Jessie Priest (Yr 10)
	Jordan Baker (Yr 9)	Kiel Chapman (Yr 9)
	Joshua Corby (Yr 9)	Todd Farrell (Yr 9)
	Emma Galvin (Yr 9)	Maddie O'Neill (Yr 9)
	Caleb Romeo (Yr 9)	Jack Carden (Yr 8)
	Summer Chippendale (8)	David Clare (Yr 8)
	Rebecca Clarke (Yr 8)	Lachlan Fisher (Yr 8)
	Josh McCallum (Yr 8)	Milly Gell (Yr 8)
	Chris Punivai (Yr 8)	Tia Tyler (Yr 8)
	Alexa Wensley (Yr 8)	Jaime Bragg (Yr 7)
	Bryce Cummings (Yr 7)	Emma Fisher (Yr 7)
	Trent Humphrys (Yr 7)	Callum Marks (Yr 7)
	Mitchell Oborn (Yr 7)	Brodie Sharpe (Yr 7)
	Bevan Smith (Yr 7)	Joel Thomas (Yr 7)
	Jacinta Turner (Yr 7)	

Well done to all these students.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

P&C TRIVIA NIGHT

Orange High School P&C would like to thank the following businesses for donating to our 'Trivia with a Twist' fundraising night.

Please consider supporting these businesses as they have supported us:

Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb
 Anson Street Teahouse
 Pizza Hut
 Union Bank
 Provista Wood Fired Pizza
 Great Western Hotel
 Alfio's Pizzeria
 Hogs Breath Café
 Eagle Boys Pizza
 Fair Dinkum Restaurant
 Sportsmans Warehouse
 Pete's Carwash
 Odeon 5 Cinema
 Fair Dinkum
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The Challenge of Disciplining Your Child

...assists parents with constructive techniques in disciplining and encouraging their children

Assists parents to:

- understand what positive discipline means and how to set clear boundaries that children respect and learn to appreciate
- use conflict as a tool to improve relationships
- use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

Dates: Thursday 20th October 2011

Time: 5.30 – 8.30 pm

Venue: Interrelate Family Centre
 108 McLachlan Street
 Orange

Cost: \$25.00 (\$15.00 if using multiple services or concession)

More information

Bookings essential, fees to be paid in advance.

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