

NEWSLETTER



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‘Ka-ching, ka-ching’ is the sound of the funds we are currently raising for our bus and our Music Centre. The fundraising received a huge boost this week with the state government’s \$300,000 grant for the Music Centre under the Joint Funding program.

I spoke to the new Year 12 Music class today and our hope is that they will perform their HSC pieces for the examiners next year in the new centre.

This group has raised a significant portion of the school’s portion of the money and we are thrilled that they will have the opportunity to use the facility before they leave at the end of 2012.

And continuing on the fund raising theme.... I hope everyone has noted that we will be holding our Gala Day on Wednesday the 16th November. Staff and students have come up with some great ideas and the P&C committee is ensuring we are on task. We hope that funds from the Gala Day will come close to finalising the bus payment.

The HSC examinations are continuing, although a small number of students have completed all of their exams. Most students have been pleased with the papers and appear well prepared.

Tickets for the Year 12 Graduation go on sale on Wednesday 2nd November. The committee has worked hard to ensure that the evening will be a great success.

‘Man Choir’ joined the Orange Male Voice Choir and the Woden Valley Youth Choir on Sunday for ‘An Afternoon of Song’. The boys, led by Mr Irvine and accompanied by Mrs Slattery on piano, were outstanding. Their talent and their willingness to give up their time on a Sunday to represent our school.

Thank you to the many parents and students who support the school’s uniform policy. The majority of students wear their uniform with pride.

Please ensure your student wears full school uniform, including leather shoes with covered instep every day.

As always, please contact the school if you have any concerns or queries.

M Angus, Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- Did you know that there could be a Young Carer in every class at our School? Young Carers are teenagers who help care for and support a family member who has a chronic illness, disability, mental illness or drug or alcohol problem. The extra responsibilities involved in caring – practical and emotional- can often negatively impact a young carer’s school experience through being frequently absent, fatigued, unable to meet homework deadlines, anxious or being socially excluded and/or bullied. If you are a Young Carer, or know of one, please tell your Year Adviser or Deputy or HT Welfare, because there is lots of help out there – tuition with schoolwork, respite camps, home help to name a few. But we can’t help YOU if we don’t know your circumstances.
- We welcome Year 6 students from OPS, Bletchington, Canobolas Public and Nashdale to Orange High today and tomorrow for their Transition Days. We trust you will enjoy life in the ‘Big School’, trying out subjects that will be a part of your days in 2012.
- Students were informed about our Gala day on assembly this week. This event is to be held on Wednesday 16th November. Each roll call has been asked to come up with an activity to organise and manage on the afternoon between 2pm and (possibly) 6pm. Students with 90 merit signatures will be allowed out of class at 2pm to take part, while the remaining students will have the opportunity to be involved at 3pm. Parents are most welcome throughout the afternoon. To assist ALL students to gain 90 signatures, we will have a Triple Treat Time in Week 5, where outstanding effort will gain 3 signatures instead of 1. So get behind this BIG fundraiser for our new School bus.
- Year 11 students are involved in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program today 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.

- Here some dates for your calendar:

Thursday	27 th October	RYDA for Year 11 students
Week 5		Triple Treat Time
Wednesday	16 th November	Gala Day
Friday	2 nd December	Year 12 Graduation
Thursday	8 th December	Presentation Night
Friday	9 th December	Year 10 Final Assembly
Wednesday	14 th December	Year Assemblies 7-9

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

GALA DAY

The 'Bus Drive' committee is seeking donations for our Gala Day for the following stores.

- Cakes, biscuits and slices for the cake stall (deliver on the 16th November).
- Items that can be raffled or used as Chocolate Wheel prizes). (deliver by the 14th November).
- Plants and produce (deliver 15th/16th November).
- White Elephant items.

The final stalls and activities have not been finalised. If you have any suggestions for ideas please phone 6362 3444 or email orange-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 16th November.

Please bring your family and friends.

I.XTEND 2012 – STUDENT NOMINATION

Nominations for the 2012 i.xtend program have now opened. This program has undergone significant change and will be conducted in a new format for 2012.

The Western NSW Region *i.xtend* program is an enrichment program designed to cater for the needs of gifted and talented students in the middle years of schooling.

The 2012 program involves students accessing the *i.xtend* Moodle website from their classrooms with a school-based support person as their facilitator. The process involves the completion of a series of fortnightly task leading to a major research task which is the culmination of the *i.xtend* program. All tasks completed by the students are uploaded to the *i.xtend* Moodle and assessed by the school's *i.xtend* facilitator. School facilitators will be mentored by the Western NSW GATS team. At the conclusion of the

program, students come together to showcase their work at regional expo days.

Nomination close on Friday 4th November and the online selection test will be held in Week 7 this term. Current year 7 students interested in participating in the program need to see Mrs Griffith in the English staffroom or Learning Hub to collect a nomination form.

N Griffith

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Football Technical Skill Coaching Clinic

Global Ambition Group will be conducting expert technical / tactic football sessions for all interested players in the 11-16 age group on the weekends of the 3/4 and 10/11 December 2011.

Paul Bentvelzen and a host of his experienced and highly qualified staff will conduct these intensive weekends which will include technical and tactic practical sessions, lectures and video sessions, career planning and one on one feedback sessions. The program will include expert technical and tactical football development from the best youth coaches in Australia. The newly developed "Fast Football" program will be introduced to all players on Sunday. This is a dynamic program essential for all players. Critical to the program is the opportunity for parents to speak directly with **Paul Bentvelzen** on future career options in addition to one on one feedback sessions with players and parents at the conclusion of the weekend.



Program

Saturday

- 9-12 noon Technical Session
 - 1-2pm Lunch (bring own)
 - 2-3pm Tactical Lecture (Video / PowerPoint)
 - 3-4pm Tactical Session
 - 4-5:30pm Game (Against Each Other)
 - 6pm Parent Talk Career Planning
- ##### Sunday
- 9-10am Fast Football Session (Speed)
 - 10:30-12 Tech / Tact Session
 - 12-2pm One on One Feedback

Cost \$195 per weekend

Numbers are limited to provide quality coaching. For more information or to register contact Melissa Bellamy at melissa.bellamy@marcsman.com

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ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL GALA DAY!

NOVEMBER 16TH 3:00PM – 6:30PM

OHS will be holding a Gala Day to raise funds for the new school bus. The day is also an opportunity for students, parents and staff to come together as a school community. Help will be needed in various ways, so please take time to read this information and assist where you can!

Donations

Donations will be needed for some of the stalls that will be operated on the day. So start clearing out those cupboards and collecting gear for the following stalls:

- **White Elephant** - household items, knick knacks, garden pots etc.
- **Vintage Clothes** - 2nd hand clothes, shoes, bags. Nothing torn or stained thank you.
- **Books and Games**- any pre-loved books or Xbox, Playstation, Wii, PC games.

Cakes and Produce

On Gala Day, we will require donations of cakes and produce. If you could help out by cooking a cake, or picking some excess vegies from the garden to sell on the day. These things will need to be brought to the school on the actual day.

Jazzy Jars

Students are being asked to fill a jar with fun items and bring it into school to sell on the day. A list of suggested fillers can be found on the back of this page. If every student could donate just one such jar, it would be much appreciated.

Your child may be asked to bring other items into school, as each roll group will be running an activity to make it a fun afternoon. Watch for more information as the day draws closer. Please be supportive and come along on the day!