

NEWSLETTER



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Congratulations to Eleanor Delaney from Year 7 who achieved High Distinctions in the recent Australasian English and Writing competitions. Eleanor's results placed her in the top 1% of the students who undertook this competition.



The Year 7 Drama ensemble performed at the State Drama Festival last Friday. The group were selected from a range of performers from throughout the region. Students enjoyed the experience of performing at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Having seen their performances, I'm sure this won't be their last invitation to the State Drama Festival.

I hope that you all received the information about our Gala Day. I have attached a copy, just in case your note didn't make it home. The Gala Day is a great opportunity for us to raise money and enjoy ourselves.

Next week, our Year 10 students sit their School Certificate examinations. This is the final year of the examinations. Schools haven't been informed yet, as to what will replace the statewide tests.

Some Year 12 student still have a number of HSC examinations to sit. The majority of students continue to be quietly confident about the exams that have already been held. A number of students have already gained entry to the University of Canberra.

Last week, Year 12 attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program. The program sponsored by Rotary is conducted each year to raise students' awareness of road safety. The staff and students felt it was a very moving and powerful day. Thank you to the Rotary clubs for their organization and support of RYDA. Many students stated that it 'made them stop and think'.

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

M Angus, Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- The second edition of Kids' Helpline newsletter is available for reading in the Library. It covers the impact of drugs and alcohol on young Australians – the most problematic substances used by young people, their social cost and effects and the support that we can give to young people around substance abuse. The newsletter delves into why young people take risks, what are the signs of serious risk-taking and what parents can do. The website: kidshelp.com.au can also give you access to these articles.
- Over this year, we have had a number of Year 9 students acting as Reader/Writers for students completing their HSC, Year 11 Preliminary and Year 10 School certificate, who would otherwise struggle to complete their exams to a satisfactory level. The Year 9 students were allocated an exam student during Term 1 and have worked with that student throughout the year. They have done a tremendous school service and I would like to acknowledge them and the contribution that they have made: Beth Clarke, Amber Collins, Kishaya Delaney, Margot Foy-Brown, Emma Kelly, Louise Kempson, Sophia Kloosterman, Ryan Milham, Darcy O'Shea, Max Pierce, Braden Riles, Abbey Spencer, Billie Steele, Rebecca Wallace, Chris Warren, Bella Fox and Beth Clarke.
- Looking for enthusiastic, approachable, energetic Year 9 students who are willing team players and interested in supporting new students in the school to train as Peer Support Leaders at the end of November. See me for a nomination form. You will need to outline the contribution you could make to this training and to the introduction of Year 7 students into High School in 2012.
- 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.

- Thank you to Ms Jo Cormack and Mrs Suellen Milham for the work they have done in transitioning our Year 6 students over the past two weeks. Thank you to all the staff who took introductory lessons as well. Your input has been greatly appreciated and your energy has assisted our newest students to feel right at home.
- Our Gala Day event is to be held on Wednesday 16th November. Each roll call group has been asked to come up with an activity to organise and manage on the afternoon between 2p.m. and 6p.m. Students with 90 signatures will be allowed out of class at 2p.m. to take part, while the remaining students will have the opportunity to be involved at 3p.m. Parents are most welcome throughout the afternoon. To assist ALL students attain 90 signatures, we will have a Triple Treat Time in week, where outstanding effort will gain 3 signatures instead of 1. So get behind this BIG fundraiser for our new School bus.
- The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program held at Towac Racecourse last week was appreciated by our Year 11 students. The program is designed to equip young people with the knowledge to stay safe on Australian roads and consisted of 6 sessions. By far the most popular was the stopping distances, where the students were invited to ride in a high-powered police car and shown how far a car travels after 40, 60, 80 and 100kph. It was a sombre atmosphere when quadriplegic, Nicole Sugden, spoke about her accident and Mrs Margaret Kennedy told the students about the effect on the family, when a precious life was lost. All other sessions had practical advice about getting behind the wheel and is sure to provide serious thought for our young drivers.

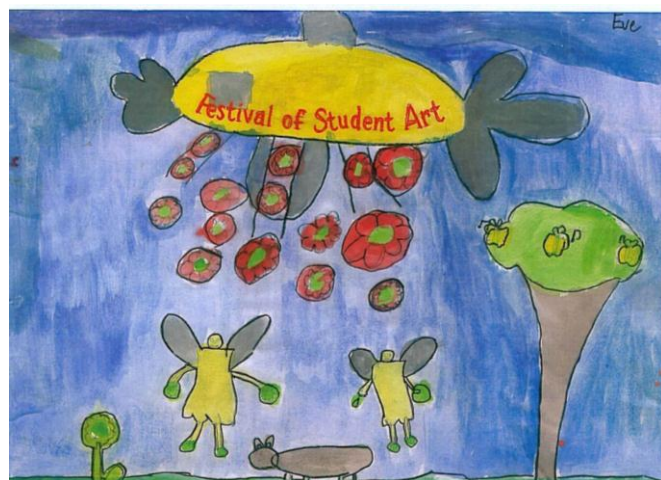
Here are some dates for your calendar:

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

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

PRISM MEETING

The next PRISM meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November at 5.30pm in the Music Centre. All welcome



Festival of Student Art

You are invited to the opening at Orange Regional Gallery

on Saturday 5 November 2011 at 3pm
to be opened by
Prue Absolon

HSC Visual Arts Student, Orange High School

An Orange Regional Gallery 25th Anniversary Event
Exhibition closes 11 December 2011



Orange Regional Gallery 149 Byng Street Orange NSW 2800 Ph: (02) 6393 8136 www.org.nsw.gov.au
Gallery Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sundays & Public Holidays 12pm to 4pm, closed Mondays
Front: Eve Davison Year 1. The Arrival of Spring Sacred Heart Infants



BANDANNA DAY

On Friday 4th November the school will be holding Bandanna Day. Help support young people living with cancer and raise awareness of this disease by buying a bandanna. The bandanna stall will be set up in the star quad during recess and lunch. Bandannas cost \$4.00, so help out this noble cause.

CSU Student Teachers at OHS

BUS PASSES

Parents requiring bus passes for 2012 who have a child commencing Year 7, need to complete a new bus application form ensuring that all address details are correct. Please collect a form from your primary school if you haven't already completed your new application for 2012.

Orange Buslines

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.
- Items can be delivered to Ms Angus's office asap.

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. They can be dropped off at G2.

Jazzy Jars

Students are being asked to fill a jar with fun items and bring it into school to sell on the day. If every student could donate just one 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!