

NEWSLETTER



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Last Friday's Graduation Ball was an outstanding success. The 2011 Year 12 looked fantastic in their evening wear. Everyone had obviously made a great deal of effort and enjoyed the opportunity to get 'dressed up'.

A huge thank you to Karen Kloosterman, Letitia Garlick and their 'band of helpers' for their organisation. Once again, the group did a fantastic job. Students, family and staff danced all evening to "Trouble with Johnny". I am sure the graduates enjoyed the celebration of the end to their secondary schooling.

Our Annual Presentation night will be held this evening, Thursday, 8th December. The evening celebrates our students' achievements. We acknowledge their success in academic, sport, the arts and leadership and citizenship. In recent years, our guest speaker has been an ex student. This year our guest speaker will be our deputy, Michelle Barrett. Michelle is a former student and prefect of Orange High.

It's fairly quiet at school as I write this. There are two excursions on. The Year 8 students are at Jamberoo and Year 9 students are at Aussie Bush Camps. Reports from the Year 7 excursion last week are very positive. Students and staff enjoyed the experience, and all arrived back safely!

The 2011 School Magazine is available now. Congratulations and thank you to Jo Cormack for the hard work and long hours she put in to compiling this year's magazine. It certainly captures the variety of activities Orange High students, parents and staff are involved in. The magazine is on sale in the front office at a cost of \$20.00.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, there will be change to the structure of the Wednesday school day in 2012 and beyond. Currently lessons finish at 2.55 pm and students who do not catch buses have been allowed to leave at this time. Next year, Wednesday classes will finish the same time as the other days of the week, at 3.28 pm. We are looking forward to having the extra academic teaching time and I am sure the students will eventually recover from 'losing their early mark'.

This will be the last newsletter for 2011. Thank you for your support and advice throughout the year.

The last day of school is Friday, 16th December. Our staff will attend on the 19th and 20th December for professional learning activities.

In 2012, staff return for our School Development Day on Friday, 27th January. Years 7, 11 and 12 commence school on Monday 30th January and Years 8, 9 and 10 returns on the 31st January.

My best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas.

M Angus, Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- Year 10 will hold their Final Assembly on Friday, 9th December at 9.30a.m. Students are asked to be at the PAC by 9.15a.m. to allow time to check uniform and have time to seat everyone. Students are requested to wear correct summer uniform, including black leather shoes. Anyone not in correct uniform will not be presented with their portfolio until after the assembly.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 students will receive their reports at their Year Assemblies on Thursday, 15th December in the PAC.
- On Tuesday, 13th December, Week 10, we are offering all those students with 100 signatures or more, the opportunity to see a movie, followed up with a BBQ and pool party. See Mrs Middleton for details.
- On Monday and Tuesday, 17 students completed their Peer Support training. These students will work with the new cohort in Yr 7 in 2012. Congratulations to: Olivia Ananin, Mitchell Antonio, Melissa Byrne, Beth Clarke, Amber Collins, Kishaya Delaney, Cassie Dunn, Sophie Gascoyne, Ellie Humphrys, Seamus Logan, Codey McHatton, Melanie O'Hara, Darcy O'Shea, Caylee Pope, Braden Riles, Teri-May Sherlock, Abbey Spencer
- Interrelate Family Centre is conducting a Positive Parenting workshop on Wednesday, 7th December, 5.30-8.30p.m. Positive communication and parenting techniques will be outlined. Bookings are essential on 63600895.



- Here some dates for your calendar:

Thursday	8 th December	Presentation Night
Friday	9 th December	Yr 10 Final Assembly
Tuesday	13 th December	Movie Morning and Pool Party
Tuesday to	13 th December	PSPI Rewards Excursion
Thursday	15 th December	Year Assemblies 7-9

MERIT LEVEL AWARDEES

Congratulations to these students who have achieved in our Merit system:

Blue Level (150 Signatures)	Yr 7 -Ali Boyd	Kally Collis	Cleo Panprakhon
	Hannah Spencer	Cheyenne Styles	Yr 8 - Jack Carden
	Yr 10 – Courtney Priestley	Yr 12 – Ariel Dunn	
Indigo Level (300 signatures)	Yr7 – Ali Boyd	Andrew Parish	Yr 9 – Dimity Bartlett
	Yr 10 – Leah Daniel	Yr 11- Robina Ingham	Yr 12 – Huon Vardanega
Violet Level (450 signatures)	Yr 8 – Harry Roth	Yr 11 – Robina Ingham	

Keep up the good work.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

LOST PROPERTY

Have you lost a Kookaburra sleeping bag? Please ring the front office.

DANCE AND DRAMA SHOWCASE

On Tuesday the 13th of December, 2011 the Dance and Drama program at Orange High School will be having its combined **Dance and Drama Showcase**. This is an entertaining evening and a great way for the dance and drama students to finish for the year.

The showcase will begin at **7pm** and \$5 tickets will be on sale at the door of the PAC.

All money raised will contribute to our dance and drama programs.

Come along and support our dance and drama students. We look forward to seeing you on the night



SLOW SUMMER School Holiday FUN!

20 - 29 January, 2012
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The Amazing
Mystery Quest
(just like a
local version
of the amazing
race!)

Junior Cooking Classes
Learn from the (real)
2011 Master Chefs and
unleash the creative
cook within!

Day @ The Beach
Bringing Bondi to
Lake Canobolas!
Beach Volleyball,
Lilo Paddle, DJs,
Dragon Boating &
More!

Stars and Cinema
2011's answer to the
Drive-In. Movies under
the stars, a whole new
experience!

For further information check out 'Slow Summer' School Holiday Fun page on facebook or email jemima@mojoevents.com.au



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