

NEWSLETTER



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I hope everyone noted the invitation to donate to our 'Bus Drive' included in the school fees' invoices. Our P&C has been raising funds to replace the school bus and the donation request is a way you can all help the school and your sons and daughters.

The bus committee, a sub group of the P&C will be holding fundraising activities throughout the year. We hope that you will all participate.

Congratulations to our debater and public speakers who travelled to Lithgow this week to participate in the 45th Lithgow Festival of Speech.

Well done also to our netballers and squash players. The Orange High open girls' netballers are Western Region Champions again. Our squash team were ranked third in our region and Jesse Keegan was selected in the regional squash team.

Representatives from the Salvation Army addressed this week's assembly, requesting students and staff to volunteer on Sunday 29th May to collect for the Red Shield appeal. Please encourage your child to participate in the Salvation Army's collection.

Year 12 students will receive their half yearly reports on Friday. The parent teacher interviews for Year 12 will be held on Monday in the Performing Arts Centre. The interviews begin at 5.00pm.

On Tuesday evening, we will be holding the Year 10 into 11 Information Evening. All Year 10 students and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend. The evening will provide an overview of the pattern of study required for an HSC, Board of Studies and school expectations, TAFE and university offerings. Members of the school executive will also be available for information specific to your own child's education.

Malynley Shield is a major focus at the moment. Thank you to all of the families who have volunteered to billet students from Gosford High School. Congratulations and thank you to the students who have been selected in the competition teams.

The Gosford students arrive on Wednesday afternoon. Thursday, 26th May is the competition day. Students not competing are expected to attend school and support their fellow students. On Thursday evening there will be a disco for the Gosford students, our competitors and the students who are hosting billets. Students who are not competing or billeting a Gosford student are not permitted to attend this disco.

Our school captains, Katia Ringbauer and William Kloosterman, will travel to Sydney next Friday to meet the Governor of NSW. This visit is part of the Secondary School Student Leadership Program for school captains. Will and Katia will join the captains and leaders from other schools throughout Western NSW.

If your child brings a mobile phone to school, could you please remind him or her, that phones are not to be used during class time. Phones are confiscated for the day if they are used in class. We would appreciate your support with this issue. Please contact me if you would like to discuss our communication device policy.

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

M Angus, Principal

UNDER 16'S RUGBY LEAGUE

OHS faced the unenviable task of facing Dubbo Senior Campus in Dubbo in the first round of the Tom Kemp Shield. The team had been training well and had shown great promise at each of the training sessions. The mood was very optimistic on the way over on the school bus, even if the boys' ears had been damaged by some unusual songs blaring from a range of different iPods.

The game started slowly with OHS taking some poor attacking and defensive options as well as making some simple errors. This put the team on the back foot, however, the boys showed an incredible amount of resolve to only be down 18-12 at half time after tries from Jack Ryan and a barnstorming Ben Wells. After the break, Keegan Swain scooted away from the defence to score a try and Keegan Harding slotted the conversion to put OHS equal with Dubbo. Things were starting to look positive for the boys but unfortunately the Dubbo team raced in three quick tries to give themselves a handy buffer. OHS managed to score two more tries when Jarrod Kennedy and Travis Bubb crossed the strip, however this wasn't enough and Dubbo ran away victors 48-28.

The OHS team represented the school with great sportsmanship and a never say die attitude which made me very proud of their efforts. There were lots of good performers but for me Jack Middleton was the standout after a fantastic game with lots of hard runs and crunching tackles. Even though the result was against us, all boys played really well. A big thank you must go out to Mr Peter Boss for giving his time up generously to help coach the boys and also drive the bus on the day.

T Baker, PDHPE

WELFARE WORDS

At this week's assembly, the Have Merit team conducted a prize draw for those students with over 50 signatures. Congratulations to Adam Griffith (Year 11), Samara Lloyd and Sam Mephram (Year 9) who each received a K-Mart gift card to the value of \$20.00. The next draw will take place in Week 8, so keep working hard for those signatures.

- Interrelate Family Centres are conducting another workshop: *Creating Positive Relationships* on Thursday 2nd June from 5.30-8.00p.m. It will focus on ways to keep the romance alive in relationships. The cost is \$15.00 and bookings are essential. Ring to book a place on 63600895
- Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews have been set down for next week, Monday 23rd May. Online booking is now closed, but you can still ring the school and request an interview TODAY.
- There is much happening on the Welfare scene this term. Here are some dates for your calendar:

Thursday	26 th May	Malynley Shield disco for competitors and Gosford students
Thursday	2 nd June	Immunizations for Yr 7 (Varicella and 2 nd dose HPV)
Tuesday	14 th June	Cyber-bullying Prevention Workshops for Yrs 7-10
		Cyber-bullying Prevention Presentation for staff
		Cyber-bullying Prevention Presentation for parents
Wednesday	15 th June	'Techno-bully' presentation for Yr 7
		State of Origin excursion for 19 Indigenous students
Monday	27 th June	'The Teenager Alchemist' – cancer prevention presentation for Yrs 7-10

- Royal Life Saving is conducting two First Aid courses for community members. The first is on Tuesday 24th May from 9a.m. to 5p.m. and is a full course (\$140) or update (\$125). The second is online training with the assessment on Tuesday 28th June from 6-8p.m. To book, or for further information, please call 6369 0679. These courses are Workcover approved & VETAB accredited.

WESTERN AREA NETBALL

Orange High School's open girls netball team set out on Thursday, 28th April to defend their Western Area crown. The first 3 rounds were played as a round robin with 4 teams in 4 pools.

High A had a bye in the first game, then took on Lithgow in what was a one-sided match. We ran out easy winners, 25-5.

The second game was a heart-stopper! Forbes were our opponents and were ahead 4-0 before we scored any goals. Our attack was staccato like and while intercepts were taken at the other end, we struggled to get the resulting ball into the circle. After half time, we managed to put a string of few goals together and ended up winning 12-11.

We met Cowra in the quarter finals and with all players on deck, it was a more polished performance. Cowra had little answer to our slick attack, accurate shooting and full court defence. We took out the game 48-11.

Last week, saw the final 2 rounds played on Thursday at Anzac Park. Mudgee was our semi-final opponents, but our girls gave them few chances to get into the game. It was a goal-fest for us with our three shooters putting 68 goals through the ring, with very little rebound opportunities for the Mudgee defences. Mudgee could not contain our speedy centre courters and as a result, the ball was most often into our circle before Mudgee had time to react. At the defence end, the ball was turned over for us with some brilliant intercepts and rebounds. The final score was 68-20.

We had prepared ourselves for a tight tussle with West Wyalong in the final. They had 'looked the goods' in their semi against Dubbo Senior College, but Orange had scored the first 5 goals of the game before West Wyalong recovered. We were ahead 16-7 at the first break and built on that lead at every interval. Our girls had stepped up another notch from the semi-final performance, improving with every play. The final score read 52-27. Orange High fully deserved their 18th Western Area title (in 19 years)!

Further honours went to Lauren Williams, Mikayla Riley, Tash Rudd, Shannen Downer and Sophia Kloosterman when all 5 were selected in the representative Western Area team to contest the NSW CHS Championships in Orange on June 21st -23rd. Thank you to our many parents for your support throughout the games.

The team: Defenders – Kaleah Blowes, Shannen Downer, Sophia Kloosterman; Centre Court – Brittany Fahy, Tash Rudd, Lauren Williams; Shooters – Katelin Eslick, Bec Hales, Mikayla Riley.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

INFORMATION EVENING

To assist students and parents with the decision making process and to explain courses and the requirements of the HSC, a parent/student information night will be held on Tuesday 24th May 2011 at 6.30pm in the school's Performing Arts Centre.



Replacing our old bus

CLAIM THE DATE BUS DRIVE

TRIVIA NIGHT – 13th August

Prize donations needed

Orange High School

IN CONCERT

featuring:

OHS Music Students, Bands, Choirs, Dancers,
Drama and PIPS

Tuesday 7th June 2011
Wednesday 8th June 2011
Thursday 9th June 2011

7pm

Orange High School Performing Arts Centre

Tickets available from the OHS Front Office
\$10 Adults/High School Students
\$5 Child

Purchase your tickets early – numbers are limited!

Canteen will be available for hot food before the show
and refreshments during interval