

# NEWSLETTER



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## What's happening.

Having battled freezing conditions last week, it was really nice to have a long weekend, to charge the batteries and get ready for the last couple of weeks of term two. School will finish on 1 July – it is really important that everyone works right up until that last day. Year 11 students were given their reports on Friday. Semester one reports will be given out to years 7-10 between now and the end of term.

Former Orange High School students and entertainer “E-man” and his “Justice Crew” mates were in the school last Friday. They put on an entertaining performance in the PAC. Students who had earned 40 or more signatures and who were not on negative levels, were allowed to attend. I understand they all enjoyed the show.

Mark Anderson from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) gave presentations about cyber safety and cyber bullying to students, teachers and parents Tuesday. We were very fortunate to have him in Orange and he presented some interesting and thought provoking information about protecting and managing kids in the cyber world. Thanks to Mrs Middleton and Mrs Wilson for their organisation. If you are interested in any information, please make contact with the school.

This week Orange High School kicks off our campaign to win the Astley Cup with an away trip to Bathurst. In week 10, we will host Dubbo. The best of luck to all competitors.

## Top performances:

A huge congratulations to everyone associated with last week's school show, from the organisers to the back stage crew and all the participants. It was another wonderful advertisement for the talent that is here at Orange High School – well done to all involved and special thanks to Mrs Mickle, Mr Irvine, Mrs Redman, Ms Atchison, Ms Hope, Mr Baker, Mrs Crane and Mr Wharton.

The Open Girls Basketball team played Casino High School today at PCYC in the CHS final 16. The game was very tight throughout with the girls going down 55-50. Well done for your great achievement in reaching the final 16. We are all very proud of you.

**Mick Sloan**  
**Deputy Principal**

## WELFARE WORDS

- The Cybersmart Presentations by the Australian Communications and Media Authority were extremely informative. Mr Mark Anderson spoke to almost 700 Year 7 to 10 students during Tuesday afternoon, alerting the teenagers to the risks of placing inappropriate pictures and comments on public forums such as Facebook. After school, about 30 teachers from around the Orange area listened to a similar presentation designed to educate us to the use of technology to keep teenagers safe. The final presentation was made to parents and included ways to assist their children keep safe – like having a home computer in a family area; reporting any cyberbullying; keeping records of inappropriate texts; and entering into a cybersafe contract after discussion with every family member. If you missed the presentations or would like to go over some of the content, the web site [ACMAcyber\(safe\)](#) will take you to the relevant information. Remember: stop, block, report!
- *Techno-Bully* is happening today for all Year 7 students. It shows the effects of cyber-bullying on a teenage girl and puts into place strategies all teenagers can use. The play is sometimes comical and will engage the students. The message is quite serious though and should help to reinforce the presentations on Tuesday.
- On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, people from Camp Quality will visit the school to present a play designed to make teenagers aware of the risks of cancer, what can happen in families that are affected by cancer and show ways that cancer risks can be reduced. The play is called “The Teenage Alchemist” and the target audience is again Yrs 7-10. Camp Quality put this play on free of

charge because we have in our community at least one student who is living with cancer in the home. Camp Quality offer all sorts of support for children both with cancer and living with cancer and are keen to make contact with others in the school who may fall into these categories. Please make contact with me if you feel you would like that extra support and please be assured, all information given is strictly confidential.

- There is a great deal happening on the Welfare scene this term. Here are some dates for your calendar:

Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	'Techno-bully' presentation for Yr 7
		State of Origin excursion for 19 Indigenous students
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	'The Teenager Alchemist' – cancer prevention presentation for Yrs 7-10
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> August	Vaccinations for Boostrix (tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria 3 in one needle) for Years 10 & 7

- Royal Life Saving is conducting a Workcover Approved and VETAB accredited First Aid course. It is an online course, First Aid in a Box, completed in your own time with assessment on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 6-8p.m. It will cost \$140 (full course) or \$125 (re-accreditation). To register, you need to call 6369 0679

### **ORANGE HIGH NETBALL CLUB**

The Saturday competition is almost half-way through, with all teams playing well. Thank you to the coaches that have stepped up to take on a team. We have only a Division 7 team still without a manager/coach. Any takers?

The Club is also catering for the NSW CHS Netball Championships next week. Any assistance with sandwiches for the three days – 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June- would be much appreciated. Please contact me at school prior to Monday.

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, the Club will operate the barbeque at Anzac Park from 10a.m. til about 2p.m. This is to raise funds for the operation of the Club (uniforms, patches, end-of-year presentations). There will be a note explaining what is required on the day given to each netballer, but the biggest need is people to man the tent through the day. If you can give an hour of your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, High A will also be running a barbeque to cater for the basketball carnival happening at

Sir Neville Howse stadium. This is to raise funds for the Final 16 Series in September.

Also, High A are having a pizza day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The girls will be taking orders at lunch time on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June in the Star Quad and you are asked to have a \$10 note with you to make the order. Share a pizza with a friend or two and support a good cause.

### **YEARS 8, 9 AND 10 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW**

The parent teacher on-line bookings will be open for parents to book with teachers from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. A letter will be posted home with a password for you to access your student's teachers online. Interviews will be held in the Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June from 3.45 to 7.30 pm. If parents have difficulty in accessing the internet, please feel free to contact the school on 6362 3444 and interviews will be scheduled for you.

**Mrs Helene Hamilton**  
**Head Teacher Administration**

### **HARRY POTTER MOVIE PREMIER NIGHT**



Attention all ex students of Orange Public School and Harry Potter fans - Orange Public School is staging the Movie Premier night for the latest Harry Potter movie. So grab your mates - and support OPS in this much needed fund raiser for the School Music program. Loyalty and your help is required - spread the word. Have a steaming drink from the caldron pot before entering the great Harry Potter Movie. The viewing is the last Sunday of the school holidays - so buy your tickets and meet up at the Odeon theatre on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm for a 4pm start. Tickets are on sale at Collins Booksellers and Bobbie McGees, and are only \$15 per person. This includes the movie as well as delicious food and drink before the movie. There will also be a raffle drawn, and prizes for the best dressed character. We are hoping to raise enough money to buy a new 'Clavinova' keyboard for the new hall at the Primary School as well as much-needed percussion instruments for the Infants site. The Harry Potter Movie is rated "M" and is being viewed at the Odeon theatre - make it an end of holiday highlight. For any further information email [opspe1@hotmail.com](mailto:opspe1@hotmail.com)