

NEWSLETTER



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The annual Astley and Mulvey Cups are the focus for many members of the school community at the moment.

The first round last week presented some mixed results. Our debaters successfully argued the negative case "That beauty pageants should be banned for children under the age of 18" and defeated the Bathurst High School debating team to win the first event of the Mulvey Cup.

We had mixed results on the sporting fields. The margins between the teams were narrower than expected for a large number of games. I travelled to Bathurst on Friday, and as usual, was extremely proud to be a member of staff at Orange High School. Our students participated with enthusiasm and displayed sportsmanship throughout the day. They congratulated and supported each other and the Bathurst High students.

Although Bathurst High won the first round of Astley Cup, we are not out of the race yet. We now need to win against Dubbo Senior College next week and have Dubbo defeat Bathurst this week. Let's hope the stars align!

As we have said in previous newsletters, next year is the Orange High Centenary. The organizing committee has met a couple of times and the next meeting is on Tuesday, 26th July. If you would like to join the Centenary Committee, please contact me. You will be very welcome.

We are intending to produce a Centenary Mirror Magazine and are interested in old photographs, newspaper articles etc. about Orange High from the past one hundred years. We are also keen to find the oldest ex-student and the family with the most generations attending our school. If you have any contributions, please contact Cathy Sharp or myself.

This week I attended Charles Sturt University for the Inaugural Presentation of Scholarships for students who will be studying an accelerated course in Agricultural Business Management. Three Orange High Students, Larissa Atkinson, Bonnie Stewart and Molly Vardanega were scholarship recipients.

When the course is successfully completed and the girls have met the High School Certificate requirements, they will have automatic entry into the full range of Agriculture Degrees offered at Charles Sturt University. This course is an e² initiative and is a state, and possibly, national first.

Don't forget the Year 8, 9 and 10 parent/teacher interviews which are being held on Tuesday, 28th June from 3.45 pm. You should have received a letter with your booking code in the mail. You will be able to find a link to the parent/teacher interviews on our Website. If you have any problems booking interviews for the evening, please contact the school.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions or concerns.

Regards

M Angus, Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- On Monday, 27th 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 will 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 with cancer and family members 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.

- Congratulations to Geoff Dwright, Katie Ryan and Megan Ezzy who were our winners of the Big W Gift Cards for the "Have Merit – over 75 signature draw" this week.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews for Years 8-10 are happening on Tuesday, 28th June. On-line booking is now open for appointments between 3.45p.m. and 7.30p.m. Reports for Year 7-10 will be handed out this week in formal assemblies for each year.
- Our four Yr 8 Student Representative Councillors have volunteered to conduct the 2011 Mission Australia's National Survey of Young Australians. The information gathered from the survey will be used to develop programs and services that meet the needs of young people, as well as being a key resource document for policy makers in the youth space. Participants in this survey will be selected from across the School population.
- Also, next term we will be asking 100 Year 7 students to participate in the ARCHER study. This study is a longitudinal study which will aim to investigate the role of hormones and the effect on the behaviour, as well as the physical and mental wellbeing of rural Australian teenagers. An information pack will go home to possible participants early in Term 3.
- There is much happening on the Welfare scene this term. Here are some dates for your calendar:

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| Monday | 27 th June | 'The Teenager Alchemist' – cancer prevention presentation for Yrs 7-10 |
| Tuesday | 28 th June | Yr 8-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday | 4 th August | Vaccinations for Boostrix (tetanus, whooping cough and diphtheria 3 in one needle) for Years 10 & 7 |

ORANGE HIGH NETBALL CLUB

Thank you to our Club members who have assisted with lunches for the NSW CHS Netball Championships this week. Thank you also to those families who have billeted players from North Coast, West Darling and Sydney North. Your hospitality was most appreciated. Today is the last day of these championships and if you have the opportunity, pop up

to Sir Neville Howse stadium to see some top level netball throughout the day.

The Club hoodies were distributed to players on Saturday. The teams look fantastic (and warm) in the black and yellow tops. Thank you to our sponsors – Williams Smash Repairs, Challenge Implements, Harris Farm, The Wellness Centre and Eat Your Greens. There are still some tops for sale at \$20. See any Club executive to collect yours.

High A are having a pizza day TOMORROW. Orders will be placed after lunch TODAY so if you have not placed an order OR paid for your pizza, your time is running out to do so. Cost of pizzas is \$10. Share a pizza with a friend or two and support a good cause.

On Saturday, the Club will operate the barbeque at Anzac Park from 9a.m. till about 2p.m. I hear there are mouth-watering roast beef rolls on sale! This is to raise funds for the operation of the Club (uniforms, patches, end-of-year presentations). Teams have been allocated the following times to assist at the barbeque (a reminder that a minimum of 3 adults need to be there too):

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| 9.00-9.30a.m. | QP Dolls | 9.30-10a.m. | Quantums |
| 10-10.30a.m. | Quicksilver | 10.30-11a.m. | QTs |
| 11-11.30a.m. | Quicksteps | 11.30-12 noon | Quick9 |
| 12-12.30p.m. | Westoil | 12.30-1p.m. | Jnr A |
| 1-1.30p.m. | Quackers | 1.30-2p.m. | Woodies |
| 2p.m. pickup | Committee + High A | | |

On Sunday 26th June, High A will also be running a barbeque to cater for the basketball carnival at Sir Neville Howse Stadium. This is to raise funds for the Final 16 Series in September.

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN AWARD

Congratulations to Olivia Patterson Yr 12 who is the 2011 recipient of this award. Olivia has played basketball and touch at elite levels and has been involved in numerous other school representative teams, as well leading Macquarie House. The award will be presented to Olivia at our end of year Presentation Night.

CYBERSAFETY VIDEO

This presentation is for parents to explain online risks for children and more importantly, the best ways to keep their children safe online. The more parents know about cybersafety, the more empowered they are to protect their kids.

We hope you like it and find it valuable:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/outdoor.aspx> . The video sits at the base of this internet page, these web pages and posters were designed to reach teens. We're going to release these posters for schools to display.

Or watch this on YouTube at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHj0gKGYzfY>.

Please let us know what you think, we'll read all comments.

Mrs Winslade

PROPOSED OHS FIJI TOUR IN 2012

At the end of Term 2, 2012 Orange High School is looking to offer a sporting and cultural excursion to Fiji to students who will be in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2012. Boys will be playing rugby, and girls either netball or soccer, depending on numbers and host schools preferences. Students do not need to have sporting experience in the nominated sports, but will be expected to attend training sessions prior to going on tour.

The tour will be for approximately 1 week, during which time students will play in 3 sporting fixtures, as well as visiting local schools, villages and markets, to allow them to gain an understanding of the Fijian way of life. Students will be staying in hotel style accommodation for the duration of the visit. It is obviously difficult to provide exact details on costing, but previous tours have cost around \$2,500, which included flights, accommodation, most meals and some touring gear.

At this stage I am seeking expressions of interest from those students who may be interested in going, so that I can see if the tour would be viable. There will fund raising opportunities offered to students to help off-set the costs, and there may also be spots available to parents to join the tour.

Only students who meet Orange High School's behavioural expectations will be considered for the tour.

Students who are interested in going on the tour need to get an expression of interest from Mrs Winslade in

the PDHPE staffroom and return it before the end of term.

Mrs Winslade

NORTHWEST HORSE EXPO

Rebecca Davis, Shaniah Ind and Shannon Anderson all competed in an inter-schools competition called The Northwest Horse Expo at Coonabarabran. Shannon, (in photograph) placed 12th in the dressage, cross country and show jumping one day event (ODE) out of 16 and 5th in the "A" Grade showjumping. Rebecca placed 2nd in the ODE in "D" Grade and 7th in the Stockman's Challenge. Shaniah finished 2nd in the "C" Grade ODE. The girls all competed in the team barrels and had a wonderful week competing for the school. We are very proud of you all.



MUSIC TUTOR

Music Tutor wanted, Guitar and Piano 1-2 hours/day from 26/6/2011 to 17/7/2011 . Own transport desirable. Please contact us on 63600491,0406615330, 0416534378 or email: drhbroy@gmail.com

