

NEWSLETTER



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Education Week – Public Education Creating the Future
Orange High School is lots of things to lots of people. Last week I wasn't sure if I was in a high end Paris couture shop or 'Australia's Got Talent'.

The Year 12 Textile and Design class I visited was like entering a different world. The students and their teacher, Mrs Small, were all completely absorbed in the final compilation of the major works. The variety of designs and techniques was a credit to everyone. Many of the students had not only designed and sewn their outfits, they had also made the felt or lace used as fabric. I was very impressed with the standard of work of the 2011 HSC textiles class and am looking forward to seeing their results. I'm sure there will be a number of Band 6s again this year!

I felt fortunate to be invited to the Year 9 music class to see and hear their performances. I am always impressed with the high standard of musicianship of our kids. The visit to this class highlighted the respect the students had for each other. The performances ranged from heavy metal to vocals accompanied on piano. It is obvious from the students performances that the class has very different interests, however they listened to their peers, offering advice and encouragement throughout.

Thank you to the members of our school bus committee who sold tickets at the weekend for our fridge raffle. The committee is confident that it will raise enough money to purchase a new bus before the 2012 school year begins. We do, however, need everyone's help.

I will be sending a letter home this week asking you and your child to assist with the fundraising by selling chocolates. Although in line with our healthy canteen policy, we do not normally allow the selling of chocolates at school, we are making an exception for the Bus Drive! The school P&C and senior executive believe that as the bus is for every student, the once only exception is acceptable.

The bus committees aim is to sell 500 boxes of chocolates. So, hopefully you will all forget the calorie count and support his venture.



Replacing our old bus

Year 12 students began their HSC trials on Monday. The comments so far have been reasonably positive. A number of students have realised that it is time to 'ramp up' their study routines.

Congratulations to our athletes who competed at Regional Athletics last week. A number of our students performed personal bests and we will have a contingent heading to state later this term. Many thanks to Mr Butt who organised our school team AND convened the Regional competition.

I hope to see you all at *Cool Night-Hot Band* this Thursday. Please contact me with suggests or concerns.

M Angus, Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- TODAY, our Rugby Union side is playing Wade High School from Griffith in the final 16 round of their state-wide competition. We have been able to supply them with a cheer squad as part of *Have Merit* recognition. Students with 50 signatures or more have been invited to apply for the opportunity to watch this game. We wish our team every success.
- The ARCHER study hangs in the balance. This study is a longitudinal study which aims to investigate the role of hormones and the effect on the behaviour, physical and mental wellbeing of rural Australian teenagers. The team from the University of Sydney were hoping for 100 students to volunteer to take part in this world-first study, but only nine consent forms have been returned. An information night for parents and students was held last night, but if you feel that you son or daughter could take part, then please contact me at school ASAP.
- Orange High has also been invited to participate in a Health Behaviours Survey By NSW Health. This is aimed at students in Years 11 and 12 and involves a 45 minute survey. Information will be forwarded home after the Trial HSC and conducted in Week 6. It is a national survey, involving 25,000 secondary school students and the information provided will assist policy makers and health promotion specialists
- Today is immunization day for students in Years 7 and 10 for the Boostrix [Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (whooping cough)], and some students are 'catching up' on missed injections as well. If your child has not brought home a consent form as yet, please contact me as a matter of urgency, as there are other clinics held in Orange at the other schools.
- Orange PCYC are conducting a Video Disco on Friday, 12th August, from 8pm. to 10pm. The disco will be fully supervised and there is strictly no alcohol. No attendee will be permitted to leave the disco prior to the finish time.

- Athlete's Foot is offering a School's Rewards Program. Any family who buys shoes from the store in Summer Street will generate money towards the school regardless of the price of the shoes (\$5 donated back to the school for each purchase). If you think you could be a part of this fundraiser, please see me for your loyalty card and go shopping!
- Here some dates for your calendar:

Wednesday-Friday	10 th – 12 th August	Year 10 Excursion to the snowfields
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ORANGE HIGH NETBALL CLUB

- At our BBQ fundraiser held last term, one of our helpers misplaced an apron lent to her for the final time slot. The apron is

MARIANNE MURPHY SHIELD ROUNDUP

Yes, the Shield is back at Orange High! Congratulations to our three teams who performed so well to bring it back after a two year's absence.

Our 14s team went through the round games undefeated, amassing nine points from their three games, two points ahead of KWS. The team was made up of Maddie Hales, Holly Harris, Alex Kennedy, Isabel McLeod, Synetta Manns, Chloe Riley, Katie Ryan, and Abby Tilburg. Coach was Ms Dray with Olivia Thompson umpiring.

The 16's team was made up of older Junior A players and players from our top 14s side. They won a very important game against Canobolas to total a valuable 5 points at the end of the rounds. The team was: Sally Campbell, Isabel Coady-Jiear, Jordan Griffen, Laura Harris, Sidonie Robertson, Chloe Smith, and Gabby Thompson. Thank you to Julie Campbell and Sheree Harris for looking after the team.

The Opens were represented by High A who also went through the round games unfeated – Kaleah Blowes, Shannen Downer, Katy Eslick, Brittany Fahy, Bec Hales, Sophia Kloosterman, Miki Riley, Tash Rudd, and Loz Williams. We appreciated Michael Rudd as our umpire.

At the end of the round games the scores stood at: OHS 23 points, MJS 21 points, KWS 19 points, Canobolas 9 points.

The 14s and Opens went through to the finals on Thursday night. At this stage, the Shield was anyone's for the taking, so OHS had to win both their games. The 14s played at 4p.m. and after a tight first half, gained the ascendancy to run away with the game 26-17 over KWS. MJS won the 16s over KWS to put them just 2 points behind OHS.

In the Opens final, MJS scooted away to a very handy lead, but OHS clawed their way back to be just 2 points behind at the first break. The second quarter was dominated by OHS with some outstanding defence, and at half time saw us leading 26-22. Sheahan leveled the scores at 35-all in the third phase and after a thrilling final quarter with both sides at their best, OHS showed the greater patience and made fewer mistakes to take the final and the Shield, 45-41.

Thank you to the parents and supporters who made the trip to cheer both teams on. Your encouragement was greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our umpires throughout the round games as well as the finals. Most of all thank you to the players

and their coaches for bringing 'home' the Marianne Murphy Shield for 2011.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN COMMUNITY

I'm writing to ask for your help. Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than \$5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths will give you one Earn & Learn point for every \$10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress on our points barometer poster at school or online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more...



Help Woolies to help our school. Start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points today!

There's no limit to the number of points

we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

OHS will be hosting the Regional Finals if the Tournament of Minds competition on Sunday August 28th 2011. Over sixty teams from the region, travelling from as far away as Lithgow and Broken Hill, will be competing in the disciplines of applied technology, language literature, maths engineering and social science. OHS will be represented by two teams: Eleanor Delaney, Ali Boyd, Isabella Bankovic, Matthew Lummis, Harry Roth, Ben Woodside and Connor Brady will battle it out the problem of 'Journey starts with a single stop', the applied technology challenging involving the use of both film and live dramatic presentation. 'And the nominations are....' Language literature challenge will see Freya Hawke, Fiona Hughes, Ben Puxty, David Clare, Megan Ezzy, Rebecca Clarke and Addam Parish combine their talents to prove to the judges that their film trailer is Academy Award worthy. Both teams have been training hard during their lunch breaks to solve their respective challenges.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks including manning the BBQ, serving in the canteen, assisting visitors to find their way around the school and setting up and packing up of the venue. Even an hour of your time on the day will be a HUGE help. All proceeds from the BBQ will go towards the purchase of a new school bus. If you can help, please contact Mrs Griffith in the English Department.

I.XTEND

Megan Kirkness of year 8 recently completed the i.xtend gifted and talented enrichment program. Megan worked on a number of problem solving tasks delivered over the internet and completed a personal portfolio of tasks in her interest area. Megan's work was excellent and she graduated from the program with distinction. Well done Megan.

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There is the opportunity for people from any background to support our young students by volunteering to spend a day as a judge in the Tournament of Minds competition on Sunday 28th August 2011 from 8.30am at Orange High School. No prerequisites are necessary, just commitment to children.

Tournament of Minds is a competition between all primary and high schools where the students are given a problem to solve. They spend several weeks preparing a presentation of their solution. It may be in the area of English Literature, Maths or other social or engineering areas. It is often humorous, always creative and highly intellectual. All Judges find the day very enjoyable and gratifying.



All judges attend a training course of two hours and will receive a certificate of accreditation as a Tournament of Minds judge.

This is a great opportunity for people to network with others who support our children and is a fantastic professional development opportunity.

Training for judges will be held in Orange and Dubbo during August.

For more information or to register to help please contact Nicole Griffith nicole.griffith1@det.nsw.edu.au ph 0263623444.

ANGLICARE

Orange NILS is running small interest loans for new essential household items to eligible applicants. Orange NILS covers the postcode areas Orange 2800 and Millthorpe 2798. Applicants must have a health care card or pensioner concession card; 2800 or 2798 postcode and have lived in the defined local government area for nine months or more. Telephone 1800 644 556 for more information.

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SENIOR DISCO
(high school age)
8pm to 10pm

WHERE: Orange Police and Community Youth Club
ADDRESS: Corner of Byng Street and Seymour Street
COST: \$5
ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT.
FULLY SUPERVISED BY POLICE AND ADULT STAFF
FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 02 63 602249

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BECOME A WEP EXCHANGE STUDENT OR HOST FAMILY!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students wishing to live and study overseas for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose from 26 destinations to study and experience life with a welcoming, volunteer host family. **Plan Ahead and Save \$500!** For applications received before 30 November 2011, WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 a \$500 discount off the 2011/12 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in August - September 2012: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA.

**Become a WEP Host Family!**

Extend your family with a motivated international exchange student and make new friends from around the world. Students are arriving in January for a term, semester and year. **Request a FREE Information Pack!** Contact WEP to find out more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Phone: 1300 884 733 (for the cost of a local call) Email: info@wep.org.au Online: www.wep.org.au

Upcoming Information Evenings:

Sydney: 3 August, 23 August
Brisbane: 3 August, 23 August
Townsville: 9 August