

# NEWSLETTER



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It was with mixed emotions that we farewelled our 2012 Year 12 cohort last term. Whilst we are excited about the great future and potential each student has; we were very sad that we will no longer see these wonderful young people on a daily basis. I feel very privileged to have been their Principal throughout the last six years.

I also feel very privileged to have spent the last week with the Year 12 students celebrating their final days of school. A huge thank you to the P&C for their financial support of a 'culture change'. With the P&C's financial assistance we were able to have a staff/student dinner and trivia night and a mystery bus tour. I have included an excerpt from an email I received from a Year 12 student. *'.....everything that has been organized for our year this week has been above and beyond anything we every could have planned. I am confident that this email reflected most of the students' responses, and that the culture has changed'*.

Laura Clancy, a Year 12 dance student has been invited to audition for 'Callback' (the dance equivalent of Art Express). Each year a small number of students are selected to audition by the HSC practical examiners. Laura has been selected for her core composition and core performance. This is a fantastic achievement.

Jake Arnold was also recognised by the HSC markers and has been invited to audition for Encore, the music equivalent of Art Express and Callback. Jackson Bankovic has also been selected as first trombone in the School Spectacular Orchestra. This is the second year that Jackson has been selected for this position. Well done, Jake and Jackson.

The 2012 Year 12 students begin their HSC examinations next Monday. The first exam is for everyone and is English. The exams are then

timetabled over a four week period. Students should be using the time in between exams to study. School staff are always available to assist them and many classes have been conducted over the holidays. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about the HSC examinations.

Not only are our Year 12 students talented, our Year 7 students are also excelling in their chosen fields. Elise Sinclair has had a short story published in a new book entitled 'Write for Fun'. We have just ordered the book for the school library.

On Tuesday afternoon I attended the launch of the Extension 2 major works. Each year I am amazed at the calibre of the students' extended pieces of writing. 2012's efforts are incredible. As an English teacher I am in awe of their creativity and their writing techniques. I'm sure the examiners will also be impressed.

Term 4 will be another busy term. It will also be my last term as Principal of Orange High School. I hope that you will contact me with your concerns, suggestions and comments. I want to continue to work hard to ensure this great school continues to get even better.

**M Angus, Principal**

## WELFARE WORDS

- ◆ Next week is a big week for our Year 12 students – they begin their HSC. We wish all our Year 12's every success as they undertake their final exams as school students.
- ◆ Orange High has been invited to participate in the National Secondary Student's Diet and Activity Survey. One PE class from Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been selected to take part in this survey, involving an online questionnaire and body measurements. It will be conducted next Thursday

and consent forms have been sent home, to be returned to their class teacher by tomorrow. These surveys take place in order for trends in diet and physical activity to be confirmed and enables governments to plan future funding and make policies. I would urge all selected students to take part in this important research.

- ◆ This is a big term for our incoming 2013 Year 7's as students from our Primary Schools will be involved with Transition days and an Information Night happening on the following dates:

Monday 22/10	Orientation afternoon for Year 6 students from non-partner Primary Schools
Tuesday 30/10 & Wednesday 31/10	Transition days for Year 6 students from OPS, Bletchington, Millthorpe, Nashdale, OE, Bowen, Catherine McCauley – 2 days of lessons and school routines – 9am to 3.30pm.
Tuesday 6/11 & Wednesday 7/11	Transition days for Year 6 students from Calare, Borenore, Canobolas, Clergate, Cudal, Errowanbang, OAG – 2 days of lessons and school routines – 9am. to 3.30pm.
Thursday 15/11	Parent Information Night 6.30pm to 8.00pm.
Wednesday 28/11	Catch-up transition for late enrolments 1.30pm. – 3pm.

- ◆ The ASPIRE program continues next week for some of our students. So far, they have completed their First Aid Certificate, gone abseiling in the Blue Mountains and next week will complete several bush walks around our region. All activities are developing their self-confidence and leadership potential.

### L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

#### URGENT – PLAYERS NEEDED

The Orange Waratah Cricket Club is still looking for interested players in the U/16 cricket competitions. The competition goes over Term 4 and Term 1 next year, games are played on Saturdays and cost is \$90.

So, if you are in Year 8/9/10 and you or you and your friends are keen, please contact Di Wilson on 0418164264 or email: [di.wilson6@bigpond.com](mailto:di.wilson6@bigpond.com) for more information.



Orange Bush Nippers is a family-friendly club, giving country kids experiences our coastal clubs have been enjoying for decades. Children, ages 3-17 years, are taught water confidence, competitive beach flags sprints, water rescue and resuscitation skills. Sunday morning meets (now at 9am) vary between Orange Aquatic Centre and Lake Canobolas. There are many achievements to be made in Nippers, or just do it for a bit of outdoor family fun! **REGISTRATION DAY:** 9-11am, Sunday 21st October, Orange Aquatic Centre. (Cost for season: 1 child - \$20, 2+ children - \$40, plus pool entry).