

# NEWSLETTER



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This is perhaps one of the busiest weeks on the school calendar. NAIDOC week has been the highlight with many of our students representing Orange High on Monday in the march and record numbers participating in the Touch Football Day. Many of our students were awarded wonderful artworks in recognition for completing Year 12.

As well as NAIDOC week we also have formal exams for Year 9 and 10 as well as several Year 7 and 8 exams this week. Many households would have at least one Orange High student studying for an exam of some sort this week. As well the Year 12s are finishing off their exams over the next week and most will be looking forward to their Graduation Ball. As they put on their uniform for the final time I hope they acknowledge this moment as being significant and a milestone to be proud of. If they are wondering what they should do with their uniforms the clothing pool is always in need of more uniforms. It may be useful to keep one for fancy dress or if you are asked to speak as the School Captain at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

Many Year 11 students who have started their HSC have approached me and other members of the executive about subject changes and I expect more changes to occur when reports go home. It is difficult to pick up another unit of work after this time and for students who have decided to drop back to 10 units I need to stress the importance of using your study periods wisely. Without the extra units to fall back on there is no room for complacency. If students need assistance with how to study please talk to a teacher who you feel comfortable with and use the expert advice of our Librarian, Mrs Michell; she has some

great resources she can help you with and has a wealth of experience in teaching the HSC.

Year 6 students have started their transition to Orange High School and it is a most exciting time for them all. Most of the students have been looking forward to these days and I am sure that the experiences that they will be involved in will make them comfortable about starting next year. The student leaders who have worked with these students have been doing a fantastic job and I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Chopping and Ms Cooper and all of the staff who volunteered to present the transition experiences.

**Michelle Barrett, Relieving Principal**

**WELFARE WORDS**

- ◆ Thank you to the Year 11 students who attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program last week. Their attention and behaviour was exemplary and Rotary are so pleased to deliver this program to such a large group of interested young people. The staff have remarked that the RYDA program gets better every year it is presented. We trust that it has proved a valuable exercise for our young drivers.
- ◆ Year 6 students from some of our feeder Primary Schools enjoyed the High School experience this week when they joined our school routine and teaching areas on Tuesday and Wednesday. Transition days and an Information Night continue on the following dates:

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.
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Thursday 15/11	Parent Information Night 6.30 pm. to 8.00pm.
Wednesday 28/11	Catch-up transition for late enrolments 1.30pm. – 3pm.

- ◆ This is NAIDOC Week! Our Indigenous students have been involved with a flag raising ceremony and march down Summer Street on Monday; a very active touch football competition at OHS on Tuesday; and the Eisteddfod yesterday. The program for our students at OHS continues as follows:

Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Golf Day, 8am.- 3.30pm.
Thursday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Assembly and Award Giving, Sports Centre, OHS. Period 4

Please note the change of day for the assembly.

- ◆ The Keegan Shield is presented each year to the House that has accumulated the most points for the year. The point system is made up of the Swimming and Athletics Carnival totals and the accumulated merit signatures. This is a timely reminder to all students to make sure they have approached their teachers in charge of sporting, cultural, service and public speaking events to make sure they have received their appropriate number of signatures. As well as classroom and academic signatures, each extra-curricula activity that you are involved in, deserves a signature. The cut-off for 2012 is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, when the winner is determined. Any signatures collected after that date will be credited in the 2013 total.
- ◆ It is expected that next Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, Year 11 will have an assembly to hand out their Preliminary Reports.
- ◆ On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, the 2013 SRC will have their Induction Ceremony. Invitations have been distributed.

**L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare**

## Western NSW Mariners FC

2013

### Women's Trials

Western NSW Mariners FC will again compete in the Football NSW Women's State League competition in 2013. This is the second tier of women's football in NSW. Western Mariners will field U12's, U14's, U16's, Reserve grade and First grade women's teams. Home games for the 2013 season are intended to be played at Proctor Park, Bathurst.

Coaches for the 2013 season are:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Adrian Cox, Reserve Grade – Tony Clancy, 16 Girls – Wayne Clarke, 14 Girls – Paul Morris, 12 Girls – Matt Jones

For more information please contact Andrew Fearnley Operations & Development Manager on 0419 617 312



### Trial Dates

13/11/12

Jack Brabham Orange  
6:15pm All squads

18/11/12

Police Paddock, Bathurst  
10:30am U12, U14  
1:00pm U16, Senior women

24/11/12

Marjorie Jackson Oval  
10:30am U12, U14  
1:00pm U16, Senior women

Please arrive 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time.  
Players are to bring their drink bottles and playing attire.