

NEWSLETTER



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Last Thursday evening the 2012/2013 representatives were inducted into the Student Representative Council and the Sports Council. The induction was a timely reminder of the important role student leadership plays in setting the tone and the direction of our school.

The students were joined by the State Member for Orange Mr Andrew Gee and the 2013 Orange High School Principal, Mr David Lloyd. Although I will only be working with the 2012/2013 student Representative Council this term I am excited about the contribution they will undoubtedly make to our school.

Students and staff are busy rehearsing for next week's School Spectacular. We have students in the choir, dance and indigenous dance. Hayden Buchanan is a featured artist as a vocalist and Jackson Griffith-Bankovic is first trombone in the School Spectacular Orchestra. I am really looking forward to the show. It is on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th in the evening and will be at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Tickets are still available.

I am currently writing the references for the Year 12 students who are leaving us this year. It is interesting to reflect when their accomplishments and their contributions to Orange High School as I do this. Their achievements are an affirmation of the values of Public Education and the important role parents and communities play in schools. The 2012 Year 12 cohort is an exceptional group of young people, well supported by their parents and families.

Public Schools throughout NSW are continually trying to improve their practices. To do this we regularly undertake a self-evaluation. We are currently reviewing the delivery of mathematics and special education at Orange High School. A number of families have been contacted and I thank them for agreeing to be interviewed.

I know I always finish with the same message, but it is important that we work together to continually improve this wonderful school.

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns, suggestions or even compliments. Your input is valued by us all. Best wishes.

M Angus, Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- ◆ Transition days were completed last week when students from our remaining feeder schools enjoyed life at high school on Tuesday & Wednesday. Thank you to Ms Sarah Cooper and Mrs Kerrie Chopping for their organization and to all the staff who took classes to introduce our new students to high school life. Parents are reminded of the Information Night, TONIGHT, including a virtual tour of the School. Location is the PAC.

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

- ◆ Today also sees our NAIDOC assembly happening in the PAC during period 4. Our indigenous students will conduct this assembly and awards will be presented to our hardworking students. Following its conclusion, a barbeque and cake stall will be held to aid the students attending School Spectacular.
- ◆ 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 in which you are involved, deserves a signature. The cut-off for 2012 is this Friday, 16th November, when the winning House is determined. Any signatures collected after that date will be credited in the 2013 total. The final cut-off for signature registration this year is 19th December.

- ◆ Year 11 students received their Preliminary reports this week. If parents do not have their child's report, please contact either Mr Pearson, Year Adviser, or the front office to make arrangements to collect the report.
- ◆ The SRC will be conducting a Disco next Tuesday, with the theme, "ORANGE". Tickets are on sale this week. All the usual expectations for behavior and dress apply. Time is 7pm to 10.00pm.
- ◆ The SRC are also fundraising – WE NEED YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES! There is a collection box at the office windows for you to drop your superseded, broken, smashed or otherwise old phone into. Money raised will be split between a donation to the Cambodian school previously supported and a BBQ lunch to say thank you to our students who consistently do the right thing.
- ◆ Monday, December 3, is the United Nations International Day of People with Disability. In NSW, we celebrate throughout November and December with the 'Don't DIS my ABILITY' campaign. Keep a lookout for the posters around the school. You can find out what's happening in the 100 events taking place throughout NSW at www.dontdismyability.com.au.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

DISCO

The disco details are as follows:

Tuesday 20th November
7-10pm
Theme : "Orange"

Tickets are on sale this week
\$5

RURAL AND DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM TERM 4 – 2012 VIDEO CONFERENCE FOR PARENTS

Identifying and supporting children at risk of anxiety and depression.

Date: Thursday, 6th December, 2012, 6pm – 7pm

Presenter: Clinical psychologists, Melissa Theobald and Rowena Micha

About the session

There are many life events that can be extremely stressful and which can lead to children being at risk of suffering from anxiety and depression. Divorce, bullying, death, exams, even Christmas can be stressful times! Come and join two prominent local Clinical Psychologists, Melissa Theobald and Rowena Micha and learn some very useful tips and strategies for keeping you and your family healthy and relaxed in the good and not so good times. This is a must attend for all parents and caregivers. Have your school book a VC spot now.

For more information go to:

<http://www.cap.nsw.edu.au/rde-relate>

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We are collecting unwanted mobile phones to raise money & help our environment.

Our school will receive \$3 for each phone received working, or not working.

Please send any old mobile phones lying around the house to school with your child.

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encourage them to clean out that bottom drawer and finally get rid of the old phones that have been doing nothing but collecting dust.

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