

NEWSLETTER



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As the 100th year of Orange High School winds to a close it's easy to celebrate our many achievements. Even reflecting on the past week, I am reminded of the strength of Public Education and the opportunities that a truly comprehensive public school provides.

Last week our Year 7 and Year 9 students travelled to the Aussie Bush Camp for their end of year excursions. They were accompanied by their Year 7 Advisers, teaching staff and Mrs Barrett who attended both camps as their senior executive member.

Despite the bushfire evacuation for Year 7, both groups of students enjoyed their outdoor recreation experience. The reports back from staff and students have been very positive.

I have mentioned before that we are fundraising for the McGrath Foundation under the banner of 'Dressember'. At this week's assembly, the final whole school assembly for the year, the Prefects and some members of staff presented a not so fashionable 'fashion parade'. The 'show' was a big hit on the front lawn. As my last full assembly as Principal, it was certainly one to remember.

Tuesday's Presentation Evening showcased the full range of our students' successes. The academic depth of our students, the sporting prowess, the creativity and the citizenship were celebrated. We were fortunate to have an ex-student, Lieutenant Commander Barnes and the 2012 Captains address the students, guests and staff.

This is the last Newsletter I will write as Principal. It is with both excitement and trepidation that I am retiring at the end of this year.

I feel extremely privileged and honoured to have been Principal of Orange High School for the past seven years. During my time I have seen many changes in the school and in staff, students and parents. What hasn't changed is the commitment of everyone to work together to provide opportunities and educational experiences for the students of Orange High School.

I have been fortunate to work with our talented executive and hard-working staff. The support and advice provided by our small but hard working P&C has helped me immensely, particularly the President, Mr Keith Lummis.

The joy of teaching however, is always the students. The students of Orange High School are an exceptional group of young people. When I talk to the students, either in groups or as individuals, I know that our future is in good hands. Our students will make positive contributions to their society and as a school community we have all contributed to their well-being and their 'upbringing' and we should be proud of the job we have done.

Thank you, Orange High School, for all that you have given me. My life has certainly been enriched by my seven years here.

I am proud to be a public servant and hope that I have served you well.

Best wishes, have a great Christmas and holidays.

M Angus, Principal



WELFARE WORDS

- ◆ Please note that any signatures collected between now and the 19th December will be credited to 2013. Students are reminded that they still need to present their diaries to their roll call teacher each Wednesday for collation.
- ◆ The SRC are fundraising – WE NEED YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES! There is a collection box at the office windows into which you can drop your superseded, broken, smashed or otherwise old phone. 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
- ◆ Formal assemblies will be held for all Year groups on Monday, 17th December, when reports and certificates will be handed out. This is a reminder to

all students that full school uniform is required, including correct footwear. Sports uniform is not acceptable. Assemblies will be held in the PAC.

9.15am Year 10

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Period 3 Year 9

Period 4 Year 8

Period 5 Year 7

Period 6 Year 11

- ◆ The Year 7s had a wonderful time on their camp at Tea Gardens last week. Thank you to Ms Cormack for her organisation and again, to the staff who made this excursion possible.
- ◆ The SRC raised lots of money by conducting a casual clothes day on Monday to aid our annual K Mart Christmas Tree appeal. Students were asked to wear Christmas attire and make a gold coin donation for the privilege. The money will be used to purchase gifts for underprivileged children to help make their Christmas a little brighter. Thank you to the students who contributed so generously.
- ◆ Many female staff members have been taking part in Dresember, wearing dresses or skirts to support the McGrath Breast Cancer Foundation during this final month of the year. If you would like to contribute, drop any amount in at the front office, appropriately marked.
- ◆ And finally, next Tuesday 18th December, the Have Merit Committee are taking students with over 100 merit signatures to the Olympic Pool for a barbeque and swim for the day in recognition of their whole school involvement. These students should have already signed up with Mrs Griffen. Lots of great activities are happening for those who wish to take part!
- ◆ These will be my final Welfare Words as Head Teacher Welfare as I am finishing up as a DET employee early in the new year, retiring to pursue other paths. It has been a privilege to work with so many wonderful staff, students and their families and I wish you all a continued happy association with Orange High. Have a blessed Christmas, a safe and relaxing holiday, and a successful 2013.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

ORANGE CITY RUNNING FESTIVAL

It's Christmas time, it's Christmas time WOW. How time flies when we are busy, busy, busy. With only a little over 2 months until the Festival we are all very excited. Make sure you get your entries in and have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year,

OCCRF Committee

Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club Coaches Wanted for 2013

Expression of interest for Junior Coaches

for Walla's - U7's, U9's, U11's

Juniors - 13's, U15's and U17's

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