

NEWSLETTER



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The NAIDOC WEEK assembly proved to be one of the terms highlights and this was the result of the students involved pulling together with Miss Hope to present a variety of performances and presentations. It was hosted by Trent French and Kishaya Delaney who did an expert job at running a smooth assembly. The Sutherland family provided some great entertainment and left the audience with a positive message. For the dancers it provided a great opportunity to highlight Aboriginal culture and give the performers one last opportunity to dance before many of them head off to perform at School Spectacular at the end of this week. The BBQ after the assembly raised over \$600.00 on the day and watching the SRC students work together to cook and serve so many students and visitors to the school impressed the many visitors that stayed after the assembly.

With five school weeks to go before the end of the school year it is important that students continue to attend. Programs in all subjects are continuing as normal. There are key concepts being taught that provide the groundwork for next year. If your son or daughter tells you that they are not doing anything at school and that they do not have to attend, don't believe this. Teachers have been instructed not to show DVDs unless they have been written into a program or are being used as stimulus material.

There are several end of year excursions that have been organised and students should be aware that if they are placed on a level that they will not be allowed to attend. Year 9 and 7 are going to "Aussie Bush Camps" in the Newcastle area and Year 8 are going to the Blue Mountains and Jamberoo. A reminder that final payments are due for these excursions.

Many students who are awaiting their HSC results with anticipation have received early entry offers into Charles Sturt University, Canberra University and Southern Cross University. There are also many reports of our students gaining apprenticeships and traineeships in the local area. For students in Year 11 and below the message to all is to work consistently and apply themselves at all times as it is teacher comments on reports that can assist in gaining a place in some university courses, or being awarded an Apprenticeship, or finding a great job at the end of your school career.

One of the Orange High School Electives offered to Year 9 and 10 students is a course known as "PIPS". This course involves

circus skills, gymnastics and performance. Next week these students will be visiting various primary schools in the Orange District to perform the skills they have worked on in the past year. Mr Wharton has coordinated this with the primary schools and I know how keen our students are show off their hard work.

Our Annual Presentation Night is on the 11th December in the School Gym and students will be informed shortly if they will be receiving an award. Parents are invited to attend and there is a supper provided at the end of the presentation in the PAC. The supper is an opportunity to find out more about the major awards as a history of the awards are placed around the PAC. For the Year 12 students it is the last time they will be in their Orange High uniform. It will also be Ms Angus's last Presentation Night so this is an event not to be missed.

The Graduation Ball will be held on the 30th of November and many Year 12 students will be looking forward to this night. The Ball provides an opportunity for the students to dress up and catch up with friends and staff. It is a great night for all families concerned.

M Barrett, Relieving Principal

WELFARE WORDS

- ◆ Orange Clothing Company has donated 3 large boxes of the yellow/black/white zippered track suit tops, which are no longer compulsory sports uniform. Next Monday, we will conduct a 'fire sale' of these jackets. All sizes, brand new for \$5.00 per top. They are suitable for wearing to sport or PE. Funds raised will go into assisting needy students with uniforms. Even parents who support our students at various events may like to purchase a jacket, to show your 'true colours'.
- ◆ 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 window, into which you can drop your superseded, broken, smashed or otherwise old phones. 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 3rd December, 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
- ◆ Formal assemblies will be held for all Year groups on Monday 17th December, when reports and certificates will be handed out. This is an early 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.
- ◆ The Year 10 assembly will be held at 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

JAPAN 2012

Fantastic! This is the word that describes our trip to Ushiku this year. We had a very successful homestay with the families of Ushiku Eishin High School. Some students were lucky enough to go to the students that they hosted in Orange, others were hosted by different students who came to Orange and the boys who went to Japan were hosted by new families. All students really enjoyed their time with their families. They also enjoyed the time that we spent at the school participating in school activities of Calligraphy, PE, Music, English, Ikebana and several after school sporting activities. We visited Narita's Shinshoji Temple before our official school assembly, where our students did us proud with their introductory speeches. We visited the famous Tokyo Edo Museum and then we were off to see traditional sumo wrestling, which the students found very interesting. The next day saw us climbing Ushiku's famous Mt Tsukuba to gain a great view of the surrounding area, well worth the climb. We then met with the Mayor and again gave our speeches, had formal photos, and presented him with some of Orange High's first bottled wine. Then we toured the sights of Ushiku which included the Big Buddha, Ushiku Chateau, where we had a marvellous luncheon, Lake Ushiku and enjoyed little shopping time at a new shopping centre.



During our stay with the High School we also visited the Geological Museum, where we learnt about earthquakes and minerals, AIST Science Square, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, and the famous Keggon Waterfalls and Toshogu Shrine at Nikko. It was a speedy 10 days that cumulated in our farewell party where the principal presented us all with cups that had a group picture of Orange and Ushiku Eishin Exchange students on it. The Japanese

boy that gave the speech was so touched by our visit with him that he became emotional during his speech which touched us all. We were also touched by 5 students from the 2010 exchange



coming to the school during our visit to say hello to us and to our students.

We left that day on our own trip, catching the Shinkansen to Kyoto and the next day we visited the famous Kiyomizu temple, Nijo Castle, the Golden pavilion, and ate our lunch in the Imperial Palace gardens. Next day we were back on the Shinkansen and off to Hakone, on our way to see Mt Fuji. Luckily on our cablecar ride towards Mt Fuji the clouds parted and Mt Fuji revealed herself

to us, apparently a rare sight. We celebrated with a traditional dinner and left for Tokyo the next morning. Then there was Shibuya, Shinjuku, Akihabara and Ikebukuro train stations, street crossings, people, and shops that kept mouths open and cameras clicking madly for the next couple of days. Disney Sea was also awesome, there was running to line up and more photos and silly hats to buy and wear.

This was a fantastic trip, one that I couldn't do without my offsider Brian Irvine. A simple thank you isn't enough, but thank you. And I have to make a special thank you to 16 special students for making this one trip that I will not forget. Thank you all.

I can't wait for the next trip.

Shery Pirie, Japanese Teacher
Ushiku Exchange Co-ordinator



Orange High School

Parents & Citizens Association

To Year 7 and others new to OHS.....

Now that the year is underway; parents, students and siblings are invited to a

Welcome to Orange High School
Family BBQ

on **Wednesday 6th February 2013**

starting at **6.00pm**

on the **Orange High School Front Lawn**

There is no cost but to assist with catering please let us know if you are coming by **Monday 4th February**.

Please join us!

Keith Lummis
P&C President

David Lloyd
Principal

Sarah Cooper
Year 7 Adviser

Please contact the front office on 6362 3444 to RSVP

KMART WISHING TREE LAUNCH

Orange High School prefects attended the launch of the 2012 Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal last Friday. We will be having a casual clothes day later in the term to raise money for some gifts to donate. Students may also donate a gift if they wish. Orange High has been a major contributor to the Kmart Wishing Tree appeal each year and this year we have offered a challenge to Electrolux and the Orange Fire Brigade to see who can donate the most gifts. This is a very worthy cause that we are happy to be involved with. More details about our fundraising efforts will follow.



YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Orange High School prefects travelled to Sydney on Sunday to attend the Young Leaders Day conference at Darling Harbour on Monday. The students were inspired by speakers such as Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Tega Paa (from The Voice) and Ronni Kahn (founder of OzHarvest). Our students were outstanding ambassadors for Orange High School, leading the way in behaviour, uniform and attitude. We look forward to their year as the leaders of Orange High School

K Griffen, SRC Co-ordinator

