

NEWSLETTER



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Last week's School Spectacular certainly lived up to its name! The 2012 School Spectacular was fantastic. The three thousand plus performers entertained capacity crowds for four shows. As a member of the audience, I was once again extremely proud to be involved with Public Education.

Our Indigenous dancers, dance ensembles, choir members, and individual musicians and vocalists were outstanding. As a featured vocalist, Hayden Buchanan looked just as comfortable on the stage of the Sydney Entertainment Centre as he does on the stage in our performing Arts Centre.

Jackson Griffith-Bankovic, as the lead trombonist, ensured that the orchestra trombonists were on time and on task.

A huge thank you to the teachers: Mr Irvine, Miss Hope and Miss Atchinson for the important role they played preparing and accompanying the students. The School Spectacular is an event that I am confident every student will remember. Well done, everyone.

Planning is well underway for the 2013 school year. To continually improve, Orange High School regularly evaluates programs and processes. Over the last two years we have been looking at ways to improve participation and student engagement in sport. In 2013, we will be trialling integrated sport. Sport will no longer be confined to just Wednesdays. Different year groups could have their sport for a double period on any day of the week.

This change will allow/encourage further development of skills and the opportunity for students to try more sports. The majority of sports classes will be taken by PE teachers or teachers with sports or coaching expertise. During 2013, we will be seeking you, and your child's feedback on the changes.

All of the students receiving an award at our Annual Presentation Night have been given a written invitation to the event. Our Presentation Night celebrates student achievement in academia, sports, citizenship and the arts. Please ensure your child attends if they are being acknowledged. The evening is open to the Orange High School community. I hope that many of you will take the opportunity to come and celebrate our students' successes.

The 2012 Mirror, our annual school magazine is currently at the printers. It will be on sale at Presentation Night on the 11th December and then available from the front office.

There will be a number of staff changes in 2013. Mr Stewart Vidler has been successful at merit selection and will take up the

position of Deputy Principal at Henry Lawson High School in Grenfell. Stewart has made a wonderful contribution to Orange High School during his four years here. He is a highly valued executive member, an exemplary teacher and has also been our technology 'guru'.

Mr Lachlan Butt will begin his permanent teaching career at Orange High School in 2013. Lachlan has been an outstanding casual teacher for the past five years. His commitment to Orange High School is evident in all that he does. Lachlan has spent the past 12 months studying to retrain as a mathematics teacher. This rigorous course is only open to around 20 teachers each year. Fortunately for us, Lachlan was accepted, and having completed the course, has been appointed to our school.

Mr John Dwyer and Mrs Lynne Middleton retire at the end of the school year and we all wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming functions:

Calendar	Year 12 Graduation, 30 th November
	Presentation Night, 11 th December
	Year 10 Assembly, 17 th December
	P&C Meeting, 12 th December

Don't forget to mark the 'Welcome Back BBQ' on the 6th February, 2013 in your diary.

M Angus, Principal

YEAR 7 2013 – ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

Next year's Year 7 students are officially ready!! Transition occurred in weeks 4 and 5 this term and concluded with the Parent Information Night in week 5.

Over 160 year 6 students were welcomed into Orange High School to participate in a 2 day learning program. Students experienced a range of class subjects including Agriculture, PDHPE, Dance, Mathematics, English, History, Archaeology, Geography, Art, Music, Drama and PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). They experienced all the positive aspects of high school life including navigating around the school buildings and visiting the canteen. The students conducted themselves positively and approached new tasks with interest and enthusiasm. The 2013 Year Adviser, Ms Cooper thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know the year 6 students. We

are confident that all incoming students will become positive members of the Orange High School community.

On behalf of Ms Cooper and myself, many thanks to the Orange High School staff and the Transition Team for facilitating the transition events. It certainly takes a full team effort for it to be a success. And a huge success it was! Well done team!

Keep a look out for the invite to the 'Welcome BBQ for Year 7 and new students' to be held on the 6th Feb 2013. The event will provide an opportunity for parents and families to meet staff and immerse themselves in the Orange High School community. The P and C Committee will provide a BBQ dinner from 6.00pm on the OHS front lawn. More details and invites will be distributed early in the New Year.

**Happy transition,
Kerrie Chopping
e² Experience Coordinator**

e² EXPERIENCE ... PROVIDING HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

e² experience has enjoyed another successful year in 2012. The e² experience Science program catered for over 280 year 5 and 6 students from our feeder Primary Schools throughout 2012. Thank you to Mrs Griffen, Mrs Wickham, Ms Teitzel, Mr Schenkel, Mr Routh and Miss Townsend for preparing and presenting a comprehensive Science program that was thoroughly enjoyed by our stage 3 Primary School scientists. Every 5 weeks a new group of students would come in eager to learn and conduct science experiments under the guidance of our expert staff.

A very big thank you to Roz, who prepared all the science equipment for classes each week. Her expert organisational skills kept the routines smooth and orderly.



Many parents took the opportunity to accompany their child in the last session of each program. It was great to see so many parents take time out of their busy schedules to support active student learning and to acknowledge their child as they received their participant certificate. The Orange High School staff welcomed the opportunity to meet parents before their child comes to high school.

e² experience also conducted circus skills, debating and music



workshops throughout the year. Thank you to Mr Baker, Mr Wharton, Miss Hilton, Ms Crane, Mrs Mickle and all the Orange High School students for preparing and presenting valuable learning experiences for the Primary School students. We had overwhelming praise from staff, students and parents following these fantastic workshops.

A special thank you to the Orange High School Student Representative Council. Numerous students have happily supported me in promoting our e² experience programs. Thank you for representing Orange High School with pride and honour. Your help and diligence is much appreciated. Attached are some photos of the last round of Year 5 students from Bletchington PS, Orange Public and Borenore PS. Can't wait for next year!!

Kerrie Chopping, e² Experience Coordinator



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
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Congratulations to the following students who have achieved higher awards in the Have Merit system:
Silver Award – these students have attained 800 merit points

Yosuke Fujisawa Year 12	Jordan Capnerhurst Year 12	Robina Ingham Year 12
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Bronze Award – these students have attained 600 merit points

Hayden Lummis Year 12	Keira Oborn Year 12	Ali Clarke Year 11
Harry Roth Year 9	Isabella Bankovic Year 8	Mickalla Davis Year 8

Violet Award – these students have attained 450 merit points

Sam Goodacre Year 12	Caitlin Ahern Year 11	Lachlan Jensen Year 11
Teneshia South Year 11	Dionne Anslow Year 10	Margot Foy-Brown Year 10
Nikki Hasenkam Year 10	Samuel Lucas Year 10	Ryan Milham Year 10
Ali Boyd Year 8		

2012 KEEGAN SHIELD

This is the shield presented annually to the House that accumulates the greatest number of points over the year. Points come from the swimming and athletics carnivals, and all activities in which the students participate – representative sport, debating, musical, drama, dance, school service to name a few. The signatures are totaled in mid-November and it gives me great pleasure to announce this year’s winner:

Macquarie	13,565
Bourke	13,155
Elliott	12,745
Parkes	12,230

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare