

NEWSLETTER



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So much great news this week, I'm not sure where to start.....

Lauren Parker, one of our 2012 Year 12 students, was notified that she had been awarded the prestigious Australian College of Nursing Scholarship valued at \$30,000.00. Lauren is a worthy recipient of this award. In addition to her school based courses, Lauren has achieved a Certificate III Human Services at Western Institute of TAFE. The Certificate III course is a direct result of the strong relationship between the e2 schools and TAFE. Well done everyone and especially Lauren.

Fifty six 2012 Year 12 students know that they have university places, although the HSC results aren't released for another "fortnight". Thousands of students apply to the universities for positions each year through the Principal Recommendation Entry Program. Orange High Students received offers of over one hundred places, as some of the fifty six students received two or three offers. The courses were varied and included teaching, accounting, music, technology, justice and many others.

In addition to the university places, a number of students have received offers of traineeships and apprenticeships. These students have been involved in rigorous application processes and have obviously performed well to be selected for the positions.

Last Friday night, we farewelled the 2012 Year 12 group at the Graduation Ball. It was with very mixed emotions that Mr Keith Lummis (P & C President), Michelle Barrett (Deputy Principal) and I, received the graduates. We just didn't want to say "goodbye".

The evening was a great success. Everyone looked sophisticated and "grown up". Amazing, what a difference a holiday, a few exams and perhaps "schoolies" makes to a young person's appearance. They had all metamorphosed into young adults in the few short weeks.

A huge thank you to Mrs Kloosterman, Mrs Garlick, the parent volunteer, and Mrs Griffen and the Year 11 prefects for their organization and decorations. The function centre looked amazing and the evening ran like clockwork. Well done, everyone.

Last week our junior debating team took part in the State Finals. The team consisted of Isabella Bankovic, Alexandra Boyd, Eleanor Delaney and Freya Hawke. The competition was a round robin in which they defeated Hunter School of Performing Arts and James Ruse Agricultural High School, but lost to Oxley High School and Sydney Girls High School, who went on to win the

competition. The girls are to be congratulated upon their debating skills, having demonstrated pleasing development over the course of the competition. They were unlucky to miss out on a berth in the finals after a five way tie in their pool. They were excellent ambassadors for the school in both their execution of the debates and their exemplary behaviour.

The staff have been busy raising money for cancer. The male staff have finished "Movember" – thank goodness! The female staff are now trying to outdo their fundraising through frocking up each day as part of "Dressember". All the proceeds from "Dressember" will go to the McGrath foundation.

Next week is our Annual Presentation Evening. The evening begins at 6.30 pm and is a time to celebrate our students' efforts and successes. Students who are receiving awards have received a written invitation, however, everyone is welcome.

The final yearly reports are currently being compiled. Students will receive them on Monday, 17th December. School finishes for students on Wednesday, 19th December and for staff on Friday, 21st December.

Best wishes.

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 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 9.15a.m. Parents are most welcome to attend.

- ◆ Times for the remaining assemblies are as follows:

Yr 8 Period 3
 Yr 9 Period 4
 Yr 7 Period 5
 Yr 11 Period 6

- ◆ Year 9s returned from their Camp at Tea Gardens yesterday. From all accounts, it was much enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Mrs Small for organizing this end-of-year reward and to the staff who accompanied the students – I think they enjoyed themselves as much as the students!
- ◆ Year 7s return today from Tea Gardens. I'm sure there will be some tired bodies, but the camp is a great experience for everyone. Thank you to Ms Cormack for her organisation and again, to the staff who made this excursion possible.
- ◆ Next Wednesday, our Indigenous students are partaking in a rewards day, involving a movie followed by a barbeque and swim at the pool. The day has been organized to recognize the tremendous effort these students have put into the life of Orange High this year and for the way many of them are stepping into leadership roles. Thank you to Ms Hope and Mary for your guidance and time with these students.
- ◆ On Monday next week, the SRC are conducting a casual clothes day to aid our annual K Mart Christmas Tree appeal. Students are asked to wear Christmas theme attire and make a gold coin donation for the privilege. Please adhere to respectable and appropriate clothing. The money will be used to purchase gifts for underprivileged children to help make their Christmas a little brighter
- ◆ And finally, on Tuesday 18th December, the Have Merit Committee are taking any student 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 will have to 'sign-up' next week by bringing their diaries to Mrs Griffen in G3 and having their names recorded. Lots of great activities are happening for those who wish to take part!


L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

DANCE AND DRAMA

Orange High School's Dance and Drama Showcase will be held on Monday the 10th of December from 7pm till 9pm in the PAC. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5. Students in Years 7 - 10 Dance and 7 - 11 Drama will be involved. Please come and support the Dance and Drama Program at Orange High School.

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