

# NEWSLETTER



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Welcome back! The one hundredth year of Orange High School has begun.

Our Centenary Celebrations will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April. There will be activities at school on the Saturday, a dinner dance Saturday night and breakfast at school on the Sunday.

A special welcome to our new parents. I'm sure you will enjoy being part of the Orange High School community. I encourage you to play an active role in your students' education. We value your opinions and suggestions.

I also encourage you to join the P&C or volunteer in the canteen. P&C meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Science laboratory. The meetings begin at 6.30pm and usually finish around 8.30pm. The committee plays a vital role in our school and helps the staff and students shape the future directions.

A warm welcome also to our many new teachers. Joining Orange High School this year we have:

- Ben Callaway – PE
- Merryn Penny – Mathematics
- Sarah Townsend – Science
- Aaron Routh – Science
- Greg Dunn – Science
- Melissa Morison – Special Ed
- Daniel Wait – Agriculture
- Joshua Thacker – English
- Alice Hillier - TAS
- Graham Jones – PE



*Back Row: Joshua Thacker, Daniel Wait, Ben Callaway, Graham Jones, Aaron Routh  
Front Row: Greg Dunn, Sarah Townsend, Merryn Penny*

*Achievement in a supportive environment*

In addition to our new teachers, we have a number of internal changes. Mrs Middleton is on Long Service Leave for all of the term. Mrs Griffen is relieving in her position as Head Teacher Welfare. Mr Vidler is relieving as Head Teacher e<sup>2</sup> and Mrs Winslade is relieving as Head Teacher Administration (students).

Orange High School's 100<sup>th</sup> Year 7 cohort appear to have had a good start to the year. The students I have spoken to have enjoyed the variety of teachers and the specialist classrooms. As I walked around the classes they seemed to be buzzing. A big thank you to Miss Cormack and the Year 10 Peer Support leaders for their support of Year 7 on their first day.

Last week a large number of our students were acknowledged at the Orange Australia Day Awards. Bryce and Kyle Ostini received the Young citizen of the year Awards for their fundraising efforts to support cancer research and treatment. Congratulations to both boys.



Our students also received Australia Day sports awards for representing NSW in their chosen sports:

- Kate Butcherine, Michael Dillon, Rachel Divall and Tim Eslick – Hockey.
- Jesse Keegan – Squash.
- Meaghan Kempson, Soccer
- Kyle Ostini – Triathlon
- Olivia Patterson – Basketball and Touch,
- Maddie Smith – Hockey
- Toby Westcott – Martial Arts
- Addy Johnson - Cricket

Congratulations to Billy Greatbatch who is now on accredited Level 4 Touch Football referee. He is the youngest person in the world to hold this accreditation.

The majority of our Year 12 students achieved their goal is the Higher School Certificate last year. Congratulations to Wesley Grevink who was Dux of the 2011 Year 12 group. Almost 40% of the year group received early entry to university offers as well.

Our priority for 2012 remains student engagement. Our teachers are currently working on new ways to teach and engage our students. We ask that you assist us by ensuring your child attends school every day and completes his or her homework each night. Every student has a diary that they need to write their homework in each lesson. We will shortly be emailing assignments home to parents, too. We hope that this will assist you to help your child get organised. If you haven't already done so, could you please provide your email address to the school.

Although it is a new year, my message remains the same. Please contact me if you have questions, concerns or suggestions. Working together we will make our great school even better.

**M Angus, Principal**

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF ALL MUSIC AND CREATIVES ARTS STUDENTS

PRISM is a parent group who support the many and varied activities of all the creative arts students at OHS. PRISM will be holding a meeting next Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm in the Music Centre. All parents, new and old, are encouraged to attend. email: [ohsprism@gmail.com](mailto:ohsprism@gmail.com)

**Lynette McLeod**

### BUSH NIPPERS

Amber Collins, Alice Kjoller, Molly Collins, Synetta Manns and Abbey Glennon were part of a group of 33 members of Orange Bush Nippers who attended The Annual BBM Junior Development Camp for surf life saving at Dee Why Surf Life Saving Club from Australia Day through to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Instead of participating in the camp, the girls undertook training and assessment for the Surf Rescue Certificate (SRC). This is the entry level certificate for Cadets to be qualified as Junior Life Savers. The certificate consists of a series of physical and theoretical challenges that include the following:

- A board rescue in surf conditions showing correct procedure and technique in paddling out through the break, (breaking waves) picking up a conscious patient and returning them safely to shore for treatment.
- A tube rescue in surf conditions showing correct procedure and technique in swimming out through the break, safely approaching and securing a conscious patient in a rescue tube then returning them safely to shore for treatment.
- Being able to recognise Surf Life Saving hand signals and respond appropriately.
- A 100m run, 100m swim, 100m run. from the beach out through the break, ocean swim and return to shore in under 5 mins.
- A 200m pool swim in under 5 minutes.
- One and two person CPR on an infant, child and adult.
- First Aid and live patient assessment for a range of injuries.

The girls are now accredited Junior Life Savers with Dee Why Surf Life Saving and attended their first patrol on Sunday afternoon after finishing the course. A series of visits are planned

for this year where each of them must notch up a minimum 24 hrs patrol time to fulfill their volunteer obligations. The girls will attend a presentation dinner later in the year where they will receive their certificates.

As you will appreciate this is a huge achievement for country kids who have trained in flat water and probably only see the beach once a year.



*Left to right are Amber Collins, Alice Kjoller, Molly Collins, Synetta Manns and Abbey Glennon.*

**John Collins, Secretary Orange Bush Nippers**

### Year 7's First Day



*Ready!*



*Waiting!*



*Go!*