

NEWSLETTER



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What a week! Whilst still 'recovering' from the 'high' of the Centenary, the celebrations begin again in hospitality and music.

Last Wednesday, the Principals and School Captains of the e² schools, the School Education Director, and the Regional Vocational and Training Consultant, met for lunch at Orange High School. The luncheon celebrated the conclusion of the first cohort of e² Year 12 students to complete the additional specialisation in 2 Unit Hospitality. The Year 12 students prepared a beautiful three course lunch to demonstrate their mastery of the skills taught during the course. Many thanks to Mrs Small and the Year 12 Hospitality students for their hard work in this area.

Last Thursday I accompanied our Stage Band and a number of parents to Mt Gambier for the 'Generations in Jazz' – National Stage Band Championships. The excursion was definitely the best one I have ever been on. As always our students' behavior was exemplary throughout the five days. The Stage Band are a cohesive group who continually work together to bring the best out in each other.

The Stage Band's performance in the competition on the Saturday was outstanding. The audience was mesmerized and it was pleasing to see the stage manager come out and watch our group. We had an anxious wait on the Saturday evening as we listened to the announcement of the Big Band members. The Big Band performs on the Sunday at the final concert and consists of the best students on each instrument. We were all thrilled to have Jake Arnold (trumpet), Jackson Griffith-Bankovic (trombone) and Kenan Milham (drums) chosen for this honour.

On the Sunday, Orange High School was awarded the well deserved First Place in Division 2. The adjudicator, quite correctly, said that the band had performed each of their pieces superbly and that the group deserved to be the winners for the second year in a row. A huge congratulations to Mrs Mickle, the Stage Band and the parents who support this group. Everyone had worked hard to achieve their goals. As the Queen song says, '*We are the Champions*'.

Continuing with our success in music, Phoebe Parsons a Year 10 student, has made it to the second round of auditions for the Talent Development Program. This program has assisted artists like Human Nature and Jack Vidgen. Phoebe's progress is an acknowledgement of her natural talent and her excellent work ethic. I look forward to following Phoebe's progress through the very competitive selection process.

Our Year 11 students are currently sitting their Half Yearly Examinations. The majority will be on track and will use their exams to reflect on their knowledge and in a few cases their work ethic. Teachers are working closely with the students to ensure they all reach their considerable potential.

Teams are being selected for the Malynley Shield trip to Gosford High School at the moment. This visit is a long running tradition for both Gosford High School and ourselves. To be eligible to participate in the Gosford excursion, students must meet school expectations of their attendance and work requirements.

As always please contact the school if you have any concerns or queries.

M Angus, Principal

MITCH SELWOOD CUP – BASKETBALL

A great day was had by all Orange High School basketball players at the recent Mitch Selwood Cup. This is the inaugural year for the Orange Inter-Schools Basketball tournament and OHS went very close to taking home the main trophy.

Our senior boys and girls managed to take home the gold medals when they defeated James Sheahan in their finals. The boys match was very close with the game in the balance right down to the wire. Some clutch shooting and tight defence allowed the boys to be victorious. The girls had to battle with James Sheahan over three games and managed to win them all. The girls had to fight for each of their wins and it was their team cohesion and spirit that got them over the line.

The junior girls unfortunately lost to a much more experienced James Sheahan team in the final. Our team was made up by players who are relatively new to the sport. If they can manage to continue to improve their skills at the rate they did on the day then they should be very successful in the future. The junior boys team came up against much bigger and older boys and were unfortunately knocked out by a well drilled Canobolas High team in the semis finals. Just like the girls, I have no doubt that if this team sticks together then they will win many matches for OHS in the future.

A big thankyou to all of our referees and parents who supported the teams on the day and also to super coach Ms Dray. Well done

to all students who were involved, you were fantastic representatives of why our school is so great.

T Baker, HT PDHPE

WELFARE WORDS

- It looks like next week is a BIG week. NAPLAN tests take place for all students in Years 7 and 9. In addition, David Peachey is here on Wednesday 16th to conduct several workshops throughout the day, including a rugby league coaching clinic for our budding players in the afternoon. Sign-up sheets are located outside the Science staffroom, so place your name on the lists quickly to avoid disappointment.
- Also next week, Ms Hope and myself will be conducting Indigenous interviews with a view to develop new Personalised Learning Plans for our students. A letter has gone home with the students, inviting parents/carers to make an appointment time to meet with us. Please return the slip by tomorrow or ring the school for an appointment time.
- Several students were awarded Indigo certificates in the *Have Merit* system at the assembly this week. Indigo level is attained when the student has accumulated 300 teacher signatures. Well done to the following students:

Year 12

Natasha Clarke	Sarah Diani	Ben Eldridge	Sam Goodacre
Nicole Grasso	Keira Oborn	Christopher Ryan	Brooke Stephen
Olivia Thompson			

Year 11

Brooke Tonkin	Paige Tonkin	Jessica Webb	
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Year 10

Olivia Ananin	Ashlee Bastiaansen	Kishaya Delaney	Louise Kempson
Jaime-Lee Munday	Scott Nichols	Maddison Parker	Rachel Pengilly
Joseph Tulikaki			

Year 9

Elliott Lemmon	Kailey Munday	Joshua Shaw	Ben Woodside
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Year 8

Isabella Bankovic	Mickalla Davis	Cleo Panprakhon
Gerry Shea	Louis Shea	Joel Thomas

- Remember to have your diary out on your desks each lesson to remind staff to sign when you go beyond their expectations in work, achievement or service. With our Touch teams already in the final rounds of their competition and having some home games, you will need 60 signatures (TBC) to have the opportunity to watch these games. 20 signatures will be required for you to attend the disco in a couple of weeks.
- AND we are looking to have a special event for students in Years 10, 11 & 12 in Week 9. "Showtrain" is performing at the Civic Theatre and we have been offered a special deal on the price for a performance during the day. Is there enough

interest out there from our senior students to plan for this event???? See an SRC member and register your interest!

- The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to assist in the Red Shield Appeal on Sunday 20th May. We have a challenge between the Orange/Molong/Blayney schools to provide the most collectors, so how about giving up a couple of hours on Sunday morning with a group of your friends for some community service? Mrs Griffen has more information and the registration forms.
- This week is Heart Week – what is left of it, make it your wellness week and check out www.heartfoundation.org.au for information on: what happens during a heart attack; the warning signs; personal stories; heart attack action plans. There is also information on the City2Surf (could the school enter a team), Blackmores Sydney Running Festival and the Healthy Heart Challenge (women only!)

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare

FACULTY NEWS

HSIE – a number of Year 10 students have recently completed the Australian Geography competition, the results are yet to be returned.

Assessments due: Preliminary; Ancient History (Week 6), Business Studies (Week 7), Legal Studies (Week 9), Modern History (Week 7), Society and Culture (Week 9).

HSC – Ancient History (Week 4), Business Studies (Week 7), Legal Studies (Week 7), Modern History (Week 5).

Congratulations to Mr Gray and his Year 9 History class for conducting a successful Anzac Day ceremony.

Mrs Mitchell will be taking her HSC Business Studies class to Friskies Factory at Blayney to enhance students' understanding of larger organisations.

Year 7 – congratulations to all Year 7 for being the 100th Year 7 group to come through Orange High School. A commemorative key ring has been given to each student.

Ms Hillier will be running peer support classes again.

NAPLAN is fast approaching. A parent information evening will be held tonight (10th May) - 5.30 – 6.15pm in the Library at OHS.

Year 11 – all Year 11 students are completing Preliminary Half-Yearly Exams.

M Barrett, Deputy Principal

ORANGE APPLE FESTIVAL ART COMPETITION CRITERIA

As part of the Orange Apple Festival (May 11th – 13th) we are running a School Art Competition across Orange, Cabonne and Blayney schools. Three artworks from each year (K-12) will be hung at the Orange Region Farmers Market on Saturday May 12th to be judged across the district.

