

NEWSLETTER



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A highlight of this week's assembly was the presentation given by our exchange student Ellen Van Doek. Ellen's parents joined the assembly as she presented an overview of her country, Holland and the Netherlands. Ellen has attended our school for almost 12 months and in true Orange High fashion has taken advantage of the many opportunities our school presents. Ellen has represented the school and the region in hockey and has been a fantastic ambassador for her home country. We will miss Ellen when she leaves.



Congratulations to our hockey players, Maddie Smith and Rachel Divall. Maddie has been selected as a member of the Combined High Schools and the NSW All Schools Hockey team. Rachel has been selected in the Combined High Schools Hockey team. This is a great effort for both girls.

Our Year 9 and Year 10 Debating teams defeated Dubbo College Delroy Campus in the first round of the Premier's Cup Challenge last week. Debating continues to grow at Orange High. Well done, debaters. I look forward to hearing the Round 2 results.

Our Indigenous Dance ensemble have been invited to perform at the School Spectacular following their workshop with the State's top Indigenous dancers last week.

Next week almost 200 students and staff travel to Gosford for Malynley Shield. I'm not sure whether my inclusion as the chess and debate co-ordinator is a statement about my sporting prowess or my English teaching background! The Malynley Shield (or 'Gosford visit' as it's affectionately known) is one of the longest running interschool competitions in the state, and one of the few that still includes student billeting. Hopefully we will retain the shield that we won last year. Many thanks to Miss Dray for all her organisation of the trip. It is a huge job.

Last week Mr Sloan presented a brief workshop for the P&C about the many changes that Orange High School is making to teaching and learning in the classroom. The changes to the National Curriculum and the abolition of the School Certificate have provided us with the opportunity to do things differently. The P&C enjoyed Mr Sloan's presentation and I'm sure gained greater insight into the workings of our large high school.

I encourage everyone to attend the P&C meetings whenever they can. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Science laboratories. The meetings are focused and are usually finished by 8.30pm. The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 13th June. I hope we will see you there.

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

M Angus, Principal

INDIGENOUS DANCE ENSEMBLE

On Monday and Tuesday last week, part of the Indigenous Dance Ensemble travelled to Dubbo to work with Sidney Saltner and Sonny Townsend from Bangarra Dance Company. All of the kids did extremely well and worked really hard over the two days.

Congratulations to Jordan Griffen, Nikita Campbell, Dylan McManus and Emily Weekes who have been nominated for the NSW Indigenous Dance Company.

Our Dance ensemble is really looking forward to hearing about Schools Spectacular soon too.

M Hope

WHAT'S NEW? – THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

By popular demand we are extending the menu for the Breakfast Program. Cheese toasties will now be available at the low cost of 50 cents. We still have cereal and fruit available too, all available from the canteen every morning from 8.20am – 8.45am. Thank you to the team at Orange Retravisation for your kind donation of a sandwich press. It will be put to good use every morning. We appreciate the community's support to help fund beneficial programs for our students.

Acknowledgement and thank you to our volunteers who facilitate the breakfast program each morning. Without them this service would not be available for Orange High School students. Thank you to our staff volunteers: Stephanie Nott, Kylie Evans, Lisa Phillips, Nicole Griffiths, Veronica Presser, Claire Evans, Melanie Hope, Carol Perrin, Alice Hillier, Heather Michell and John Dwyer.

Thank you to our student volunteers: Paige Tonkin, Lillian Evans, Billy Greatbatch, Gerry Shea, Jeremy Reed, Lynton Robbins and Nikita Campbell.

So if your family is ever running late, just remember we can help out with breakfast for a nominal cost of 50 cents. That will be one less pressure in the busy morning routine!

K Chopping

CHS TENNIS ROUND 1 VS BATHURST HIGH: 2/04/12

The boys' team had a convincing win 8 sets to nil. Matt Boss stepped up triumphantly into the number one spot. Lachlan Jensen played strongly, as always, to lose only 2 games in 3 sets. The brothers Griffith left the bickering for off the court and won all their sets convincingly.

The girls' team faced a tougher test. They acquitted themselves extremely well to win 4 sets and lose by only 10 games. Caitlin McCaffery and Sophie Kloosterman had strong singles wins and made an excellent doubles pairing.

New recruits, Megan Kirkness and Catherine Manca showed a lot of guts against tough opposition and improved throughout the day.

We look forward confidently to the boys' Round 2 against Blayney High and to the boys and girls teaming up to teach Bathurst and Dubbo some lessons in Astley Cup.

The tennis team wishes Meaghan Kempson a speedy recovery. It just isn't the same without you.

K Rogers

OHS RUGBY UNION

It has been a busy start to the rugby season this year with three OHS teams playing over two days. Last Wednesday our Under 15s travelled to Mudgee for the NSWCHS Buchan Shield. Unfortunately there was no repeat of last year's Top 8 success with our boys being defeated 41 – 28 by a much more experienced Mudgee side. Our boys had only one regular rugby player and they showed great determination given that for the majority of the boys it was their first game of rugby union.

On Thursday we fielded an Under 18s and an Under 16s side for the inaugural ARU Rugby 7s held at St Stanislaus College in Bathurst. Each side played four x 14 minute games against Wellington, Parkes, Dubbo and St Stanislaus schools. The Under 16s won 2 games and didn't progress to the final. The Under 18s lost their pool match against Stannies but easily accounted for the other schools. This meant that the Under 18s progressed to the final against Stannies and gave the home side an early fright before being narrowly defeated.

Due to our fantastic efforts we have been invited to travel to Newcastle and contest the NSW Finals of the Rugby 7s on Tuesday 5th June. This will be an amazing experience because the championships coincide with the Wallabies playing Scotland in a Test match. Not only do we get to meet the Wallabies but we also receive free tickets to watch the match.

With the Gosford trip and the Waratah Shield Gala Day in the next fortnight, it certainly is a busy start to the rugby season!

G Pearson

FACULTY NEWS

ENGLISH

Year 12 – Congratulations to Jake Brogden for excellent ½ yearly exam results.

Year 11 – Several students are to be congratulated on their excellent results in the recent Area of Study assessment task: Ellie Copley, Taylor Rumney, Angus Parsons and Ali Clarke.

Assessment Task due

Year 10 Assessment due Week 5 (notification distributed in class this week).

Year 9 and 10 – Round 1 Premier's Cup Debating vs Dubbo Delroy Reds and Dubbo Delroy Blues on Friday 11th May. Workshop for e² Primary Debating at OHS Thursday 10th May.

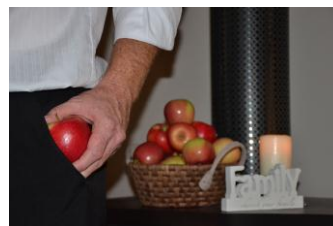
Upcoming Events

Naplan Week 4 – Please encourage students to attend and give their best.

English Competition: Students need to collect a note asap. Intend: This program will begin Week 6. Tournament of the Minds for students in Years 7 – 10 (Mrs Griffiths).

VISUAL ART

A big congratulations on the efforts of students in Years 7- 10 who had a work on show for the Orange Apple Festival. You represented the school creatively.



Year 10 Photo Digital Classes and selected students from the senior years are currently doing a workshop with Luke Wong from the ABC to complete a short film for the "110% Project". This is an opportunity to create a short film for publication on the ABC website. Go online to <http://open.abc.net.au> to find out more or see a teacher in the Art Department.

Ms Cormack's Year 10 have just completed their first major work this term. The artworks that have been handed in show a great deal of potential and creativity. Well done to you all.

MATHS

Academic Achievement: Congratulations to Kaleah Blowes for topping coming first in General Mathematics and Jackson Griffith-Bankovic for coming first in Mathematics and Extension.

Assessment Tasks Due:

21st May & 22nd May:	Year 9 & 10 - Half Yearly
31st May & 1st June:	Year 7 & 8 Half Yearly Exams
1st June:	Year 12 General, Assessment
1st June:	Year 12 Mathematics
	Assessment Task 3

WELFARE WORDS

- NAPLAN tests for all students in Years 7 and 9 conclude today. Thank you to Mrs Griffiths and her team for all the organisation that has gone into these tests.
- David Peachey spoke yesterday to a selected number of students from Yrs 7 to 12 about families in crisis and how to deal with that. His down-to-earth manner and honesty were much appreciated by all who heard him. Last period, he conducted a rugby league coaching clinic for our budding players. David's love for the game was evident as he imparted his knowledge and passion to a captive audience. Thank you to Mrs Griffen for organising the visit.
- Don't forget the Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army is on this Sunday. It's not too late to sign up as a volunteer collector, just turn up at their headquarters and give a couple of hours of your time.
- Yr 12 Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Monday 4th June between 6 – 7.30pm. On line booking will be open next Wednesday 23rd May. Alternatively, you can ring the school and an appointment can be made. It is an opportunity to touch base with your child's teachers in the run-up to the HSC.
- A large number of students have attained Blue level in the *Have Merit* system. Blue level constitutes 150 teacher signatures. Certificates can be collected from the Welfare office over the next week. Well done to the following students:

Year 12

Jess Alston	Kaleah Blowes	Toni Devereaux	Corine Fahy
Madeline Healey	Saskia Kropp-Jones	Zac Osborne-Gillette	Sarah Owens
Sarah Turner	Molly Vardanega	Kristy Tran	

Year 11

Gaven Byrne	Lillian Evans	Dylan Fauchon	Lachlan Key
Jade Radburn-Reed	Ruby Taylor		

Year 10

Brittany Browning	Ellen Davis	Ellie Humphrys	Ashley Lacey
Seamus Logan	Darcy O'Shea	Caitlin Smith	Eden Talanoa
Denisha Tyler			

Year 9

Samuel Croyley	Simon Duffield	Jessica Farr	Liam Hanley
Natasha Hosl-Gascoyne	Jenaya Jones	Alice Kjoller	Tyler Littlewood
Sharni-Lee Logan	Mitchell Moore	Rachel Parkes	Chloe Riley
Luke Stunden	Sarah Swann	Alex Thomas	William Wald
Emily Watson	Liam Wooding		

Year 8

Isabella Bankovic	Kendy Capnerhurst	Oliver Coady-Jiear	Molly Collins
Kally Collis	Harrison Elliott	Elizabeth Evans	Abbey Glennon
Jamie Gray	Helena Griffith	Maddy Hales	Hollie Harris
Freya Hawke	Isabella Jackson	Ash Littlewood	Hayden McManus
Synetta Manns	Joshua Martin	Tamara Matthews	Nic Nightingale
Roisin O'Connor	Rory O'Shea	Brice Ostini	Ethan Oxley
Bridget Power	Ben Puxty	Gerry Shea	Louis Shea
Lincoln Smith			

- Remember to have your diaries out on your desks each lesson to remind staff to sign when you go beyond the 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, in Monday's assembly there will be the first draw for a gift card.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare**UPCOMING EVENTS**23rd – 25th May

Malyneley Shield (Gosford visit)

28th May

Year 10 Subject Selection night in the PAC at 6.30pm.

31st May

Deputy Director General, Greg Prior will be visiting the school.

**G'Day USA JANUARY 2014
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2012**

7pm

James Sheahan CHS

G6 (At the Mercy Hall off Anson Street)

Please come to learn more about this fantastic opportunity.

Any concerns please call Narelle (EWT Representative)
0409509208





ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL PAC

2 JUNE 2012 • 6:30PM

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