

# NEWSLETTER



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And the weeks just keep getting better .... On Monday I was able to attend the Western Regional Senior Premier's Cup Debating finals that were held here in the Performing Arts Centre. Our team; Sarah Owens, Kenan Milham, Jackson Griffith-Bankovic and Thomas Moad debated against the Blayney team. Orange High School were the negative and argued against 'Invasion is Justifiable in the Case of Extreme Human Rights Violations'.

The students only had one hour to prepare their arguments and were not allowed to use the internet for their research. I came away impressed with both teams general knowledge of current affairs, particularly the students from our school. Out teams argued well and were clear winners of the day's debate. They are a very impressive group. Many thanks to our guest adjudicator Mrs Brown, who is an inspiration for our students.

The day finished with the news that our other two debating teams from Years 9 and 10 defeated Dubbo and now need to debate against each other to decide who will be the Regional finalist.

On Monday evening I traveled to Bathurst to see our dancers perform in the Regional Dance Festival. Eleven Orange High School ensembles performed over the two days. The dancers were outstanding. The public will have the opportunity to see some of the ensembles at the annual school show during the last week of term. A huge thank you to Miss Atchinson, Mrs Crane and Miss Hope for the extra time and effort they have devoted to encourage and nurture the dance ensembles. Well done, everyone.

The sporting teams have been selected and are now training for Astley Cup. Our first competition is next week at home against Bathurst. The school Sports Council has ensured some sponsorship and competitors will be able to purchase an Astley Cup jacket to wear to the competition.

The jacket will also be able to be worn on Wednesdays as part of the school uniform. We are hopeful that we'll bring 'the silver ware' back home this year. The Sports Council, PE staff and coaches have certainly worked hard enough to warrant its return.

Mrs Evan's Year 7 English class has presented me with an Anthology of their poems. Students from this class have written and illustrated poems in a wide variety of formats on a range of topics.

Unfortunately, the new Music Centre will not be completed before the 2012 Year 12 students undertake their practical exams as expected. There has been a hold up because of zoning issues that we are trying to address. We feel very disappointed as the

current Year 12 music class has raised a significant portion of our \$300,000 contribution to the project.

Last week's Deputy Director General's visit was very successful. I spoke to the students at this week's assembly about his positive comments and impressions of the school. These comments were a timely reminder of the fantastic things our students and staff have done and continue to do, to make our great school even better.

Before the visit I had neglected to tell our Vice-Captain, Kaitlyn Riles, that she was needed in full school uniform to meet our guests. Five minutes before his arrival Kaitlyn was in sports uniform after refereeing an interschool soccer match. Somehow she found someone to swap clothes and shoes with our Captain, Kaleah Blowes gave 'up' her blazer to ensure they both presented well. Our Captains are certainly leaders!!

Good luck to Hayden Buchanan who auditioned live for a 'featured artist' spot in the 2012 School Spectacular on Monday. Over 650 students sent in an audition DVD, and only 130 were invited to participate in the live auditions. Fingers crossed for Hayden. We believe he has the talent to be a featured artist.

We have a fantastic school and together we will continue to make it even better. Please contact me if you have concerns or issues.

**M Angus, Principal**

## BOYS VOCAL GROUP

Last Wednesday, 16 members of Manchoir travelled to Dubbo with Mr Irvine to participate in a choral workshop for boys. The workshop was organised by The Arts Unit. They invited Jonathon Welch AM (Choir of Hard Knocks fame) to share his experiences as a performer, conductor and a teacher. He put the boys through their paces teaching them valuable vocal exercises to improve their sound production and delivery. Thanks Mr Shea for taking us to Dubbo in the new school bus.



*Achievement in a supportive environment*

On Thursday, Manchoir entertained the Deputy Director General, Greg Prior and Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid and guests when they visited the school at lunch time. The boys sang "With Cat Like Tread" from Pirates of Penzance and "Bridge Over Troubled Water" by Simon and Garfunkel. As the guests were leaving the boys asked if they could sing "Calendar Girl" as an encore for Mrs McDiarmid, to which she was delighted to oblige.

A big thank you to Mrs Sue Slattery for providing the accompaniment on the day. Manchoir values your feedback and experience at our rehearsals.



**B Irvine**

#### UNIVERSITY SHIELD

Orange High Schools rugby league team put up a gallant fight against a more fancied Bathurst High School team. The Bathurst team who were last year's University Shield runners up were no match for our boys in the first half. Ben Wells and Sam Coyte made some strong breaks from the front row, and were backed up well by Matthew Boss, who managed to cross the try line. Bathurst scored a fortuitous try in the dying seconds of the first half and the score at half time was in OHS's favour 14-10. OHS were very enthusiastic about their chances during the break and came onto the field with a positive attitude. Kane Ratcliffe led the boys onto the field and put together some bustling runs which inspired the team. Unfortunately, Bathurst scored a quick succession of tries which had our boys on the back foot and were left a little dumbfounded.

To the boys credit they played hard right up until the end of the game and finished strongly by scoring the last try. Travis Bubb was outstanding in defence, Jarrod Kennedy played well in a variety of different positions and Matthew Boss was a handful both in attack and defence. The final score was 42-24 in Bathurst's favour. The team are now hungry to turn this score around when they meet again in the Astley Cup.

**T Baker, HT PDHPE**

#### SLR FILM CAMERA DONATION

The Creative Arts department would like to sincerely thank Mr Luke Wong, an ex-student of Orange High School, and Mr John Carpenter, for their generous donations of two SLR film cameras. These valuable cameras will enable the school's photography students to continue their studies and practice of traditional darkroom photography techniques.

#### ATTENTION ALL PARENTS AND CARERS OF PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS

##### PRISM MEETING

Wednesday 13th June, 2012  
5.30pm in the Music Centre  
[ohsprism@gmail.com](mailto:ohsprism@gmail.com)

Thanks to everyone for a successful trivia night

#### WELFARE WORDS

- Thank you to all those parents of Year 12 students who braved the cold night air on Monday evening to come in and chat with their child's teachers. We do trust the effort was worth it and that you gained some helpful hints to assist your child in the time remaining in the lead-up to the HSC. Thank you also to the staff who made themselves available for the interviews.
- Thank you also to the staff who gave up their Wednesday evening to assist at the disco. The theme was "International" and we certainly saw the creativity juices working for many of our students as they attended in colourful attire. It was also a fitting farewell to our Exchange Student, Ellen. She has entered into Orange High life in such a big way - we thank her for her valuable contribution and wish her well for the future.
- Remember students to have your diary out on your desk each lesson to remind staff to sign when you go beyond the expectations in work, achievement or service. Ms Dray is offering an opportunity to spectate at next week's Astley Cup vs Bathurst at Orange. Thirty signatures will secure you a spot in the support team, to view ALL the sports, both at venues away from and at School next Thursday and Friday.
- Birrang Enterprise Development Company is offering a free driving lesson with an accredited driving instructor (conditions apply). Their promotion is called Keys 2 Drive and you can register at [keys2drive](http://keys2drive) or phone 6361 9511 for more details. Learner drivers or their parents can do the registering.

**L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare**

# ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL IN CONCERT



**SHOWCASING THE TALENTS  
OF OHS STUDENTS IN BANDS,  
CHOIRS, DANCE, DRAMA & PIPS**

**7pm**

**OHS Performing Arts Centre**

**Tuesday 26 June 2012**

**Wednesday 27 June 2012**

**Thursday 28 June 2012**

**Tickets available at the Front Office - Book early!**

**\$10 adults/ high school students**

**\$5 primary school children**

