

NEWSLETTER



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I hope that everyone enjoyed the 'change' that school holidays make to the home routines. I was pleased to see all of my staff and students return ready to commence Semester 2.

At the assembly this morning I acknowledged and congratulated the students and staff involved in this year's School Show. The talent and commitment of our students is truly amazing and both were showcased in that final week of term 2. I continually say that attending after hour school events at Orange High is never a chore. It is always enjoyable. If you missed the 2012 show make sure you highlight the last week of Term 2, 2013 on your calendar so you catch it next year.

A huge thank you to the PRISM (Parents Rejoicing in Student Music) for their hard work ensuring the evening performances were successful. We all appreciate your efforts, and I know that you ease the burden for the teachers involved in the show. Thank you.

Unfortunately, the Astley Cup slipped through our fingers, despite our resounding win against Dubbo Senior College. Bathurst High won the trophy this year. Although I would have loved to win the cup, I can't say I was disappointed because all of the students, supported by the staff participated and competed so well. The six day event certainly showcased Public Education as students competed against yet supported each other. Perhaps 2013 will see the 'Cup return home'.

Congratulations to Megan and Elise Jones who competed at the World Dragon Boat Championships in Hong Kong over the holidays. The girls were joined by two ex-students, Taylor and Hayden Micallef and were members of the NSW Torpedo team. They received one silver and their bronze medallions – a huge effort.

This will be my last year as Principal of Orange High School as I am retiring at the end of the year. I hope to maintain my links with this amazing school as a part time casual teacher. The Principal's position will be advertised in the next couple of weeks, so the expectation is that although the new Principal won't commence until 2013, there will be many opportunities for him or her to meet with students, staff and parents this year. I will keep you informed of the process.

It was with very mixed emotions that I submitted my resignation earlier this year. As the year has progressed, I have thought about this decision and feel that it is the right one. I also know that I have a lot of work to do before I leave.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions, comments or questions. I have said it countless times, and firmly believe that working together we can make this school even better.

M Angus, Principal

JUBILEE TREE PLANTING

Late last term Chris Gryllis from the Orange City Council visited Orange High School to donate an English Oak, *Quercus robur fastigiata*, to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee. The Orange City Council donated the tree to all schools in the Orange district to mark the occasion. It joins many other beautiful trees on the front lawn of Orange High School.



*Lachlan Harris, Chris Gryllis, Kaleah Blowes
and Michelle Barrett*

M Barrett, Deputy Principal

AGRICULTURE

This term agriculture students have been involved in a range of different activities.

Primary Industries students have developed new skills and engaged in a range of different activities to support this competency based course. Students completed a two-day motorbike course where they were required to ride two wheel and four wheel motorbikes. This was a valuable experience and many students gained confidence to operate two wheel bikes through a variety of different obstacles.



Students navigating through obstacles as part of their training



Students working together to get out of the creek

Students have also been fencing at Anson St farm. This provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable skills including sighting the line of a fence, attaching and straining wire to construct an entire fence.

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THANK YOU JANDON PARK

Finally, the Agriculture students have been given the opportunity to learn about a new and upcoming sheep breed in local farming. Mr and Mrs Blowes who own Jandon Park, have kindly donated 15 breeding ewes to the school. The Konsortium-Merino breeders are fine-tuning the ideal dual purpose Merino which has a large and long carcass that produces medium to fine quality wool. The sheep are versatile and able to adapt to differing climates. The lambs also have high growth rates which eliminates the need for a cross breeding program in lamb production.

The introduction of these sheep will allow students to learn valuable skills in growing and handling livestock in many years to come. Senior students will be able to look at breeding patterns and compare the growth of the multi-purpose Merino against the cross bred sheep currently at the school.

We would sincerely like to thank Mr and Mrs Blowes for this donation.



Amanda moving the sheep into the yards



Students weighing the new sheep at Anson Street Farm

NOW AND THEN PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT



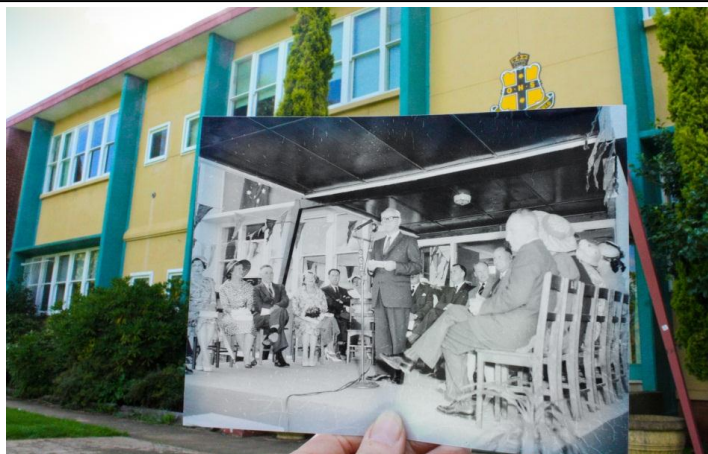
(Left to right) - Amber Collins, Mitchell Antonio, Nikki Hasenkam, Emma Galvin, Shania Jones

These students from the Year 10 Photography and Digital Media class have been taking part in the ABC Open *Now and Then* photographic project.

The Now and Then project invites people to create a window into the past by photographing an old photo in its current setting.

The Orange and District Historical Society has kindly provided some old photographic prints for the project. Central West ABC Open Producer Luke Wong - a former OHS student himself - has been showing the group how to take the new composite photos.

Once finished, they will be uploaded to the internet and shared through the ABC Open website at abc.net.au/open



OHS art teacher Mrs Fitzpatrick framed this *Now and Then* image, using a photo originally captured in 1959 of the then Minister for Education, Robert Heffron at the opening of Orange High School. Old photograph courtesy of Orange and District Photographic Society

J Fitzpatrick

ORANGE REGIONAL GALLERY

Orange Regional Gallery will showcase the finalists from the Orange Apple Festival Artworks. They will be on show until 29th July.

C Thompson, Orange Regional Farmers Market

e² EXPERIENCE SCIENCE

Year 6 students have enjoyed their visits to the Orange High School Science laboratories, so far this year. Over 140 students from various Primary School including Calare, Borenore, Canobolas, Nashdale, OPS and Bletchington have participated in the e² Experience Science workshops, expertly delivered by Orange High School teachers Mrs Griffen, Mrs Wickham, Mrs Teitzel and Ms



Chapple. Each week the Stage 3 content changes with students conducting experiments and expanding their knowledge in the school laboratories. There have been many highlights, including lighting Bunsen burners and watching the fireball. At the

end of the 5 week workshop parents attended the classes to experience the High School environment and then enjoyed the presentation of certificates/Bunsen burner licences and afternoon tea.

This program is a wonderful opportunity for our local Primary Students to experience High School activities. A special thank you to the OHS Science staff for presenting the program and to

Roz for preparing all the equipment for the experiments each week. This semester we will enjoy having Year 5 students visit for their e² Experience in Science.

Kerrie Chopping, e² Experience Co-ordinator

PRISM MEETING

Wed 25th July, 5.30pm, OHS Music Centre

All parents and carers of students involved in creative arts are welcome to attend ohsprism@gmail.com

WELFARE WORDS

- ◆ Welcome back to another very busy term, especially for our Year 12 students
- ◆ On Tuesday, 24th July (next week) at 6p.m. in the gym, there will be a Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection evening. You are encouraged to come along and speak with subject representatives about your child's electives for Years 9 and 10. In this way, both you and your child can make informed decisions.
- ◆ Also next week, on Thursday, there will be an opportunity for parents of all Year 7 to 10 students to meet with teachers to discuss their child's semester 1 progress. Booking an appointment between the times of 4p.m.-7.30p.m. on line is now available. Appointment times are limited to 7 minutes. Reports for all years have been distributed and if you have not yet received your child's, please contact the school to make arrangements to collect before the Parent/Teacher interviews.
- ◆ We have a fundraiser happening on Friday 27th July, at Newstead Bowling Club in support of Tristan Roach, Charlie Bubb, Phil Tyquin and Mr Anthony Wharton, who are all off to Russia in September for the International Federation of Muay Thai Amateur World Championships. It is a trivia night, so get your tables together and support these outstanding competitors. \$15.00 per head. Ring High Impact Gym for more details.
- ◆ We have a number of students and staff completing First Aid courses at the present time through Royal Life Saving – 2 Year 12 SLR classes, Year 9 Girri Girri students, with 2 staff members completing their examiner's qualification. RLS are also offering Face-to-face First Aid training for the general public on Saturday, 21st July, from 9a.m.-5p.m., both full course (\$140) and an update course (\$125). Or you can complete First-Aid-in-a-Box at home (\$140) and complete a 2 hour assessment on Tuesday, 24th July, 6-8pm. To enrol over the phone, call 6369 0679, with credit card details.
- ◆ We wish you all a very productive and enjoyable Term 3.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare