

# NEWSLETTER



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Orange High School's Education Week celebrations have centered around our visiting musician Adam Page. Adam has been conducting workshops with the mandatory and elective music classes. The students are enjoying the original style of music with Adam's guidance that they are able to produce.

I hope that you can join us for a concert this Friday evening, at 6pm. Adam and the students will be performing.

Xsel students participated in a unique debate this week. Harry Roth was on the winning team and successfully debated the negative argument for 'We are Living in an Age of Prohibition'. Harry had to multitask as the debate was video conferenced between a number of sites. Harry's other team members were in Dubbo. I'm looking forward to seeing the next debate. Orange High School has 12 students enrolled in Xsel.

I enjoyed meeting a number of our Year 12 parents at Monday's Graduation Meeting. The evening provided an overview of the ball, the expectations and the lead up to the graduation. Parents will receive more information by mail later in the term. Our Year 12 formal assembly will be held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am.

Year 12 are currently doing their exams. The students appear fairly focused and the majority are well prepared. The trials also provide the students and the teachers with a guide for the work schedule for the remaining weeks of this term.

Orange High is holding its Frostfest activity next week. Our 'Cold Night, Hot Band' evening is always a great success. It's a relaxed family occasion where you can come and listen (and dance) to our national champions, the Orange High Stage Band. There will be home-made hot soup and supper available. Please join us.

I am looking forward to previewing the Orange High School Centenary DVD today. A huge thank you to Karen Kloosterman and Kiki Hopwood for their endless hours of work filming and producing it. The official launch of the DVD will be at 10am on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August in the Performing Arts Centre. If you would like to attend please contact Cathy Sharp on 6362 3444.

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

**M Angus, Principal**

**P&C MEETING**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th August at 6.30pm in the Science Room. All welcome.

**WELFARE WORDS**

- ◆ Thank you to the many parents who braved a cold night to speak with staff about their child's progress in Semester 1 last week. The staff appreciate the opportunity to meet with you. If you missed the Parent/Teacher interviews, you can always ring the School and make an appointment to talk with your child's teachers.
- ◆ TODAY, immunizations happened for all Year 10 and Year 7 students, with the Boostrix injections. If your child missed the needle for whatever reason, there are opportunities for him/her to catch up at a local school. Please phone Mrs Griffen for the location. Alternatively, you can have the needle at your local doctor.
- ◆ Nominations for the Student Representative Council 2012-2013 are open. It is a self-nominating system, with forms collected from Mrs Griffen. We are looking for enthusiastic, vision-minded, hard-working and committed students: Year Representatives, House Captains (Year 10), House Vice-captains (Year 9), Prefects (Year 11), Indigenous and Integrated student Representatives. The SRC is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills and self-confidence and is the student decision-making body in the school. Collect your form and nominate next week.
- ◆ Royal Life Saving are offering several First Aid courses during August:

<p><u>Face-to-Face Training</u> Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August at Orange Ex-services Club 9a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> August at RLS Office 9a.m. – 5p.m. Cost: \$140 full course \$125 update course</p>	<p><u>Online Training</u>  With assessment on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August 6-8p.m. Cost: \$140</p>
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To enrol over the phone, call 6369 0679, or call in at 76 McNamara Street

- ◆ About 80 Year 10 students and 7 staff head off to the snowfields next Wednesday on their annual excursion. We hope there is lots of snow and everyone has lots of fun out in it. Thank you to Ms Rogers for all her organisation.

- ◆ Mr Pearson, Year 11 Adviser, is taking four weeks medical leave from tomorrow and Ms Dray will relieve in his place for that time. Students can find Ms Dray in the PDHPE staffroom should they need any assistance.

L Middleton, Head Teacher Welfare



**IT'S SUMMER  
IT HAS TO BE  
CRICKET  
WITH YOUR  
FRIENDS**

This summer we're looking for the next generation of bowlers, batters and catchers. There's lots of ways you can get involved in cricket with your local club, association or indoor centre.

Sign up now with your local club or find out more at...

[playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE U15'S GIRLS AND BOYS SOFTBALL TEAM

Step Up 4  
Odeon 5 Cinema – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2012  
6.30 for 7pm start  
Tickets - \$20.00

Tickets are available by contacting;  
Julienne Davis on 0438 618 658 or  
Pam Kelly on 0419 013 951.

**Softball...  
SUMMER OF FUN FOR EVERYONE**

**2012-2013 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN !!!  
SOFTBALL SIGN ON DAY**  
Sir Jack Brabham Softball Diamonds  
Saturday 18th August, 2012 from 1.30 - 3.30pm

#### Competition Structure

Teeball – U11 years

Modball – U13 years

Softball – U15, Youth U19, Opens and Mixed Competitions

**Competition commences Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

- Orange & District Softball Association – Pam 0419 013951  
[orangedistrictsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:orangedistrictsoftball@gmail.com)
- Bletchington Softball Club - Jacquie 0407 934471  
[bletchington.softball@gmail.com](mailto:bletchington.softball@gmail.com)
- Pink Panthers - Craig 0429 623252
- Eagles – Cathy 0407 450260



#### LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF

As Marcel Proust, a late 19<sup>th</sup> century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our booklet of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.