

NEWSLETTER

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BUSHTUCKER GARDEN

The Bush Tucker Garden has finally taken shape. I think we would all agree the area looks a lot better. This did not just happen, the garden is a testament to the hard work of many people. Thank you to Mrs Cathy Sharp and Jacob Sutherland and the students; Lynton Robbins, Ebony-Rose Smith, Nikita Campbell, Rachael Hinds, Mitchell Leonard, Bevan Smith, Jono Barassi, Jake Alston, Jarrod Ogilvie, Sam Cropley and Aiden Davis. These students and adults have put their sweat and time into this project and without them the garden would not exist.



Special thanks to Mr Brenden Moore, from the Sydney Botanic Gardens for his expertise and the donation of plants and Tom Gleeson from Orange TAFE who also donated native plants.

I look forward to next year when we can start sampling the tucker, make some jewellery and tools from the garden and appreciate the knowledge and wisdom of the first Australians.



G Dunn, Science Department



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Students at Orange High School are sharing in three celebrations this week. **All students in Years 7 through to 10 celebrated Aboriginal Culture through a NAIDOC celebration earlier this afternoon.** During the activity the schools Indigenous Positive Behaviour for Learning Poster was unveiled and presented to the school. A copy of each will be displayed in each classroom to remind all students of the positive culture we are continuing to create at Orange High School. **The school has gratefully received several quality artwork completed by Aboriginal students.** These clever paintings incorporating significant local landmarks and aspects of Indigenous culture will be displayed prominently in the school.

Later this evening, elected Prefects and Student Representative Council (SRC) representatives will be formally inducted into their roles at a special assembly with parents and invited community representatives. **I am excited by the leadership qualities of so many of the 2014 representatives.** Student leadership from the Prefects has already facilitated the successful introduction of the school hats and much discussion about the ongoing development of school culture and pride. I was incredibly impressed with the ideas developed at this weeks SRC meeting with some strong and innovative ideas on how students could lead further strategies around Respect for Others, Property, Environment and Self. **Students leading students is incredibly powerful and something Orange High School will continue to nurture and encourage.**

Tomorrow night, Friday, will see the Official Opening of the new Music 'Recital Room' by Member for Orange, Hon. Andrew Gee MP. The construction of this facility has been dreamed about for over six years and it is wonderful to see the facility completed and being used to support student learning in the music area. There is no doubt generations of future Orange High School students will be indebted to the dedicated efforts and financial contributions of the many people who had the vision and the dedication to raise \$360 000 to ensure the facilities construction. The ensembles and bands that will perform tomorrow will highlight the acoustic properties of the performance space to all who are able to attend from 5pm onwards.

David Lloyd

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Mr Glen Griffith and Mr Dave Boundy who ably assisted by their helpers Mr Gordon Tink and Mr Warwick Backhouse for the new concrete path linking the car park and the Music Centre.



ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 8

Year 12 (2014): Ancient History (Core – Cities of Vesuvius), Business St (research), Chemistry (info research), Dance (performance diary), Mod History (WW1), Senior Science (practical experiment), Textiles & Design (verbal report)

THE BUZZ

Megadraw

To support PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) we are trying a new initiative in the lead up to the end of year. The Megadraw is a draw happening on the last Monday of term. Students who are working above and beyond during scheduled classes, in the playground and on excursions will receive a ticket. For each ticket they receive, their name will go into the Megadraw. Students need to be in attendance at the draw to be eligible to win.

The great news is that the prizes are fabulous:

1st Prize – I Pad

2nd Prize – I Pod

3rd Prizes – a range of \$20 gift cards from various retailers



We are expecting a big buzz around the idea of the Megadraw. So parents, please encourage your child to work hard and follow the PBL expectations at Orange High School (Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be a Learner) and they may just win one of these great prizes.



Transition

The year 6 into 7 Transition process concluded last week with the Parent Information Evening. It was a successful night that provided parents with the opportunity to meet Mrs Bright (Year 7 Adviser 2014) and learn more about the positive opportunities Orange High School has to offer their children. Our 2014 Captains, Meaghan Kempson and Trent French hosted the evening and did a wonderful job. We are very fortunate to have such high quality and enthusiastic student leaders at Orange High. Thank you also to the Vice Captains, Beth Clarke and Ryan Milham, and the Prefects for their support during the evening.

Smith Family

There is an opportunity for families to apply for a scholarship program called The Smith Family – Learning for Life. The Smith Family have a number of educational scholarships available to students across all school year levels. The criteria states

that families are receiving a low income and have a Health Care Card or Pension Card, and that the student is regularly attending school.

If you are interested in applying, please give me a call or send in a note and I will organise the application for you. I have attached the information flyer for those that are interested. That's all for now,

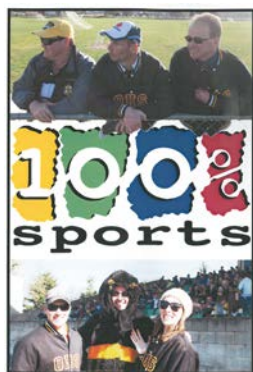
Kerrie Chopping, Head Teacher Welfare

FACULTY NEWS - MATHEMATICS

I cannot believe there are only four and a half weeks left of the 2013 school year. Students are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves in the examinations. It is a daunting task to sit in a hall with nearly 200 students under examination conditions. The Mathematics faculty is very excited to provide every student in the school the opportunity to access Mathletics for 2014. In the next couple of weeks teachers will be giving students their username and password to logon. Mathletics is linked to the new Australian curriculum, providing differentiated and fun learning activities for all students of all levels. The Maths staff are busy adding final touches to the new Maths programs to be introduced for Year 7 and Year 9 in 2014. Now that every class room is fitted with a data projector or smartboard, technology will be a key component of teaching and learning in Mathematics for 2014. It has been an exciting year at Orange High School and I look forward to 2014.



T Johnston



THE MIRROR 2013

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2013 Mirror you will need to pre-order your copy from the Front Office at Orange High. The cost will be \$30.00 and must be pre-ordered and paid for by 13th December. A CD of the Mirror is also available for \$6.00.

WANTED – GARDEN SLEEPERS

If anyone has timber sleepers for garden edging Orange High School would love to have them. Please contact Cathy Sharp if you are able to help.



EXCURSIONS

All students not attending excursions are required to be at school.

M Barrett



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orange city council

January 2014 school holidays are coming....

...believe it or not!!!!

Will you be needing care for your school aged child during the holidays?

Orange City Council's Vacation Care will be operating from Monday 6 January 2014 to Friday 24 January 2014 at Calare Public School Hall. We will also be providing care for the pupil free day on Tuesday 28 January 2014.

Bookings for Vacation Care and the pupil free day will open from Monday 2 December 2013 to Friday 20 December 2013 **from 11.00am to 4.00pm only**, at the Community Information and Services Centre, 79-81 Kite Street, Orange. Bookings are limited!!

Full payment must be made at time of booking.

For more information about bookings for Vacation Care, please call 63938600 or email mstanford@orange.nsw.gov.au



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