

NEWSLETTER



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FACULTY NEWS - SCIENCE

Mr Schenkel and Mrs Beeby and the Year 9 Marine Studies class journeyed down towards the south coast for their excursion to Jervis bay on the 11th November. They had a quick stop for lunch on day one in the beautiful town of Berry. Upon arrival to the Huskisson Beach Tourist Resort they organised themselves for the first of their activities, snorkelling at Plantation Point. The following day saw them snorkelling at Murrays Beach, blessed with fabulous weather. Exciting sightings under the water included sting rays the size of truck wheels! The remainder of their time was spent completing a sea kayaking skills level one with the folks from Jervis Bay Kayaks. We're glad to report everyone had a great time and made it back safely to Orange High School on the evening of 14th November.



Farewell to Mrs Wickham! One of our very talented Science teachers who is moving to a new position at Kelso High School. Recently Mrs Wickham was successful in her application for the Head Teacher of Science position and will be starting at the beginning of 2014. Within her five years here at Orange High School Mrs Wickham has always been willing to share her wealth of skills in teaching, and performing many roles in the school. Her professionalism towards teaching practice, the Science faculty, current Year 9 Adviser role and PBL are enormously valued and she has left very large shoes to fill. We will miss her presence dearly

but we know that this next chapter will bring about great opportunities for Mrs Wickham in her Career.

A huge thank you to two of our wonderful temporary teachers Ms Wineberg and Mrs Carslake who have assisted us throughout this year.

Throughout the year our faculty have been busy collaborating with other local schools to develop new programs based on the National Curriculum for Year 7 and 9. We are now working on perfecting these documents so that we can hit the ground running in 2014.

S Townsend



FESTIVAL ART COMPETITION



Congratulations to Bryce Ostini who last week was awarded first place in the Blayney Festival of Art Competition for a photograph he entered a month ago. The theme for the competition was 'A Touch of Gold' which commemorates the strong focus on gold mining in the District. The competition was open to all ages with great prizes up for grabs for the successful winner and runner up. The photographic portrait features fellow Year Nine student Sophie Tonkin.

J Fitzpatrick

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Last Friday evening approximately 200 current students, former students, visitors and parents celebrated the opening of the new Music 'Recital Room' with Andrew Gee, Member for Orange. As we are all aware the completion of the room has resulted from a dedicated and hardworking fundraising team who have dreamed and schemed over the last seven years. Based on the quality of the acoustics and student performances last week, every cent has been worth it. The standard of skill and talents displayed by students in all years but in particular the junior years is mind boggling. Based on positive comments I think it would be fair to say a number of visitors were absolutely amazed and surprised by the quality of the music. I am confident that as a result of the infrastructure and quality teaching the standard will only improve further in coming years.



Congratulations also to our Indigenous students for their wonderful leadership and organisation of the NAIDOC Assembly last week. The event showcased the performance talent of our Indigenous students and pride in Aboriginal culture. I was pleased to receive on behalf of the school a wonderful painting that we will display in the front of the school depicting Aboriginal culture and the links with local landmarks around Orange.



Congratulations also to Toby Westcott following his selection into the Under 16's side playing for the North Sydney Bears. In similar fashion to last years Vice Captain Matthew boss, Toby will regularly commute to Sydney to train with the team. We wish him well as he pursues his talents.

This week we farewell Mark Brown, our Technology Support Officer. Mark has accepted a new job rewarding him with significantly higher remuneration. I would like to thank Mark for his work over a number of years and wish him well in his new venture. In the interim while the position is advertised, Luke Single will temporarily act in the role of technology Support Officer based in the library. Finally, just a reminder that all students are required to attend school up until the last day of teaching, Wednesday 18 December 2013. At Orange High School we intend to ensure students are actively engaged in learning up until this time. Parents who are seeking permission for their child not to be at school for a period of time over the next few weeks should use the [Exemption from School - Procedures](#). Copies are available by following the link or from the front office at the school.

D Lloyd

ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 9

Year 7: PDHPE wks 7-10 (Fitness-Warmup activity) – English (Fantasy Short Story) – HSIE World Geog (Research) –Year 8: HSIE, Geog (research) – Science

Year 9: Marine St (theory exam), Drama(group performance), Music (performance), Photo & Digital (film unit), PASS (Research), Engineering Tech (research race cars),

Year 10: PDHPE Mandatory (writing task), Marine St (theory exam), PASS (research), Music (performance), Photo & Digital (film unit) Maths 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 (topic test – Congruence & Similarity)

THE MIRROR MAGAZINE 2013

If you would like to purchase a copy of the 2013 Mirror Magazine 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.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The NSW Teachers Association has scheduled a stop work meeting next Tuesday 3rd December for a maximum of 2 hours beginning at 9am. The school will be open with some changes to normal operations.

Normal school will resume by 11am. We encourage ALL students to attend.