



NEWSLETTER

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ORANGE NSW 28002nd May, 2013 : Week BPHONE: 6362 3444
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Congratulations and thanks to all students and their families who participated in the Orange ANZAC Day March last Thursday – a wonderful community celebration of courage and sacrifice. In total over 200 Orange High School students volunteered to March and be a part of this important community event. It was wonderful see our band students once again lead the procession and play the music at the Cenotaph. Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport and supervision of students.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I was incredibly proud of our students' participation in the ANZAC Day March last Thursday. The fact that we had over **200 students volunteer** to be involved is a strong example of the deep respect our students feel for the ANZAC tradition.

Term 2 began with two highly productive development days for staff. Last Monday primary and secondary teachers from all schools in Orange, Blayney and Molong met to learn new memory and student engagement techniques. Tuesday's focus was the development of new teaching and learning programs that align with the new Australian Curricula. Students in Years 7 and 9 next year will be the first to switch across to the Australian Curricula in 2014 with students in Years 8 and 10 to make the transition in 2015. ***The new curricula provides an opportunity to develop new teaching sequences that reflect our school's 'raising of the bar' in terms of student achievement and expectations.*** As a result, all new programs will ensure academic challenge and rigour for all students.



Over the holidays I was pleased that our school was offered the opportunity to be involved in a National Partnership whereby ***Orange High School will receive an additional \$265 000 over the next 12 months to support the teaching of literacy and numeracy.*** Schools selected were nominated by the Regional Directors, in our case Mrs Carole McDiarmid on the basis that they had the capacity to take on a large project and make a significant difference with the extra resources. As a result, we have already formed a project team and have begun to advertise for an additional head teacher (Teaching and Learning) who will lead the ***explicit integration and explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy across all subjects.***

It has also been pleasing to see a significant number of tradespeople working on a range of projects across the school from upgrading and replanting in the azalea and native gardens, through the cleaning of grease traps right up to the ***re-carpeting and painting of the south eastern upstairs corridor and 5 classrooms.*** I look forward to taking parents at the next P&C meeting on a tour of this area. There is no doubt that we have only just begun to scratch the surface of our maintenance backlog but it is great to see a sample of what our school will look and feel like in the medium term. In addition, we have created a new meeting room at the front of the school that will provide an additional space for parent and community meetings. Our term 1 2013 attendance figures are impressive and reflect above average attendance when compared to state. ***The overall attendance rate for Orange High was 91.98% while the average state figure was 88.45%. Broken down into year groups the data at our school looks like:***

7 - 94.46%	10 - 89.98%
8 - 92.89%	11 - 91.49%
9 - 90.30%	12 - 93.55%

Congratulations to Year 7 for their early lead but equally to Year 12 who were only ½ a percentage point behind Year 7. The challenge is out for the other year groups to lift their percentages over the next term! ***The reason attendance is important is of course due to the direct link between attendance and learning.*** I look forward to comparing the figures for term 2 at the beginning of next term.

David Lloyd, Principal



HOME ECONOMICS NEWSLETTER REPORT

Welcome back to term 2 everyone. It seems as though the year is flying by. We have had a great start to the year in the Home Economics department. Once again we have a lot of classes in all our subjects and students from Year 7 to Year 12 are having great fun and learning exciting new skills in the Food Technology, Hospitality and Textiles areas.



So far this year all classes in Year 7 & 8 Technology Mandatory have begun to develop their skills either in the kitchen or in the Textiles room. They have been researching the work of contemporary designers and they have started to design their own projects for each focus area. It is always satisfying to see the Year 7 & 8 students,

building their skills and getting such enjoyment out of this course. Later in the year I will have photos of all the fabulous works they have designed and created.

The Year 9 & 10 elective classes have continued to build on their knowledge and skills in Food Technology, Textiles Technology and Child Studies. The Year 10 Food Technology classes have put a lot of time and effort into completing an assessment task based around celebrations and celebration cakes.



The finished results were outstanding and the pride that each student took in their work was wonderful. It certainly made for very busy days in the kitchens as we had three classes making and decorating cakes for two days. A lot of fun was had by all.



It is great to see a Year 9 elective Textiles Technology class running again this year. This course allows for such creativity and skill building for students interested in working with Textiles. It is a great course to teach and I look forward to seeing the finished projects later in the term.

Our senior students continue to work hard in all our courses. The HSC Food Technology, Community & Family Studies and Textiles classes are all working hard to prepare for the conclusion of these courses. The CAFS class have completed a major Independent Research Project which is a large component of their assessment. The girls are to be congratulated on the work ethic displayed and the completion of such a large project. The final IRP'S were of a very high standard and a true reflection of all the hard work put in by the students and Mrs Ryan.

The Year 12 Textiles class and Mrs Deasey are in full swing with



the Major Textiles Project that is due for completion midterm 3. This is also a major component of the assessment for this course and entails the design and

construction of a project, incorporating the innovative and creative manipulation of textiles. I wish the girls luck with the completion of their projects and encourage them to work hard. The due date is fast approaching.

Hospitality continues to grow at OHS. 2013 sees the Food & Beverage strand being offered for the first time and we have a class in Year 11 completing this qualification. The Commercial Cookery strand continues to be a popular choice for students and we are all enjoying working in the commercial kitchen. Each year we are making better use of this fabulous resource and our students are leaving with a high level of skill and experience in the Hospitality Industry.

Our Hospitality classes have, once again been busily involved in catering events both in and out of the school. Mrs Phillips is working with a group of Year 12 students to complete the 60hour Specialisation. This has meant that staff have the luxury of a beautiful lunch and coffees prepared for them on Wednesdays. The girls are working hard to build their skills and they are producing high quality meals and coffee. Wednesdays are certainly a treat for all of us. As well as this we have catered for a wedding during term 1. This was a very large undertaking, but our students and staff worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a big success. I would like to thank all students who were involved with the preparation and serving for the wedding. You did our school proud and I have received many positive comments about this event. I would also like to especially thank, Ms Layden, Ms Hope, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Bright and Mrs Wheale who worked so hard to help out with the catering. It would not have been possible without such help and support, thank you.

On the 18th March OHS hosted a Seniors Week event in the commercial kitchen. Two cooking classes were presented by Kumar (from Masterchef!!!!). Senior citizens from the local community came along and participated in a fun cooking demonstration where they got to taste Sri Lankan Curry Prawns and Merle's chocolate cake. Our school was beautifully represented by SRC members who ushered our visitors around the school and Kumar was ably assisted by Year 12 Hospitality students, Megan Jones, Stephanie Hind, Georgia Rovascek and Jory Dunshea. Thank you to Mrs Phillips for co-ordinating on the day and to all the students for making the day such a success.



With so much going on it is not hard to see how the year is flying by. A friendly reminder that invoices have been sent out for elective fees. Fees for our courses are vital for the Home Economics department to run effectively and be able to offer the variety of learning experiences that are enjoyed by a large number of students at OHS. Your support, for our faculty, by paying any associated fees for courses your son/daughter is competing in is greatly appreciated.

Next week is shaping up to be another busy week in the faculty. It is the Orange Apple Festival next weekend and in support of this

event, all practical lessons next week will have apple as the hero ingredient. Our classes will be making, Pork & Apple Rolls, Apple & Caramel Scrolls and Mini Apple Tarts. It is a great community event for our students to be involved in. It is also fun to be making use of absolutely beautiful ingredients, grown locally. I will be sure to include photos of the lovely dishes prepared by our students, in the next newsletter.

As the cold weather starts to arrive, I look forward to more busy times with the wonderful students here at our school.

Narelle Small, HT Home Economics



ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 2

Year 7: Maths (HW Assignment #3)

Year 8: Vis Arts (in-class worksheets), Maths (HW Assignment #3)

Year 9: Maths (HW task#3), Agriculture (chicken breeds) Child St (research task) – Engineering Tech (homework/research) –IST (project work) - Japanese (Task 2) – Marine St (first aid test & practical demo) Metal Tech (homework/research) – Power Tech (homework/research)

Year 10: Maths (HW assignment 3)

Year 12: Textiles & Design (MTP Supporting documentation) – IT, Metals & Eng (Stage 1 folio & project) – IT, Timber (Stage 1 folio & project) – PDHPE (Report & Analysis)

e² IPT (project work)

XSEL NEWS

Term 2 is a very busy one for xsel students with many internal and external events and activities planned. All students are reminded about the importance of keeping up to date with their weekly work and ensuring that assessment tasks are submitted on time. If an extension is required students need to complete the application for extension form that can be found on the moodle. Years 7 & 9 will complete NAPLAN tests in week three (14th-16th May). Residential camp will be held on the 6th and 7th June (week 6). Year 7 are reminded that their English assessment – Narratives is due Monday 6th May. Year 8 also have an English assessment to be working on called “shock, horror!; which is due on Monday 14th May.

Congratulations to Year 10 who have all completed the Australian Brain Bee Challenge, they will be presented with their certificates at assembly on Monday. Year 10 are also reminded to complete the Careers information that has been given to them and to consider options for work experience later this year. Students will also be writing a section for our weekly newsletter and this week we hear from Year 10.

A reminder that applications for places in xsel for students in Years 8-10 close in June. For more information about applications or the xsel program please contact Nicole Griffith, xsel support at Orange High.

Welcome to the xsel Section of the newsletter. We as the Year 10 students of Xsel, have been given the task of compiling this week's article. Xsel is a virtual selective High School that works over the internet. We attend our English, Maths and Science lessons through our laptops using a program called Adobe Connect. This allows us to see our teachers even though they are off site



and to communicate with other students across the region who are in our ‘pod’ or learning group.

This term for our English assignment, we had to write a speech and adopt the persona of a human rights lawyer to talk about discrimination of a certain minority group in society.

We took on this role to convince a Senate committee to adopt changes on the issue that we chose with issues including teenage right, racism and slavery.

Year 10 also has recently completed a Science assignment where they had to investigate a household question and design a scientific report summarising the results. These investigations were very diverse and presented substantial information that could be used in everyday life to make our lives better. Stayed tuned for more xsel-lent news!

Connor, David, Erin, Harry and Ben.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

There are various English competitions available for students to enter, please contact Mrs. Hazzard for more details.

ICAS- Writing, spelling and English – entries close 10th May.

Written Portraits, National Creative Writing Competition: closes 17th May.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry – closes June 2013.

These Maths competitions are also available.

Australian Maths Competition – Closes 01/08/13.

ICAS – closes 13/08/13. See your Maths teacher for further details.

ORANGE EISTEDDFOD COMPETITORS

The syllabus for the 2013 City of Orange Eisteddfod is now available and can be reviewed on: www.geni.gaia.com.au or City of Orange Eisteddfod website: www.orangeisteddfod.com
Paper documents which will be distributed from: Orange Civic Theatre, Landers Music and Kingfisher School Wear (Dance only). Entries close on 31st May, 2013.

SPORTS TAPING COURSES IN ORANGE

Sports taping is an important skill for coaches, trainers, teachers, parents and players involved in sport. Correct sports taping can help prevent injury and also help with injury rehabilitation.

Level 1 covers beginner technical and practical advice of taping including wrists, ankles, fingers and thumbs.

Level 2 covers advanced techniques for the shoulder, elbow, wrist, Achilles tendon, knee, shin and soft tissue techniques - hamstrings and quadriceps.

Participants receive a certificate of attainment upon successful completion of the course. Call Sport and Recreation on 6362 6623 for more info or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au. Level 1: 6-9pm 15th May, Level 2: 6-9pm 22nd May



Invites Stages 5 & 6

Parents & Students to an Information Evening
"Improve your Memory"
with Dr Rich Allen, U.S.

WHAT WE LEARN WITH
PLEASURE,
WE NEVER FORGET.



- Are facts and figures jumbled in your brain?
- Do you forget things, and then remember them at an inconvenient time?
- Would you like to help your child/children to easily remember their lessons and exam study?
- How do you file and retrieve the information needed to do well in an exam?

Thursday 2nd May 2013, 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Venue – The Health Centre, The Canobolas Rural Technology High School, Icely Road, Orange

Do you think you have a bad memory and therefore your child does too?

Think again - Maybe no one showed you how to REMEMBER WELL – it's easy when you know how and you will wonder why this is not common knowledge! Learn how your child/children can store and access exam work more easily.

By the end of the session, you will be amazed at what you can remember – and you will have had a few laughs in the process of learning!

Dr Rich Allen is visiting from the U.S. He has a PhD in Educational Psychology. His cognitive learning theory research gave him understanding on how the brain receives, processes, stores and recalls information – from which he developed a practical technique for teaching brain-based learning strategies to adults and teens.

RSVP/ Queries : The Canobolas Rural Technology High School – 6362 1677

Cost: [Gold Coin donation](#) to Stewart House based on the Northern Beaches in Sydney. Programs provide students with medical, paramedical and emotional support via targeted health and education initiatives designed to boost self esteem and promote a healthy lifestyle.

Limited to 80 participants.



WIN UP TO \$1000 OF \$100 FUEL VOUCHERS!

There are several ways a Learner driver can win one of ten \$100 fuel vouchers.

Enter the Log Book Run Event for the 5th of May and you can win a \$100 fuel voucher.

1 Like the Orange and Cabonne Road Safety page
and you go in the draw for a \$100 fuel voucher



<http://www.facebook.com/orangeandcabonneroadsafety>

Log Book Run Event: Sunday 5 May 2013
Time: 10.00 am

Bookings essential on 6393 8600



Further information
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