

NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO THE 2014 SCHOOL YEAR



A warm welcome to the 2014 School Year.

One hundred and eighty excited, nervous and passionate students began their high school career. It has been a privilege to welcome such an excited and motivated group of students into our school.

Achievement in a supportive environment

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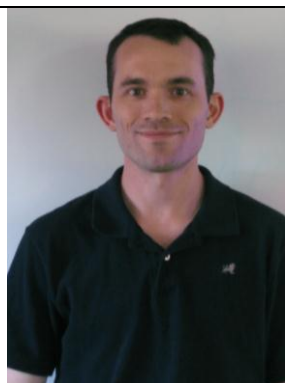
Teachers were excited to welcome all students back to class this morning. The school was abuzz with excitement as students returned from holidays to their friends and into school routines. Particularly impressive has been the manner in which all years settled straight into learning after receiving their timetables and for the new students a tour of the school by the Prefects and Student Representative Council (SRC).

Parents and carers with students in Years 8 to 10 who are new to our school are warmly invited to share morning tea at the school in the new Music Room at 11am tomorrow (Friday, 31 January) to meet teachers including Year Advisers and the Leadership Team. All new families should have received an invitation to this event during the enrolment process, but further information can be obtained by phoning the ladies in the front office on 6362 3444.

Parents and carers of Year 7 Students are warmly invited to a BBQ provided by the P&C Team on the front lawn of the school next Wednesday, 5 February at 6pm. We look forward to an opportunity to welcome you to Orange High School.

2013 concluded on an extremely high note with many students in Year 12 (2013) achieving incredible HSC and ATAR results. There were 32 band 6 Results achieved by the students with our top ATAR of 99.1 achieved by Damien Kirkness . In addition Ali Clarke was named as a prestigious Board of Studies 'All Rounder' achieving Band 6 results in all of her subjects. I understand as a result Ali achieved a letter from the Premier of NSW acknowledging her fine achievement. We look forward to supporting and nurturing senior students throughout the next 12 months as they seek to maximise their own achievements in the 2014 and 2015 HSC years.

I am very excited about the year ahead. The year has begun very positively with an atmosphere of learning obvious across the school. As a school we are very keen to develop closer parent partnerships throughout the year and we welcome your participation in this process. Throughout the year there will be numerous opportunities for discussions including Parent Teacher Nights, Assessment Information Evenings and Subject Selection Nights to share in the learning journey. In between these opportunities, please be encouraged to phone or make an appointment to visit the school and speak with your child's teachers and Year Advisers as the need or desire arises. Together we will make 2014 the best year yet!

*Ms Peta Mages**Mrs Dana Conn**Ms Rosalie Kyan**Mr John Lindsay**Mr Noah Sutherland**Ms Kate Hodgman**Ms Natasha Ackland*

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

At the start of each year students generally present themselves in full school uniform and the majority of students will remain this way for the entire year.

There are some common issues that arise as the year progresses. The most common problem is canvas shoes. The Department of Education requires all students to wear leather shoes that cover the instep of the foot for Workplace Health and Safety purposes. As leather shoes are more expensive than canvas shoes there may be some students that need assistance purchasing the correct footwear. If this will be an issue for your family please contact our Head Teacher Welfare Mrs Kerri Chopping who will be able to assist with the purchase of the correct footwear.

Another concern is wearing sport uniform all day instead of changing back into normal uniform. Hygiene is important and a simple way to decrease body odour is to change back into school uniform. This does require organisation and for some students may add to an already heavy bag. Lockers are available and students who require a locker may apply at the front office.

From time to time a student may not be able to wear their uniform or part of their uniform. If this is the case, the student needs to present a note to a Deputy Principal before school.

Uniform detentions will be issued if students do not follow correct uniform procedures. Please assist us maintain a positive image by encouraging the wearing of correct uniform and know you will be supported if a student brings a note or has difficulty purchasing the required uniform.

I can be contacted on 6362 3444 or email michelle.barrett@det.nsw.edu.au

Michelle Barrett, Deputy Principal

AUSTRALIA DAY SPORTS AWARDS

There were several Orange High School recipients honoured at the Australia Day Awards including: Charlie Bubb (Muay Thai), Brock Campbell (Boxing), Courtney Chapman (Swimming) and Lauren Kerwick (Triathlon) (pictured) also Chloe Barrett (Hockey), Hayley Butcherine (Hockey), Rachel Dival (Hockey), Ryan Griffin (Rugby, Touch), Jesse Keegan (Squash), Madison Smith (Hockey) and ex-student Michael Rudd (Netball).

The ceremony rewarded 38 of Orange's best athletes all ages, what a huge achievement Orange High to have so many talented students honoured for their individual achievements!!



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THE BUZZ



take me a few weeks to get the work/home balance right.

Welcome to the first edition of the Welfare Buzz for 2014. This year I am on deck full time and return to my teaching key learning area, PDHPE. I am feeling a little nervous about returning to work full time but at the same time I am looking forward to teaching PDHPE again. No doubt it will

Kate Griffen will continue to work with the Student Representative Council but no longer supports me in the Head Teacher Welfare role (although she will be my consultant!!). Kate was a wonderful support in the Welfare area and I thank her for her contributions throughout 2013.

Our team of Year Advisers have had a busy start to the year. They are helping new students settle in and checking in with students to catch up on the latest news. If you have a concern about your child's learning or welfare please contact the school to make an appointment with the relevant Year Adviser.

Year 7 – Alice Bright
Year 8 – Sophie Healey
Year 9 – Sarah Townsend (Term 1)

Year 10 – Taara Wilson and Aaron Routh
Year 11 – Dan Wait
Year 12 – Karen Rogers

Please note that ONLY Year 7 and 8 will receive school diaries this year. Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 will need to supply their own paper diary or use a calendar on their computer. We are currently investigating an electronic version for 2014.

Year 7 Welcome BBQ



Parents and families of Year 7 students are invited to join staff on the front lawn for a BBQ and chat on **Wednesday 5th February**,

starting at 6pm. Invites have been distributed to all Year 7 students and RSVPs need to be in by Monday 3rd February please. You can RSVP by returning the cut off slip or by calling the school directly. There is no cost for the BBQ dinner and sausages, bread and a drink will be provided. Please RSVP by the due date to help us with catering.



PBL – Merit (Positive Rewards) changes

We have re-energised the merit system this year and will trial a few changes.

Essentially there will no longer be 'signatures'. Previously accumulated signatures have been converted and are not lost. They still contribute to the current Orange High School Merit Awards.

Part 1

Teachers are now nominating individual student achievement on our computer system at the end of every day, for students who work above and beyond expectations. These nominations are called 'Teacher Merits'.

Part 2

Students are eligible for a **PBL Ticket** during class time for more general achievements. The classroom teacher fills in the ticket and gives it to the student. The student is then responsible for placing the ticket in the PBL Ticket box for the chance to win in the fortnightly draw at assembly. Rewards include canteen vouchers and \$20 gift vouchers at the end of term.

Part 2 is very new and will take some time for students to learn to take responsibility for their own tickets. We will be explaining the finer details at assembly and reminders will be in the daily notices.

We are excited to try these different initiatives and I look forward to sharing the journey with you as we strive to provide the most positive environment for our students to learn in.

Motivational Media

Motivational Media are presenting again at Orange High School. The presentation will be on the 21st February and Year 10, 11 and 12 will attend. The presentation centres around the theme 'Impact' and is a very visual presentation across three expansive screens. Students always enjoy the experience it certainly deepens their knowledge of how life experiences can impact them. **The cost for the presentation is \$2, payable on the day. Every student in year 10, 11 and 12 is expected to attend. The presentation lasts for about 50 minutes.**

Below is the blurb about the presentation:

From the moment we take our first breath we are bombarded with sights, sounds, emotions and actions which will shape who we are to become. The impact of some events may leave us fearful and hurt. Others may challenge us and even empower us to do great things. We in turn can impact on the decisions and directions of those we come in contact with. Understanding the power of such impacts should make us consider carefully what actions we take.

Impacts that nurture: *For a child to grow to maturity takes a nurturing and supportive environment. To reach our full potential we need to surround ourselves with people who encourage our dreams and help us to make decisions that will help us reach our potential. We also need to be the friend who encourages others and has the strength to keep them from going down destructive pathways.*

Impacts that weaken: *While at times we can overcome detrimental impacts, there are some which may have a very damaging effect on the way our life turns out. Drugs, alcohol and destructive friendships limit our ability to make the most of our lives, and in some instances can lead to tragic outcomes.*

Impacts that challenge: *No matter how good our intentions are, and no matter how well we plan our future, life sometimes throws up challenges that may seem so overwhelming that we feel powerless to overcome them. Meeting these challenges with determination and courage can, however, lead to outcomes that astound us.*

Impacts that empower: *Like a stone thrown into a pond, the ripple effect of our actions can reach well beyond our own community. Reaching out to help those in need can empower them to take control of their lives and give them hope for the future. It can also enrich our lives and give us a sense of purpose.*

As we navigate the obstacles and seize the opportunities that are presented us, we need to be aware that how we respond to these events, the decisions we make and the pathways we choose will come to define who we are. We can become discouraged or inspired by what life hands out to us. We can also turn the despair that others feel into optimism by making our impact one of support and hope.

See Sharp Presentation – Lorin Nicholson

We are very fortunate to have Lorin Nicholson visiting the school on the **27th March to speak to Years 7, 8, 9, 10.** The Orange Ex-Serviceman's Club have sponsored Lorin to visit 4 schools in the area, so there is no cost for the presentation.

Lorin is one of the nation's leading guitarists. Despite being legally blind since birth, he is one of the country's most successful independent recording artists and has been a finalist in the Australian Country Music Awards, being runner-up to the legendary Tommy Emmanuel. Lorin has accomplished many things throughout his life and will entertain students with his stories and messages about overcoming negativity and peer pressure, bullying, respect and inclusion and striving for excellence.

We are looking forward to having this inspirational Australian in our school. More details to come.

Cyber Bully

Starr Productions are also visiting Orange High School on the **4th April to entertain year 7, 8, 9, 10.** They present a play about the issues surrounding Cyber Bullying and portray a very worthwhile message. **The cost for the performance will be \$4 per student.** Only students who return money and permission notes will attend the 1 hour presentation. More information to come.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations will occur again this year. I will forward information when it becomes available.

Have a great start to term and enjoy being back into routine.

Kerrie Chopping, Head Teacher Welfare**PBL MEGADRAW**

Congratulations to the following winners for 2013.

1st prize – iPad AIR – Harry Roth (Year 10)

2nd Prize – iPod Touch – Koby Mansell (Year 7)

3rd Prizes

Big W \$20 voucher –	Jack Carden (Year 10) Isabelle Harris (Year 8) Fergus O’Shea (Year 8) Patrick Brown (Year 10)
I Tunes \$20 Voucher -	Spencer Hawkins (Year 8) Bella Shaw (Year 7) Ben Woodside (Year 10) Ashlee Littlewood (Year 9) Thompson Connolly (Year 9)
WISH Giftcard -	Chloe Webb (Year 9)

K Chopping, Head Teacher Welfare

Orange High School

Parents & Citizens Association

To Year 7 and new students to OHS....

Now that the year is underway; parents, students and siblings are invited to a

Welcome to Orange High School Family BBQ

on Wednesday 5th February 2014

starting at 6.00pm

on the Orange High School Front Lawn

There is no cost but to assist with catering please let us know if you are coming by **Monday 3rd** February.

Please join us!

Keith Lummis
P&C President

David Lloyd
Principal

Alice Bright
Year 7 Adviser

Please contact the front office on 6362 3444 to RSVP

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