

NEWSLETTER



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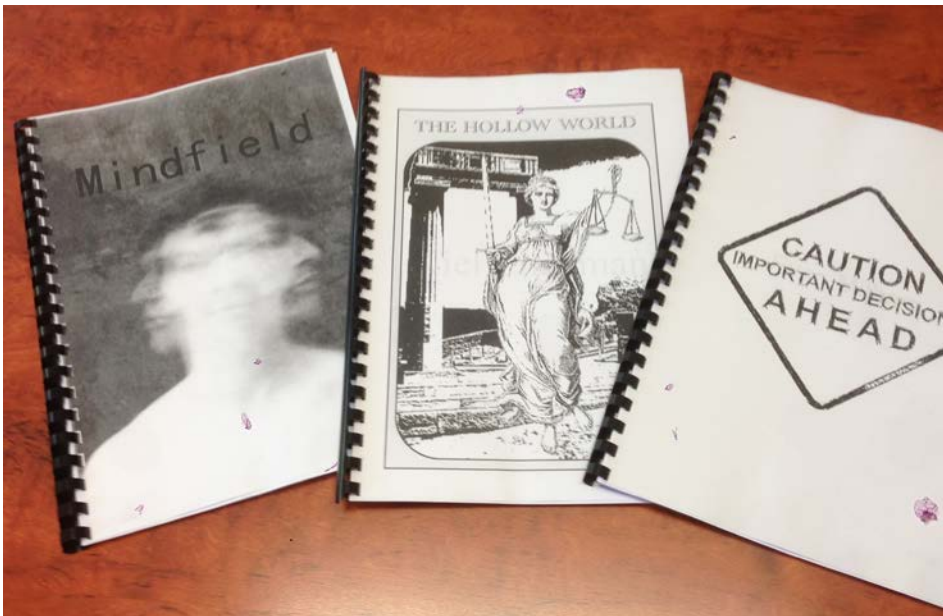
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Congratulations to Bryce Ostini who was awarded the Central West NSW Student Volunteer of the Year 2014 Award in recognition of his commitment to raising funds and awareness for the Cancer Council of NSW.



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

The last day of Term 3 was a memorable day for Year 12 parents and teachers as they shared the Graduation Assembly for 2014. The event was an emotional and fitting tribute celebrating the conclusion of 13 years of school. The occasion was somewhat of a tear-jerker through powerful student speeches recalling special memories of their time at school but possibly most impacting of all the supportive and encouraging relationships with teachers and fellow students, as this set of young people have sought to set a foundation on which they will find their niche in the wider world. It has been encouraging to hear of and see so many Year 12 students taking advantage of the extra study sessions, mentoring and support from teachers over the recent holidays and into this week. We wish each and every Year 12 student well as they begin their HSC exams, next Monday and look forward to supporting them all throughout their exams in the first week of November.



Yesterday's presentation by the 2014 Year 12 Extension Two English Class to the equivalent 2015 class was a moving event. Ryan Milham, Beth Clarke and Kiel Chapman spoke through their journey of completing an 8000 word masterpiece supported by a Journal documenting the 100s of books, websites and journal articles read as part of the high level research required. Particularly powerful was the way that the process had changed the students involved. For me that is education at its most powerful and we wish Harry Roth, Jodie Clothier and Julia Bates-Gussoni all the best as they begin a potentially life changing journey over the next 12 months.

Speaking of life changing, it was terrific to see our students and teachers safely return from Japan in the middle of the holidays. The photos and stories of the trip recount a terrific time for all, including a wide range of cultural and educational experiences as presented in the photos below.





Congratulations also to Atahlia Sutherland who over the coming weeks will have an opportunity to sing with Christine Anu as Channel 9 film a promotional piece for the 2014 School Spectacular. Atahlia is a featured Artist for the 2014 event having the opportunity to sing solo in front of 15 000 people in the Sydney Entertainment Centre at the end of November. Atahlia's talent has been nurtured by our own music department but also the State Talent Development Project.

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FACULTY NEWS – ENGLISH

It is difficult to believe that it is already the final term of the school year. It has been an exceptional year in English with the students developing a wide range of skills and expertise. However, the year is not over yet and there are so many learning opportunities still available and I know how eager the staff are to make the most of the time we have with the students of Orange High.

Year 12 are preparing as I write this for the final Higher School Certificate Examinations. Many have been at the library throughout the holidays meeting with their teachers and fine tuning their essay writing skills in preparation for the two English Papers they will sit next week. In behalf of the English staff, I wish them every success for the HSC and beyond.

As we farewell the old Year 12, it is now time to welcome the new Year 12 of 2015. They are the first cohort to study the new prescriptions for English. Standard and Advanced students are just starting their study of the new Area of Study, Discovery. We are sure that these new units and the choices in text will be challenging for all students. It is also a great time for Year 11 students to return any books that they have borrowed to the library as they will no longer need them. Please encourage your child to have a clean out in their room as we will be needing those resources in the new year.

On another positive note, the Year 11 Advanced students composed their own text as their final assessment task for the module, Representations of Women. Students were required to create their own text that represents their view of a modern woman and then complete a reflection statement that deconstructed their own text. The results were impressive with students painting several representations, there was one sculpture, a website and a piece of embroidery just to name a few.



In today's society, sport has a significant impact on people's lives. Now more than ever, sports dominate in newspapers' headlines.

Sport and physical activity have shown to have a positive influence on our nation, uniting people from all around the globe, diverse cultural backgrounds coming together and sharing their passion for sport with one another.

However, just as sport unites people so it can divide them, as it is often demonstrated in the media. We see this idea through the negative gender stereotypes and inequality in our sport today.

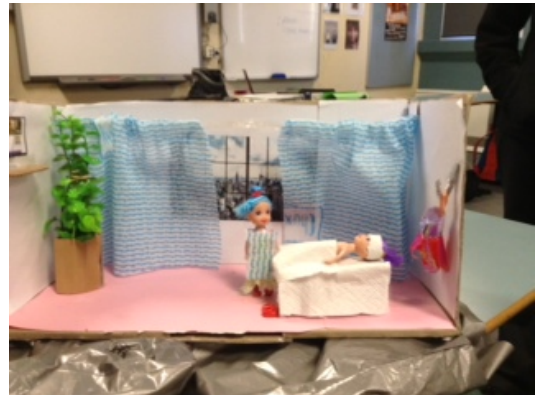
Extension 2 The Hand Over

On Wednesday the 2104 Extension 2 students presented their Major Works as well as their words of wisdom to the incoming Extension 2 candidates. It was amazing to listen to hear how much Kiel, Beth and Ryan have learned from undertaking the project and I believe that this high level of English is a course that stays with students for life. All three students were able to articulate how much they have grown from the experience as well as offering advice regarding time management and the importance of research. I would like to thank Ryan Milham, Beth Clarke and Kiel Chapman for taking valuable time out of their study regime to assist their fellow students.



Year 8 Drama Dioramas

As part of their unit on Drama, Year 8 had the opportunity to create a range of different tasks for their assessment task and it was excellent to see the high quality of the work that the majority of students completed. We cannot feature all of them here, but I felt that I needed to share a few exceptional examples with you.



English Updates...

Year 7 are immersed in the world of myths and legends, where they are examining myths from Ancient Greece, Australian Aboriginal Dreamtime as well as Maori myths from New Zealand.

Year 8 are learning about The Bard, William Shakespeare and in particular what life was like in the Elizabethan period. Year 9 are exploring film and documentaries through the lense of Sustainability. Year 10 are studying different concept studies in preparation for the senior studies next year.

All junior years will complete exams as part of their assessment for this term. Please remind your child to return any English books that they may still have at home. Before we know it, the year will nearly be over and the more texts we get back now the less we have to chase at the end of the term.

As always, thank you for your support and please feel free to contact myself or your child's English teacher if ever you have a concern or simply just want to see how they are progressing in English.

Kathleen Maksymczuk, Head Teacher English

ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 2

Year 9 - Metal Tech (Research)

LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS FOR 11 and 12 LEAVERS

Students intending to leave school can take optional online literacy and numeracy tests. The tests are for students who intend to leave school before completing their HSC. They are designed to show an overview of a student's level of achievement in these areas.

- The tests focus on the literacy and numeracy skills required by school leavers for employment and further education.
- There will be one test for literacy and one test for numeracy, with concepts drawn from the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) developed and endorsed by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).
- Each test consists of 60 questions and is 60 minutes long.

Any Year 11 or Year 12 students who intend on leaving or are thinking about leaving school are able to sit the Literacy and Numeracy test which is being held on Tuesday 28th October commencing at 10.10 am in Room B2. The tests are expected to take between 1-2 hours.

Any student interested in sitting the test, is asked to let Deputy Principal, Mrs Michelle Barrett, know before Tuesday, 21st October.

Mrs Michelle Barrett, Deputy Principal



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Orange & District Softball Association

Program includes skill development, equipment use, team uniform for competition and trophy

CARERS & PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AND HELP OUT EACH WEEK

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3rd October, 2014**



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