

NEWSLETTER



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CONGRATULATIONS KOBE



Congratulations to Kobe Mansell in Year 8 for being selected into the Australian Under 14's Basketball Team to tour New Zealand later this term.

His selection follows a stellar performance at the state titles recently in Albury.

FACULTY NEWS – SCIENCE

The Science faculty would like to warmly welcome all students and their parents/guardians back to school in 2014. We have quite a few exciting things happening this term. From our initial implementation of the new National Curriculum, new staff, extra curricula activities and ongoing commitment to e² experience for feeder primary schools in Science.

Last year our faculty worked hard with other local high schools in the Central West to develop new programs based on the National Curriculum. These changes currently apply to Year 7 and 9, with Year 8 and 10 to follow in 2015. These programs aim to enrich the learning of our students by catering for areas such as, but not limited to, literacy and numeracy, technology and differentiation in mixed ability classrooms.

Alongside these program changes, Orange High School has made the commitment to run High Achievers classes in Years 7 and 9 as of 2014. Ms Townsend (Year 7) and Mr Routh (Year 9) are thrilled to have the opportunity to share their enthusiasm and knowledge of Science with such motivated and talented students.

Our new Science teacher has arrived! Ms Kate Hodgman has begun her teaching career with us at Orange High School. Her enthusiasm for Science and her dedication to providing high quality learning experiences is already clear, only two weeks in. We are very appreciative of gaining this valuable member to our team and look forward to what fresh and exciting ideas she has to offer.

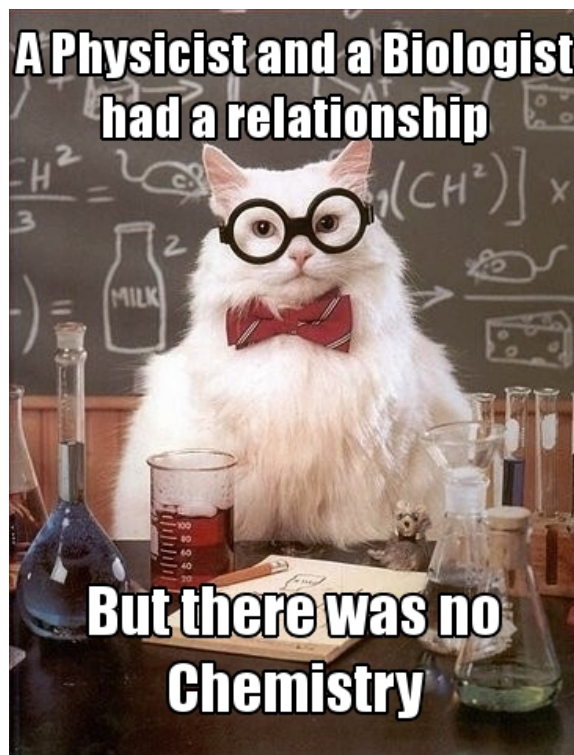
As with previous years, Orange High School will be participating in the Science and Engineering Challenge in 2014. Mr Schenkel and Ms Hodgman will be taking 1-2 teams, composed of Science students from Years 9 and 10. The event will take place on the 4th March at Kinross Wolaroi School. Students will have the opportunity to exercise their problem solving skills in a range of challenging tasks. Good luck to all our team members, we look forward to celebrating your success.

In two weeks time the first block of e² experience will begin. This important program helps develop interest in Science and facilitate transition of Years 5 and 6 students from feeder primary schools.

S Townsend

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well done and congratulations to Bryce Ostini for his selection as photographer for the 'Erebus Motor Sport Team' at the Bathurst 12 Hour Race event last weekend. It is exciting to see so many students with enormous and diverse talents selected for opportunities to develop their skills and learn from professionals in their field. I understand Bryce has learnt even more techniques and took away valuable 'field' based photographic experiences.



The school year is now firmly underway with routines developing quickly and the Creative and Performing Arts extra-curricular activities such as concert, stage and beginner bands; choir, man choir and the various dance ensembles all underway. **As a school we encourage maximum involvement and welcome new students to all of these programs.** If your child is interested but not yet involved, we would encourage you to talk with the leaders of these programs including Mrs Chris Mickle, Mr Brian Irvine or Mrs Pauline Frost, Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts. In the end, involvement in extra-curricula activities develops a greater sense of belonging, a sense of belonging results in high engagement and high engagement results in high achievement.

Congratulations to Kishaya Delaney who has been selected as Orange High Schools nominee to represent the school at the annual Lion's Youth of the Year Competition this term. We wish Kishaya all the best as she prepares for her prepared and impromptu speeches along with her leadership and general knowledge questions. We are proud of all of our students and know that Kishaya will do a fine job representing our school.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to find time to attend this week's first P&C Meeting for the year. **It is great to work with such an active and supportive group committed to working together to further develop our great school.**

Good luck to all students who are preparing for the swimming carnival next Tuesday, 18 February. The carnival has a wonderful atmosphere that encourages participation and positive house spirit. **The day is considered a regular school day and we do expect everyone to attend and be involved where at all possible, in the structured and/or unstructured activities.** Students not at school need to provide a note from home explaining why they were away.

Over the next couple of weeks, all of the school's assessment schedules and calendars will be uploaded to the school's webpage. Over the coming weeks we will continue to develop the site to make it as informative and interactive as possible. The main priority, of course, is to ensure clear communication between school and home, to ensure parents are empowered to support students learning. The schools newsletter is also a work in progress. Over the coming weeks and months we aim to evolve it into a single central source of teaching and learning information, reports of past events and information about future events.

All parents will shortly receive an invoice in the mail for Voluntary Contributions and subject fees requesting payment before the end of Term 1. As a school we really do run on a shoe-string budget and the relatively small amount of money contributed by parents makes a huge difference to the level of resources that we are able to provide students. **Just a reminder that while Voluntary Contributions are not compulsory, subject (Elective) fees are compulsory and are used to purchase consumable items such as food for Hospitality classes, timber and metal for Design and Technology classes and sheet music for Music.** Subject fees were clearly outlined in the subject selection booklets students received when they made their subject choices and it is an expectation the fees are paid. Any families, where payment of fees creates financial difficulties, are invited to speak and make arrangements with Mrs Kerrie Chopping (Head Teacher Wellbeing) on 6362 3444. Extra-curricula activities such as band and dance classes outside the regular curricula will be invoiced separately in coming weeks.

This week application forms for our 2015 Year 7 'High Achievement Class' for students with gifts and talents have been distributed. The forms are available on our schools website, www.orange-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or in the schools front office. This year selection into the class will be based on a completed application form, review of recent reports and NAPLAN assessments, student interview and information from primary schools. If you have a Year 6 child or know of a relative or friend who does have a child with high abilities in academic, social, sporting, artistic, performance and/or leadership skills, please be encouraged to share the information or download a form and hand it to them. Applications close on Friday 14 March. Please note all applications should be directed to the front office of Orange High School not primary schools. Any queries or information can be obtained by phoning or emailing Cathy Sharp on 6362 3444 or Catherine.sharp@det.nsw.edu.au

ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 4

Year 7	Music (Performance- Drums) Science (Safety Research Investigation Problem Gathering and Communicating)
Year 8	Music (performance-drums)

THE BUZZ**Motivational Media**

The presentation centres around the theme 'Impact' and is a very visual presentation across 3 expansive screens. Student always enjoy the experience it certainly deepens their knowledge of how life experience 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. Information notes have been distributed to students.**

MERIT SYSTEM

Our jazzed up merit system is in full swing and students are supporting the 'PBL Ticket' reward process. Students are required to place their tickets in the orange box outside the SSTARTS office in the main corridor. Every fortnight, during assembly, there are 4 draws for a \$10 canteen voucher.

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS WERE:

Tip Hastie – Year 12

Michelle Furze – Year 9

David Clare – Year 11

Matthew Blanch – Year 7

Congratulations to these students and we look forward to rewarding more students in the coming weeks. Attached is the general overview of the merit system. We will be reviewing the system a little later in the year. We will keep you all posted!!

VACCINATIONS – ALL YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 BOYS ONLY

PARENT INFORMATION KITS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based vaccination program.

In 2014 the following vaccines will be offered:

- Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine for all Year 7 students who have not previously received varicella vaccine or had chickenpox disease.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping cough (dTpa) to all Year 7 students as a routine adolescent booster
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 male and female students and to Year 9 male students, as a 3-dose course over a six-month period.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians (Monday 17th Feb). To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child's school. Please ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the Consent Form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and, for female students only, link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

If you have questions about the program please contact the Population Health Unit Bathurst on (02) 6339 5185.

Please return signed permission card to school at your earliest convenience. Students can put them in a box under the student's front office window.

Vaccination Dates are 20th March, 22nd May, 24th July, 30th October.

Have a great week,

Kerrie Chopping, HT Welfare

2014 POSITIVE REWARDS OVERVIEW

Part 1 - Teacher Merits

- for students working above and beyond expectations



Merits are accumulated across school career

Blue Award (50 teacher merits)
Indigo Award (100 teacher merits)
Violet Award (150 teacher merits)
Bronze Award (200 teacher merits)
Silver Award (250 teacher merits)
Gold Award (300 teacher merits)
ACE Award (year 12 only) (criteria)

- All Awards presented at assembly or Year meetings
- Rewards for Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Recipients
- Tallies published weekly on PBL noticeboard
- Tallies published in newsletter
- Year Adviser to commend individual students
- Nominating class teacher to inform the student that they have been nominated

Nomination categories include:

Academic Achievement
School or Community Service
School Representation
Diligence and sustained effort

Part 2 - PBL Ticket Draw

In addition to the 'Teacher Merits'

PBL Tickets are awarded for great work, sustained focus during class or consistent effort during the lesson etc.

Teacher fills in the PBL Ticket and awards it to the student during class time



Students place PBL Ticket in allocated box (opposite the SSTARTS office in the main hallway)



Winners are drawn each fortnight at assembly

4 X \$10 canteen vouchers

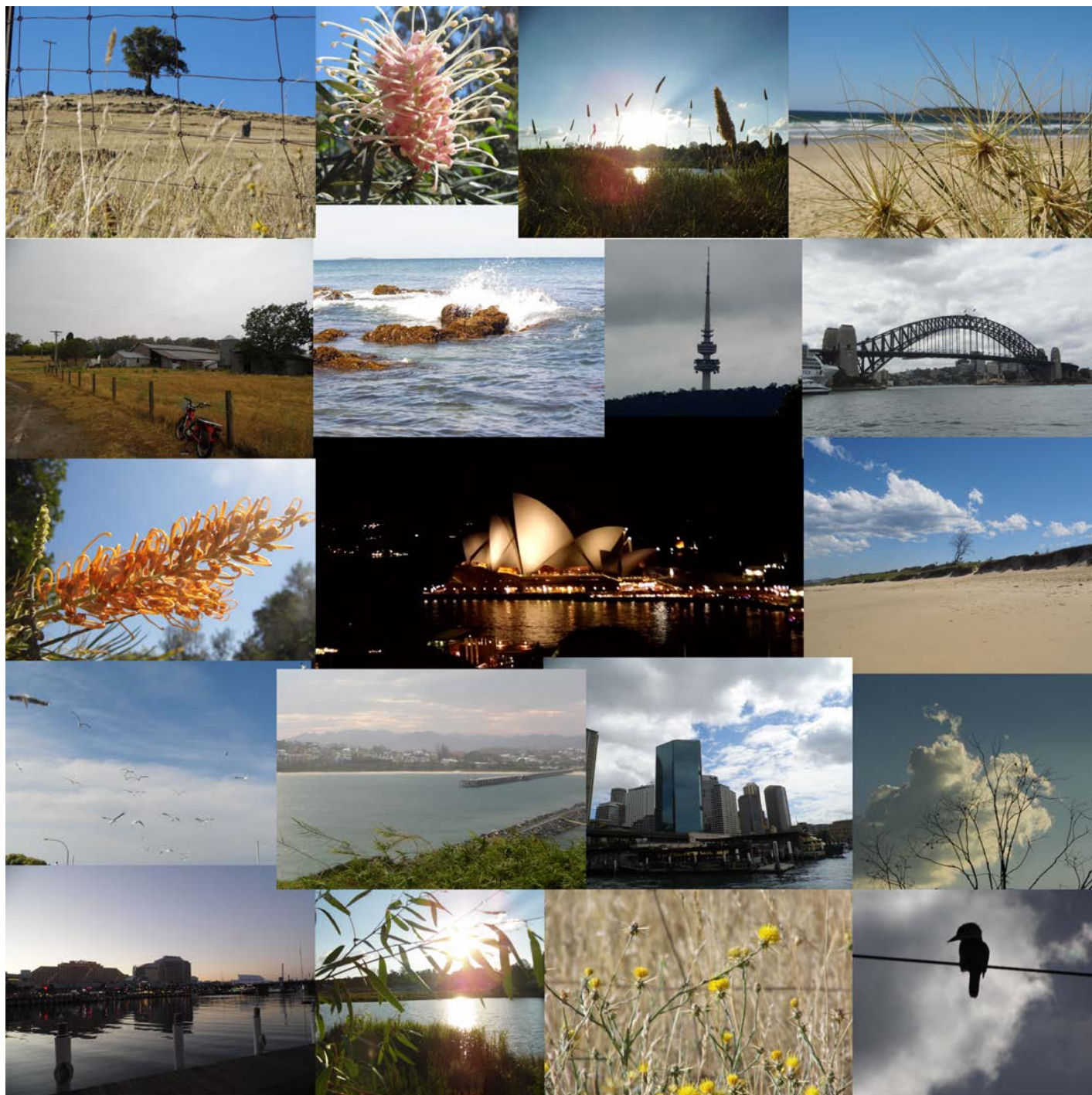
At the end of term all tickets go into a draw for 3 x \$20 vouchers

MEGADRAW (to be confirmed)

Last 4 weeks of the year

PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL MEDIA NEWS

Congratulations to Bryce Ostini for his appointment to photograph Erebus Motorsport team's effort in the twelve hour endurance sports car title in February this year. Congratulations also go to Tom Milson for winning second prize in this year's Orange Australia Day Art Competition with this photographic montage.



J Fitzpatrick

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB 2014

Selections for Orange High School netball teams will occur on the following dates. The venue for all trials is the OHS gym.

- High A (CHS Open representative team and Astley Cup team), Junior A (15 and under selected team) and 15's (for those turning 15 and under) and CHS U/15s representative team: Thursday 13th February 4.00-5.30pm
- Senior team nominations (anyone playing in divisions 3-7) must be received by Friday 28th February.
- Selections for U13's will be held: Thursday 20th February 3.30-4.15pm
- Selections for U/14's will be held: Thursday 20th February 4.15-5.00pm
- Selections for U/15's will be held: Thursday 20th February 5.00-5.30pm

If you are willing to coach or manage a team could you please contact me ASAP.

The Orange High School Netball Club will be holding an **AGM on Monday 17/2/14 5.00pm in the OHS gym**. We are seeking people to fill a number of positions so if you are interested please come along. We would love to meet as many OHS netball club parents as possible.

In addition, please be aware that we plan on changing our current uniform into new A line dresses which will incur an additional cost. Registration day/uniform fittings will be March 1st at Orange High School Gym. If you are unable to make this day please see Miss Dray in the PE staffroom or get in touch.

Thanks

Orange High School- 2015 Year 7

High Achievers Class

for students with gifts and talents



Orange High School invites applications for the 2015 Year 7 High Achievers Class for students with gifts and talents.

Places are on offer to Year 6 students entering year 7 in 2015. These students, with demonstrated commitment, will continue into Year 8 in 2016.

This strategy is an opportunity for motivated high achieving students to participate in a curriculum that is differentiated according to their areas of recognized potential. Successful applicants to the High Achievers classes will be placed in learning environments with alternative instructional modes. Each student will have a differentiated *Learning Plan* that can include:

- ◇ Acceleration into advanced curriculum
- ◇ An academically challenging learning sequence
- ◇ A wide range of extra curricular enrichment

Applications close- 14th March, 2014

For information call Mrs Catherine Sharp on 63623444

T. Dray, OHS Netball Club Coordinator - W: 6362 3444 - e: Tegan.dray1@det.nsw.edu.au

SMALL GROUP TUTORING Orange TAFE College

This course is designed to support students who are currently studying **Mathematics** and **English**—Standard and The tutors try to satisfy the individual needs of students. Classes are scheduled after school hours from Monday to Thursday from 4:00-6:00pm. Class maximum 6 students per group

Attendance Pattern: One hour per week for 5 consecutive weeks

Cost: Learner Support Small Group Tutorial Course 8900:\$190 for 5 weeks

Further Information: Deirdre O'Brien 6391 5655 or contact Chris Jacobs 6391 5750



ORANGE CITY HOCKEY UNDER 13 GIRLS TEAM

If there are any girls interested in playing hockey this year in an Under 13 Girls team on Saturday mornings, could you please contact Janine Caughlan in the front office.

EMUS WALLAS & JUNIORS RUGBY 2014 – REGISTRATION DAYS

Registration for all age groups U/7's to U/17's

Will be held at Emus Rugby Club – Woodward Road, Orange

Friday 21st February, 5pm – 7pm & Sunday 23rd February, 10am – 1pm

Please call Jeff Ferguson on 0428 491 063 or

Geoff Potts on 0412 146 329 for more information



There will be more information in next week's Newsletter. Notes will be handed out to students next week.



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OUR COMPANY

Australian Mobile Dental Care provides the highest quality, on-site oral health care services to Schools, Aged care facilities and Aboriginal communities with the simple objective – We bring the dentist to you!

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DEAR PARENTS,

In Australia, toothache is the number one reason children miss school. We have been providing dental services since 2010.



We offer free assessments and basic dental treatment to students covered under Medicare. If students require ongoing dental treatment they will be referred to the local dentist(s) in the area.

Medicare "Grow up Smiling" Program 2014

From the 1st of January 2014, the Australian Government will introduce a new dental scheme called Grow Up Smiling (GUS) and will provide benefits for basic dental services to around 3.4 million children aged 2-17 years.

This new program will replace the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP) with an expanded program that increases the eligibility age range, benefit amount and the services that can be provided.

The total benefit entitlement will be capped at \$1,000 per child over a two calendar year period. Grow Up Smiling (GUS) will have the same means test as the Medicare Teen Dental Plan, which requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or certain other government payments.

The schedule of dental services for Grow Up Smiling will consist of services for essential dental treatment, such as check-ups, x-rays, fillings and extractions. High end (crowns, bridges, root canal) and orthodontic items are excluded.

As the payment of benefits will be administered through Medicare, using details held by Centrelink you should ensure that your details are up to date.

(The above information was extracted from Department of Health)