

# NEWSLETTER



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**Congratulations to Billy Greatbatch in Year 11 for his achievement qualifying as a Level 6 Touch Football Referee.** Billy is another example of our exceptionally high achieving students. Billy is the youngest person in the world to achieve such a feat. Billy is also a role model and terrific example to other students and we look forward to watching him continue to achieve his dreams and aspirations.

*Achievement in a supportive environment*

Farewelling visiting Japanese students last Sunday was an emotional event. There were lots of tears as the visiting students boarded the bus to take them to Sydney and back to Japan. **The strong bonds formed between the visiting students and their host families were special to the point of lasting a lifetime.** The visit was a highly successful event building on previous exchanges and establishing further strong foundations for future exchanges. The farewell dinner held in the Performing Arts Centre last Friday to conclude the event was also a resounding success and opportunity for families and visitors to socialise. The highlight though was the entertaining performances by the Japanese students. Pictured below are the students presented with small gifts from Councillors Chris Gryllis and Kevin Duffy.



Last Friday was also Grape Harvest Day at our Anson Street Farm. **It was terrific to see our students working hard harvesting the crop while at the same time other students worked closely with students with special needs from Anson Street.** Our 20 visiting Japanese students also had their first experience harvesting grapes.



Following a discussion at the last P&C Meeting, our new **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information Communication Technology Policy** will be released at a special parent information session in the Performing Arts Centre on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm in The Performing Arts Centre. At this time, members of the Technology Team led by Rel/Deputy Principal Helene Hamilton will lead a discussion of the requirements and strategic plan associated with the new policy. It is envisaged students will from Term 2 have the *option* of bringing their own device to school provided they have met the requirements set out clearly in the policy. It is anticipated all students will very soon have access to Google Docs on a state-wide basis to further support our school based initiative.

**This Friday, in tandem with the Athletics Carnival we will holding Orange High School's National Day Against Bullying.** Members of the Student Representative Council will distribute wristbands to students and will support a range of other initiatives on the day to promote our very strong Anti-bullying stance.

**David Lloyd**

#### **A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH!**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is important that you let us know if your child's health care needs changing or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.



A review of medical information previously supplied is currently being undertaken in line with current Departmental requirements. Whilst you may have recently provided documentation to the school, should any additional information be required, correspondence will be forwarded to you. We do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause however ask your assistance in completing and returning forms which may also require consultation with your child's Doctor.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of others who may be nominated as emergency contacts.

We do appreciate your assistance and assure you that any information you provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

## PEER SUPPORT

### Inclusion

Inclusion is treating everyone with respect. Students are encouraged to show others they are important by including and encouraging them. They practice supporting each other and learn they can achieve more when they recognise the value of working together.

### Integrity

Students learn they are acting with integrity when their choices consistently reflect their values. Sometimes the choices they make are influenced by the people who are important to them. They need to decide to what extent these influences are supporting their values. Students are encouraged to realise what they say and do is a reflection of who they are.

## GRAPE HARVEST

Another year and another vintage. Over a hundred students from Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory Agriculture, Year 9 and 10 Elective Agriculture alongside Anson Street School students, successfully harvested the 2014 vintage from Anson Farm vineyard last Friday. Although a late frost in October 2013 had a significant impact on overall yield, the students managed to pick a crop of 1.5 tonnes by lunchtime. A lot of leaf matter made the job of locating and picking smaller bunches of grapes a challenge for the pickers, however, perseverance and encouragement ensured plenty of grapes made it into the buckets and then the bins for pressing. The excellent flavour of this year's grapes did encourage the occasional sample



to ensure quality control standards were achieved.



The Japanese exchange students took advantage of the opportunity to try their hands at grape picking and found the process to be a lot of fun, a great photo opportunity and a tasty treat as well. The grape experience was the final agricultural activity for our visitors after chicken and sheep handling along with cattle grooming undertaken earlier in the week at the Agriculture Plot at OHS.

The students of Orange High are to be commended for their cooperation in assisting Anson Street students during the grape harvest process. It is a positive reflection of the great spirit and ethos the students at our school uphold.

## T Thompson

### CHESS NEWS

The Chess Club welcomes fresh players this year. The first round of NSW Junior Chess League Western Region is on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. The top four players would get an opportunity to play against St. Stanilaus' College. We are very proud of our enthusiastic members of this esteemed club who turn up every Wednesday and Thursday lunches in room 109 to compete for the ranking in the club.

Congratulations to these students for this well-earned Ranking List:



|                          |                    |                      |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Zac Giger             | 2. Marly Hevers    | 3. Caleb Giger       | 4. Benjamin Blanch |
| 5. Lavon Koopelian       | 6. Jacob McMullen  | 7. Hayden Fortune    | 8. Ty Brayley      |
| 9. Michael Bersolto      | 10. Lynton Robbins | 11. Jai Warrender    | 12. Natheneal Carr |
| 13. Ella Van Bochom Maas | 14. Liam Caufield  | 15. Micheal Thompson |                    |

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### THE BUZZ

#### Merits

Congratulations to the following who have achieved Merit Awards this term. This is a collation of the previous 'signatures' and the current 'Teacher Merits'.



#### Blue Award (50 Teacher merits)

Ben Hazzard – Year 12  
Kieran Ryan – Year 12  
McKenzie Morton – Year 12  
Rachel Ogilvie – Year 11  
Phoebe Brogden – Year 10  
Nathan Fauchon – Year 10  
Jake Freedman – Year 10  
Hunter Press – Year 9  
Thomas Zeylemaker – Year 9

#### Indigo Award (100 Teacher Merits)

Braden Riles – Year 12  
Billie Steele – Year 12

#### Bronze Award – (200 Teacher Merits)

Andrew Parish – Year 10

#### Silver Award – (250 Teacher Merits)

Isabella Bankovic – Year 10  
Harry Roth – Year 11

Congratulations to the following students who have won the \$10 canteen vouchers this fortnight.

Leah Bragg – Year 8, Emily Fraser – Year 8, Tahleia Mascord – Year 7 and Zac Cook – Year 8

#### Cyber Bully – Year 7 and 8 – Reminder to return permission notes

Starr Productions are visiting Orange High School on the **3rd April to entertain Year 7 and 8**. They are presenting 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. Please complete and return permission notes to the front office by 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

#### See Sharp Presentation – Lorin Nicholson

We are very fortunate to have Lorin Nicholson visiting the school on the **27<sup>th</sup> March to speak to Year 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 so far and will entertain students with his stories and messages about overcoming negativity and peer pressure, bullying, respect and inclusion and striving for excellence.

Information notes have been sent home. Have a great weekend.

#### Kerrie Chopping, Head Teacher Welfare

#### DEVICES FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNER

**Orange High School BYOD Parent Information Night: Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 in the Performing Arts Centre at Orange High School starting at 6pm.**

It will be an information evening for parents on the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy and how it will benefit student learning in the classroom and how devices can be registered efficiently. The information will show how Google Docs can assist the learning and organisation of subject students study.

If you have any questions about the BYOD policy at OHS please bring them along and we can answer them, so when you leave you have the expertise to purchase your child a device that best suits your budget and their needs.

**Helene Hamilton, Relieving Deputy Principal**

**ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 9**

|         |  |
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| Year 7  | Maths, Science, HSIE - Geography & History, PDHPE, TM-Home Ec & Ag, Music (class task)                 |
| Year 8  | English, HSIE - W Geography & W History, Maths, Music, PDHPE, Science, TM - Ag & Home Ec (class tasks) |
| Year 10 | Dance (performance/lyrical, contemporary)  |

**FACULTY NEWS - PDHPE**

Term 1 has been a very productive and busy time for all PDHPE and sport coaches. We have seen many sporting events contested such as the Athletics and Swimming carnivals and also a variety of CHS sports. The level of skill and performance of our students continues to amaze me every time I watch them compete. Congratulations to all teams who have been successful in their sports and an extra special mention to all students who have qualified for Western Region teams.

Our faculty is very proud of the exceptional results and achievements of all of our students and staff. We have many athletes, referees and coaches who are excelling in their chosen fields. It's always great to see OHS students frequently in the CWD and hear of so many wonderful achievements across a range of sports such as triathlon, muay thai, squash, rugby league, rugby union, basketball, athletics, etc. Congratulations to the following students from OHS who received Australia Day sports awards:



Charlie Bubb (Muay Thai), Brock Campbell (Boxing), Courtney Chapman (Swimming) and Lauren Kerwick (Triathlon) Chloe Barrett (Hockey), Hayley Butcherine (Hockey), Jesse Keegan (Squash) and Madison Smith (Hockey).

Special mention to Mr Anthony Wharton who has recently been named as the Australian Muay Thai coach for the team who will contest the IFMA world championships to be held in Malaysia.

**ASSESSMENTS**

All students in the junior school are working hard at completing assessment tasks for each of their topic areas. It's always a great time for the teachers to see the high quality of work that the students produce.

Year 7 are in the process of putting together presentation tasks about their own sense of self by completing an interactive personal profile.

Year 8 are completing extended writing tasks within their lessons. This looks at student composing a writing piece that gets students to follow the following TXXC process:

Topic  
eXplain  
eXpand  
eXample  
Conclusion

Year 9 are currently studying the topic of Equal and Respectful Relationships. The assessment task requires students to complete a writing task that looks at providing relationship advice to people who are experiencing challenging and uncomfortable situations.

Year 10 are compiling their knowledge of healthy eating habits in order to create a healthy eating plan for adolescents to follow. Their extensive research into the recommended daily intake of nutrients and the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating will assist them to provide a detailed and thorough assessment task.

It is the expectation that every task is handed in on time and completed to the best of the student's ability. Please check with your child to see how they have performed in these tasks.

**GOSFORD AND ASTLEY CUP**

Gosford and Astley Cup inter-school sporting visits are fast approaching. Gosford will be held in week 5 of Term 2 with 28 sports being contested on Thursday 29th May. Our students will leave on Wednesday and will meet their billets in Gosford. The whole competition is a worthwhile sporting cultural experience that I'm sure many students will talk about for years to come. There are junior teams (yr 7-10) as well as senior teams (open ages) for a number of different sports. Astley Cup, our annual visit between OHS, Bathurst High and Dubbo Snr College is celebrating its 91<sup>st</sup> year this year and we are hoping that the cup will return to its rightful home here at OHS. Sports contested are athletics, tennis, open girls netball, open girls hockey, open girls soccer, open boys soccer, open boys basketball and open





boys rugby league. Coaches of teams involved for both these visits have been advertising trial dates for students to participate in these events so keep an ear out in the notices, listen at assembly or come and see the PE staffroom.

### Mr Terry Baker, Head Teacher PDHPE

### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Come along to the P&C's Cinema Under the Stars next Friday night 28<sup>th</sup> March. Monsters University and Skyfall will be showing. There will be a barbeque as well so you can enjoy dinner and a movie! Gates will open at 6:15pm and the first movie will start at 7pm. Bring along bean bags, blankets, chairs, pillows etc and enjoy this unique cinema experience.

A poster is attached to the newsletter with further details. Please come and support the P&C in raising funds for the school and bring your family and friends along!

### ADULT ASPERGER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Orange Community Information and Services Centre, 79 Kite Street, Orange at 7pm. For more information contact John Betts, President, on email: [orangeklf.betts@gmail.com](mailto:orangeklf.betts@gmail.com).

### USHIKU EISHIN EXCHANGE 2014

Over the past two weeks 20 Japanese students and 2 teachers from our sister city school of Ushiku Eishin High School have been visiting Orange High School. Alex Hewett, Ariel Ware, Courtney Crowe, Georgie Clarke, Molly Collins, Elizabeth Fox, Keely Dunn, Emma Fisher, Sarah Brown, Gabrielle Lloyd, Angelic Graf, Tamara Mathews, Alyssa Maidment, Annalise Theakstone, Hannah Mendham, Lucy Hill, Hannah Spencer, Tessa Booth, Bryce Ostini and Addam Parish and their families hosted our visiting students.

I would like to acknowledge the special effort that these students entered to making sure that our Japanese visitors had a good time, felt at home for the two weeks of their stay and saw some Orange attractions. A big thank you goes to the parents and siblings of these students who also contributed to our visitors enjoying their stay.

Without these people volunteering to share their lives for two weeks we would not have been able to have our exchange. This year the exchange has reached its 24<sup>th</sup> year. Lucy Hill, Tessa Booth, Codey McHatton and Amber Collins, all who had participated in the 2012 Exchange, again helped out admirably with this year's exchange.

During the stay the students participated in English lessons daily, visited classrooms with their hosts, visited the Japanese classroom, attended a Mayoral reception, went to Cadia, visited Abercrombie House and panned for gold at Bathurst's Goldfields. They went to Canberra visiting the Mint, Questacon, paid a night visit to Parliament House, visited the National Gallery, shopped, enjoyed some of the activities of Canberra's Enlighten festival, visited the Old Bus stop markets, took a tour of the Embassies,

learnt more things about Australia at the Museum of Australia, participated in an AIS tour, overlooked Canberra at Mount Ainslie, fed tigers and giraffes at the National Zoo and slept all the way home.

Nick Robbins, Mitchell Leonard, Reece Bell, Dillon Bell, Isacc Latice, Cal Dickson, Paul Robbins, Bevan Smith, Mat Ingram, Jye Page and Elijah Smyth please stand up. These boys and Mr Bell provided an amazing aboriginal dance and encounter for our visitors. Mrs Small who generously taught the Japanese students how to make Anzac biscuits, Mrs Griffin who organised the disco, which the students had never experienced before and absolutely loved, Mr Thompson who drove the bus to Canberra for four days and gave up his weekend to do so, he also provided a farm animal interaction and grape picking experience, which the visitors enjoyed immensely. Other staff gave up their rooms, supervised at the disco, filled the bus and contributed in various ways to make this excursion a very memorable school exchange.

I would like to make a special acknowledgement of Mr Irvine's contribution. Mr Irvine is my co-organiser and assists me in the running of this exchange. Without his contribution we would not be able to have such a wonderful exchange. Mr Irvine and I hosted the Ushiku Eishin teachers during their stay.

There were many tears and hugs on Sunday morning when Ushiku Eishin departed Orange High, its students and their families. Now we are looking forward to visiting them in September. I hope you enjoy the photos of this visit.

**Mrs Shery Pirie, Ushiku Eishin Exchange Co-ordinator**











# CINEMA

## UNDER THE STARS

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