

# NEWSLETTER



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*Achievement in a supportive environment*



**PRINCIPAL'S NEWS**

This week the school enjoyed a very positive start to Term 2. During the School Development Day last Monday, teachers undertook professional learning in Literacy, Work Health and Safety, and a range of workshops including: utilising data to inform teaching with technology and the National Teaching Standards. Students resumed Tuesday and quickly settled into routine with most expressing they were happy to be back at school learning. On Wednesday our school hosted a Visual Artist who led a specialist workshop for talented art painters. The artist was sponsored by Telstra. Coincidentally, the Board of Telstra were meeting in Orange and found time to visit our school and share in the art workshop with Local member Andrew Gee.



It was terrific to see so many students commemorate ANZAC Day by marching with the school at the Orange Community March last Friday. As Principal, I was incredibly proud of our students and the way they commemorated ANZAC Day.











**Congratulations to Lauren Kerwick on her amazing Silver Medal Achievement at the Australian (National) All Schools Triathlon** in atrocious conditions at Bendigo on the 8th -11th April 2014. In the individual event held on the 10th April, Lauren got off to a good start in the 600 metre swim leg finishing this leg in 4th position. A good transition from the swim to the 16km bike leg allowed Lauren to take the lead after the 1st lap of the bike course. In these wet conditions, Lauren managed to keep the lead during the whole bike leg going into the final transition in first place. Lauren's bike split was the fastest in the race. With an interrupted run preparation due to injury, Lauren managed to run the 4km leg well enough to be beaten only by Kira Hedgeland from Western Australia. Lauren was very happy with this performance as she was competing against triathletes who are nearly two years older.



On the 11th April Lauren was chosen to do the bike leg in the NSW relay team to compete in the intermediate girls race. NSW got off to an impressive lead of 20 seconds after the swim leg, Lauren managed to increase this lead to 46 seconds after the bike leg, but unfortunately NSW lost this lead with less than 500 metres from the finish. All the N.S.W girls were initially disappointed but knew they had given their all.

Over the holidays a number of physical improvements were made to our school including the enlargement of the front foyer to accommodate a cashier for parents and community members. This facility in the front foyer directly off the Woodward Street entrance will avoid parents having to enter the school through the science labs. Thus all parent enquires and bill payments will now occur on the front counter in the main foyer.

Upstairs, in the main building, contractors have begun extending further the carpet on walls completed in approximately half the corridors last year. This will be followed by some further painting in the corridors over the coming weeks.





*Meaghan Kempson and Trent French on the Forecourt of the Opera House after the event.*

### David Lloyd, Principal

#### PLEIN AIR VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOP

On Wednesday April 30, 20 students from Orange High School participated in an all day workshop at school. The workshop was conducted by a Plein Air Visual Artist Matilda Julian who is based at Geurie. The workshop was sponsored by Telstra who provided us with art packs containing a canvas, paints, brushes, pencil and an eraser. This workshop ran in conjunction with the New South Wales Plein Air Painting competition. The students' works will be photographed and entered into the Plein Air painting competition. These works will be judged by a panel of Artists and 3 works will be chosen to be hung in Parliament House in Sydney with first prize being \$500. This is the students section in the competition. The adults section has the more substantial prize of \$25,000.

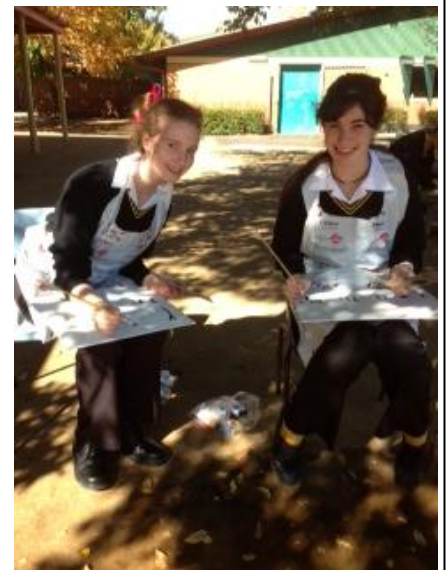


be serious contenders in the competition and we are hopeful that one or more of the works will be chosen to be hung in Parliament house.

### C Coates

Meaghan and Trent our School Captains enjoyed a wonderful time at the formal reception for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge during the holidays. Both Meaghan and Trent were thrilled at the opportunity to attend the reception and represent the school students from across NSW at the incredibly special occasion. The highlight for Meaghan was the opportunity to socialise with ordinary community members who have achieved phenomenal things. 'In particular, I spent a lot of time talking to ultra-marathon burn victim, Turia Pitt. Her outlook on life and ability to interact with people in such a confident and optimistic manner was extremely admirable. Unsurprisingly enough, I also loved the fact that my time at the reception was spent surrounded by Olympians and various other elite athletes including Glen McGrath, Laurie Daley and Anthony Minichiello'.

The event was an incredibly select event with only 3 sets of school leaders representing NSW schools outside metropolitan areas.



Members of the local media and the local MP Andrew Gee and Telstra Area Managers were invited by Telstra to come along for the final hour. The Central Western Daily and Orange City Life came to take photographs of our art students. The students were also spoken to by Telstra Managers and Andrew Gee about the competition and all the official party seemed very impressed by the talent of our students' work. It was also noted that Orange High School had the largest number of participants in the workshop than any other school in NSW.

We were fortunate that the Orange weather was glorious, cold but sunny with a few scattered clouds creating amazing shadows and light on the colourful Autumn trees. The students all learnt a lot about Plein Air or open air painting and developed many painting skills and techniques. They practised using tone, depth, shadows and colour amongst a balanced composition. The paintings show the talent and developing skills of our promising art students. We are very fortunate to have been given this opportunity. I think we will



## BOYS TENNIS



On the final day of Term 1, the OHS Boys Tennis Team took on Kelso High for round two of CHS Tennis.

Despite the ominous weather conditions the boys executed their game plans (to be consistent yet aggressive) extremely well to defeat Kelso High 5 sets to 3.

During the warm-up, a Kelso High player announced who they would be playing in the next round (assuming they were going to defeat OHS). In response, the boys swept the opening doubles (6-1) and (6-2). As our training sessions have been specifically focusing on our doubles skills and tactics (serving, volleying and indeed keeping the pressure on our opponents with aggressive net play) it was great to see the boys putting these skills into action. Our number 1 pairing, Lachlan Griffith and Simon Duffield played smart, consistent tennis with Lachlan to be particularly commended for brilliant net play. Our number 2 pairing, Harry Griffith and Hayden Dillon played extremely well with Harry's

ground strokes forcing errors from their opponents and Hayden's aggressive volleys putting an end to points effectively. Singles play saw Kelso High regroup with Kelso High's number 1 player defeating Lachlan Griffith (6-1). Lachlan played his characteristic counter-punch tennis, however his opponent played exceptionally well. Simon Duffield was also defeated by Kelso's number 4 player (7-5) however is to be commended for a hard-fought singles match which came down to the most consistent server winning the match. At the number 3 singles position, Hayden Dillon showed great mental toughness by remaining focused during an unsportsmanlike outburst from his opponent. His steady, consistent play unhinged his opponent (6-3) who reportedly is capable of great tennis play. Hayden has shown tremendous improvement throughout our training sessions and is to be congratulated for this pivotal singles win.

However, the man of the match award must be awarded to Harry Griffith, who took care of business (6-2) despite being verbally provoked by Hayden Dillon's opponent. Harry handled the unsportsmanlike behaviour in an extremely mature manner and this was recognised by myself as coach, players from both teams, and the opposing coach. We lead the match 4 sets to 2 leading into the reverse doubles, however, with our two singles losses there was a slight swing in momentum. We no longer had the element of surprise from our first round of doubles so it was important to enter the match confidently with the attitude to sweep both sets. Kelso's number 2 doubles pair came out refocused and defeated Lachlan and Simon swiftly (6-1), so therefore the match would come down to our number 2 pair (Harry and Hayden) defeating Kelso's number 1 doubles pairing. As both teams watched from the sidelines knowing that if Kelso won the doubles, sets would be tied at 4-4 and the overall winner would be determined by counting games, the pressure was on! However, our boys remained aggressive and played consistent tennis forcing errors from their opponents and winning (6-3). I was most proud of the mental fortitude that Harry and Hayden showed during this match in both their singles and doubles. Well done boys!

**Mrs Mages****GOOGLE DRIVE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS.**

It will be held in two parts:                   Session 1 13th May 2014  
  Session 2 27th May 2014

If you are unable to attend this workshop, it will be held again in term 3 on:  
                                  Session 1 8th August 2014  
                                  Session 2 19th August 2014

As of the 1st of June this year, the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program will cease at Orange High School and the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy will take its place.

Any student who has a device from the DER will need to register it as a [BYOD device](#). It's important to understand the School does not take responsibility for devices. Please read the [BYOD policy](#) for clarification.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students who no longer require their DER device can supply it to the pool to support students without any access to technology.

Please be aware we are future proofing our BYOD hardware to ensure devices are suitable for years to come. For this reason, if you are considering purchasing an iPad, we recommend Apple iPad devices with retina display and a lightning connector (iPad 3 and above). The 16g model will be sufficient as we are using cloud-based storage.

**ATTENDANCE AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL – EXEMPTION PROCEDURES**

A strong link exists between attendance and success at school. At Orange High School our attendance rates are above both regional and state averages and are continuing to rise. We appreciate the support and communication from parents in relation to attendance.

It is the duty of the State to ensure that every child receives an education of the highest quality and it is the duty of parents to comply with the compulsory education requirements of the Education Act 1990. We understand that at times conditions exist that prevent students from being able to attend school. In these cases an exemption may be granted.

1.1.3 Certificates of Exemption from the compulsory education requirements of the Act may be granted by a delegated officer (as identified in 1.1.10 below) when it has been clearly demonstrated by the applicant that an exemption is in the student's best interests in the short and long term and that alternatives to exemption have been considered.

Exceptional domestic circumstances, including but not limited to participation in family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of the child:



- Other exceptional circumstances such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate
- The child being prevented from attending school because of a direction under section 42D of the Public Health Act 1991
- Employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice

Exemption paperwork must be submitted prior to the absence for it to be approved. If a child is unwell for a period of time please

contact us at school and we can discuss if an exemption is warranted. Exemption paperwork can be obtained from Year Advisers, Mrs Winslade or from the front office.

**K Winslade**

### ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 2

Year 9	Agriculture (chicken breeds fact sheet), Child St (research), Engineering Tech (homework/research), Japanese (task 2), Marine St (first aid knowledge), Marine St (practical demonstration), Metal Tech (homework/research), Science (working scientifically)
Year 11	Agriculture, Biology, Business St, CAFS, Chemistry, Construction, Engineering St, English, Food Tech, IPT, IT Metal, IT Timber IP&T, Maths, Metal & Engineering, Music, PDHPE, Physics, Primary Ind, Senior Science, Vis Arts (Mid Course Exams), Hospitality (exam & practical), Society & Culture (coming of age report)
Year 12	Geography (Great Barrier Reef), PDHPE (report & analysis), Textiles & Design (diary part A), Visual Art (BoW)

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a busy time Term two promises to be with just eight weeks left! Parent Teacher night on Monday will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's education with their teachers. The night has been planned for Years 8, 9 and 10 and begins at 7:30. Please be aware if you cannot attend that night and have concerns about your child's education you may contact the Year Advisor who will be able to organise feedback from teachers about your child's performance.

e2 experience also begins this term with many Year 5 students from the Orange area visiting to experience a high school lesson in Science. This is a great opportunity for students to be involved in a Science lesson using the facilities and expertise of the Science staff at Orange High.

Seniors will also have a busy week with Year 11 starting their Mid-Course Examinations and Year 12 attending a careers day at CSU Bathurst on Thursday. Please be sure to follow the guidelines outlined in the Assessment Policy. If you are unsure of anything about the examinations please feel free to contact the school if you require. If you are ill on the day of an examination please be aware of the documentation that is required including a Doctor's Certificate in most cases.

Many CHS sport competitions begin this term as well. Soccer, Hockey, Tennis, Touch, Rugby and Netball all begin with Orange High hoping for success in the early rounds. Our interschool visit with Gosford is also fast approaching with teams in the process of being finalised. Students wishing to participate in the visit need to be aware that an acceptable level of attendance will be required and students who are on a level will not be able to attend. My advice to all sportspeople competing at Gosford and CHS sports is to stay organised, complete all assessment tasks, attend every day and catch up on work missed on return from the events or better still meet with your teachers prior to competitions so you don't fall behind.

NAPLAN begins week three for Years 7 and 9. Many students will be completing literacy and numeracy activities in the lead up to NAPLAN in most subjects and we would appreciate your support in encouraging students to complete tasks given at school. NAPLAN provides staff with valuable data about individual student performance. That can be used to improve a student's numeracy and literacy. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 7: 00PM there will be a workshop presented to help parents understand Google Drive. We encourage you to attend as this will allow you to understand more about the future of "cloud storage" for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner and the direction that Orange High School is taking in terms of technology.

On a final note, thank you to all parents who have supported the uniform policy. The majority of students who attend Orange High School are well presented and always in uniform. We understand that from time to time there may be a good reason for a student to be out of uniform and we ask that you provide your child with a note and collect a uniform pass from either a Deputy or the Head Teacher Welfare. If you require support to provide your child with school uniform please contact the Head Teacher Welfare. It is this time of the year that brings out hoodies and other inappropriate tops and students will be asked to change into a school jumper if they wear a hoodie or coloured top to school. Footwear needs to be leather and enclosed to satisfy WH&S requirements.

**M Barrett and H Hamilton**

**BITE BACK - Canvas Quotes Competition**

Ever heard or read an incredible quote? One that was inspiring, creative, funny or spoke to you personally?

Now you can win some awesome prizes by creating your favourite quote as an image - a photograph, drawing, digital graphic design, painting, or even your own creative handwriting.

BITE BACK is giving away prize packs filled with heaps of fun stuff and each one includes a new **Kindle Fire HD + \$20 Amazon gift card** to start your reading library.

Entries close 23rd May, so visit [www.biteback.org.au/competition](http://www.biteback.org.au/competition) for more info on how to enter.

**PARENTS REJOICING IN STUDENTS MUSIC**

PRESENTS A **SPICK** -TACULAR

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL PAC**

**31 MAY 2014 • 6:30 PM**

**BYO FOOD &  
DRINK**

**\$15 PER PERSON**

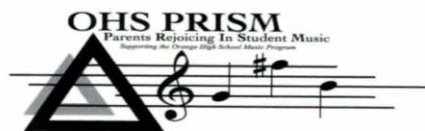
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**TICKETS FROM SCHOOL OFFICE**



**GREAT  
PRIZES**

**AS ALCOHOL WILL BE PRESENT THIS IS A STUDENT FREE EVENT**



## A Grand Idea

We need your help!

Our goal is to provide a quality grand piano for our students.

This instrument will support the high level of their performance and will be a legacy for generations to come.

Your donation of \$50 will go towards a piece of the grand piano and your name will appear on the donation board.

If you would like to donate please call Orange High School on 6362 3444.