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Primary School Music Parents enjoyed a showcase of musical talent at the conclusion of a packed day of instruction and learning for 80 primary school band students last Wednesday. Students from partner primary schools including Calare, Canobolas, Bletchington and Orange Public Schools descended on the Performing Arts Centre from 8.30am to complete a comprehensive day of Band Workshops. 15 talented musicians from Orange High School acted as coaches and mentors during a day led and organised by Mrs Mickle. The quality of the concert highlighted for all the learning throughout the day, that built on the

natural talents of the students. Further, it was a wonderful to see students from Years 3 to 6 from various schools collaborate and share in the joy and love of music. Well done to all!

Students from Years 10 to 12 were lucky to hear first-hand from Amnesty International and Robin de Crespigny, Author of 'The People Smuggler' during a presentation last Tuesday. Robin spent significant time researching and writing the non-fiction thriller. The book provides real and personal insights into the journey of refugees as they attempt to retain their human dignity through a search for a better life. Mrs de Crespigny generously donated 2 copies of her book to our library for students to borrow and read. Students were visibly moved through the presentation and a number commented on how the information presented acted as a powerful balance to the current media and political hype regarding refugees.



Achievement in a supportive environment

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Congratulations to Senior Students Anna Parker, Jodie Clothier and Catherine Manca who were all selected by the Orange Ex-Services Club to receive Senior Scholarships. The recipients from Orange High will use the financial resources to support their aims for high achievement in the 2015 Higher School Certificate. Thank you must go to the members of the Ex-Services Club for their financial contribution to the next generation of Australians.

Congratulations also to our boys Futsal (Indoor Soccer) team who achieved 6th place in the state last week following a series of tense games. The boys played with heart and determination to achieve the well-deserved result. In a conversation with Mr Routh, team coach it was clear to see he was keen to go even further through the rankings in 2015.

Speaking of sport, congratulations also to competitors and Sports Studies students who facilitated the secondary Western Region Athletics Day in Bathurst last week. I have been very pleased to

receive several phone calls and emails congratulating our students and staff as they led the organisation of the regional school event. Below is an example of an email from the principal of Eumungerie Public School.

Dear David

I was at the Western Athletics Carnival on Friday and had the extreme pleasure of working with a few of your students. I cannot remember their names, but they have certainly left an impression on me. I had this bunch of kids working on the timekeeping and they did not stop all day, supported everyone and were basically just great kids.

I think that, as teachers, we often hear the negative and never enough of the positive and your students were more than positive. They were fun, respectful, supportive and made my day an absolute pleasure - even in the freezing cold!! Can you please let them know that I have sung their praises to anyone that would listen!

Whatever you are doing with these kids is working and needs to be appreciated!! The staff with them were of an equal caliber.

Thanks :) Shelley Darcy, Principal - Eumungerie Public School

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FACULTY NEWS ENGLISH

As the chilly weather greets us during Term Three, it has been anything but cold and frosty in English classrooms at Orange High School. In these early few weeks of term, the English faculty have been busy ensuring students are engaged with their new units and that Year 12 are focused and revising for the Trial Examinations which begin in week four. In every class room that I walk past, I can see the positive learning environment and the strong engagement that students are experiencing.

In just two short weeks, Year 12 Extension 2 English students will have to submit their Major Works for marking. It has been an inspiring process working with the three students who elected to complete four units of English. English 2 is an additional unit that students can elect to study in the HSC year if they are already studying Extension 1 English. They complete a Major Work which is marked externally and they do not need to sit a HSC exam as their mark is determined by their project. Two students elected to complete the short story option, which is a 6000 to 8000 word story based on an original concept as well as a 1500 word reflection statement. Ryan Milham is putting the final touches to his exceptional story where he cleverly explores the implications of telling the truth to people who have an incurable illness. The ramification that such a decision has is powerfully explored in his evocative work. Kiel Chapman is utilising his exception skills in creative writing to also compose a short story. He has aptly written in his report, "...my Major Work is a social commentary on education, and questions the ethics of Western society."

An excerpt from Ryan Milham's as yet untitled work...

"The decision made, the argument had, and Amanda and Liam walked sadly into their oncoming situation. The atmosphere was totally different to the one they left. A home once comforting, now a stale and desolate place. The chocolate brown couch, previously the location for family movies held their son James, the symbol of the tragedy that had struck the family. The protesting groan of the wooden door slowly creeping closed prompted James to turn to face his soundless parents. An expression of contentment rapidly shifted to one of worry and confusion as he caught sight of his mother's eyes, as red as her cheeks used to be."

An excerpt from Kiel Chapman's as yet untitled work...

"...As if cooperating with the weather, the landscape began to change too. Any tinge of green that lingered among the famished grass had now succumbed to a lifeless grey, and harsh granite rocks blemished misty hummocks. A bit further along, the land became far more undulated, and small river systems began to sing from deep crevices. A thick fog clung to the air, but it was not like the crisp, alpine fog Achilleus was used to, and it made him sweat profusely. He could see no game, and began to worry as his food stores saw no means of refilling, but was somewhat relieved to find a goat's carcass beside a pebbly creek. ..."

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Beth Clarke decided to embrace her inner poet and compose a suite of poetry as her Major Work. She has had to write up to 3500 words as well as a 1500 word Reflection Statement. She explores the implications of dealing with mental illness from multiple perspectives.

An excerpt from Beth Clarke's as yet untitled work... "A park bench. Silent in its stories. Obliging. Warm. Understanding A memory. So vague I saw a pretty ladybug, She became my friend. I found her in the rose bed garden her home I tried to mend."

Year 7 Picture Books

Last term Year 7 created Picture Books for their assessment tasks 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 one exceptional example with you.

Year 7 are immersed in the world of historical fiction, where they are examining World War Two and the Holocaust. Some of the novels being explored as part of the national curriculum are Chocolate Cake With Hilter, Number the Stars, The Diary of Anne Frank, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas as well as Hitler's Daughter.



Year 8 are moving towards writing their own creation myths as part of their study of the unit, Myths and Legends. We will try to showcase some of these in the next instalment of English faculty news. Years 9 have been spending time with the Bard, also known as William Shakespeare, they will be moving towards utilising the concepts of the Shakespearean tragedy to write their own tragic short stories. Year 10 are busy creating their own utopian worlds as well as composing narratives about dystopian societies in their current unit. Many students have enjoyed looking at where the future may take us in the short story collection, *10 Futures*.

As always, 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.

K Maksymczuk, Head Teacher English

DEBATING NEWS

Congratulations to the Year 10 debating team, Isabella Bankopvic, Eleanor Delaney, Alexandra Boyd and Freya Hawke, who are the Zone 1 winners of The Premier's Debating Challenge. They were undefeated against Canobolas, Blayney and our own Year 9 team. Next week, the team will travel to Dubbo to compete in the Regional finals.

It will be a busy week 4 for the Year 10 team as they will also be competing in the annual Mayor's Cup debating competition against the other local high schools.

In week 5, the Year 7/8 debating team will be travelling to Canowindra to start their competition against Canowindra and Cowra.

Unfortunately, the Year 11/12 debating team did not progress past the round robin stage of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Thank you to Erin Cooper, Hayden Dillon, Codey McHatton, Harry Roth and David Clare for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to all students who have been involved in debating this year. A number of senior students have represented the school in Gosford debating, as well as the Mulvey Cup and I am very pleased with the maturity and motivation they have demonstrated.

This year we are farewelling a very strong group of year 12 debaters, whose experience and dedication will be greatly missed. Thank you to Elizabeth Clarke, Isabella Fox and Meaghan Kempson for your combined debating efforts over the past 5 years. A special mention to Ryan Milham, who was part of that core team, until the end of year 10. These four students were very successful representatives of Orange High School, winning the Mayor's Cup, numerous Mulvey Cup debates and winning the Regional finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge on several occasions.

Good luck to the teams who will be debating in the next few weeks.

Kristy Hilton, Debating Co-ordinator

FUTSAL OPEN BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 25th July the open boys' futsal team travelled down to Penrith. We left before 5am I might add! Our boys had previously come in the top two in the region earlier in the year, which allowed them to move into the state competition.

This competition consisted of the top two teams from each region, which meant the day involved about 50 of the most elite teams in NSW. Like the World Cup we were broken into group stages and the top team from each group moved into the quarter finals.



The earlier games involved us beating Rose Secondary College 3-0. Game 2 against IGS we won 2-1, we drew 3 all against Springwood High and in a heated final game defeated St Mary's 3-1.

We are now 6th in the state, so a huge congratulations is needed for the effort and dedication these boys have put into futsal this year, Well done, next year let's aim to win state!

Also, thanks to the families that help to take the players down to Penrith. The cheering was to a high standard.

One very proud coach, Mr Routh.

ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 4

Year 7	Nil
Year 8	Nil
Year 9	Nil
Year 10	Aust Geography (research field work), Aust History (food product development), Metal Tech (folio work)
Year 11	Chemistry (first hand investigation), English Ext 1 (research, planning and presentation), Maths Ext 1 (in class test),
	Primary Ind (work placement booklet), Society and Culture (intercultural understanding), Construction (costing project)
Year 12	Visual Arts (BoW complete) Multiple subjects (Trial HSC)

ORANGE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Orange Little Athletics season commences Friday 10th October 2014. Online registration opens on 1st August. OLA accept online registrations only. Please register online at <u>www.laansw.com.au</u>. Collection days (to pick up numbers, uniforms and athlete booklet) are Sunday 7th, 14th September and Sunday 5th October 12th at Waratah Sports Club between 2pm and 4pm. For more information go to our website at <u>www.orangela.org.au</u> First time athletes please note:

- -You will need to provide proof of age when you collect your numbers (birth certificate, passport, blue book)
- -Athletics requires parent assistance and attendance at competition nights
- -Orientation Day 6th October

Unable to register online? Email registrar@orangela.org.au

TVET TRIAL EXAMS

The following are the locations for the TVET trial exams on Wednesday, 13th August Business Services and Retail students will sit in with Information Tech and Digital Technology students.

Course	Location
Business Services, IT and Retail	March St Campus K.118 (This is the computer section at TAFE)
Automotive	March St Campus HG.04 (This is in the Auto section
Construction	Anson St Campus 2 AG26 This is in the building and construction section)
Electrotechnology	Forest Rd Campus 1.FF.G.29
Human Services	Canobolas High School E2 Building







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INFORMATION EVENING

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 8 students

Orange High School is proud to offer students the opportunity of studying the widest possible range of subjects from vocational courses through to the highest academic levels.

Our Year 8 students are about to make some important decisions regarding elective choices for Years 9 and 10. These selections will form the basis of study for their Record of School Achievement (RoSA) in Year 10.

To ensure students and parents are informed regarding elective possibilities, and the requirements of the RoSA, a parent/student information night will be held on Monday, 4th August 2014 at 6pm in the school's Performing Arts Centre. Head Teachers and other staff will be on hand to talk with prospective students about course possibilities.

It is essential for both parents and students to attend this information evening, so that decisions made by students, with the assistance of parents, are informed and relevant to career aspirations.

Information on the following will be presented:

- RoSA requirements and what it means to your child
- How to choose your subjects for Years 9 & 10 to have a successful pattern of study
- How to use the on-line system to choose your electives (Web Choice)
- Subject Selection Guidelines

I look forward to seeing you on this night.

Yours sincerely

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Mr David Lloyd Principal