



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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26th February, 2015 : Week A

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Helene Hamilton

Head Teacher Admin
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Joanne Cormack (Rel) (staff)

Year 7 Adviser
Cassie Coates

Year 8 Adviser
Alice Bright

Year 9 Adviser
Sophie Healey

Year 10 Adviser
Sarah Townsend

Year 11 Adviser
Taara Wilson and
Aaron Routh

Year 12 Adviser
Daniel Wait

Careers Adviser
Glen Pearson

School Counsellors
Robyn Flood
Gai Torshavin

Sports Co-ordinators
Anthony Wharton
Tegan Dray

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school has a very settled feeling, with a distinct culture of learning apparent. As I walk around the school I continue to be impressed with the way students are focused and engaged with their learning. The positive conduct and attitude of our students was displayed at last night's disco, an event coordinated by our SRC leaders who even stayed back to ensure everything was tidy ready for the school day. The polite way in which students exited the event, with many thanking the staff as they left, highlighted their appreciation of staff giving up their free time to supervise.



Congratulations to Mrs Helene Hamilton who following a Merit Selection process was last week offered our substantive Deputy Principal position. As many will be aware Helene has relieved in the position for the last 18 months and has contributed greatly to our school direction and priorities in that time. Helene will continue to take on an operations focus as part of her deputy principal role while also overseeing students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11. Additionally, Mrs Kathleen Maksymczuk will continue as relieving deputy principal and oversee students in Years 10 and 12 along with direct leadership for teaching and learning across the school. Both Helene and Kath are exceptionally talented educators and I consider us lucky to have them both in key leadership roles at our school.

We are excited about the release of our Parent Portal. Parents should have now received instructions on how to log onto our newly released Portal. The portal will provide electronic access to your child's learning, attendance and past documents such as reports. We hope that over time this will also be the central repository for homework and assessment tasks creating a focal point of education information related to your child. As with all new things, we do anticipate some teething issues as we continue to work with the developers of the software to perfect the portal. Any questions or requests for help to log on, can be directed to Bec Ford or Chloe Raines in our front office on 6362 3444. Kylie Winslade, our Head Teacher, Students will manage more complex enquiries. **The first function through the portal will be the facilitation of bookings for Parent/Teacher Interviews for students in Years 7, 11 and 12 on Monday, 9th March.** Your student will bring home a note explaining these procedures.

Over recent weeks a number of students have continued to achieve at exceptionally high levels in sporting arenas.

Congratulations to Aaron Driver who has been selected into the Under 14 National Futsal (Indoor Soccer) team following terrific success at the state championships conducted over the recent holidays. As a result Aaron will tour the United Kingdom in October representing Australia.



Congratulations to Chloe Barrett who has been selected in to the NSW Under 18 team, Eva Reith-Snare for her selection into the State Under 15 hockey team, Hayden Dillon for his selection into the Under 18 Blue Team and Bailey Ferguson for selection into the State Under 15 Blue team.



We are delighted at the talents of Aaron, Chloe, Eva, Hayden and Bailey and look forward to hearing of their ongoing success in their chosen sporting arenas.



Congratulations also to Jourdan Tadros, Fiona Hughes, Grace Corby, Aaron Driver and Olivia Maksymczuk who attended the Western Region Band Camp last week. I understand the concert at the end of the intensive week was simply exceptional. **As a result all five of our students have been nominated for the State Wind Band with Jourdan and Fiona nominated for the Senior State Wind Band and Grace, Aaron and Olivia nominated for the Junior State Wind Band.** Assuming they continue to be successful at the state level, all five students will perform at the Opera House later in the year.



Finally last Monday Helena Griffith and Georgia Keppie sought permission to wear their Girl Guide uniform to promote Group World Thinking Day which is aimed at encouraging reflection and an awareness of people beyond our-selves and in third world countries. Helena is particularly familiar with the World Service aspect of Girl Guides as she spent 10 days in January at the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scout South East Asian World Centre in Sangam India. The program included sessions on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and planning and running sessions for some of the centre's community partners. We thank the girls for helping to promote a deep understanding of the complex world in which we live.



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ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 6

Year 12: Ancient History Source analysis - Short answer questions, Sport Lifestyle and Recreation Test

LIBRARY



The library is excited about displaying Abby Spencer's major HSC art work from 2014 depicting a Tea Pot at a tea party. This stunning art work adds colour, creativity, and interest to the environment of the library. It also show- cases the talent of our students and their achievements. It is wonderful that our ex-students can still act as role models for our school community in demonstrating that hard work, focus and dedication can achieve great things.

H Michell, Librarian

LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY?

- to develop leadership skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader?
- to learn how collaboration, teamwork and cooperation can bring exciting changes to your community and the world?
- to make friends and feel the rewards of community service?



Join a LEO Club

Membership is open to young men and women aged 12-30 years.
Leo Clubs can be school-based or community-based.

Leo Clubs are mentored by, and work in partnership with, local Lions Clubs.
Prizes and awards presented to winners of the annual Leo of the Year Quest.

Go to the Lions Clubs Australia website for more information:

www.lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/leos

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ENQUIRIES TO:

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Join the Green Army!

Is this for you?

Are you aged between 17 and 24, an Australian citizen or permanent resident and would like to be a part of a team that will make a REAL difference to the environment in your local community?

Would you like to be paid an allowance while gaining skills, training and experience that can help you enter the workforce, improve your career opportunities or further your education and training?

Then the **GREEN ARMY** is for you.

The Green Army is an Australian Government initiative open to young people including Indigenous Australians, school leavers, gap year students, graduates and job seekers who are looking to develop skills, undertake training and gain experience in the delivery of conservation projects. Through this, participants will enhance opportunities for careers and further training in conservation.

Recruiting NOW for projects in Orange and Molong!

The project offers a wide range of experiences in the preservation of the natural environment in your local region. Participants on these projects will undertake a range of tasks including tree planting, weed eradication and boardwalk construction.

To Apply

Complete the application form on www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/green-army

More Information

Visit: www.environment.gov.au/green-army

Phone: 1800 780 730 or 0417 158 773

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with our environment

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in your summer holidays

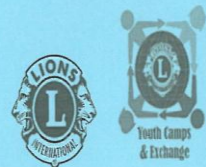
with the Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange Program

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE IN 2015

Applications close 30 June 2015 or when places are filled.

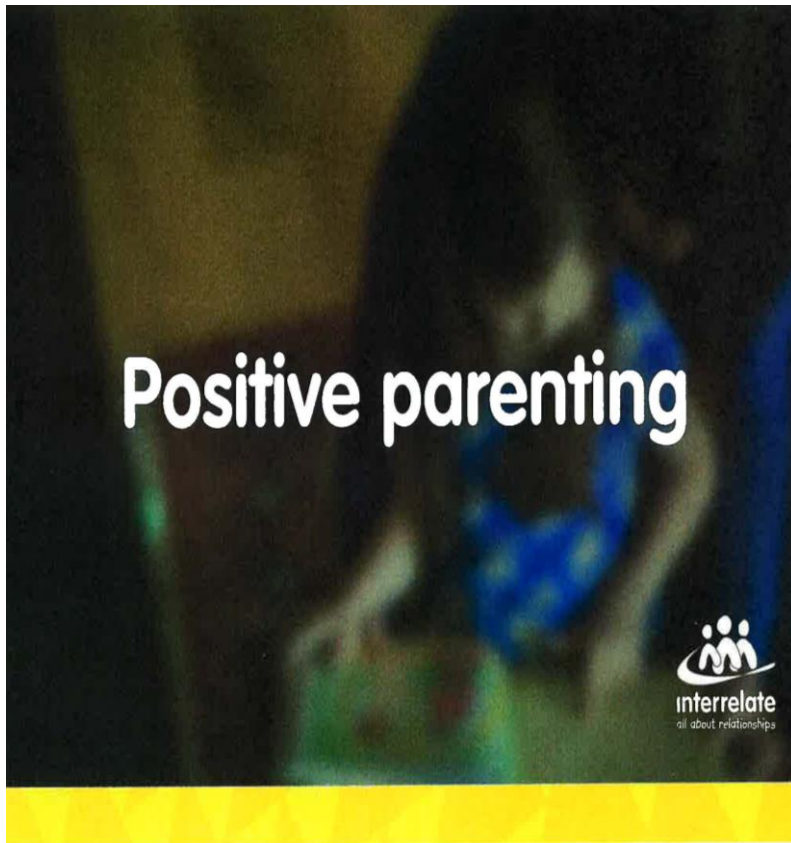
APPLY NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

- Lions Clubs International is one of the largest service organisations worldwide.
- The Lions Youth Exchange Program gives Australian youth aged 16-21 years an opportunity to travel overseas independently and safely, to become a member of one or more host families and experience their lifestyle, culture, interests and values.
- No school attendance is required overseas.
- Overseas destinations include Europe, North and South America, USA, Malaysia, New Zealand, Scandinavia and Japan. Chaperoned stopovers are available in Los Angeles and London.
- Youth to Japan depart late November and return late December. Youth to other destinations depart early December and return mid-January.
- Each Australian youth will pay approximately \$2,800—\$6,500 depending on their overseas destination. Accommodation is provided at no cost by host families associated with Lions Clubs International. Travel is not sponsored by Lions Australia.
- Email Lion Helen Dalgleish (helend222@hotmail.com) or Lion Lorraine Hemsworth (l.hemsworth@bigpond.com) of the National Lions Youth Exchange Committee to discuss the application process.
- For more information, download the *Guidelines for Australian Youth Travelling Overseas* brochure from the Lions Australia website:



www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye

Flyer prepared by Lions Australia MD201 Youth Exchange Committee



Positive parenting



Positive parenting

A three hour interactive seminar on positive communication and parenting techniques. Parents will learn to help their children grow and develop to the best of their ability.

Topics include:

- Acknowledging each child as an individual
- The power of focusing on what children are doing well
- Helping children have better relationships with themselves and others

Tuesday 24th March @ 5.30pm
\$25 per person \$15 Concession
108 McLachlan St, ORANGE NSW 2800
Call 6363 3650 to book



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Newman's Bus Service has a legal obligation under Transport for NSW guidelines when carrying passengers. It is important that buses are not overloaded and are not carrying passengers that are not covered by our insurance.

Children travelling to and from school using Newman's Bus Service should have completed a Transport for NSW Application Form that has been signed by a parent/guardian and by the school that the child is attending.

If a child needs to **change the pick up or drop off points at any time**, a letter needs to be given to the bus driver or sent to Newman's Bus Service office. The letter should indicate the date of the changes and the stop where the child will be embarking or disembarking the bus.

Children that travel on our buses, who are not covered under an application form, **need to give prior notice to the driver or to Newman's Bus Service office** by providing a written signed letter from the parent/guardian. These can be forwarded to our office using the above contact details. If a letter is not sighted, children could be refused travel or will be asked to pay a fare.

We are aware that children take friends home or children visit or stay with relatives when the need arises but a procedure needs to be in place to cover these children while using Newman's Bus Service.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Regards

Jim Newman

Newman's Bus Services