



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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Quod Potero Sedulo

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Orange High School students win National Kids' Lit Quiz

Our Kids' Lit Team comprised of Jacinta Smith, Kate Burdack, Maddie Owens and Victoria Smith went to Sydney to compete in the National Kids' Lit Quiz at the Monkey Baa Theatre in Darling Harbour. They were accompanied by Deputy Principal, Kathleen Maksymczuk and experienced success by winning the competition.

As a result, the students, accompanied by two supervisors will attend the World final of the Kids' Lit Quiz in America in July. The trip is fully paid for and we will receive a subsidy to cover a significant amount of the airfares. As part of the trip, our team will attend a workshop with award winning author, Brian Selznick and visit significant places such as Mark Twain's House.

To qualify for the National Final on Saturday, our team defeated approximately 20 teams from schools across the region including both government and independent schools.

The Australian National Final results were the culmination of all the other heats conducted in the ACT, Queensland and NSW. It is terrific to see students from another Orange school, Orange Public School come second. Obviously the kids achieved the win but credit must also go to the teachers at Orange Public School for their work with our kids in their formative years.

Deb Smith – teacher from Orange Public has been a great support to our team.

Principal's Report

Principal

David Lloyd

Deputy Principals

Kathleen Maksymczuk (Rel)

Helene Hamilton

Head Teacher Admin

Kylie Winslade (students)

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 Advisers

Taara Wilson

Aaron Routh

Year 12 Adviser

Daniels Wait

Careers Adviser

Glen Pearson

School Counsellors

Robyn Flood

Gai Torshavin

Sport Co-ordinators

Anthony Wharton

Tegan Dray

Students and staff enjoyed our Pink Stumps Afternoon

last week. The event was a terrific opportunity to raise money for a very worthy cause and also provide an opportunity for students and staff to interact in a positive culture building way. I was very impressed with the way in which students and staff dressed up and got right into the event. Congratulations to the Student Cricket Team who did convincingly beat the perhaps in hindsight overly optimistic staff side! I look forward to a future re-match and being able to report on a staff win against the students!



This Friday, we will be conducting our 2015 Athletics Carnival on the back ovals. The day provides a wonderful opportunity for all students to have a go and get involved in the full range of athletics events from the track events right through to the field pursuits. I look forward to watching students do their best in an encouraging and supportive atmosphere. No doubt there will be strong competition between the houses and we encourage students to come dressed in their house colours to ensure they are part of their team.

To further support learning partnerships between school and home, a **Parent Teacher Night for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will occur next Monday 23 March in the Performing Arts Centre.** All parents should have received a letter home via their eldest child a couple of weeks ago regarding access to the portal and instructions to book times with parents. The Parent Teacher Night bookings close on the Parents Portal at 5pm on Thursday. However bookings can still be made through the ladies in the front office on 6362 344 right up until Monday afternoon. Parents who have not yet logged onto the portal or are having technical or password difficulties are encouraged to ring the office on 6362 3444 and ask to speak to Chloe or Bec who will more than happy to provide help over the phone.

David Lloyd – Principal



TAS REPORT

A big hello to everyone for the beginning of the year, however it is hard to believe that Term 1 is almost behind us. It is great to be writing the first newsletter article for the TAS Department. 2015 is the first year we are working together as one team. We have had a great start to the year and there have been a number of changes. Just like everyone else, it has been a busy start to the year with lots of classes in all areas of the faculty.

Last week our Year 12 HSC Hospitality students ran a restaurant. Each Kitchen Operations student invited two guests and they planned and prepared a two course meal for their guests. The restaurant was run by the Food & Beverage students who set up the restaurant, served drinks and meals to our guests. It was a great night and the meals prepared by our students were top quality. I would like to thank Mrs Phillips and Miss Latter for all their organisation and planning for the event. An event like this takes a lot to organise and provides our students with an incredible opportunity to experience a real life catering experience. Please enjoy the photos of the students working through this event.

The athletics carnival is on this Friday and it provides us with a great opportunity to open Café Black and Gold to serve food to the students and staff. This is another wonderful opportunity for our Hospitality students to experience a busy catering experience.

The Agriculture staff are busy preparing our new Cattle Team for competitions during the show season this year. The excitement and eagerness of students to participate is great and I look forward to publishing our results in future newsletters.

I would like to welcome Mr Leonard Grout who has joined our team to teach Engineering Studies in Stage 6 and Stage 4 Technology Mandatory. We warmly welcome Mr Grout. Mr Grout is replacing Mr David Scott. I would also like to thank Mr Scott for all his hard work and dedication to the students at Orange High School when he worked with us in 2014-5.

Another friendly reminder that invoices have been sent out for elective fees. Fees for our courses are vital for the TAS Department to run effectively and be able to offer the variety of learning experiences that are enjoyed by a large number of students at OHS. Your support for our faculty, by paying any associated fees for courses your son/daughter is completing, is greatly appreciated.

Warmest Regards

Narelle Small

TAS

Head Teacher





PINK STUMPS WRAP UP

WOW.....just WOW!
What a great day. Thank you to
every one for their support. It
was a huge pink success.

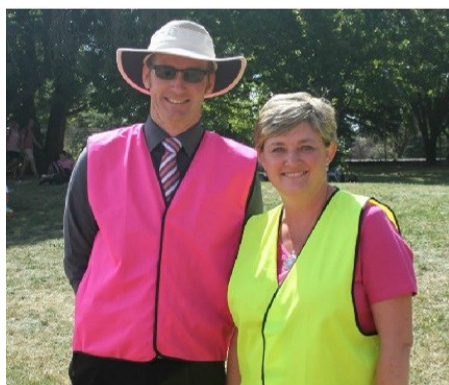
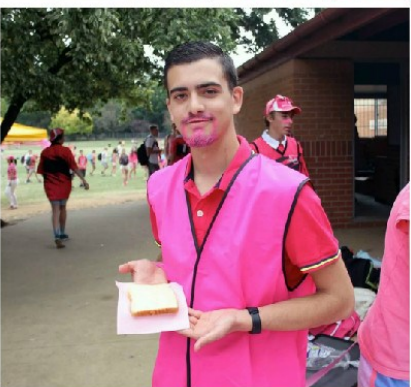
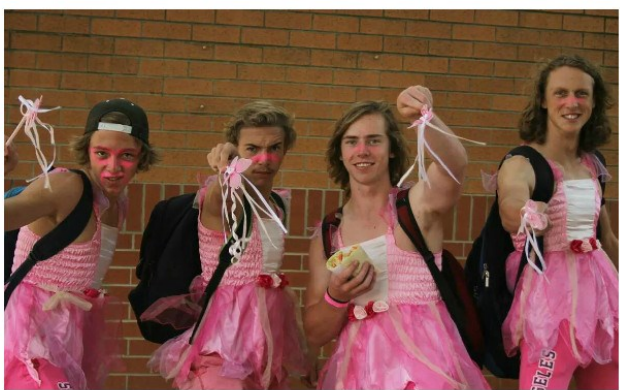
We raised \$1743.05 for the
McGrath Foundation

The cricket was great, the
umpiring was inspired and the
BBQ was hot and greasy.

Most importantly the
awareness, engagement and
empathy ALL students displayed
towards such a worthy cause
was amazing.

I'm already thinking how to
make next year's bigger and
better

Cate Griffen
SRC Co-ordinator



YEAR 10 YEAR ADVISERS REPORT TERM 1



StartSmart



We recently welcomed the Commonwealth Bank Foundation to deliver their free, financial education StartSmart workshops to our Year 10 students. Delivered in the PAC to students by a facilitator, StartSmart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank Foundations in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia's young people. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.

PARTY - On the 10th March Year 10 attended Orange Base Hospital for a program run by The Royal North Shore (RNSH) Trauma Service for the **P**revention of **A**lcohol and **R**isk-Related **T**rauma in **Y**outh Program (P.A.R.T.Y.).

The P.A.R.T.Y. Program targets school age students between the ages of 15-25 years old, its goal is to reduce the over representation of young adults in injury and trauma statistics.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to risk taking behaviours. International studies have shown that exposing these students to the consequences of risky behaviour resulted in a decline in risk related injuries. The P.A.R.T.Y. Program is a one day program which allows students to see first-hand the consequences of risk- taking behaviours in everyday life. Throughout the day students had to opportunity to:

- Hear from doctors, nurses, allied health staff and paramedics on the harsh reality of poor choices.
- Spend time in interactive sessions in the emergency room, intensive care and rehabilitation units to understand how it feels to have a severe injury or disability.
- Hear the story of a trauma patient recovering from their injuries on the trauma ward.
- Meet with an injury survivor who shares their story on how their life has changed and what it is like to have a severe life changing disability.

All comments from staff and students on the day was overwhelmingly positive.



RYPEN

The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is a Rotary sponsored District New Generations program. November 2014, two of our Year 10 students joined schools from across the district to attend a weekend long camp designed at developing their potential through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning. Its aim is to communicate to young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards. A program of thought provoking speakers, social situations and personal challenges is offered.

On the 9th of March Connor Donnelly and Caleb Giger attended The Rotary Club of Calare lunch at Duntryleague. The two boys proudly represented Orange High School and spoke very well about their experiences at the RYPEN challenge November 2014.

The Rotary Club of Calare is looking forward to strengthening ties with Orange High School by providing opportunities to support and develop our students. We are very appreciative of the work Peter Gilbank has done in providing these opportunities and look forward to the future partnerships with our local Rotary Club.



THE BUZZ

PBL Tickets

There were lots of tickets in the draw this fortnight. Congratulations to this fortnight's winners of the \$10 canteen voucher: Paige Baker – Year 7

Bayley Swallow – Year 7

Zac Hastie – Year 8

Rhys Campbell – Year 7



Year 7 – Techno Bully Presentation

Year 7 students have an opportunity to see the presentation “Techno Bully” on the 2nd April. The presentation is for 1 hour and cost \$5 per student. Students’ permission note and money must be returned to the front office before Wednesday 25th March. Payment will not be accepted on the day of the presentation.

‘Techno Bully’ was written with the intention to promote discussion and understanding about bullying amongst high school students, particularly bullying which incorporates technology such as the internet, web sites and mobile phone text messages.

‘Techno Bully’ is a dramatisation of Kathy and Eric’s stories when they meet as year 10 students at Crono High. Kathy is harassed through the internet and text messages as soon as she starts her new life at Crono. Bullying is hard enough to deal with but Kathy finds the secrecy of what is happening to her and the hidden identity of her attacker an almost impossible situation to protect herself from. After Eric uses a secret picture of Kathy to tease her on the internet he apologizes and offers to help Kathy find out who is sending her the text messages. But Kathy doesn’t know who she can trust anymore. It seems to her that people are one kind of person in the real world but can be the complete opposite in the world of cyber space. Through Kathy’s dilemma this play explores the issues of technological sexual harassment and bullying and offers strategies to deal with this growing problem.

After the play there will be an opportunity for a Q & A debrief with the students to discuss the issues raised in the play has raised in an informal friendly and open forum.

The cost is \$5 per student. Please return the permission note and payment to the front office by Wednesday 25th March. Have a great weekend....when you get there!!

Kerrie Chopping
Head Teacher Wellbeing

IMPORTANT NOTICE



The Royal Easter Show Excursion is now FULL.

Please do not pay online

A reserve list will be taken (tell your child to come to the front office and put their name down).

We will contact you by phone if your child
is allocated a spot

ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE WEEK 9 - 23rd March to 27th March 2015

Year 7	World History assignment, World Geography assignment, Mathematics end of term test, Music performance - keyboard
Year 8	English skills test, World History assignment, World Geography assignment, Mathematics end of term test, Music performance - keyboard
Year 9	Commerce research task, PDHPE (Mandatory) writing task, Photo & Digital Media camera operations test, PIPS fitness test
Year 10	Food Technology special occasion cake and folio, PDHPE (Mandatory) writing task, Photo & Digital Media studio portraiture, English essay
Year 11	Ancient History the work of the archaeologist, Dance core performance, Drama performance, English Advanced speaking and listening, English Studies CEC oral presentation, English Standard speaking and listening, IT Metal and Engineering Industries practical, Information Processes and Technology group project, Work Studies career planning task
Year 12	Mid course examinations

P & C News

Family Portraits for Mother's Day

A family portrait day will be held on **Sunday March 29th**. **The photos will be taken at Orange High.** This is great opportunity to have a family photo taken for only \$15 and the photos will be back in time for Mother's Day! There will be the option of indoor or outdoor photos on the day. Bookings and payments may be made online at <http://www.trybooking.com/HESO>, if you would like to do a cash payment ask your child to collect a flyer from the office with the necessary details. Update your photos and help the P&C raise some much needed funds!

Election Day BBQ

The P&C would like some assistance with cooking and serving at a BBQ in the school grounds on **Saturday 28th March**. If you have an hour of two to assist please contact Virginia at secretaryohspsc@gmail.com

Catering at School's Principal meetings

On **Tuesday 24th March** the P&C will again be catering for about 40 Secondary and Primary school Principals who will be attending a meeting in Orange. The catering will be lunch only. We would like your assistance of providing a plate of sandwiches or savoury snacks for this event. Please contact Virginia at secretaryohspsc@gmail.com and let us know if you can help.

Canteen Helpers

The canteen is a major source of support for the P&C fundraising - if you have time available and can help out for a day, half a day or just the lunch time rush hour - let us know. Send an email to secretaryohspsc@gmail.com and we will pass it on.



Check it out on facebook - **Orange 14s Netball Fundraiser - Pitch Perfect 2 OR**

Please see one of the following people to book a ticket:
Michael Rudd, Paige Carroll, Gemma Gailey, Gidget Hall,
Siara Jawai, Millie Lenehan, Hannah Marsh,
Kate Mastronardi, Annie Miller, Lara Moriarty,
Georgia Poole, Sophie Sheehan, Taliah Tufuga

Pitch Is Back

Come help the **Orange U14s Rep Netball Team** to raise money for the NSW State Age Tournament

Movie: Pitch Perfect 2

When: Thursday 7th May

Time: 6:30pm pizza for a 7:30 movie start

Where: Odeon 5 cinema, Orange

Cost: \$20 (includes ticket, pizza & can of soft drink)