



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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GATS Camp - Burrendong 2015



Honour the past ... create the future

GATS Camp



The opportunity to attend GATs camp was offered to all students in the GATS program. The camp was at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp and lasted three days.

In my cabin there was a combination of all years. Within the group of twelve boys there was at least one kid from each year, which was really good.

My favourite activity was balloon paintball as it was really good to have a 2 balloon limit per minigame. It turned out way better than I thought it would!

My worst mistake was probably taking extra clothes instead of a sleeping bag. By midnight I had enough layers to pass as the Michelin Man and I was still cold.

Overall the camp was awesome and I hope to see it continue for the future GATS kids.

James Cashen - Year 10

Climbing

After the quick brief we harnessed up. The climbing wall was soon crawling with climbers and their belay teams below them, their corneas itching from the extreme sun, as they glanced up at their comrades dangling above. Rock climbing was quite the event. Such bravery, quick wit and dexterity in the face of danger (or lack of it) would have been a poet's delight, if only there had been one present. The epic sagas of Mrs Mages mythical spider like climbing skills would have rung out across the camp. Many blindfolded attempts were made, students were guided up the wall by their mostly competent team members (Mrs Mages forgetting we couldn't see colours) and many succeeded in reaching the top.

Archery was definitely one of the best activities of the camp and a rare opportunity to show off our medieval skills. We were sorted into groups, which promptly reformed to soak up the sun on the edge of the range. We were given three arrows each which we knocked in with varying degrees of accuracy. Mostly bulls-eyes, yet of course the occasional miss, as is inevitable with amateurs.

Harry Goldsmith - Year 9

Last week, Years 7, 8 & 9 GATS classes went on a camp where we had heaps of fun and learnt lots of new things.

When we arrived, after a long bus trip, we were all split into three groups.

I was in the "Kangaroos".

All of the groups did a variety of activities including rock climbing, paint ballooning and archery, as well as night activities like Star Wars (may the fourth be with you) and Mini Olympics. My favourite activity was the Slip 'n' Slide, which was not just a backyard toy, but a huge waterslide that we put on a massive hill and slid down!

Another aspect of Burrendong that I loved was throwing water balloons at Jess and Mrs Mages during initiatives - they made the mistake of telling us we could throw our balloons at them if they survived being thrown off the top of the rock climbing wall, which they did!

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Lake Burrendong and I'm positive everyone else did too.

Paris Robinson - Year 7

2015 GATS Camp One word AWESOME! ! !



This year GATS camp was the best camp ever. I had so many funny experiences from singing out of tune to "Pitch Perfect" songs to late night games in the cabin (Don't tell Mr Lloyd)

There were heaps of fun activities such as: Slip 'n' Slide, Rock Climbing, Balloon Paint Ball and so much more!

Some people went home sick but I can guarantee you that every single person who went to the GATS camp had fun.

We even had night activities like "Star Wars" (may the fourth be with you) and Mini Olympics!

Olivia Maksymczuk - Year 8

Principal's Report

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David Lloyd

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Year 9 Adviser
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Year 10 Adviser
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Aaron Routh

Year 12 Adviser
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Careers Adviser
Glen Pearson

School Counsellors
Robyn Flood
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Sport Co-ordinators
Anthony Wharton
Tegan Dray

Congratulations to all students in Years 7 and 9 for their positive and focused NAPLAN approach this year. The students have been amazing in somewhat challenging conditions given illnesses and the cold weather snap. **We are very conscious that NAPLAN only measures a very tight set of skills and certainly does not reflect the whole child.** However, having said that, the aggregated and individual results do provide us with some important information regarding strengths and areas for further development. The NAPLAN team led by Head Teacher Teaching and Learning Mrs Esson has worked hard support students to keep the assessments in perspective while also striving to further develop a **'high achieving exam culture'** at our school.

This week has seen the beginning of the construction of a new lift in the inner quad for students. **The job doesn't sound very big because of the location and complexities the job has interrupted school operations more than we would like.** The heavy crane to lift in concrete and remove rubble required us to move kids from some classrooms and the noise of jackhammers at various times this last week has been a distraction at best. Right now we have the water off for a short time due to an impact on the old pipes. **Through all of this the staff and the builders have been incredibly impressed with the mature way the students have managed the interruptions and worked their way around blocked off parts of the school.**



On May 27th students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be transported from school to the Orange Function Centre for a Rotary facilitated forum on the drug Ice. **The combined Rotary clubs have organised guest speakers from the major agencies with the aim of enhancing individual and community understanding of the consequences of drug use for students from all secondary schools in Orange.** Parents of students in these year groups will have more information in the near future. As a school, we applaud the Rotary Clubs and volunteers for their initiative and willingness to put together such a forum.

David Lloyd

Science News

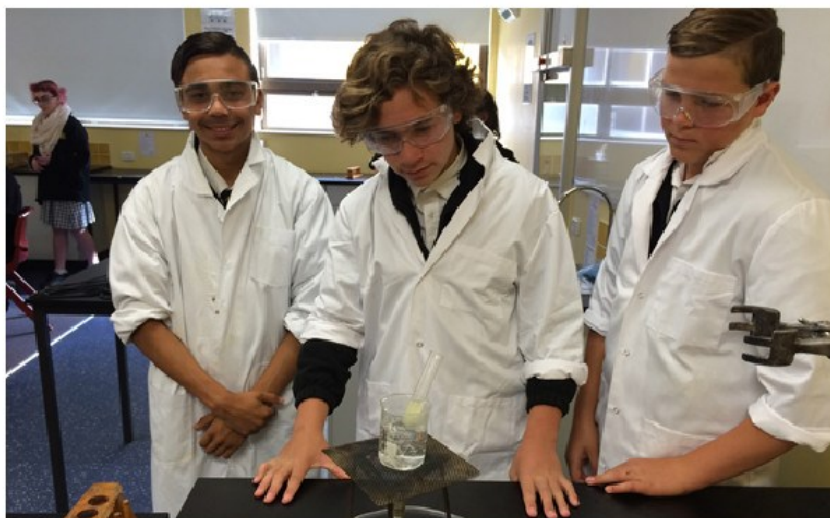
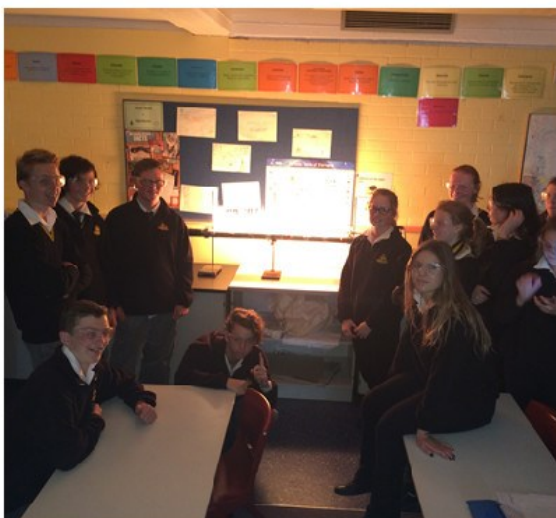
It's been a busy start to Term 2 in the Science Faculty. We are excited to welcome Mr Chow to our team who has settled in well and is making a great contribution to our Science Faculty.

The first of two Marine Studies excursions to Jervis Bay is underway at the moment with Mr Schenkel and Mrs Lyden taking 16 students to the coast to gain their Scuba Diving certification. The second trip will take a further 10 students and will occur in week 6. Let's hope the weather doesn't get too cold before then!

Notes have gone home for the Year 12 Physics and Chemistry excursion. Students will be attending ANSTO, Australia's nuclear research facility in Lucas Heights where they will engage in a number of activities along with a tour of the research facility. The following day the students will attend Sydney University and The University of NSW where they will complete a number of scientific experiments from the HSC course. The excursion aims to enrich the students understanding of both the HSC Chemistry and Physics syllabus, as well as giving students an insight into the many career paths available in Science.

Science Week 2015

The Science faculty has applied for several grants this year to receive funding to provide activities and experiences for students to further engage in Science and to get them thinking about careers in the STEM fields. The Science faculty will be putting on an exciting Science Show as part of our Science Week Celebration. We are currently in the works of planning a number of Science Week activities. We would love to hear any ideas that parents or guardians have that can help us deliver a whiz bang celebration of everything science. Also, if there are any current family or community members who are lucky enough to have a career in Science and can contribute their knowledge through demonstrations, we would greatly appreciate your contribution. You can contact the Head Teacher of Science via email, peter.shea@det.nsw.edu.au.



Career Connection



It has been a busy start to Term 2 for the Career Connection Office. So far we have had twenty students complete their General Construction Induction (Whitecard) Course. This is the WHS course designed by WorkCover NSW for students interested in working on construction sites. Many thanks to Mr Boundy for delivering the course to our students.



Last week, interested Year 12 students were involved in a number of activities designed to get them thinking about their post-school options.

On Monday we hosted Snr Const. Bostock, the NSW Police School Liaison Officer, who spoke to 17 students interested in the Police Recruitment process.

On Wednesday, the University of NSW gave a talk to 14 students about scholarship opportunities at the University with advice on how to apply for a range of scholarships.



On Thursday, 34 students attended the Facts About Careers and Tertiary Studies (FACTS) Day held at Charles Sturt University, Bathurst. The day provided students the opportunity to make contact and ask questions (and take showbags) from over 60 Universities representatives and private training providers. Students also heard from Mr Bruce Buchanan who gave insight into his career journey and some helpful tips for tackling the HSC and life beyond school.

Thanks to Mr Wait (Year 12 Adviser) for accompanying myself and the students to Bathurst.



Year 10 students have also had guest speakers during their Career Connection lessons this Term. Amanda Ferguson and her team at SkillSet have been speaking to students about apprenticeships / traineeships, resume writing, interview techniques and some of the attributes and personal qualities prospective employers look for in their employees. This is valuable information that will be helpful when students undertake Work Experience or look for employment. Orange High School appreciates the input of industry experience that SkillSet conveys to our students.

Mr Pearson
Career Connection Co-ordinator

ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE WEEK 5 Term 2 - 18th to 22nd May 2015

Year 7	-----
Year 8	Semester 1 exams - English (Advertising test), HSIE Geography (Skills test), HSIE History (Topic test), Mathematics (exam), Science (knowledge test), Tech Mand Ag, Home Ec & Ind Arts (practical tasks)
Year 9	-----
Year 10	Semester 1 exams - Aust History (exam), Dance (appreciation Australian Dance), Electronics (research, circuits & circuitry), Eng Tech (research, race car), IST (major project and class test), Mathematics (exam), Metal Tech (BBQ folio), PDHPE (Bloom's marking grid), Science (knowledge test), Wood Tech (research assignment folio)
Year 11	Japanese (listening and writing task)
Year 12	Dance (performance & interview), English Ext 2 (written report major work), Mathematics (in class test), Maths - General 1 (in class test), Maths General 2 (in class test), Visual Arts (progressive BOW)

The Orange Theatre Company is about to open with their production of **Annie The Musical.**

Opening night is Friday 15th May.

There are 8 performances over 2 weekends, with the final performance being Sunday 24th May 2015

Are you aware that there are students from Orange High School involved in this production? Support your friends by coming along to watch



Students from Orange High School involved with Annie are:

Bella Sattler –MAIN ORPHAN ANNIE (Year 7) (Hannigan Cast)
Rose Thoms – MAIN ORPHAN JULY (Year 7) (Hannigan Cast)
Jacinta Smith – Orphan ensemble (Year 8) (Hannigan Cast)
Victoria Smith – Orphan ensemble (Year 7) (Hannigan Cast)
Madeleine Owens – Orphan ensemble (Year 7) (Warbucks Cast)
Roisin O'Connor – Adult ensemble (Year 11) (All shows)
Danielle Saunders – Adult ensemble (Year 11) (All shows)

*Along with Faculty – Brian Irvine & Chris Mickle as Musical Director & repetiteur/keys 1.



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