



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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8th December 2016 : Term 4 Week 9

Elliot House Wins Term 4 PBL BBQ

Congratulations to Elliot House! They are the winners of the PBL term 4 BBQ held last week!

Elliot House enjoyed a free BBQ lunch, along with a yellow Elliot wristband and a raffle of prizes!

Thanks to the PBL team for providing an opportunity for Orange High School to continue to build some more house spirit! What a great way to end Term 4!



**Principal**

David Lloyd

Deputy Principals

Helene Hamilton

Kathleen Maksymczuk (Rel)

Narelle Small (Rel)

Head Teacher Admin

Kylie Winslade (students)

Aaron Routh (Rel) (staff)

Head Teacher Welfare

Kerrie Chopping

Year 7 Advisor

Josh Thacker

Year 8 Advisor

Cassie Coates

Year 9 Advisor

Alice Bright

Year 10 Advisor

Sophie Healey

Year 11 Advisors

Sarah Townsend

Year 12 Advisor

Aaron Routh

Careers Advisor

Glen Pearson

School Counsellors

Susanna Brown

Liz Franks

Sport Co-ordinators

Anthony Wharton

Tegan Dray

Student Representative**Council Leader**

Peita Magee

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to our amazing recently graduated Year 12 students and the dedicated band of parent helpers led by Alison Duffield on the outstanding graduation event last Friday night. Based on the very positive feedback and smooth flow of the event, the night was a terrific success. As always it is wonderful to see young adults ready to take on the next phase of their lives. We wish each and every one of them well and congratulate them as alumni of Orange High School.

Earlier this week I enjoyed spending some time at the last P&C event, a shared dinner to conclude the work of the team for 2016. The P&C are an important part of our school and I value their contributions and support for our school. **Many thanks to President Keith Lummis and Secretary, Virginia Flanagan** for their leadership over the previous 12 months.

One of the key aspects of the school calendar this time of the year is strategic and financial planning for the coming 12 months. Leaders within and across the school are in the process of developing whole school and Key Learning Area plans that identify key priorities based on data and subsequent strategies that will allow for further as we move into 2017. **We will retain the 3 broad priority areas of Teaching, Innovation and Orange High School Culture.** Under those headings will be a series of articulated and financed strategies that will ensure continual refinement of our school. Yesterday, I was excited by statistics that highlighted a 25% reduction in the number suspensions in 2016 compared with data from 2015. I believe this is further evidence of our continually developing positive school culture.

The other exciting aspect of this time of year is attending as many partner primary school Presentation Day/Night events as possible. It is clear from these that there are huge numbers of talented young people in our community. I can't help but feel confident about the future students at Orange High and in the wider community.

Congratulations to our local primary schools who do such a great job of providing such a strong foundation to the young people in their care. Our Orange High School Presentation Night will occur next week on Wednesday the 14 December at 6.30pm.

All parents are welcome to our Sports Hall to celebrate the amazing achievements of young people at Orange High School.

David Lloyd

Principal

Year 7 High Achievers Board Game Expo



Mr Thacker's Year 7 High Achievers enjoyed a terrific afternoon in English on Tuesday, playing the board games that they created as part of their study of Mythology!

The board games that the students created were of an extremely high standard! Well done Year 7!



OHS Students Saving Lives

Year 12 Biology students saving lives by donating blood last week!



Western Region Academy of Sport



Congratulations to Henry Jones, Libby Smith & Brooke Parish who have been selected in Western Region Academy of Sport (WRAS) squads for 2017.

These students will be training hard and improving their skills over the next few months and we wish them the best!

State Debating Camp

Our OHS Year 7 debating team had a fantastic time last week at The State Debating Championships last week at The University of Sydney.

They also had time for a tour of the campus and some shopping!
Thank you to Ms Hilton for taking the team on this fun excursion!



OHS Knitting Ninjas

The OHS 'Knitting Ninjas' meet at lunchtime every Friday to knit squares for blankets – for refugees and people in poverty as part of the Wrapped with Love initiative.

The Knitting Ninjas would like to say a huge thank you to Spotlight Orange for donating wool and needles to help support this amazing cause!

Do you have any scrap wool at home?

Donations of 8ply Acrylic wool would be kindly appreciated!



Canteen Celebrations!

Our fabulous Canteen ladies celebrating both their Christmas party & Keryn Feltham's farewell after being involved with the OHS Canteen for 17 years!



Thankyou Rotary Club of Orange/Calare!

A huge thank you to Rotary Club of Orange/Calare for their generous donation of \$1000 to Orange High School.

OHS students were also presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the Rotary Club for their contribution at the Australian National Field Days.



Western Region Softball Champs

Well done to both our Open Girls & Boys Softball team who are now Western Region Champions!

Girls won 20-7 & Boys won 11-4!

A special mention to the 15 students who have been selected into Western teams!



U15s Netball

Congratulations to our U15 Girls CHS team who defeated both Gulgong & Blayney in the western knockout to progress to the CHS state finals next year in Sydney! The girls played two spectacular games against two equally strong teams!

Game 1 – OHS vs Gulgong 26-18

Game 2 – OHS vs Blayney 18-15

Well done girls!

