



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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First day for Year 7 - 2016





Principal's Report

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Kathleen Maksymczuk (Rel)
Helene Hamilton

Head Teacher Admin
Kylie Winslade (students)
Aaron Routh (Rel) (staff)

Head Teacher Welfare
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Year 8 Adviser
Cassie Coates

Year 9 Adviser
Alice Bright

Year 10 Adviser
Sophie Healey

Year 11 Advisers
Sarah Townsend

Year 12 Adviser
Taara Wilson
Aaron Routh

Careers Adviser
Glen Pearson

School Counsellors
Susanna Brown

Sport Co-ordinators
Anthony Wharton
Tegan Dray

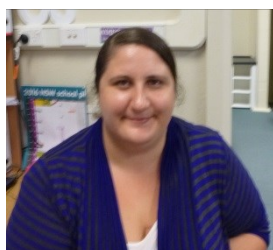
**Student Representative
Council Leader**
Peita Magee

Welcome to the 2016 School Year. I would like to begin by extending a warm welcome to parents new to our school. We trust you will find this weekly publication of student achievements and news items relevant and interesting. The weekly newsletter is designed to complement our schools website www.orange-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and Facebook page, Orange High School DEC. In addition, more and more parents are logging on and accessing important information such as timetables, attendance and homework through Orange High Schools Parent Portal. In the coming days, all Year 7 parents will receive communication containing individual passwords and login information that will facilitate access to the portal. The portal is also the key link for activities such as booking parent/teacher interviews later in the semester.

This morning, teachers, support staff and volunteers from Year 10 (who returned from holidays a day early) excitedly welcomed more than 200 new Year 7 students to our school. For these students the school year began with a wave of excitement mixed with nervousness and perhaps a touch of emotion. Judging by the smiles on the faces of students leaving the school just now, I am quietly confident (maybe hoping) almost all would rate their first day highly. Tomorrow we anticipate the school will be buzzing with excitement for the second day as all students return from holidays to their friends and slip quickly back into school routines.

Parents and carers of Year 7 Students are warmly invited to a BBQ provided by the P&C Team on the front lawn of the school next Wednesday 3 February at 6pm. We look forward to an opportunity to say hello and welcome new parents to our school. The evening is relaxed and low key with an emphasis on personalising the experience of starting in a large comprehensive school.

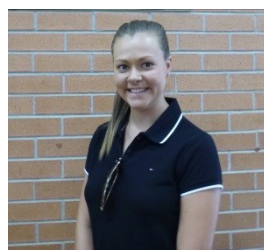
Along with new students we are also very pleased to welcome some new and highly talented teachers to our staff team. Pictured below are our newest teachers who have all begun with smiles on their faces. I am very confident our newest teachers are some of the best and brightest yet!



Courtney Wilcock - English



Steven Ahern - Science



Rebecca Ford - PDHPE



Tristan Harrison - PDHPE

Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Maksymczuk, our deputy principals can be contacted on 6362 3444 or via email Helene.Hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au or Kathleen.Maksymczuk@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Hamilton will oversee students in Years 7, 9, 10 and 12 while Mrs Maksymczuk will be the deputy principal for students in Years 8 and 11. Please be encouraged to make contact with either Helen or Kath via phone or email

Over the holidays it has been exciting to watch progress on the refurbishment of the basketball courts. This long planned activity, funded largely by parent donations and the schools P&C will see a fully refurbished state of the art, 3 multi-court facility ready hopefully by the middle of February.



In addition, the holidays have seen the completion of painting in all upstairs areas of the main building and improvements to the drainage in various areas around the school.

Congratulations to recently graduated Year 12 student Ashley Morrow on his selection as Orange's Young Citizen of the Year for 2016. Ash's award was announced at the Australia Day celebrations in Cook Park last Sunday.

Ash's award follows closely current Year 12 students, Helena Griffith's selection as the Rotary Club of Orange's Service Above Self Recipient for 2015. These external awards highlight a further developing school culture where students learn in an environment that is about 'we' rather than 'I'. This is further exemplified by our Year 12 Prefects and Student Leaders giving back to the school through their leadership of projects throughout the year that will further develop our already positive school culture.



I am very excited about the year ahead. The year has begun very positively with an atmosphere of learning obvious across the school. As a school we are very keen to develop closer parent partnerships throughout the year and we welcome your participation in this process. Throughout the year there will be numerous opportunities for discussions including Parent Teacher Nights, Assessment Information Evenings and Subject Selection Nights to share in the learning journey. In between these opportunities, please be encouraged to phone or make an appointment to visit the school and speak with your child's teachers and Year Advisors as the need or desire arises. Together we will make 2016 the best year yet!

David Lloyd
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS ASH MORROW ORANGE YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR





Orange High School's Homework Centre
will be running every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
(starting next week, 2nd Feb).

It will run from 3:45pm until 5pm in the library.

Staff will be assigned to support students with their assessment tasks and general homework.

To ensure that student's time is spent effectively, they should come prepared with their assignments, homework and anything else they require to complete these tasks.

Access to the internet is also available during this time for any students who need this additional support.

Please call Orange High School on 6362 3444 for any further queries.

P & C News

The P&C would like to welcome all new and returning families for 2016!

*Our first event for the year is the **Welcome to Year 7** barbeque to be held next Wednesday 3rd February at 6pm. All family members of year 7 students are welcome to attend and we look forward to meeting you all then!*

Sports Courts

A great deal of work has taken place over the holidays on the basketball courts. They will soon be finished and ready for the students to experience a wide variety of sports on them. The P&C is very pleased that the school community's fundraising efforts will provide such a great resource for students and staff!

Meetings

P&C meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Music Centre. We are a small group and hope that new members will join us this year. All new and returning parents are very welcome. Please don't feel that you need to have a student in Year 7 to attend meetings.

The first meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 10th February

Keith Lummis

President

Canteen News

This year OHS canteen will be sourcing all our bakery products from our local IGA store.

IGA and Orange High School believe in supporting local produce and communities

See the school website for our menu and price list

