



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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2016 High Achievers Camp

What happens when you take 76 amazing students to
Burrendong Sports and Recreation Centre?

ANSWER: You have the most AMAZING time!!!!



And that is exactly what happened at this year's High Achiever Camp! Mrs. Macdonald, Ms. Greenslade, Mr. Wait and myself were privileged to take a selection of the High Achievers to Burrendong last week and the students did not let us down. Superb behaviour, great leadership and cohesive team building were the order of the day. The organisers of Burrendong were again impressed by the Orange High School cohort and all were in agreement that these guys are the BEST school group that attend the Centre.

The purpose of the High Achievers Camp is to celebrate and extend our high achieving students. They are challenged to work on their group work skills, grow in confidence and self-esteem, manage risks, lead, reflect and solve problems. Our students certainly excel and are amazing ambassadors for the school, their families and most importantly themselves. Team building, relying on others and contributing to a group are essential life skills. The students were able to learn a lot about each other in a relaxed environment while extending their own problem solving, leadership, negotiation and listening skills. In short, it is a terrific program!

So what happened at camp?

The camp consisted of three days and two nights and this may seem like a long time to be away with a family of 76 but the time went quickly. The students were divided into teams (Kangaroos, Snakes and Redbacks) and "friendly" competition followed. We all had our money on the Snakes to take out the competition but it was the underdog Redback team that triumphed. Sorry Mrs. Macdonald, better luck next year! We were given a series of activities and points were scored for various tasks. The activities included the flying fox and throwing rubber chickens at targets, leaky bucket relays, raft building (or in most cases raft sinking), giant slip and slide, mountain biking, fire building, damper making, dark water challenge (3 people in a canoe but 2 are blindfolded), team games, ice breakers and the highlight for most was Star Wars which ended up with a court trial with a judge, prosecutor, lawyers, witnesses and of course, defendants. Needless to say, there are some budding young lawyers in the group!

With this sort of competition, the camp was not without incident and we all hope that Ethan and Eric are going well. They certainly did put their bodies on the line!





The photos included are just a small snapshot of the camp. **For more photos and videos, please go to the Orange High School Facebook Page and Website. There are lots to look at and some of the videos are very entertaining!**



Finally, **THANK YOU** to **EVERYONE** who attended this year's camp! A very big thank you needs to go to Mrs. Macdonald, Ms. Greenslade and Mr. Wait for being on call 24 hours a day. I couldn't have done it without you guys! Thank you to the **EXCELLENT** staff at Burrendong, you guys are **AMAZING!**

AND most importantly, **THANK YOU** to the **HIGH ACHIEVERS**. I couldn't be more proud and I am definitely excited for next year's camp!

Mrs. Jo Beeby Year 10 High Achievers Coordinator



Principal's Report

Principal

David Lloyd

Deputy Principals

Helene Hamilton

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Narelle Small (Rel)

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Year 8 Adviser

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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

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Congratulations to students in Year 7 and 9 who sat the NAPLAN assessments this week. **Staff supervising were very impressed with the positive attitude of students throughout what can be a gruelling 3 days of assessments for some students.** It is important to keep the assessments in perspective; that is that they are essentially one form of assessment completed at one time in the year. Our strong view as a school, is that while the results do provide data to teachers, students are far more than a number assigned at the end of a test. There are many reasons why students may or may not have not have performed as expected on the day. So long as this perspective is maintained, and student wellbeing and overall confidence is the overriding principle, the assessments are a valuable tool to support future achievement for the young people who sit them.

Senior students Sophie Tonkin and Logan Cotter spoke with maturity and sincerity at the funeral for former student Lochie Connaughton earlier this week. Their powerful and heartfelt words were spoken with strength and courage reflecting the strong connections between Lochie and his peers. As a school, we will continue to support senior students as they return from the examination period to regular school routines.

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Soccer Team who defeated Bathurst High earlier this week in difficult wet and cold conditions on our back oval. The game could have gone either way but thanks to an early goal in extra time Orange High won through. **Congratulations in particular to Cal Dixon who scored all 6 of our goals and Jordan Bruce who did an inspiring job as goal keeper saving numerous chances.**

This week is Volunteers Week and as a result I would like to recognise and thank the many parents and community members who volunteer in small and large ways around the school. The most obvious are activities such as P&C, PRISM and volunteering at the canteen, however there are numerous people who contribute behind the scenes and do not seek any form of recognition. These include parents who voluntarily provide transport to activities, scripture teachers and those who support specific activities such as the School Show, ANZAC activities and even presentations at assemblies. To all we say a huge thank you. Your efforts are appreciated.

Next week we will be visited by two Inspectors from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards reviewing teaching programs and the implementation of practices and policies as part of the new registration of Government Schools Act of Parliament. **Over the last few weeks, we have been gathering documentation and evidence of our school meeting and indeed exceeding the expected standards.** As a result of the quality and volume of evidence collated, I am confident we will demonstrate the attainment of standards and look forward to sharing what we do everyday with outside assessors.

David Lloyd
Principal

Bill Turner Cup



Well done to the OHS Junior Boys Soccer Team, who won their game on Monday in the pouring rain.

They defeated Bathurst High School 6-5 in extra time

Young Masterchefs from our Support Class, cooking up a storm



I'm being bullied



Any student who feels they are being bullied can access help in the following ways:

- Students can talk to any teacher about their concerns.
- Students can support each other in gaining help from a teacher.
- Students can write information down and give it to a teacher

HELP !!

New OHS Winter Anoraks are now available at Orange Clothing Co and Kingfisher School Gear



Orange Farmers Market is trading til 4PM this Saturday, 14th May

in conjunction with the Cadia Mine Open Day.