



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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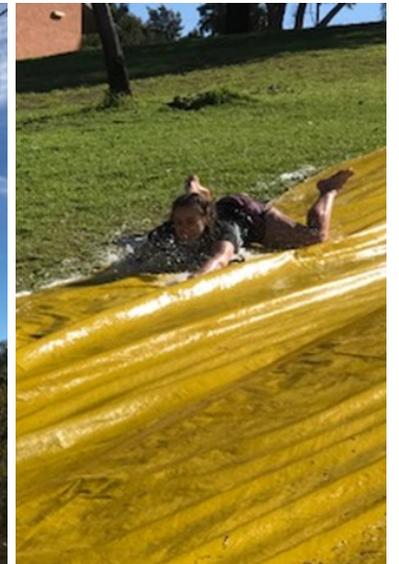
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5th May 2017 - Term 2 Week 2

High Achievers Camp



The Year 7-10 High achievers students travelled to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp on Monday and enjoyed three days full of team bonding, problem solving activities and lots of fun.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal

David Lloyd

Deputy Principals

Helene Hamilton

Kathleen Maksymczuk

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Head Teacher Admin

Kate Rogan - Students (Rel)

Jo Beeby - Staff (Rel)

Head Teacher Welfare

Kerrie Chopping

Year 7 Advisor

Lisa Phillips

Year 8 Advisor

Josh Thacker

Year 9 Advisor

Cassie Coates

Year 10 Advisor

Alice Bright

Year 11 Advisor

Sophie Healey

Year 12 Advisor

Tegan Dray

Careers Advisor

Glen Pearson

School Counsellors

Susanna Brown

Liz Franks

Sport Co-ordinators

Anthony Wharton

Tegan Dray

Student Representative

Council Leader

Kate Rogan

Students attending our High Achievers Program return exhausted but excited on Wednesday afternoon. Some of the activities completed included archery, kayaking, high ropes, raft building and team bonding activities. As a result, the kids attending the camp could be easily identified by their tired eyes and dragging feet. A few quick conversations soon revealed they had fun, but also had the opportunity to reflect on their learning and future goals. More excited than the students was Camp Leader, Mrs Beeby, who was both thrilled and proud to work with such amazing kids. The photos on the front pages of the newsletter highlight some of the fun.

The SRC Fundraising this term is to promote awareness and raise money for 'LIVIN'. This not for profit organisation wants to eliminate the stigma attached to mental illness and to raise awareness of suicide prevention. The core of LIVIN's mission is the mantra "It Ain't Weak to Speak." It wants to encourage and inspire people to speak up and seek help. Education is at the forefront of LIVIN's mission. Through education, LIVIN influences generational change with a fresh new approach to mental health in a constantly changing environment. As part of the initiative, School Captain, Tori Writer, with the help of her friends, organised a fundraising at last Saturdays Hawks Vs Bathurst Panthers football game. The SRC are providing Orange High School students with the opportunity to purchase LIVIN merchandise and to support this organisation with its endeavours.



Last weekend, our Cattle Team competed in the Bathurst Cattle Show winning several ribbons. Included were Grand champion Galloway female, 2nd place Junior Galloway female, Senior Galloway bull and Reserve champion Junior Galloway bull. Congratulations to our students Jess Elliot for reserve junior parade, Abigail Thew for junior judging finals, Noah Lamrock and Ally Dalzell who got into the paraders finals.



As part of the lead up to this year's NAPLAN tests, NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA), formerly BOSTES and Board of Studies, has developed a range of [resources](#) to ensure students and parents have accurate information about the NSW Government's implementation of a [minimum standard of literacy and numeracy](#) for the HSC from 2020. Please be encouraged to click on the link above and watch the video.

Principal's Report Continued

As many parents will be aware, last year the government introduced a number of changes aimed at increasing the state-wide levels of literacy and numeracy achievement.

One of the key policy changes requires students to achieve a minimum standard, the equivalent of a Band 8 in Reading, Writing and Numeracy in NAPLAN.

This change has raised the importance of the NAPLAN assessments, particularly for students in Year 9. While as parents, we all appreciate the need and support our children to achieve high levels of literacy and numeracy, it is also crucial that this focus is balanced by student wellbeing and understanding of the system and supports in place. As such, it is important to know that if students do not achieve the desired Band 8 in the coming NAPLAN Assessments, (Week 3, Term 2), there will be other opportunities to do so, as outlined in the box below.

As a school, we are very focused on continually fine-tuning our literacy and numeracy strategies and have a range of initiatives in place at a whole school and individual teacher level to support enhanced student achievement.

Any parent who would like further information is invited to talk with our Instructional Leader, Ms Melisa Crossingham on 6362 3444.

David Lloyd
Principal

MINIMUM LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARD:
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



From 2020, students need to demonstrate a minimum literacy and numeracy standard to be eligible for the HSC



There will be multiple opportunities to pass online reading, writing and numeracy tests before and after the HSC



Early identification and support for students most at risk of not achieving the minimum standard is available under the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy



Students with Band 8 or above Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy will prequalify for the minimum standard



Some students, including those studying Life Skills courses, will not need to meet the minimum standard to be awarded the HSC

Touch Football Report

Both of our open boys and girls Touch teams travelled to Mudgee last Friday to play at Glen Willow oval.

The boys had a great day, winning all 5 games! They won in an exciting drop off against Dubbo High School in the semi-finals and won the tournament defeating Lithgow 5-1 in the grand final. Congratulations to the boys selected in the Western region team who were Mitch Leonard, Lachlan Wilson and Nathan Swain.

The girls played well all day. They came up against Blayney in the semi-final and came out with the win. Unfortunately they lost the grand final to tough competition from Dunedoo. Congratulations to Cheynoa Merchant for her selection in the Western Region Team!



OHS Year 11 Students donate \$180 to headspace

Alison from headspace accepted a donation of \$180 raised from our OHS Year 11 Wellbeing Day held last term.

OHS held a successful wellbeing day for our Year 11 students last term and were lucky enough to hear from Headspace Orange. The Health Foundation provided students with some vital strategies and resources that can assist in maintaining a good mental health during the HSC. Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing.



Friday 26th until Sunday 28th May

If you are not a part of a pre-organised team, please come to The Salvation Army building on the corner of McNamara and Kite Streets at 8.30am or 11:30am on Sunday the 28th. We will put you in a team with a responsible adult driver and a bunch of other students.

Please show this letter to your Parent/Guardian so they know what is going on. If you are under 18 you will need their permission to collect.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at: orange.corps@ae.salvationarmy.org or by phone or SMS to 0402 583 364

Relay for Life

All Relay for Life students accepting their participation certificates. An amazing amount of students took part this year.



THE BUZZ



PBL Merits

Congratulations to the winners of the PBL Assembly Draw for this fortnight. Winners earned themselves a \$10 Canteen Voucher.

C Fisher – Year 8

D Bruce – Year 8

K Cantwell – Year 7

C Mansfield – Year 7

B McLuckie – Year 7

M Jones – Year 7

I Dodds – Year 7

B Preston – Year 10

B Cantwell – Year 7

Congratulations to the 'Student of the Week' winners.

Lauren Kerwick, nominated by Miss Dray for 'Excellent Triathlon results at the National Carnival'.

Lydia Parker, nominated by Mrs Maksymzuk for 'Excellent Exam Performance'.

Year 11 and 12 Vaccinations

This year, NSW Health is offering Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to be vaccinated against four different types of meningococcal (given as one injection) through the school vaccination program.

Vaccination packages have been distributed to students this week (extra forms can be collected from outside my office).

Please return completed forms to the box underneath the office window. Vaccinations will be in week 4. Please return forms by Monday 15th May.

Have a great weekend,

Kerrie Chopping

Head Teacher Wellbeing

YEAR 10 CAREER CONNECTION - SKILLSET WORKFORCE VISIT

Year 10 students have been fortunate to have guest speakers during their Career Connection lessons this term. Ben Ruddy and his team at Skillset Workforce, Orange, 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 from industry and the experience that Skillset Workforce convey to our students.

Mr Pearson

Career Connection Co-ordinator





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P&C Update

The P&C has had two meetings in 2017 including the AGM where the 2017 Executive was elected.

Office bearers are:

President: Keith Lummis

Vice President: Alison Duffield

Treasurer: Andrew Elms

Secretary: Virginia Flanagan

Thanks goes to Peter Cox who stepped down after three years as Treasurer. Peter your time and effort was greatly appreciated.

Events: The P&C catered for the Year 7 Barbeque at the start of the year. It is always great to meet new families and see returning ones at this relaxed event.

Trivia Night: We are busily organising the upcoming Trivia Night and hope to see lots of people there.

Orange Credit Union Grant:

The P&C has again been successful in securing an OCU grant in 2017.

The grant is for \$3 500 and is to purchase and install a water bottle refilling station. Students will be able to fill drink bottles for free. A great asset for the school.

The OCU has been a wonderful supporter of OHS P&C and we thank them for their ongoing funding.

The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 10th May at 6:30pm in the Music Centre.

Come along, meet new people and find out what's happening at OHS!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Have You Heard!!

OHS P&C is holding a Trivia Night.

When: Saturday May 20th @ 6:30pm.

Where: OHS PAC

Why: To raise funds for a Covered Outdoor Learning Area. This will provide a sports and lunchtime area out of the weather.

\$\$\$: The P&C has raised \$50 000 of the \$80 000 required.

The Trivia Night will be the major fundraiser for the year!

Wondering How You Can Help?!

Organise a table of 8 friends for the night.

Tickets are \$15 a head. (cash or cheque only please)

Tickets on sale @ school front office and at Cinnabar (145 Kite St) or book a table by calling Alison on 0448394508 or Virginia on 0431597868.

Great prizes on offer as well as lots of fun!

BYO nibbles and drinks.

Please note this is an 18 and over event.

Thank You,

OHS P&C

Dear Parents, Friend and Carers,

The **Orange High School P & C Association** has a long tradition of supporting students and staff at the school. To continue this, we are holding a **Trivia Night** on Saturday 20th May to raise funds. The funds will go towards construction of a covered outdoor learning area and a new electronic sign board.

We are looking for **donations** of goods, vouchers and gift cards that will be used as prizes. As we are a small committee we are hoping to reach the extended school community that are willing to assist with this.

If you would like to contribute or would like further information please contact Alison Duffield on 0448 394 508 (P & C Vice President) OR Virginia Flanagan 0431 597 868 (P & C Secretary) OR Email: secretaryohspc@gmail.com

A member of the P & C committee would be pleased to collect your donations.

Thank you in anticipation
OHS P & C