



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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4th August 2017 - Term 3 Week 2

SENIOR STATE WIND ENSEMBLE



This week, four of our very musically talented Orange High School students have been in Sydney, rehearsing and performing as part of the Senior State Wind Ensemble.

The ensemble rehearsed for eight hours a day on both Saturday and Sunday, this being the only time ensemble members from all over the state could get together for rehearsals.

Our students performed with the ensemble, in the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday, performing "Surfonic Winds" and "Arabesque".

Well done.



Olivia Maksymczuk -Year 10
on clarinet



Grace Corby - Year 10
on flute



Aaron Driver - Year 10
on trumpet



Matthew Baines - Year 7
on bass clarinet



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Year 8 Advisor

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Year 9 Advisor

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Year 10 Advisor

Alice Bright

Year 11 Advisor

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Year 12 Advisor

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It has been a huge Week 3 here at OHS. The week began with Parent Teacher Night. It was inspiring to see how many parents are not just passionate about their student's learning, but in how they can assist them to improve their results. It was most enjoyable, talking to parents and listening to their feedback. Feedback is very valuable, ensuring we continue to stay innovative in our strategic direction. This week has seen many students continuing to work hard and several of our students have represented our school across the state.

Congratulations to Olivia Maksymczuk, Grace Corby, Aaron Driver and Matthew Baines who played with the Senior State Wind Ensemble this week. This was a great opportunity to meet other students from all across the state and experience a splash of the city hustle and bustle before playing at the Opera House. Mathew Baines is only in Year 7 at OHS and it was a terrific opportunity for him to be chosen to play in the Senior Ensemble.

Ryan Bushel is to be congratulated on his selection in the CHS Open Boys Squash team. OHS wishes him all the best as he progresses to Nationals in September this year.

Year 11 attended a University of Sydney MIRAGE Presentation earlier this week. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to get a taste of what a Health Course might involve, if they choose this path post school. As Year 11 are working towards completing their studies, deciding what to do in the future can be hard. This presentation allowed students to have access to information about the many options available in the health industry. The students had a lot of fun learning about various health degrees, as well as information on the many paths students can take to complete degrees at University.

Congratulations to all OHS students who qualified to compete in Dubbo at the Western Athletics Carnival. All students represented Orange High proudly and looked great in their school uniforms. Many students achieved a personal best in their events which shows ongoing improvement and dedication, congratulations. Well done to all students that qualified to move on to compete at a state level.

Grand Piano Fundraising continues, so please be encouraged to donate money on the Schools Plus Website. So far \$2000 has been raised. This is very exciting because we are now closer to being able to purchase the Grand Piano for the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty.

Elijah Smyth in Year 11 was one of 20 students across the state to be selected by an Expressions of Interest process, to participate in the program 'Secretary for a Day' in Sydney. Elijah participated in a working lunch with the Secretary Mark Scott, a student forum on Artificial Intelligence and a visit to Parliament House. He also was invited to present his views on anti bullying, student engagement and leadership.

It was a privilege to relieve as the Principal of Orange High School for the first three weeks of this term. Mr Lloyd will resume in Week 4 and I will return to my substantive role as Deputy Principal. I would also like to thank Mr Baker who has been relieving as Deputy and has done an exceptional job supporting student wellbeing, mentoring and coaching Head Teachers and their staff.

A quote from Mother Teresa 'You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things.' All staff, students and parents at OHS do great things together, both in and out of the classroom. We learn from each other and this encourages us all to achieve our potential. To strive for excellence the key is to learn from those who challenge, mentor and teach you to reach your goal. Teams, working together, always teach us things about ourselves, taking us out of our comfort zone, push boundaries a little and see success in the future.

Helene Hamilton
Relieving Principal



Q & A - Elijah Smyth's Day at Parliament House

Q *What was your favourite aspect of the program?*

A I enjoyed the discussions we had about Artificial Intelligence with Mark Scott, the Secretary of Education.

Q *Elijah, what does Artificial Intelligence mean to you?*

A It is what our future looks like. Robots will be part of it.

Q *What will education for future generation look like?*

A Most of the discussion was, will it be mostly skill based in IT areas, to support learning and to get ready for a future with robots in society, educational and work place domains?

Q *What were the workshops like?*

A I listened to ideas from other student leaders. Sharing ideas allowed me to broaden and widen my view about leadership and how people have different styles of leadership.

Q *Who were you most inspired by and why?*

A I was inspired by Michelle Halls, the Executive Director for Aboriginal Education and Connected Communities. Her leadership style showed a passion for Indigenous Education .

Q *What did you learn from this experience?*

A This experience has taught me that leaders have the ability to influence student education furthermore, their voice is crucial to a continuing positive school community.



CHS under 15s BASKETBALL

Well done to both the boys' and girls' under 15 basketball teams, who contested the CHS knockout. The girls played exceptionally well taking care of the ball and splashing threes. They played a hard fought game against Lithgow. The girls bounced back winning by twenty plus points against both Bathurst and Kelso High Schools. A testament to the girls sportsmanship, Molly Fenner and Ally Dalzell helped Kelso in the second half of the game. The girls successfully progressed to the next round.

The boys played four games during the day against Lithgow, Bathurst, Canobolas and Kelso High Schools. The boys covered the court well using hustle, grit and determination to get a couple of great wins for the day. The sportsmanship and effort in all games was outstanding. Special thanks to our ref Kobe Mansell .



Congratulations Ryan Bushel

Congratulations to Ryan Bushel who has been selected in the NSW CHS Open Boys Squash Team! He will head to Nationals in September. Well done Ryan!



Hockey Knockout

On Monday our Open Girls Hockey Team played Bathurst in the Knockout competition.

The girls won their game 3-0, securing them a spot as one of the final 20 in the state.

We wish them the best of luck as they move on to compete against Glenmore High School.



OHS Aboriginal boys perform at Yarrowong Childcare Centre

A letter of thank you from a parent of two children who attend Yarrowong Childcare Centre.

Yesterday we had the absolute joy of experiencing the Orange High School Aboriginal boys' performance at the Yarrowong National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day event.

I wanted to contact your school to pass on my thanks for their faultless performance in the bitter cold - not one of the boys complained. They were absolute professionals of whom you should have enormous pride.

They were the best representatives of any high school I have seen. Following their performance they interacted with members of the community with respect and engaged beautifully with the children from Yarrowong.

I was very impressed with your group of future leaders and wanted you to know how well your school was represented in the community yesterday. Please pass on my email to the principal and other relevant members of the school leadership.





Year 11 - University of Sydney Mirage Rural Health school visit

On Friday 28th July, our Year 11 PDHPE classes participated in the University of Sydney's Rural Health Club - MIRAGE visit. The purpose of the visit was to create awareness of the many health courses offered by the University of Sydney. They offered activities related to medicine, physiotherapy, nursing, pharmacy, nutrition and dietetics. Students spent two periods cycling through the five fun and interactive activities, which were presented by ten student leaders.



Western area Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to all OHS students who competed in Dubbo at the Western Region Athletics Carnival. All students looked exceptional in their school uniforms and competed to the best of their ability. Once again Orange High School students stood out amongst the field, with many students placing and gaining personal bests in their events.

The highlight of the day were the relay teams with all three teams smashing the field (U13 girls and U15's Boys and Girls). Well done to all students who will now compete at a state level. A special mention to Lauren Kerwick who competed in her final carnival and did it in style taking out the 3km event. Well done!



Marianne Murphy finals

Well done to the girls who played in the Marianne Murphy interschool netball finals. The girls all displayed great sportsmanship and gave it their all.

Congratulations to the Under 14s team who won their final and thus, the competition for their age group and to the open girls team for their efforts in giving James Sheahan a great contest.

Thank you to the parents and supporters that came to cheer on the girls in the cold!



Mayten Consulting presentation

Jo-Anne McRae from Mayten Consulting gave a fantastic presentation to Year 11 students on "Future Planning".

The presentation looked closely at building skills and experience for students either transitioning into the workforce or going on to complete tertiary education.

Jo's industry experience and knowledge of networking was well received by our students.



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ESSAY TOPICS
 Senior: Years 9-12 (1300-1600 words)
 Junior: Years 7 & 8 (700-1000 words)
 Japan is becoming a popular tourist destination for more and more Australians. For example, many Australians enjoy visiting Japan during the winter months for skiing and snowboarding; "Kumano Kodou" in Wakayama prefecture is a famous pilgrimage route; and "Edo Wonderland" in Tochigi prefecture is a popular venue for school trips. What advice can you give to enhance Japan to be a friendlier environment for tourists from Australia?

Deadline: Wednesday 23 August 2017

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Important!

Students and library members:

The library is hosting the NSW Family History Societies Conference from the 21st to 24th September and we are excited to have a large number of visitors to Orange for this event.

Normal library services will be running but the library will not be a suitable place to study over these days due to the noise and the changed layout of the space.

We do apologise for this inconvenience.





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An Invitation to Parents and Students

**Year 8 into Year 9, 2018
Subject Selection Information Evening
Monday 7th August, 2017
6.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre**

This evening is designed to help both students (and parents) make the most of the opportunities available to them for their Record of School Achievement.

Topics to be covered will include:

1. ROSA (Record of School Achievement) requirements and what it means to your child.
2. How to choose your subjects for years 9 & 10 to have a successful pattern of study.
3. How to use the on-line system to choose your electives – Web Choice .

*We strongly encourage all students and their carers to attend this evening.
Hope to see you there.*



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A GRAND OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

We have already raised \$2,090 to put towards our Grand Piano! Thank you so much to the people that have donated, you have helped us move towards providing our students with a quality instrument that will be appreciated for many years to come!

If you wish to donate please use this link to do so:

www.schoolsplus.org.au/a-grand-idea/

You can also access the link via the Orange High School Facebook page.

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NAPLAN Online Readiness Testing

Part of the future:

NAPLAN plans to start moving from pen and paper, to online testing from next year. Students from Orange High School will have the opportunity to trial this new system later this term.

What this means:

To prepare for the move to online testing, Orange High School will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test.

The readiness test is an assessment of a school's readiness to administer NAPLAN Online. It is also a valuable opportunity for students to become familiar with the online test platform for upcoming years. NAPLAN online will have a range of benefits for our students and teachers, including reduced time between testing and reporting, and increased student engagement. The tailored test design will target questions to the student's ability, improving the precision of the assessment.

The test will be for students in Years 7 and 9 and will comprise two one-hour tests. Orange High School will conduct these between **Monday 14 August and Friday 15 September (Week 9)**.

What it doesn't mean:

The readiness test is an opportunity to experience the online environment and the different question types that can be used in online testing. It is not a test of skills and knowledge, and so will not be used as part of student's assessment in 2017 or beyond.

So that you're ready:

Year 7 students will complete the testing using their BYOD laptop. To assess their capability to handle the test, students are asked to bring their laptops to each school period as normal, in order to take part in some software checks led by the school's NAPLAN technical and coordinating staff. This will include the installation of a program to be used during the testing.

Year 9 students will complete the test on school devices, unless otherwise informed.

Both Year 7 and Year 9 students will be required to bring their own headphones or earbuds to complete the tests.

For more information:

Additional information is available on the [NESA NAPLAN](#) online website and the [ACARA](#) website. A NESA [FactSheet](#) for parents and carers is also available.

Please feel free, as always, to contact OHS should there be any further information you require. We look forward to your support and feedback during this unique opportunity.