



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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14th December 2018 - Term 4, Week 9

Eddie Woo reimagining Maths



Eddie Woo visited Orange High School earlier this week. His goal is to change the way students think about Mathematics by helping them to understand how it applies to real life. Mr Woo worked with over 400 students before running a Masterclass for staff.



From the Principal

Principal

Chad Bliss

Deputy Principals

Helene Hamilton

Kristie Anderson (Rel)

Head Teacher Admin

Kylie Winslade (Students)

Jo Beeby - Staff (Rel)

Head Teacher Welfare

Kate Rogan

Year 7 Advisor

Tammy Nash

Year 8 Advisor

Lisa Phillips

Year 9 Advisor

Monica Peasley

Year 10 Advisor

Cassie Coates

Year 11 Advisor

Tegan Dray

Year 12 Advisor

Kylie Winslade

Careers Advisor

Glen Pearson

School Counsellors

Susanna Brown

Liz Sams

Sport Co-ordinators

Ben Callaway

Tegan Dray

Student Representative

Council Leader

Yelena Latter

Dear parents and members of our school community

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2018. May I take this opportunity to say thank you to our entire school community for your commitment to ensuring that we continue to achieve excellence in all that we undertake here at Orange High School. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with many of you this year and I certainly look forward to continuing to work with you into 2019 and beyond.

We have had so many successes in 2018, and I have made mention of some of these during our annual presentation evening which took place on Wednesday night. Our students and staff are some of the most amazing individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with and the achievements across our school have been so humbling to be a part of. Thank you to all of the students, parents, family and friends who attended our 105th presentation evening. As my first presentation evening as Principal of Orange High School, I was a little nervous speaking in front of such esteemed families. It was a tremendous evening and one which I will remember for many years to come.

HSC Results

On Thursday 13th December our HSC results were released. Congratulations to every one of our Year 12 students who completed their HSC. Now your results have arrived, many of you will be more clear about what the future holds for you. If you need some additional assistance, please do not hesitate to come and speak with Mrs Winslade who will always be here to support you. We will have a morning tea on Friday for all of our Year 12 students to come and say one final goodbye to Orange High School. Congratulations to the following students who achieved band 6 results in the 2018 HSC. You have worked so hard over the past 12 months and you should be as proud of yourselves as we are of you.

Felix Benter – Mathematics and Music 1

Ben Blanch – Music 1 and PDHPE

Cosette Craig – Advanced English and Modern History

Marley Hevers – Music 1

Tez Murrell – Senior Science

Zara Osborne – PDHPE

Eliza Owens – PDHPE

Lachlan Wheeler – Music Extension

Jack Woodside – Software Design and Development



On top of these amazing results our students also achieved 111 band 5 results. I am so proud of the achievements of our amazing students.

Year 12 Graduation

On Friday 7th December, I had the privilege of attending my first Year 12 graduation held at the Orange Function Centre. To say I was proud was a massive understatement. Our students looked amazing, spoke passionately about their time at our school and were genuinely thankful for everything that anyone had done for them during their time at OHS. The function centre looked amazing and I would like to thank Mrs Alison Duffield from our P&C for all of her hard work in planning, preparing and executing such a perfect event.

School Spectacular

I am sure by now you have seen the replay of the 2018 School Spectacular on Channel 7. If you missed it, I urge you to have a look via the Channel 7 website. Lachlan Wheeler was phenomenal opening the spectacular and brought the roof down with the closing song as well. Paris Robinson was beautiful in her performances as a featured dancer and our dance ensembles and choir were just perfect. Thank you to those parents and families who attended one of the four shows in Sydney and to our staff Mrs Prusiak, Miss Atchison and Mr Bell for attending and supervising our students.

Year 10 Formal

On Friday 14th December our Year 10 students will attend a formal function to celebrate the end of their junior schooling at Orange High School. We will provide some pictures to you via Facebook of this event.



From the Principal cont

Cooler Classroom Program

Last week we were notified of our successful application under the NSW Government Cooler Classroom program. This effectively means that we will have reverse cycle air conditioning installed in every learning space and the library. I can't explain how much of a difference this will make to our students and our staff. Having a temperature controlled teaching and learning environment will further support the wellbeing and academic progress of our students. The rollout will begin across the state next year and I will keep you informed of progress throughout the year.

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate Danny Burton who last week received the Victor Chang Cardiac Institute Award for Excellence in Science. Danny attended a presentation ceremony in Dubbo along with Mr Shea. Well done Danny on a fantastic achievement.

Eddie Woo Visit

On Monday and Tuesday this week, we were so fortunate to host two days of learning with the famous Mr Eddie Woo. Eddie is perhaps Australia's most famous Maths teacher and this year was named as Australia's Local Hero in the Australia Day awards. Eddie gave the Australia Day address this year which was the first time a teacher has ever delivered such an address. He is an acclaimed Mathematician, creator of WooTube which has nearly 500 thousand subscribers, a top ten finalist in the Global Teacher Prize for 2018 and an amazing fountain of knowledge. Our students and staff were encapsulated with Eddie's brilliance and the feedback was unanimously positive. Thank you Eddie for visiting our school. To see the hundreds of students lining up to get books signed, pictures and autographs proved to me that we made the right decision to bring Eddie to our school.

Maternity Leave

We wish Miss Sarah Cooper and Mrs Kate Rogan all the very best with their upcoming maternity leave. Both Sarah and Kate are expecting their first babies this month and next month. They will be taking some well deserved leave in 2019 and we look forward to seeing them back with us in 2020.

A Well Deserved Break

Mrs Peita Mages will be taking a year of long service leave in 2019. Whilst we will miss Mrs Mages leadership, she will return refreshed and ready to lead her English faculty in 2020. During her leave, Ms Lucinda MacDonald will take on the role of relieving HT English.

Staff Leaving

At the end of every school year, we inevitably say goodbye to staff for a variety of reasons. In 2018 we are not saying farewell to any of our permanent staff, however, we are saying goodbye to some of our valuable temporary teaching and support staff. I would like to take this opportunity to personally say thank you to the following staff members who have so capably filled positions within our school and added to the success of your children by being here to teach and support them. Thank you to Mr Alex Warne, Ms Jackie Smith, Mrs Nicky Nealon, Mr Baden Bogdanovs, Mrs Mara Waters, Mrs Kim Cunial, Mrs Bec Riley and Ms Haidee Nelson. We wish you all the very best in 2019 and beyond and hope to see you back at Orange High School in the future.

Please have a relaxing and safe Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. School returns for staff on Tuesday 29th January 2019. The school will be open on the 24th and 25th January for new enrolments and enquiries between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Years 7,11 and 12 students return to school on Wednesday 30th January and students in Years 8-10 return to school on Thursday 31st January.

Thank you again for your support in 2018. I have had a ball. Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2019.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss



Marine Studies excursion to Jervis Bay



During week 8, seven Marine Studies students made the annual trip to Jervis Bay. They spent the three days snorkelling and stand up paddle boarding. The highlight of the trip was our students snorkelling with fur seals.





Visit to OHS by Macquarie University physicists

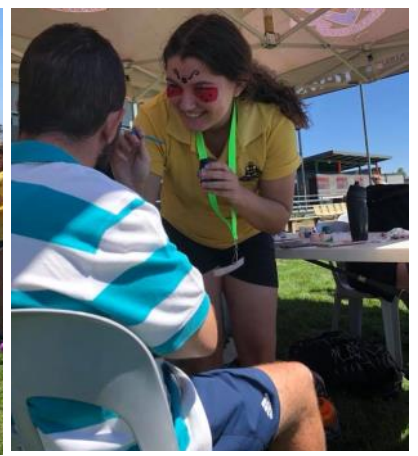
During Week 7, three quantum physicists from Macquarie University visited Orange High School as part of their Coast-to-Coast Physics Tour.

Year 10 students who will study Physics next year were given an introduction to Physics then were treated to learning about diamond nanoscience through the use of lasers, real and artificial diamonds.



PSC Leaders lend a helping hand at the International Day of People with a Disability

Orange High School students helped out at the Colour Run. They ran activities, cooked the bbq, helped clean up, painted faces and put smiles on many faces.



English Report

Once, long ago in a time of great darkness, a time when people crouched around fire pits and hunted with clubs... in a time before Snapchat... people wrote letters.

Although Year 7 found it difficult to believe that people once communicated with pen and paper, they quickly overcame their disbelief and worked hard to master the art of letter writing in English this year.

Over the last two terms Orange High students from 7.2, 7.5 and 7.8 have been applying their new writing skills in real life and are corresponding with their new pen pals at Engadine High School in Southern Sydney. The year 7 students enthusiastically wrote to their Sydney counterparts about life in Orange and the Central West, focusing particularly on their favourite local pastimes and how they have been affected by the drought.

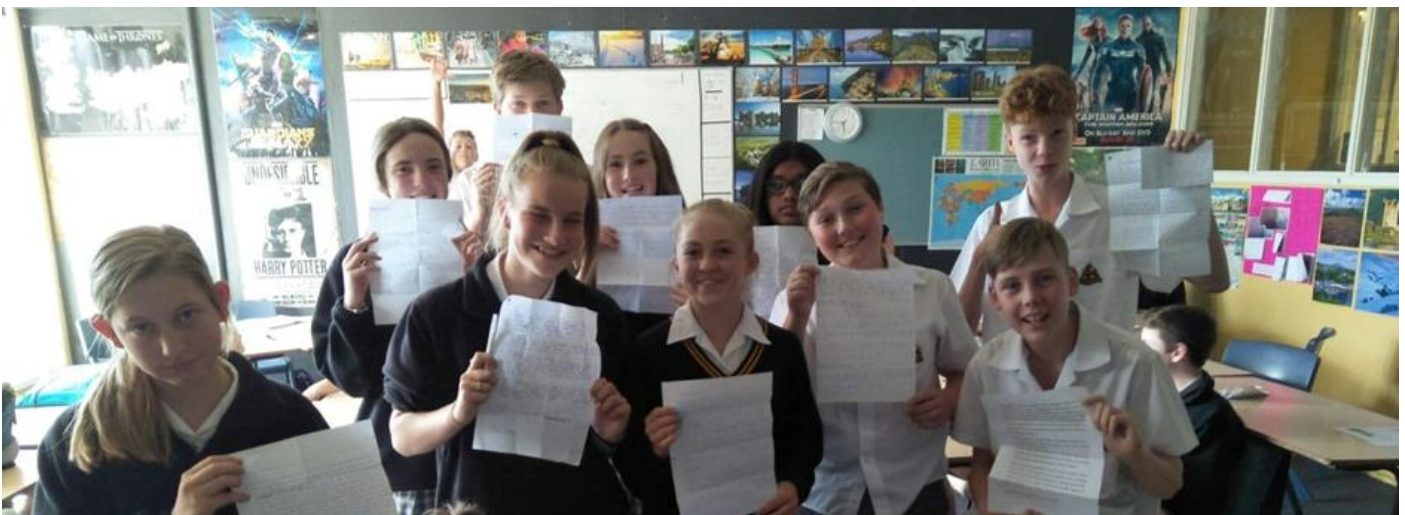
They were delighted to hear back from the students at Engadine and fascinated to hear about life near the beach, and the shopping and entertainment options available in the city.

Students also rediscovered the joys of receiving a letter in the post. As Aurora Ebert-Matthews stated, "It's like an adventure – you never know what's going to show up on the paper."

Orange High English teachers Miss Ward and Miss Lapich initiated the new English activity while teaching letter writing skills as part of the year 7 Historical Fiction Unit. Not only did it give the students a chance to strengthen their literacy skills and use their new writing abilities, it enabled them to build connections and share their experiences. "It lets you communicate with other people that you wouldn't normally connect with," said Ada Gilbody-Esterbauer. "We didn't know initially if we were writing to boys or girls, so there was no discrimination."

Due to the enthusiastic uptake in letter writing by year 7 students, and the positive impact it has had on their writing, it is to be hoped that we can build the project to encompass all year 7 classes in 2019. A huge thanks to all the students and staff involved!

Miss Jacqueline Ward
Miss Maddison Lapich
English Teachers



Congratulations Danny Burton



On the 29th November OHS Year 11 student Danny Burton received this years Victor Chang Award for Excellence in Science. Congratulations Danny.

OHS Agriculture teacher Melanie Campbell selected to take part in Women in Agri-tech program



Congratulations Ben Anderson

Early in the new year Ben Anderson will be competing in the final round of the National Junior Track Series to be held in Adelaide. Currently Ben is leading the series on 310 points and stands a good chance to take out this prestigious competition.

We would like to wish Ben all the very best for this event and look forward to hearing his results in 2019.



OHS Students celebrating Aboriginal Women's Day

OHS students celebrated Aboriginal Women's Day which was hosted by Orange Health Services and sponsored by Highland Heritage Estate Restaurant and Function Centre.

The message for the day was about early intervention and understanding our bodies. Our students had the opportunity to learn about the many aspects of health from skin cancers, breast cancer, diabetes, cervical cancer and dentistry just to name a few. Other activities that were also on display were rock painting and Thai





Your guide to driving and parking safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school. That's why you need to take extra care in 40km/h school zones.

- Park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous.
- Never park in a bus zone or in the school bus bay.
- Make sure your children use the Safety Door (rear footpath side door) to get in and out of the car.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Remember to always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways. Don't park across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. It's always a good idea to use the drop off and pick up area suggested by your school. This will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au



Who's up for a 5km Challenge????

Entries are now open for the 2019 Orange Running Festival and Orange High School would like to enter as many students as they can. The Orange Running Festival is an annual event co-ordinated to promote health and fitness and raise money to donate to local charities.

The **McDonald's 5km Schools Challenge** requires a minimum of five (5) team members. Each team member must register and participate in the 5km run/walk held on Sunday 3rd March 2019 at 10:30am.

General Information about the team event:

- The prize pool for the Orange Running Festival **McDonald's Schools Challenge** includes the inaugural trophies for the fastest primary and secondary teams.
- Prizes will be awarded to the School with the most number of students participating and the fastest Teachers team.
- Teams require a minimum of five (5) students.
- Teams competing in the **McDonald's 5km Schools Challenge** run (or walk) must register in the Hotel Canobolas 5km event held on Sunday 3rd March 2019 starting at 10:30am (recommended arrival time is before 9:45am).
- The start and finish are located at the Bloomfield Leisure Centre, Forest Road, Orange.
- Bib collection is preferred on Saturday 2nd March 2019 between 10:30am – 3:00pm from Bloomfield Leisure Centre or from 6:30am on race day.
- Entry Fees:
 - (13 and over) \$15.00*
 - (under 13) \$10.00*

**Entry fees will remain the same after early bird closes*

More information about the Orange Running Festival can be found at <http://www.orangerunningfestival.com.au>

Anyone interested in participating are asked to contact Mr Kennard in the Science staffroom. Students will need to enter the 5km event individually online. If they wish to register as part of the Orange High School team, they will be given instructions and a team password when they contact Mr Kennard.

Don't forget Students, even the Teachers can enter a team too. Who will beat who?
Most of all, how well will Orange High do as one school?

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT

Select "Make a Payment" from Orange High School's website www.orange-h.schools.nsw.gov.au and follow the instructions

Download our school app for free!

Why download the app?

- Receive instant notifications for important news.
- Easily register absentees and excursions.
- Keep up to date with events and set reminders.

Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.

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Would a \$1,000 scholarship help with your studies?

FACS Scholarships

Will you be studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 in 2019?

You may be eligible if:

- you are living in or waiting for social housing
- you receive another type of housing help from FACS
- you are living in out-of-home care.

Applications are open from
17 December 2018 to 18 January 2019.



Find out more at
www.facs.nsw.gov.au/facs-scholarships



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To assist parents in the purchase of an appropriate device, we have some examples below, as well as some essential specifications and helpful hints to use when shopping. Every student at Orange High School **will receive a full copy of Microsoft Office365**. There is **no need to purchase additional software** with the device such as an anti-virus program.

Apple devices are not recommended as not all the features of Office365 are accessible on Apple products.

ESSENTIALS

- ✓ Battery life – minimum 6 hrs charge.
- ✓ Storage - Minimum 64GB (GB = Gigabytes).
- ✓ Memory (RAM) - 8GB or more.
- ✓ Screen size - minimum 10 inches.
- ✓ Touchscreen (highly recommended).



CONSIDERATIONS

- **HDD** – Hard Disk Drive devices are better to have on desktop computers, they have moving parts, which can be issues later in the devices life.
- **eMMC** – Embedded multi-media controller drives sit in the middle between an HDD and SSD. They are faster than HDD and with no moving parts are more reliable.
- **SSD** – Solid State Drive devices are much faster than older Hard Disk Drives (HDD) and have no moving parts, making them resistant to shock and movement.

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Rural and regional school travel

Your child may be eligible for free travel between home and school



Apply online for free school travel in rural and regional NSW

You only need to complete one form, even for journeys using more than one bus company. It's now easier for schools and bus companies, as Transport for NSW handles the applications.

Who can apply

To be eligible for free school travel, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

Years K-2 (Infants)

There's no minimum distance.

Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.

Who needs to apply

You only need to apply if the student has never been approved for free school travel before. Students in a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody) should submit a separate application for both addresses.

How to update your details

You need to update student details online if the student is changing their name, address, school or campus, or their Transport operator. You can update them at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails/#/updateDetails

Frequently asked questions

Does the approved free travel include travel outside school hours?

Approved free school travel is only for travel to and from school. So for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays, students will need to buy a ticket.

What if there's no public transport in my area?

In areas where there is no public transport, you may be able to get a subsidy for driving the student to school. For details visit transportnsw.info/school-students

How do I apply if the student needs to travel from two addresses because the parents live separately?

Each parent (or the student if aged 16 or over) needs to apply separately for each address. The same minimum distances apply.

How to apply for free travel for the first time

You can apply for free school travel for next year from the start of Term 4 this year.

Step 1

Once you have enrolled your child at the new school, apply online by giving your home address and telling us which bus company the student needs to travel with between home and school. You can apply online at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home#/howToApply

Step 2

The school then confirms to us that your details are correct.

Step 3

We will then work on your application. You will get an email confirming if the student is approved for free travel. If so, we will tell your local bus company who may send a school travel pass (if needed) to your school or, in some cases, the bus company will contact you directly about travel arrangements.

A parent or guardian must apply for students aged 15 years and under. Students who are 16 years and over must apply for themselves.

What will my card look like



Want to know more?

For more information, visit transportnsw.info/school-students

For help in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on **131 450**.

School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

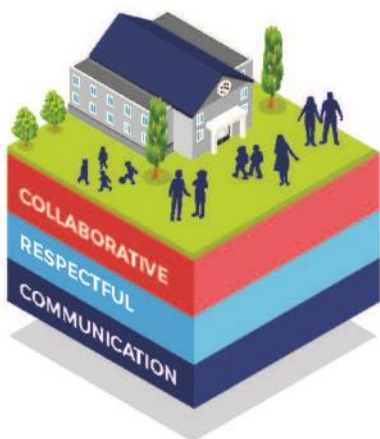
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with **respect**

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create
collaborative
learning
environments

We
all play
our part

We work
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Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:
education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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