



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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Our new front garden at Orange High School



Congratulations to all students on a fantastic first term!

Wishing you a safe and restful holiday....

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The first term of 2018 is concluding with a rush of activity including Year 12 Mid Course Exams and many interschool sporting and extra-curricular activities. As I write, our Boys and Girls Soccer Teams are competing against Bathurst High while our Girls Cricket Team defeated Canobolas High yesterday. Late last week our Chess Team defeated Kinross in the first round of the competition for this year and I was delighted to hear earlier this week that Harry MacPherson in Year 12 has been selected to participate in the Regional Youth Orchestra. Finally, our cattle team are competing for supremacy at the Bathurst Show this weekend and our Concert Band can be heard practising their marching and music on the basketball courts in preparation for ANZAC Day in the holidays. These are just some examples of the full range of extra-curricular activities in academic, cultural and sporting endeavours that define our school and ensure strong levels of student engagement.



Over the last few weeks, it has been exciting to see the completion of the redevelopment of the large garden at the front entrance to the school. This activity has been generously funded through a \$10 000 P&C donation. The learning space was designed by one of our parents, Landscape Architect Sarah Presslauer, while the construction was supported by parents Jason Lowe and John Anderson. The final product (see the photos on the front of the newsletter), makes a huge improvement to the welcoming atmosphere at the front entrance and continues to develop and enhance the environment surrounding our school. Likewise, our 100MW of solar panels have been commissioned and are now supplying up to half of our schools electricity consumption during the day. Again the P&C have been instrumental in facilitating this through a \$25 000 donation.



This is my last newsletter as principal at Orange High School before taking on a new adventure as Director, Educational Leadership. On a personal level, I would like to share with you some final thoughts. Leading Orange High School for the last 5 years has been a huge privilege and there is no doubt that the last 5 years will be one of, if not *the* highlight of my entire career in education.

First and foremost, I continue to be inspired and motivated by the students in our care everyday. Orange High provides an environment where young people are nurtured to 'do life' in a healthy, real and comprehensive school environment. We proudly welcome people from all backgrounds, histories and indeed future aspirations. In the end it is this complex amalgam, reflective of our wider regional community, that ensures integrity and truly makes Orange High School an amazing place. During my time here, I have been moved by the most amazingly talented young people who have the resilience, intellect and drive to be my boss if they so choose in the future, and I would be honoured to work for them. Likewise, I have been encouraged by students who experience complexity and difficulties and yet grow and develop through sometimes the most adverse experiences to be powerful future citizens.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued...

Principal

David Lloyd

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Year 11 Advisor

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Year 12 Advisor

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Susanna Brown
Liz Sams

Sport Co-ordinators

Ben Callaway
Tegan Dray

Student Representative

Council Leader
Yelena Latter

I am in awe of the staff team who have achieved so much here at Orange High in their own right. The support and teaching staff work hard and give above and beyond what is expected. We are lucky to have some of the most talented individuals one could ever hope to work alongside as a part of our staff team. It is their unique combination of teaching skills, relational capacities, passion, determination and a willingness to go beyond the minimum expectations that ensure we can provide the full range of opportunities for students. There are so many outstanding colleagues and educational leaders I could call out personally for their contributions but in particular, I would like to recognise the talents and efforts of long term Deputy Principals Mrs Helene Hamilton and Mrs Kathleen Maksymczuk. They are exceptional educators in their own right and together I think we have made a strong and diverse leadership team who share high expectations, vision and determination. I would also like to thank Mrs Cathy Sharp, my long suffering Executive Assistant who has kept me on track and grounded.

I would also like to thank you as parents, carers and community members. A school is only ever part of a young person's equation for success. Raising children in a rapidly changing and uncertain world can sometimes seem like hard work that never ends. The short-term rewards as young people test boundaries in the world around them can occasionally be few and far between. One of the privileges as principal is to watch young people grow and mature without seeing the day to day struggles. It is this longitudinal growth in the qualities young people demonstrate that gives me strong confidence for the future of our community and society in general.

So as I prepare to hand in my keys and close the door for the last time, I look forward to remaining connected with Orange High School as a parent and encourager from the side. Believe it or not, one of the highlights each week will be to read future newsletters to stay in touch with what I have no doubt will continue to be amazing achievements of students and staff. I wish Chad Bliss, our new principal all the best. I believe he is a very lucky leader and I have no doubt he will cherish the job as much as I do.

Thank you and farewell.

David Lloyd

Principal

Congratulations Kobe Mansell



Year 12 student Kobe Mansell has been chosen to represent the NSW Country Basketball team in the Basketball Australia Under-18 Championships at Geelong.

The team will face ACT, Northern Territory, Queensland South, South Australia Country and Western Australia Metro in the pool stage, before the finals kick-off on day six of the carnival.

Kobe played for NSW Country's under 16s before, so hopes that the knowledge gained from that experience will help both himself and his team this year.



Learning to Lead Program

Congratulation on an exceptional effort from our PSC leaders last Friday during the 'Learning to Lead' program. Our students worked with Anson Street and OPS kids in order to develop their fundamental movement skills. Our leaders were so impressive and received many positive comments regarding their skills, patience and caring natures. Well done.



Music Workshops

Last week, OHS were fortunate enough to have a visit from Steve Williams and numerous conductors, who are part of the Arts Unit of the Department of Education and Communities. They brought with them a string ensemble and a concert band, that were made up of students from state schools all over Sydney from Years 5-10, and consisted of 35 members in each group. Both ensembles performed an entertaining concert for OHS music students in Years 7-12. In the afternoon, OHS students split up into 3 groups to attend a workshop with the Arts Unit students. Our string players had the great opportunity to play with a 35 piece string orchestra, who only just fitted into the Recital Room! Thanks to all the OHS students who attended on the day.



Dance workshop

Three of our Year 7 students attended the DEC Sydney dance company workshop.

The girls have had a great day and were able to gain exposure to amazing choreographers that is often tricky to access in rural areas.

Thank you to their parents and carers for getting them down there, what a great opportunity.



Careers Report

KFC Careers – Library Lunch Session

On Wednesday 11th April, twenty-six Year 9, 10 & 11 students attended the Library Lunch Session to hear guest speaker Thomas Worley (Restaurant General Manager) who gave an informative presentation on the careers offered by KFC and an insight into the employability skills employers look for in potential candidates. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions on applying for after-school roles at the local restaurant. More information can be found at – KFC Careers [careers.kfc.com.au]
The Library Lunch Session was suitably catered for with the students enjoying a generous amount of finger lickin' good products to sample!

Mr Pearson
Career Connection Coordinator



Girls Cricket



Congratulation to the Open Girls Cricket team who had a huge win against Canobolas High School on Monday.

We batted first with a score of 4 for 152 and Canobolas were all out for 47.

Well done girls.

