

Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal



Dear parents and members of our school community

Principal Chad Bliss

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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 Welcome to the end of another fortnight. Last week we celebrated NAIDOC week with a wonderful assembly and gala day for all of our students. We had a range of community organisations present for the afternoon and were afforded the privilege of listening to Mr Jamie Newman CEO of the Orange Aboriginal Medical Service provide the keynote address to our school community. Jamie spoke about the theme of this years NAIDOC, "Because of her – we can". This theme focused on the importance of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and the contribution they have been making to our nation for thousands of years. A huge thankyou also to Cathy and Rod Robbins who donated their time to cook for the day. It was a great afternoon and one, as a school community we can be very proud of.

HSC Trial Exams

Next week our Year 12 students will begin two weeks of trial HSC exams. These exams are an integral part of HSC preparations and our students have been working exceptionally hard preparing for their exams. Students do not attend classes outside of their exams during the next two weeks. Staff are available to support our students if they need last minute assistance or if the stresses of the exams are weighing down on them at all. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Winslade for any assistance during this time.

HSC Music Performance

On Wednesday evening I had the absolute pleasure of attending our HSC Music performance evening to listen to our Year 12 students perform their pieces they will present for their HSC. All I can say is WOW!! What an amazing group of individuals we have. I cant wait to see their final performances over the coming weeks.

Subject Selection Evenings

Thankyou to those parents and families who were able to attend our Year 11 2019 and Year 9 2019 subject selection evenings. The attendance rates were incredible and I thank you for being able to make the time to attend these evenings. It's a busy time of the year for all of our families and I hope you found the evenings worthwhile. If you have any feedback please do not hesitate to let me know.

Drought Relief Fundraiser

On Friday we will be holding a fundraiser for our local farmers. We have set an ambitious target for the day and we are asking our families to dig deep where they are able to and help this extremely worthy cause. To hear the impact of what the drought is doing to our farmers locally please have a listen to the following podcast. If you fast forward to the 11 minute mark you will hear from a local Yeoval family speaking about the impact of the drought. <u>https://itunes.apple.com/au/podcast/out-of-the-tractor-off-to-school/id981373142?i=1000417557494&mt=2</u>

I hope you have a wonderful fortnight and I look forward to speaking with you again in week 6.

With my warmest regards Chad Bliss Principal

NAIDOC GALA DAY - 2018



























Year 12 Wellbeing Lunch

















On Wednesday the staff of OHS put on a Wellbeing lunch for Year 12, as another way of supporting them leading into their trials which start next week.

Students were entertained by the Year 12 Music students, yoga was on the agenda, as well as a BBQ lunch and lots of other treats provided by staff. The highlight of the lunch was four dogs bought along by the RSPCA, which were a great hit with both students and staff. Special thanks to Tash Sutton and Steph Ingram of Year 12 for organising this.

We wish Year 12 all the best for their Trials over the next 2 weeks, and hope they know how much support they have here at school. Mrs Winslade

Digital Literacy Program

OHS have just wrapped up another successful Digital Literacy program with year 6 students from Orange Public School. As part of the program, students prepare for learning with a range of activities using Information and Communication Technologies. The 5 week program includes digital citizenship, basics of coding and using the PowToon presentation tool. We look forward to working with other students in the region in Terms 3 and 4.

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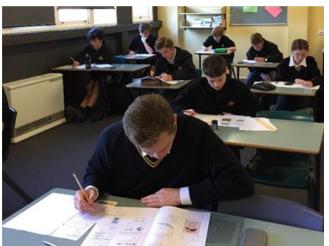
Maths Report

A busy start to Semester Two for the Maths classes. 20 Students completed both the Australian Mathematics and ICAS Mathematics Competitions in Weeks 3 and 4. The students completed various Maths questions to test their skills. The students' aimed to achieve the highest level possible. The students can be awarded levels such as a Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

Year 8 are currently learning about equations. 8MA8 had special guests, Amelia Wilcox and Keely Prevett (year 10 students), who shared their experience and knowledge of Algebra. The students were extremely grateful for this, as they were able to ascertain a better understanding of the processes of Algebra. 8MA8 would like to thank Amelia and Keely for their time and effort.

For the rest of the school, Maths assessments are quickly approaching. Years 8, 9 and 10 will be receiving another take home assignment similar to those of Term 1. Stage 6 will be sitting their trials for year 12 and End of Course Exams for year 11. Keep an eye out on the school website for more details.





Congratulations Ben Anderson - Gold at State Championships



Last weekend Ben competed at the NSW Junior State Championships. Ben won Gold in the road race giving him automatic selection to the NSW State Road Team, competing at Nationals in Western Australia next month. He also gained a silver medal in the time trial, missing out on first by only 0.19 of a second. Ben also won silver in the Criterium. Amazing for a young rider in this very competitive under 15's category.

Congratulations Ben.



Narrabeen Biology & Investigating Science Excursion



Biology and Investigating Science students went to Sydney to complete some of their compulsory depth study hours from the new syllabus. Students attended the zoo and engaged with the all of the educational avenues that lay in wait there. They saw snakes, fish, seals, birds, and chimpanzees. Students were thoroughly involved and could understand the reasons why animals need to be conserved in the wild.

The second day saw the students on the rock platforms at the beach, completing a detailed study on the plants and animals that live there. They analysed the top of the platform all the way down to waters edge. Students have returned to school and will link what they have learned during this trip to their next assessment, due in week 7. The staff would like to thank Year 11, as they were extremely behaved and organised on both days. **The Science Staff**





Rugby 7s

A great day of girls rugby today. The open girls team made it to the grand final and came in second. The two under 15's teams played each other for 3rd and 4th. It was an outstanding day with many great runs, tries and tackles made. Well done everyone, we are very proud of your effort and improvement over the last few months!









Year 7/8 Girls & Boys Netball teams



Congratulations to the Year 7/8 Girls and Boys All Schools Netball Teams. Both teams competed at Orange PCYC against regional winners in round two.

The boys teams had a few wins and were unlucky to miss the final. The girls played eight games undefeated, to work their way to final, defeating Dubbo South by two points in extra time. They now advance to the State Championships in September.

Both teams showed great competitive spirits, great skill and were a pleasure to coach. Well done!

Mrs Chopping and Miss Peasley



NSW CHS Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships

Congratulation to Sienna Adams, Tianah Windiate and Ella Harpley who competed last week at the NSW CHS Women's Artistic Gymnastics Championships.





NSW Education Standards Authority

Students taking minimum standard online tests this term

We are enrolling a number of Year 10 students in this term's minimum standard online tests. The tests allow our students to demonstrate they meet the HSC minimum standard, which is required to receive the Higher School Certificate from 2020.

There are three tests the students must pass to achieve the HSC minimum standard – reading, writing and numeracy. Students have two opportunities a year to meet the standard in each of these areas, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

We will also be enrolling Year 10 students in practice tests so they can get used to the online test format.

Go to the NESA website to:

understand what to expect in these tests see sample questions and answers take a demonstration test. www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

Students will be notified of their test time and place in the coming week.

