



# Orange High School NEWSLETTER

Woodward Street  
PO Box 654, Orange NSW 2800  
P (02) 6362 3444  
F (02) 6361 3616  
[www.orange-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.orange-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Quod Potero Sedulo

31st August 2018 - Term 3, Week 6

## NSW Minister's Awards for Excellence



Ninety-one people from schools across NSW have been acknowledged for their outstanding achievement and service to public education in Wednesday's Minister's and Secretary's Awards. There were three recipients from Orange High School.

Student and school captain, Elijah Smyth was presented with a Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement and two of our teachers Peita Mages, Head Teacher English and Kate Rogan, Head Teacher, Wellbeing both won a Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Lachie Wheeler, one of our talented Year 12 students, who will be singing a solo at this year's School Spectacular, also sang a solo at the award ceremony.



# Science Week

In Week 5, Term 3, Orange High School celebrated Science Week. Different year groups participated in Science week in a number of ways.

Monday kicked off Science week, with Year 11 and some of Year 10 attending the Nyholm Lecture in the library. This was a workshop presented by Dr Alice Williamson, who talked to students all about the differences between natural and unnatural substances, showing some very cool chemistry experiments in the process.

On Tuesday, the Year 7 Science classes went head to head in the OSCARRS challenge. This involved the classes splitting into groups, and completing science and engineering challenges to win points for their class. Students created crash resistant cars, catapults and even a paddle pop stick bridge as part of the challenges. Competition was fierce between the classes, however, Mr Schenkel's 7-4 class came away with the victory. Congratulations to them!

Wednesday saw the presentation of the Science show by staff members to both local primary schools and Years 7, 8 and 9. The theme for this year was "Game Changers and Change Makers". The science staff showed many experiments, which caused physical and chemical changes to occur – including changing the colour of fire and creating a hammer out of a banana with liquid nitrogen!

Finally, Year 10 rounded off the week's activities with the Science Fair. Here, Year 10 students presented their semester 2 assessment tasks to Science staff and each other. The students were required to create a display on a scientific investigation of a model or invention they had created. There were some amazing submissions, including a working electromagnet, capable of holding 45kg.

After all that creating, showing and changing, students and staff were exhausted. What an incredible week!





# From the Principal



Dear parents and members of our school community

## Principal

Chad Bliss

## Deputy Principals

Helene Hamilton

Terri Johnston (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

Welcome to the end of week 6. We are two thirds through the term and our Year 12 students have just completed two weeks of their trial HSC. By all accounts, our students were happy with most of their exams and are looking forward to getting their results and re-focusing on preparing for their final exams in 6 weeks time. We are working extremely hard to ensure that all of our students are prepared for their HSC and we are looking forward to spending time on revising the last 12 months of learning with our students.

## Ministers Awards

It is with great pleasure that I announce Kate Rogan, Peita Mages and Elijah Smythe were honoured at a ceremony on Wednesday evening with awards for excellence in teaching and student leadership by Minister for Education, The Honourable Rob Stokes. This is a wonderful achievement by two of our leaders within the school and our wonderfully talented school captain in Elijah. To top off an amazing evening, Lachie Wheeler performed his solo school spectacular song, "Your Song" by the legendary Elton John. I was so proud to be in attendance to see our staff receive these prestigious awards and I couldn't be more proud of our school community and the journey we are taking at Orange High School.

## Prefect Nominations

We are currently working through the process of electing our future prefect body for the 2019 school year. Students were interviewed on Thursday and will be informed of the outcome of September 3. Once announced, the 12 successful prefects will then prepare a speech for the school to discuss their leadership qualities and what qualities these students could bring to the role of school captain and vice captain at OHS. Speeches will take place in week 7.

## Drought Relief Fundraiser

On Friday 17 August we held a fundraiser for farmers in the central west who are doing it tough. Combined with a Year 11 Business in Schools program, our school raised almost \$9000 for our farmers. We are currently looking at the best way to support our farmers and we will provide you with an update over the coming weeks as to how these funds were distributed.

## Science Week

Last week our Science staff led a range of activities for National Science week. Students from a range of primary schools along with our students were entertained with experiments and student works in the area of Science. It was a great week and congratulations must go to the Science staff for their efforts during this week.

## Canberra University Experience

Over the weekend, Mr Pearson travelled to the University of Canberra with a number of our students to attend the University open day experience. Thanks to the Country Education Foundation for their support in getting our students to Canberra and providing this opportunity for our students to see what tertiary life may be like in the coming years.

## High Achievers Review

This week we have had Professor Pam Ryan along with an evaluation team from SPICE evaluations, lead a review into our High Achievers program. The evaluation team met with parents, staff, students and the leadership team to discuss all aspects of the High Achievers Program. A report will be prepared for the school and we will share the recommendations and results with you over the coming months.

## SASS Recognition Week

This week we celebrate SASS Recognition Week. This is a chance to thank our non teaching staff for all that they do for our school community and the vital role they play in supporting our staff and our student body. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our SASS staff members for their professionalism, support and dedication to the entire school community.

## Lucia Luccarda

Finally, I would like to thank Lucia Luccarda for her service to our school over 2018 in the front office. Lucia has taken on a permanent role outside of education much closer to home. We wish her every success in her next role and thank her for her service to our school.

I hope you have a fantastic fortnight and I look forward to speaking with you in week 8.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Principal

## Congratulations Felicity Chitukudza



Felicity Chitukudza competed in the NSW short course swimming championships over the weekend in the over 13 age division.

Felicity won gold in the 200 Butterfly with a time of 2:32. A personal best for Felicity.

Well done to Felicity. Great achievement.

## Congratulations Kaitlyn Hinrichsen



Congratulations to Kaitlyn Hinrichsen who has been selected in the NSW Triathlon Development Program for season 2018 |19.

She was identified as one of the best triathletes in the state in her age category as well as a potential future star of this sport. Kaitlyn will represent NSW in the Australian Championship Series. Well done!

## OHS Netball Update

This Saturday (September 1) is the semi-finals for the Orange Netball Association winter competition. OHS has 13 teams playing in the competition, with 9 progressing through to finals. Congratulations to the following teams who are playing this weekend. Play hard, play fair and have fun!

14BLUE - OHS CYCLONES AND OHS COOL CATS

14 RED - OHS COMETS

15 BLUE - OHS JUNIOR A

15 RED - OHS CRUSADERS

DIVISION 4 - OHS CHAMELEONS

DIVISION 7 - OHS COBRAS AND OHS CHIPMUNKS

DIVISION 8 - OHS CHARGERS

The following teams were unsuccessful in making the semis, however OHS Netball Club is proud of the way they have all represented our school and the sportsmanship they have shown.

13 RED - OHS COYOTES

15 RED - OHS CHEETAHS

DIVISION 1 - OHS HORNETS

DIVISION 8 - OHS CAVALIERS

Thankyou to all our coaches and parents who have supported the club and it's players this season. The girls would appreciate any supporters cheering them on during the finals series..

Tegan Dray





# Careers Report

## BATHURST JOBS EXPO – YEAR 10 CAREERS EXCURSION

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, forty Year 10 students participated in the Bathurst Jobs Expo.

The day consisted of hearing from Frank Thorvaldsson, Careers & Employment Education TAFE NSW, about the nature of careers as well as his experiences transitioning from school and into the workforce. The students then had time to visit the Jobs Expo, collecting pens, pamphlets and lollies from the 50 exhibitors in attendance. A great day learning about potential job opportunities in the Central West. Thanks to Ms Coates and Ms Cooper for accompanying the students to Bathurst.



## CEF - Canberra University Experience

Six Orange High School students joined students from Boorowa Central School, Murrumburrah High School and Great Lakes College – Forster Campus for a three-day trip to Canberra to attend the University of Canberra Open Day.

The trip was generously funded and supported by the Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF). This opportunity was expertly organised by CEF Partnerships & Committee Liaison Officer, Juliet Petersen.

The students had a busy few days and the highlights were the on-campus activities, the Open Day, particularly the tour of the facilities and exceptional programs on offer at the University of Canberra and the evening at Questacon.

The trip was a success mainly due to the efforts of Juliet from CEF in coordinating this very worthwhile and enjoyable event.



Over the past four weeks, the Future Moves team from Charles Sturt University have been presenting workshops for most of our Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 students.

Future Moves runs workshops in schools with students on a range of age appropriate topics including self-development, higher education awareness, study skills, courses and careers, time management, access schemes and finance.

The Future Moves program aims to inspire school students and young people from regional and rural areas to attend university.

Many thanks to Renae Symons and her team for presenting such engaging and interactive activities for our students.

Mr Pearson

# Year 9 Food Technology students held a High Tea



On Friday 17th September Year 9 Food Technology students held a high tea. The students prepared all the food, which consisted of finger sandwiches, lamingtons and scones with jam and cream. They decorated the table with a white tablecloth, folded napkins into fancy shapes and added fresh flowers. They then sat down to enjoy their feast.



## THE BUZZ

### PBL \$10 Canteen voucher winners:

Lily Logan - Year 8

Asha Nicol - Year 7

Cate Cotter - Year 9

Lochie Crook - Year 8

Johanna Kearney - Year 7

Brittany Frost - Year 8

Simon Smith - Year 7

Claudia Smith - Year 9

Kiana Pakinga - Year 9

Harriett Tucknott - Year 9

### Students of the week:

Mitch Cooper, Hugh Middleton and Cameron Laird Year 10  
for refereeing PSSA soccer games with efficiency and professionalism.

### A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH!

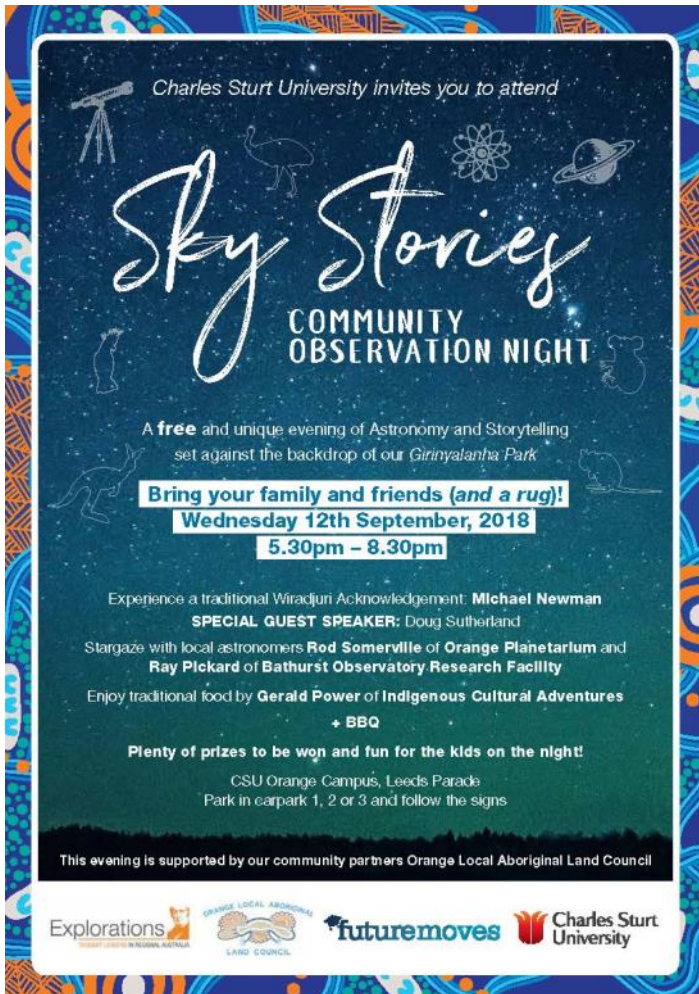
We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of others who may be nominated as emergency contacts.

We do appreciate your assistance and assure you that any information you provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.





A REMINDER TO ALL  
STUDENTS

## OHS CANTEEN OPENING TIMES

The school canteen is open  
from 8.30am until 8.55am  
during Recess  
&  
at Lunch time

Please do not use the canteen  
during class times

## Snow Trip - 2018







# Museum Sleepover

Orange Regional Museum's Sleepover is a chance for kids and their parents to spend a real 'night at the museum' camping out in the Museum's gallery.

The sleepover will include three hands-on activity sessions, a film screening as well as dinner, snacks and breakfast.

A parent or guardian is required to accompany children for the duration of the sleepover. One adult per three children is required to attend.

**Fri 12 Oct – Sat 13 Oct 2018**

**6pm – 8am**

Tickets \$55 per child, \$25 per adult. Friends of Orange Regional Museum tickets \$41 per child, \$18 per adult. Ticket covers dinner, dessert, snacks, breakfast, all activities and film screening.

Suitable for children aged 6-10 years. Booking essential, limited tickets.

Tickets via [museumsleepoverorange.eventbrite.com.au](http://museumsleepoverorange.eventbrite.com.au) or (02) 6393 8444.



More information: [www.orange.nsw.gov.au/museum-sleepover](http://www.orange.nsw.gov.au/museum-sleepover)



## Bletchington Softball



### Registration days for new members

**Friday 31 August: 5-7:30 pm @ North Orange McDonalds**

**Saturday 1 September: 2pm – 4pm @ Orange City Bowling Club**

### ALL REGISTRATIONS WELCOME

If you have not applied for the \$100 'Active Kids Rebate' now's the time (just remember you can only apply once per calendar year)

**FUN FACT** - If you have registered online before you can **re-register** from the comfort of your own home, car, backyard or wherever you like, it's that easy!! Keep an eye out in your emails as we will be sending you the necessary link to re-register soon.

We will again be offering our early bird special. Pay in full before the first game to receive **\$10** cashback!!! (unless full payment is made using the active kids voucher)

**We have something for everyone, TeeBall, Modball, 15's, Youth, Opens and Social Mixed B**

Find us on facebook 

(search Bletchington Softball Club)

[Bletchington.softball@gmail.com](mailto:Bletchington.softball@gmail.com) or phone

Jacquie 0407 934471 or Pam 0419 013951



## JUNIOR REGISTRATION - SEASON 2018/19 NOW OPEN!

After a successful 50th Season Orange City Cricket Club are looking to build on our success and preparations are underway for season 2018/19.

Junior Registrations are now open, and we encourage all junior cricketers wishing to play with Orange City to go to [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and register.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to drop Dan Brincat an email at [danb1378@gmail.com](mailto:danb1378@gmail.com)

## ORANGE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE OPEN DAY



### Biosecurity Collections Tour

includes viewing of one of the largest insect collections in Australia

### Field and Farm Tour

includes various orchards, crops and livestock paddocks

### Global Agri-Tech Ecosystem Tour

Opened in March 2018 the GATE is a DPI Initiative to fast-track adoption of new and innovative Agricultural Research & Development ideas

With Displays in the OAI Training Centre:  
Central Tablelands Local Land Services  
WaterNSW, Primary Industries

including Climate Unit, Vertebrate Pests and Weeds Unit and many more.  
Come and discover what is the Orange Agricultural Institute.

**PRE-BOOK Free Tour Tickets @ Eventbrite**  
**FREE ENTRY ON THE DAY**

**SATURDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**1447 FOREST ROAD 9.30am - 3pm**

Past the Hospital & Linen Service Sausage Sizzle by 3rd Orange Scouts



Department of Primary Industries



GATE



Local Land Services