



Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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24th May 2019 - Term 2, Week 4

YES Program ~ Weeks 2 & 3

Students will be given the chance over a nine week period during Term 2 to sample nine different courses. It is envisaged that the participants will choose their favourite and be linked to a host employer to complete work experience in that industry during Term 3.

Week 2 - Fitting & Machining



Week 3 - Animal Studies



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Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

Welcome to week 4. We are entering a very busy time of the term for our students. Next week we begin our mid course exam period for students in Years 7-10. All of our students should be busily preparing for their exams. An hour a day is a good start to revising course work for all of our students. Our staff are able to assist your child with revision techniques in all of their subjects. If your child needs support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's year advisor who will be more than happy to assist.

Last week over four hundred of our students completed the 2019 NAPLAN exams. You may have heard that schools who participated in the online version of NAPLAN experienced some technical issues with internet connectivity. As our school chose to do the exams via paper, we were not affected by these technical issues. Results will be made available to families with children in Years 7 and 9 in mid September.

Open Touch Football

On the 13th May our boys and girls open touch football teams competed in the western region knockout carnival. Both teams went undefeated throughout the day and are now placed in the top 20 in the state. The boys will play against Sydney North and the girls against the South Coast in the coming weeks.

YES Program

During Term 2, 12 Year 10 students will be participating in the Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) Program at TAFE NSW. The YES Program aims to give students the chance to sample nine different courses each Tuesday over the next nine weeks. This is the ultimate work experience opportunity!

It is envisaged that the participants will then choose their favourite industry and be linked to a local host employer to complete some work experience during Term 3. This week the students had a taste of Animal Studies.



Regional Technology Expo

Last week a number of our students participated in the regional technology expo held in Orange. Students were given a chance to see what the world might look like in terms of technology in the future and all reports were that our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to learn new skills and see what the future holds for them. Thank you to our staff who assisted with the organisation of the expo and to the students who attended.

Girls Hockey

We played Blayney in our first game and won 16 nil. Maddi Caughlan scored 6 goals. We then played Cowra High and won 8 nil. Our defence worked well and only had one shot on goal against us in the 2 games. Congratulations to our girls who are charging towards another successful year.

Tom Kemp Rugby League

Congratulations to our boys who recently beat Cowra HS 54-0 in the Tom Kemp rugby league competition. We now play Bathurst HS in the semi finals.

CWA Public Speaking

On Tuesday a number of our students participated in the annual CWA public speaking competition at James Sheehan HS. Well done to Octavia Robinson and Fenella Beer who spoke exceptionally well.

Year 12 Parent Teacher Evening

A reminder that parent teacher evening for our Year 12 parents and caregivers will be held on Monday 27th May from 4pm-6pm in the Performing Arts Centre.

School Fees

New South Wales Government schools teach to a standard curriculum for all students, and Orange High School believe that we excel expectations. Each year we receive funding from the state government to teach this standard curriculum. This funding basically covers the following:

- Staff to teach our students
- The buildings and facilities
- Additional needs based funding

We ask that parents consider paying their voluntary contribution to assist the school continue to update equipment, support students in elective units above the basic curriculum, renovate our grounds and buildings to enhance the learning experience for your child. Payments can be made directly to the school or via the website.

We thank the families that have supported the school where they have been able. If you have any questions about the voluntary payment please email the Business Manager, Nicholas Littlewood on Nicholas.littlewood1@det.nsw.edu.au

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

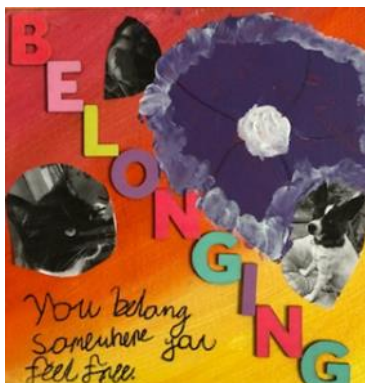


Cain Selwood and Lucy Johnston attended the 2019 launch of the Red Shield Appeal at the Orange City Bowling Club last week. The launch included a 2 course lunch, inspirational talks by Ron Finemore AO, chairman of Finemore Transport and an auction to raise money for the Red Shield Appeal.

The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock is being held this weekend 25th and 26th of May.

Spotlight on English

Engaging with Year 7: Representations of Belonging



Term One saw Year 7 students explore and consider a variety of ideas and perspectives of belonging and not belonging. Students shared examples from their own experiences, and thereby developed empathy and understanding of the backgrounds and personal lives of their peers. Each class learned new skills in visual literacy, before applying them to a range of picture books concerning belonging.



Students utilised these newly developed skills to analyse and critically evaluate how ideas of belonging were portrayed across a scope of different texts.

Our Year 7 Talented Development Program students achieved spectacular results in their first English assessment for 2019 as they worked hard to create a picture book which conveyed their understanding of 'belonging'. Student ideas ranged from the adventures of Gregg (an intrepid egg) to the struggle faced by pigs who had to learn to peacefully co-exist, no matter how muddy they were. A few students tackled real world issues, publishing picture books which compared life in developing countries with their own families, or which charted the passage of refugees as they sought safety and a sense of belonging in a new country. All students were able to skilfully reflect on their choices, and explain how they had used their newly acquired visual literacy skills to create their books.



Working with Year 8: Words as Weapons

In the 2004 movie, *Troy*, Odysseus has a perfect reply to challenge from Achilles.

Achilles, played by former heartthrob Brad Pitt, tells Odysseus—played by the walking spoiler Sean Bean—to stop using his “tricks.” Odysseus replies: *You have your swords. I have my tricks. We play with the toys the gods give us.*

Here, “tricks” could easily be replaced with words. Odysseus and Achilles are both referring to using words as weapons. Words were as powerful as swords. Today, they are as powerful as modern weapons—more so, in some ways.

This idea is what our Year 8s were grappling with in Term 1. Students cultivated a contentious speech topic, and then manufactured a way to persuade the class to see the issue from a new perspective. Using words—and some “tricks”—students convinced their peers to see the world in a new light.

As part of the ‘Words as Weapons’ unit the Year 8 TDP class analysed a range of persuasive speeches that ranged from Martin Luther King’s *I have a Dream* to Prince Harry’s Opening Speech for the Invictus Games to Emma Watson’s Gender Equality speech. It was then the students’ turn to write their own persuasive speeches using the same techniques utilised by the great speakers we had studied! Year 8 rose to the occasion and delivered some amazing presentations! The topics ranged from the ethics of animal testing, climate change

Spotlight on English continued...

solutions, why we need to save the bees, gender equality and embracing your individuality.

Below is a sample of Eleanor King's *It's Okay to be You*.

"People being different is what changed the world. Do you think any great mathematician discovered what they did by just copying everyone else? Do you think Walt Disney did so much without being a bit of an oddball? All of us could do amazing things, but here we are, trying to impress our friends."



Above: Student Lilly Prevett arguing the case for heavy metal.



Miss Ward's Marvellous Kid's Lit Team

On the 25th March eight OHS students travelled to Kinross Wolaroi High to compete in the 2019 regional Kid's Lit Quiz competition.

After weeks of practice, and years of preparatory reading, both teams successfully achieved high scores for a round and were able to head home at the end of the day as the proud owners of exciting new YA literature!

Year 9 Elective English

Our new Elective English class has completed some outstanding Creative pieces, demonstrating their understanding of different film genres.

Students wrote movie scripts, built dioramas and created short animated and stop-motion films.



Stage 4 Textiles

These are all samples of different ways of decorating textiles, students will now make a drawstring bag and complete design work on the front using several techniques.



Virtual Reality Workshop at CSU for Year 9 Future Directions Day





CHS Western Hockey

Liam Wilson, Mitchell Watts, Brad Pengilly & Connor Davis played with the Western hockey team in Albury Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. They all played amazingly!

Day one

The boys had a slow start with a 9am early game, losing to Sydney East 7-0 then playing Sydney North at 12.30pm winning 3-2.

Day two

The boy's were on fire!

Western v North Coast @11.20 came out with a very good win 10-0

Backed up against Riverina @1.40pm with another win 5-0

The Western boys came 2nd in their pool

Day three

Semi finals meant a 9am start for the boys and wasn't our game losing 4-0 to Hunter

After an amazing 3 days of the boys playing great hockey we had Liam Wilson named in the NSWCHS side with Mitchell Watts as shadow and Brad Pengilly took out the Western player of the tournament.

The boy's represented themselves and Western very well and showed great sportsmanship.



Liam Wilson



Mitch Watts



Brad Pengilly



Creating friendships in Japanese



Last week several Year 7 OHS students visited Calare Public School. They helped the primary school students to speak Japanese, taught them a Japanese version of “Rock, Paper, Scissors” (Jankenpon) and read to the students from picture books.





Odeon 5 Cinema Orange

Saturday 25th May

(6pm for 7.15 start)

\$25.00 ticket

includes small popcorn and a drink

Help support OHS Dancing with the Stars team raise money for the Cancer Council

Tickets available at the door.



Year 11 Wellbeing Afternoon

The afternoon started with a presentation by Charlotte Epper a Dietician from CAMHS and Belinda Green a Child Psychologist from CAMHS who we are fortunate enough to have working at Orange High on Fridays. The presentation was very informative and interactive and the students were asked questions about their lifestyle, sleeping habits, importance of breakfast and eating healthy food to refuel our bodies and to support the function of our brains for learning. The students were positioned at the back of the PAC in a line up and they had to move forward or back depending upon their answers to the questions being asked.

The second presentation was delivered by three youth workers from Headspace who offered invaluable information about the youth mental health services available for students aged 12-25. They gave a very personal account of their time at school and some of the personal challenges they had to face and the things they did and services they accessed to get them through this time. They also outlined the free services and support networks available through Headspace.

For the last session the Year 11 girls and boys were separated into two different areas of the school. Mr Bell, one of our talented music teachers spoke to the boys about his time at school and struggles with bullying and how it affected him. He spoke of the importance of being inclusive and caring for each other and speaking up if someone is being mistreated. The girls were spoken to by our ex OHS Captain Tori Writer. She spoke honestly and openly about losing a friend to suicide at school and how it affected her and those around her. She also spoke about the support out there for students both in school and out of school and the importance of looking out for one another and asking people if they are ok if they seem out of sorts.

The other task planned was a mindfulness art task that involved all the students completing a small Zentangle artwork that we will combine to make a larger scale artwork to be displayed outside Mrs Nash's Welfare office. This task will be completed at a later date.



Discover your career passion while speed networking with different sectors including business, public service, mining, trades, sciences and more.

Hear from education and training providers to gain valuable insight about university or further education information.

- > This is a Free Event
- > Snacks Provided

JULY 10TH

6PM - 8.30PM

Orange City Bowling Club
Warrendine Street Orange

The Vocation Expo is being hosted by headspace Orange and the Orange Youth Reference Group

YOUTH VOCATION EXPO

Contact
Sharna Lord or Renee Davis at
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Tickets can be pre-booked via
www.eventbrite.com.au
Phone: 02 6369 9300
or at 264 Peisley Street Orange



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