

Orange High School NEWSLETTER

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SCIENCE WEEK























From the Principal



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Year 10 Advisor Monica Peasley

Year 11 Advisor Cassie Coates

Year 12 Advisor Tegan Dray

Careers Advisor Glen Pearson

School Counsellors Liz Sams Ammie Nyitrai

Sport Co-ordinators Ben Callaway Amanda Livingstone

Student Representative Council Leader Yelena Whitfield Dear parents and members of our school community

Welcome to week 4. Next week our Year 12 students will undertake their trial HSC exams. This is an important time for each of our senior students and one which all students need to take extremely seriously given the trial HSC exams will make up a significant proportion of their HSC assessment marks. I look forward to seeing the results of hard work and determination over the coming weeks.

Deputy Principal Position

As you know, we welcomed Melinda Suttor to our school as a relieving deputy principal at the beginning of this term. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Melinda was unable to continue in this role. We have since appointed Mr Andrew Jones, current Head Teacher Secondary Studies at Yeoval Central School. Andrew brings to our leadership team 14 years of executive experience across large and small schools and has a strong focus on wellbeing and school improvement. Andrew will join our school on Monday 26th August 2019.

New School Gym

Our school gym has now been complete and new equipment has been installed. The gym will be opened to our students from next week. We are extremely excited about this state of the art facility and sincerely thank the P&C for their generosity in making this a possibility for our school community.



Japanese Student Visit

Building upon the success of our exchange program between <u>Ushiku-Eishin High School in Japan</u> and Orange High School, this week we welcomed 14 students and 3 staff from the International Youth Association of Japan, <u>KSKK (Kokusai Seishounen Kenshuu Kyoukai).</u> The group of Japanese middle and high school students are from <u>Onojo City in Fukuoka Prefecture</u>. These 14 students are here to learn not only English but also to experience Australian culture and high school life. Please say "konnichiwa" when you see these brave Japanese students around the school.

Subject Selection Evening

Thank you to the students and parents who attended the Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection Evening last Monday. It was a very informative evening with students given some information regarding the expectations which will be placed upon them as they enter Year 9 in 2020. Students were also provided with links to complete their subject selections for 2020. These were due last Friday and if they have not been completed, students must see Mrs Winslade immediately.

Wellbeing Day

Last week I launched the details of our OHS Wellbeing Day to be held on Thursday 26th September. The day will be a fun filled day of carnival rides, information sessions, movie screenings, popcorn, fairy floss and a range of activities. We want EVERY OHS student involved in this day. The cost has been drastically subsidised so all students can participate. The cost is \$25 for unlimited rides (some of the major rides will be here on the day). The purchasing of food will be at the cost of individual students. If families need support with the \$25 payment, please email me on chad.bliss@det.nsw.edu.au so we can support you. Notes have been sent home as well as emailed and a link to another note placed on our school stream app. Notes and monies are due to the front office no later than 31st August.

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Education Week

Last week was Education Week. The theme for 2019 Education Week was Every student, every voice.

As part of Education Week, we were involved in the Game Changer Challenge as one of 16 finalists across NSW. We live in an era of accelerated innovation and increasing uncertainty where the limits of technology lie in the imagination. The great challenges of the future will be solved by today's students. To flourish in this world, they will need to be deep thinkers, critical and reflective, empathetic and creative.

The Game Changer Challenge is an initiative of the department to develop and promote these skills among students and teachers. Sixteen teams from schools across NSW were be flown to Game Changer HQ in Sydney during Education Week to compete in a three-day design thinking program where, working alongside leading industry professionals, teams went head-to-head to consider this year's question, **How might we humanise technology?**

Whilst our team didn't place in the top three, we learnt a lot from the experience and the students had an amazing time.

Tom Radnedge also participated in the Secretary for a Day initiative as one of 25 students across NSW to spend 2 days with senior executive staff of the department in Sydney last week. Tom had a fantastic time and learnt lots about how an organisation such as ours runs.

Last week we also took 24 of our senior student leaders on a Leadership Camp to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp. The students spent 3 days building their team and learning about student leadership at a macro level. I can't wait to see what our leaders have installed for us later in the year.

P&C Meeting

Thank you to those parents and community members who attended the P&C meeting on Wednesday. It's always great to engage with families. If you ever want to attend these meetings they are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Music Centre.

Dance Studio

Our dance studio is almost complete and I look forward to sharing pictures with you next week once the flooring has gone down.

Eva Reith Snare

Did you hear? Our Eva has been selected in the Australian U/21 hockey squad. We think this is OUTSTANDING and we would like to give her a big round of applause.

Can't wait to see what your future holds in the green and gold Eva.

GIOSA Girls in Cyber Security

This week 14 Year 9 students attended the 3-day CSU Excursion on Cyber Security and the future of our workforce. The girls enjoyed learning how to hack and why it is becoming such an important issue. The Cyber Security workshops offered the students a chance to develop skills in securing their personal information, as well as developing an understanding of why this is such an important field of work. The snooker table, delicious food and hot drinks were a highlight for many of our students. Good luck in the upcoming GIOSA Competition ladies!

AgVision

On Wednesday 7th August our agriculture students headed to AgVision 2019. The students went to a range of workshops which gave them an insight into the various careers available within the agricultural industry.

Students participated in the farmer challenge which involved team work, vegetable identification, whip cracking and hay staking.

From the Principal



NSW CHS U15's Touch Challenge

Hailey Prestwidge and Dylan Ryan recently represented NSW CHS at the all schools U15's touch challenge. Hailey played, and Dylan referee and he was selected to attend the nationals as the NSW all schools referee! Well done to both of you.

U15's CHS Knockout

Congratulations to the 10 girls who went and competed in West Wyalong today for the U15's CHS knockout

Our first game was against Bathurst, who we previously beat when we played them in the first round. They turned up late and decided to forfeit against us so we automatically won!

Our next game was up against Dubbo South. As a team we played so well together and ended up beating them 40-6! It was a great game against a tough team, but we held our game and played our best which showed in the final result!

Our last game was against West Wyalong. This was our toughest game. We went into the first and second quarters playing well. But West Wyalong were just too strong and the score ended up being 37-23.

All the girls played very well and enjoyed playing. We finished 2nd which now means we go to Sydney to play. Very proud of you all! The team was: Megan, Izzy, Lucy, Asha, Sophie, Molly, Bella, Jayde, Rachel and Clare. Also a big thankyou to Ben for refereeing!! Well done OHS

Schools Cup Regional Finals

Cold conditions saw 4 teams braving the elements at the Schools Cup Regional Finals in Orange this week. Divisions included 7/8 Girls, 7/8 Boys, 9/10 Girls and 9/10 Boys Teams.

We coached some fabulous Orange High netballers. They showed great school spirit and competitive skills. 3 teams advanced to the finals with both 7/8 and 9/10 Girls teams victorious. They now prepare for State Finals in Sydney at the end of the term.

A huge thank you to Lilly, Saskia, Kelsey, Georgia and Oni for their umpiring expertise. We can't play without your support.

Western CHS Championships

This week, OHS gymnasts were busy representing Western at the CHS championships. Rhian Willoughby, Millie Cunich, Ella Harpley, Taylah Davis, Sienna Adams and Tianah Windiate all participated in a range of events, competing against some talented young women. Well done to our amazing students.

Australian Educator – Teacher of the Year Awards

On Friday I will be attending the Australian Educator – Teacher of the Year Awards along with eight staff who will be supporting Melanie Campbell who has been named one of 3 finalists for this prestigious award. We wish Mel all the very best but know in our eyes she is already one of the 100 Teachers of the Year we have at OHS.

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

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss

Principal





Positive Wellbeing Day



At Orange High School we are excited to announce our

Positive Wellbeing Day to be held on Thursday 26th September.

The Positive Wellbeing Day is a day to thank students and staff of OHS while supporting improved mental health awareness through a fun day of carnival rides, information sessions and interactions with peers and staff.

Permission notes can be found on the OHS website or via the link below

https://orange-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2019/8/positive-wellbeing-day-at-ohs.html

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Charles Sturt University



WHAT'S COMING UP AT OHS

TERM 3 - WEEK 5

Monday 19th August - Trial HSC Exams begin

ALL WEEK - Trial HSC Exams

TERM 3 - WEEK 6

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Monday 9th September - Yr 7 2020 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 11th September - P&C Meeting

Friday 13th September - Year 11 Prelim Course Exams

TERM 3 - WEEK 9

Monday 16th September - Year 11 Prelim Course Exams

TERM 3 - WEEK 10

Monday 23rd September - Year 11 Prelim Course Exams Tuesday 24th September - Year 7 Vaccinations Friday 27th September - Year 12 Final Assembly



AgVision 2019

















Cultivating Careers in Agriculture

Game Changer Challenge



Day 1: The Challenge commenced on Tuesday 6th August at Google HQ in Pyrmont Sydney where the students and teachers were welcomed by Melanie Silva, Managing Director, Google ANZ as well as the NSW Minister for Education Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC and then had the opportunity to listen to a panel of expertise moderated by the Secretary of the NSW Department of Education Mark Scott.

Following the panel session, the students met with an amazing group of facilitators who guided them through the challenge which involved using a design thinking approach to solving a problem focused on the theme of humanising technology.

Day 2: The Challenge involved dividing the student groups up to take part in a range of workshop sessions offered by Adobe, Microsoft, Google, The University of Sydney, the Stem.T4L team at the NSW DoE as well as a how to design a pitch session buy the amazing story teller and poet Miles Merrill.

The students were all encouraged to take back what they learned from the workshops to their group with the aim of using their new skills and knowledge to help with their solution pitch on Day 3.

Following the workshops, the students met back with their groups to work on their solution pitch as part of a large makerspace session. The Orange High School students spent endless hours in the makerspace tinkering away on their prototype while testing and refining their idea with industry mentors and Mr Shea and Miss Cutcliffe.

Day 3: Phew - they made it! The final day of the Game Changer Challenge saw each team present a five-minute pitch of their solution to the Challenge question. With nerves and anticipation running high - the students from OHS presented a wonderful pitch to industry experts including Mark Scott, NSW Department of Education Secretary. They came up with a renewable and sustainable energy device name the 'BioRhea'. The pitch session was an invaluable opportunity for the students to share their work, practise their communication skills in front of an audience and receive feedback from industry mentors.

Well done Orange High.





Senior Leadership Camp

Last week, twenty-four Year 10 & 11 students attended the inaugural Senior Leadership Camp at the Sydney Sports Academy at Narrabeen. The camp was a great opportunity for our 2020 Prefects and Student Representative Council to learn about leadership, communication and initiative skills through fun, outdoor recreation activities.





















CONGRATULATIONS Eva Reith-Snare



Eva Reith-Snare was named in the Hockey Australia women's national junior squad on 2nd August.

This is an OUTSTANDING achievement and we would like to give her a big round of applause.

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JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS 2019-20 SEASON

Orange City Cricket Club junior registrations for Master Blasters Cricket and Junior Cricket are now open for season 2019-20 via <u>www.playcricket.com.au</u> website.

Orange City are also looking to field and ALL girls team in the u13 girls league to be played on a Tuesday afternoon throughout Term 4.

We encourage you to get in touch with Dan Brincat, <u>danb1378@qmail.com</u>, and register your interest in playing in this competition. We are more than happy to field as many teams in this ALL girl's competition as we can.

If you have any questions regarding Master Blasters, Junior Cricket or the Girls League please drop me an email.

Thanks

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