



# ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th December 2020 -Term 4, Week 8

## COVID SAFE SUMMER PACKS

As we come closer to the end of the school year, we'd like to extend our thanks to you, our parent community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time.  
Thank you again.

We will be sending a COVID-safe summer pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.

Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow

Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the [NSW Government website](#)External link

From all of us at Orange High School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

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**Careers Advisor**

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## From the Principal

Dear parents and members of our school community,

Welcome to the end of week 8. As we move closer to the end of term, our teachers continue to provide the highest quality teaching and learning experiences for our students. Our new Year 12 students are deep into their first HSC assessment tasks and with all HSC courses, it is vital that students are maximising learning time right up to the end of the school year. Although the Years 7-10 examinations have finished, learning continues in combination with some end of year activities. The formal year assemblies will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of December. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of each year group, present a range of academic, extra-curricular and community service awards and, of course, have the fantastic Orange High School mega draw.

### Transition Days

We have welcomed Year 6 students from 12 different feeder schools over the past two weeks.

With a Year 7 2021 enrolment of over 200 students, it was great for them to experience a few days at Orange High School.

Miss Jess Huggett - Year 7 Year Advisor 2021, Mrs Kylie Winslade - Year 7 Head Teacher Wellbeing and an enthusiastic team of teachers, organised some fantastic experiences for all students. We look forward to the arrival of Year 7 2021 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

### SRC / Sport Council Induction

On Monday we held our annual Student Representative Council and Sports Council Induction ceremony. It was great to have parents back on school grounds to be a part of this ceremony. Orange High School has a proud history of outstanding leaders and I have no doubt that this will be the case in 2021. Thank you to our fantastic clarinet ensemble and to Ella Lamrock and Ruby Owens who sang both the National Anthem and School Song.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Andrew Jones

Principal (relieving)



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## Captains

Callan Arden

Abigail Kittler

## Vice Captains

Callum Johnson

Ella Monaghan

## Prefects

Alexandra Cook

William Burdack

Charlotte Montil

Eric Driver

Claudia Smith

James Haberecht

Caprice Tesoriero

Oliver Manson

## Student Representative Council

Ryan Buttriss

Ruby Owens

Ella Lamrock

Mackenzie Smith

## Year 10 Representatives

Fenella Beer

Lilly Hassall

Dylan Cregan

Maddison Tink

## Year 9 Representatives

Alexandra Baines

Natalie Mansur

Maximillian Giarratano

Matilda Taylor

## Year 8 Representatives

Amelia Hunt

Tegan Sammut

Patrick McMillan

Balian Williamson

## Bourke

### Captains

Cennedi Dally

Sienna Adams

### Vice Captains

Addison Chapman

Jarred Barnes

## Elliott

### Captains

Megan Eslick

Molly Fenner

### Vice Captain

Benjamin Meagher

Lola Manson

## Macquarie

### Captains

Riley Robinson

Clare Mansfield

### Vice Captains

Luka Smith

Asha Nicol

## Parkes

### Captains

Mack Selwood

Olivia Dolbel

### Vice Captains

Ellie Tamatea

Maddison Tink



## EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

# Bliss lauds staff and pupils at OHS

BY PETER HOLMES

ORANGE High School's principal Chad Bliss has received an Excellence Award in the School Principal of the Year category at the 2020 Australian Education Awards.

Orange High School's deputy principal Alison McLennan was a finalist in the Teacher of the Year (Secondary) category, and the school was a finalist in the Secondary School of the Year (Government) category.

Mr Bliss was one of four principals who received an Excellence Award in the Principal of the Year category - two from NSW and two from Western Australia.

"It's very humbling," said Mr Bliss of the school's achievements.

"And it's a fantastic recognition of what our school has done over a number of years ... and of public education."

Mr Bliss said he has a number of yardsticks for assessing whether the school is meeting its goals.

"We try and place a holistic focus on the whole of the school.

"We look at our internal data, our well-being data, our attendance, academic



**SUCCESS:** Orange High School principal Chad Bliss, who was recognised for his work at the Australian Education Awards. **Photo:** JUDE KEOGH.

results both internal and external - we look at Naplan, Best Start, the HSC, and we couple that with the physical, social and emotional health of our kids and our staff.

"It gives us a good baseline to judge whether or not we've been successful."

He praised teachers and staff at the school for the way they had handled the disruption wrought by the COVID pandemic.

"I couldn't be more proud of our school community," he said.

"We worked really, really hard during that initial COVID outbreak and when schools moved to remote learning my team set up more than 400 Google classrooms in less than four days to ensure that our students didn't miss out at all on their learning."

"We've looked after [students] in terms of their emotional health and well-being.

"The whole school - and the staff in particular - have just been the most phenomenally professional and ded-

icated group of individuals I've ever had the pleasure of working with."

He also lauded the resilience of the student body.

"They have worked exceptionally hard to ensure they've continued to learn."

Such is Orange High School's popularity, real estate agents are increasingly using it as a selling point for properties within the school's catchment zone.

The Australian Educator Awards are run by *The Educator Magazine*.

Congratulations to our inspirational Principal Chad Bliss who received an Excellence Award for School Principal of the Year at The Australian Education Awards on Thursday 26th November. This is a wonderful recognition for the outstanding commitment and dedication Mr Bliss shows all of our students, staff and families at Orange High School.

Congratulations must also go to our beautiful Deputy Principal - Teaching and Learning (Instructional Leader) Alison McLennan, finalist for Secondary Teacher of the Year and Orange High School who were finalists for the Government School of the Year.



## TEN4TEN LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE

The TEN4TEN mentors and students gathered at Hive Orange for breakfast to mark the end of their journey in the program.

Over the past six months the students from Orange, Canowindra and Molong have been mentored by ten fantastic leaders from various sectors of the community. Despite the challenges everyone has faced this year due to COVID-19, the enthusiasm and engagement from the students and mentors has been impressive and inspiring.

Thank you to the mentors who have been involved in the first year of the TEN4TEN Leadership Dialogue and given up their time, provided support and advice and imparted their expertise and insights to the first cohort of students.

To the students – well done on being selected for the program, but also for displaying exemplary leadership skills and making the most of the experience.

TEN4TEN has provided a window into the countless opportunities that are available in regional NSW and the future of the Central West is bright, and in good hands!

Congratulations to Orange High School's Abigail Thew.





## POP UP PODCAST

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, eleven interested students from Years 7 – 10 participated in a workshop called Pop-Up Podcast.

Stephanie Aceglav from Media For Millennials, presented a fantastic day allowing students to research, produce, interview, edit and present their very own podcast.

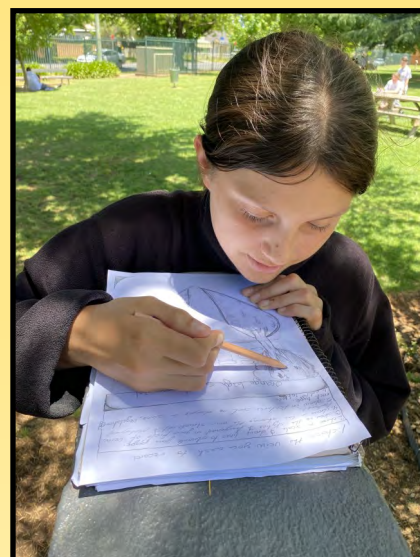
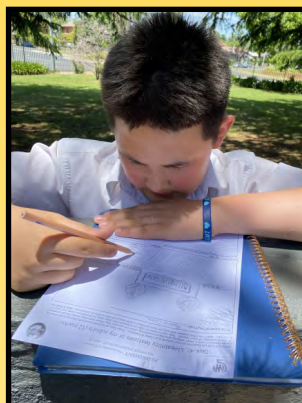
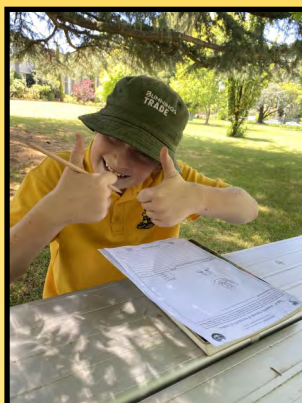
Stephanie drew on her own experience as a journalist and educator to give students the opportunity to develop their skills in a fun and engaging way.





## YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY

7-7 Geography enjoyed a lesson outside developing their skills in field sketching, as part of their Place and Liveability topic. The students practiced their Geography skills to identify things around the school and community that impact the liveability of where we live.







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## MEXICAN FOLK ART

Stage Four have been studying Mexican Folk Art, this term. In particular they have explored the Day of The Dead festival, which fuses the Aztec's celebration of Death and Catholicism's All Saints Day.

Each year on the 1st November, the Hispanic cultures of South America welcome the soul's of their dead loved one's back to Earth, for a reunion and usher them back again, the next day.

The families build Ofrenda's (offering alters) and place objects that relate to the life of their deceased loved ones to welcome them home. Items such as photos, objects of their vocation, food dishes and symbols of religion such as candles and crucifix's, are used as a kind of temporary memorial.

To symbolise the return of the body to nature, they place flowers in season such as the marigold on the Ofrenda's and at grave sites. Bright colours are used to symbolise faith, hope and nature and set the general tone of happiness and celebration to the festival.

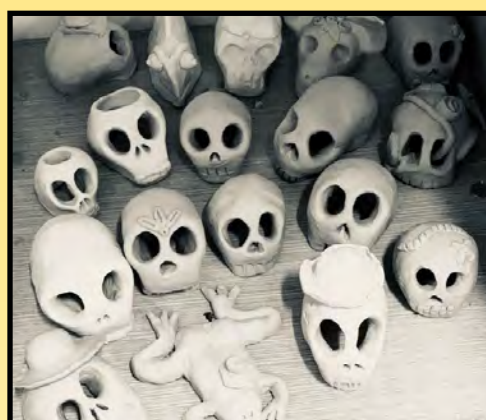
To represent death, families decorate sugar skulls and this is why year 7 and 8 designed and hand built, in clay, their own take on this cultural tradition. Some found forming the skull frustrating at first but many found working with clay fun and satisfying!

The CAPA department has been very impressed by the magnitude of creativity Stage 4 expressed with this three dimensional art form.





## MEXICAN FOLK ART





## YEAR 6 INTO 7 TRANSITION

Over the last 2 weeks Orange High School welcomed 205 of our Year 6 transition students. The students had a wonderful 2 days experiencing high school in preparation for the start of Year 7, 2021.











The 2020 Mirror Magazine  
has arrived!

Magazines can be  
purchased from the front  
office for \$25 each.

Only 20 left!

# ORANGE YOUTH HUB

**Garema Rd, Orange**  
**OPEN during summer**  
**school holidays**  
**10am-6pm**



**A place for young people, aged 12 to 24, to:**

- **Play sports including:** table tennis, pool, basketball, touch footy, handball & skateboarding
- **Have access to:** Internet, PlayStation 4
- **Get involved in:** art, music & cooking

For more information, contact Orange City Council's  
Youth Hub Leader Sarkis Achmar on 0428 512 070

[orange.nsw.gov.au/young-people/](http://orange.nsw.gov.au/young-people/)





McGrath Foundation

# PINK STUMPS DAY

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2020

FROM 1PM

We are having a mufti day, sausage sizzle, pink milkshakes and spiders, a lolly guessing competition, sponge throwing, footy passing and of course the illustrious cricket match between staff and students.



PLEASE NOTE: Year 7 & 11 students will need to wear their full school uniform for their Year assemblies. Pink clothes/accessory can be brought to school to change into at the completion of the assembly.

If you would like to donate, our fundraising page can be found at the address below

<https://www.pinkstumpsday.com.au/fundraisers/melaniehope/pink-stumps-day>



## The Educated Roast Cafe

WILL BE CLOSING FROM  
MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER  
AND REOPENING  
MONDAY 11TH JANUARY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRONAGE AND SUPPORT  
THROUGHOUT 2020



# TERRACYCLE

Orange High School has enrolled in the TerraCycle Recycling Program. It allows for the recycling of everyday items that are not included in our regular fortnightly council recycling collection. Items are collected then posted to a state-wide collection point to be recycled.

Please find attached a list of items that are able to be recycled through our school. Place the items in the bag provided and return to Miss Hope in the TAS staffroom, or to an SRC representative. There is no time limit for the collection of items, however, please encourage family and friends to contribute.

Our SRC representatives will be responsible for the maintenance of the program.

Thank you for your contributions!

Kwik Lok bread bag closures



Dish and Air Care  
(any brand)

Electric Toothbrush  
Program



Razor Recycling  
Program



Oral Care Recycling  
Program



Bausch and Lomb  
Contact Lens Recycling  
Program



Writing Instruments Recycling Program



**Rotary**  
Club of Orange



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WITH WORLD CHAMPION JASON  
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