

# ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th March 2020 - Term 2, Week 5

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May marks the historic Sorry Day commemorating the anniversary of the Bringing them home report. Orange High School students gathered to yarn about what Reconciliation means to them.

Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Jordon Moore shared a story from the Ngempaa area and Indigenous & non-Indigenous senior students were invited to view a clip on Reconciliation Week and the Australian history of forced removal of Aboriginal children known as the 'Stolen Generations'.

#### **Reconciliation Week**

The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

More information is available on the Reconciliation Australia Webpage and the Healing Foundation Webpage





## WHAT'S COMING UP AT OHS



### TERM 2–WEEK 6

Wednesday 3rd June - Crazy Hair & Sock Day

Friday 5th June - Go yellow for Give Me 5 for Kids

TERM 2–WEEK 7

Monday 8th June - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 10th June - OHS P&C online meeting



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## **From the Principal**

Dear parents and members of our school community

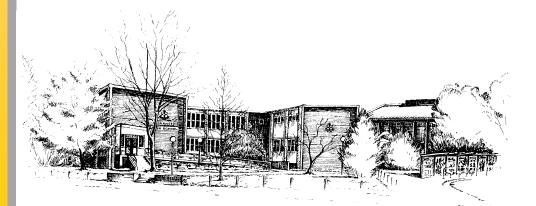
Welcome to our first newsletter in what seems like an eternity. We made a conscious decision at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic to email you directly (rather than send generic newsletters) with regular updates around what we were putting into place at a school level to support you and your children. I do hope that you found the communication effective and helpful and that you felt like you knew exactly what was happening at Orange High School.

It has certainly been a challenge across many areas within our community over the past couple of months. As we move back into regular teaching and learning and we welcome all of our students back into classrooms, we know that there will continue to be some challenges. Some of these will include getting our students back into a regular routine, re-engaging them into regular learning in a classroom and ensuring that we are meeting their wellbeing needs. We are very prepared to take on this challenge and my staff have worked exceptionally hard as they always do, to ensure we have the processes and support measures in place to continue to support each and every one of our students.

It is essential that to effectively re-engage back into school our students are following a few very simple requests;

- 1. School starts at 9am. We need every student at school before 9am and attending roll call so our rolls are accurate each day.
- Our mobile phone ban is back in place mobile phones are to be switched off whilst class is on and they are not to be seen or heard. We will again begin to confiscate phones for you to collect if our students have them out during a lesson.
- Ensure all students bring their laptop or tablet devices to class every day. These need to be fully charged.
- Students are to wear full winter school uniform to school every day. This includes black leather shoes. Sports uniform is not permitted to be worn to school. Students are able to change into their sports uniform when required.
- 5. Students are to follow healthy hygiene procedures at all times. Washing hands with soap and water as often as possible, ensuring they use the hand sanitiser which is provided in each classroom and following the instructions of staff at all times.

As we move back into regular teaching and learning we will see some of the restrictions eased by the Government and our education department. Hopefully, we will be able to begin to provide some regular updates about the great extra curricula activities and opportunities our students will participate in very soon.



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**Chad Bliss** 

#### Deputy Principals Kristie Anderson

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#### **Head Teacher Admin**

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#### Head Teacher Welfare

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#### **National Reconciliation Week**

In 2020 **Reconciliation Australia marks twenty years** of shaping Australia's journey towards a more just, equitable and reconciled nation.

Much has happened since the early days of the people's movement for reconciliation, including greater acknowledgement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights to land and sea; understanding of the impact of government policies and frontier conflicts; and an embracing of stories of Indigenous success and contribution.

2020 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the reconciliation walks of 2000, when people came together to walk on bridges and roads across the nation and show their support for a more reconciled Australia.

As always, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and Australians now benefit from the efforts and contributions of people committed to reconciliation in the past.

Today we work together to further that national journey towards a fully reconciled country.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

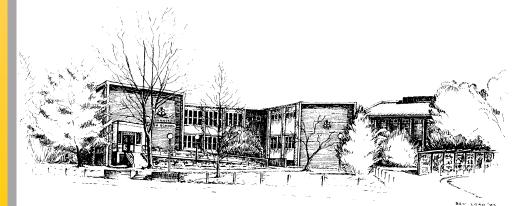
We strive towards a more just, equitable nation by championing unity and mutual respect as we come together and connect with one another.

On this journey, Australians are all **In This Togethe**r; every one of us has a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories and cultures.

I hope you have a wonderful fortnight and I look forward to speaking with you at the end of week 7.

With my warmest regards

Chad Bliss



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## WE ARE BACK!!

The school was buzzing with excitement on Monday 25th May as we welcomed all our amazing students back to school.



## **YEAR 7 AGRICULTURE**

Our Year 7 Agriculture students were surprised at just how much had grown in their gardens while they were away from school.

They are now busy preparing for the arrival of some day old chicks to raise, weeding their veggie patches, building supports for their thriving snow peas and experimenting which fruit is best to ripen green tomatoes indoors.

Who will win? Bananas or apples?

















## DANCE FOR SICK KIDS



Winners: Lillian, Milly, Ms Hope, Toby, Asha and Eloise. (Absent Lola)

To celebrate National Families Week, we asked students and their families to dance and raise funds to make a difference for seriously ill children and their families.



## WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Year 8 students Natalie and Scarlet are taking part in the World's Greatest Shave!

Please sponsor Natalie and Scarlet to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life.

Next Wednesday, 3rd June we will be having a crazy hair and sock day where these brave girls will be shaving their hair during lunch in the PAC.

You can watch Natalie and Scarlet lose their locks for a gold coin donation which will be going directly to the Cancer Council.



# GABE LOST HIS LOCKS

Year 10 student Gabriel Moes bravely volunteered to shave his head if he could raise \$1000 for former student Harrison Crisp who was involved in a mountain bike accident late last year.

Gabe's target was reached, so on Friday the 18th of May he lost his locks.







# WE ARE HIRING!

# Student Support Officer (Youth Outreach Worker)

Do you know someone who would make a fantastic Student Support Officer? The NSW Department of Education is currently recruiting 139 Student Support Officers to support the mental health and wellbeing of students in NSW public schools.

To find out more and apply, visit: bit.ly/SSOpositions.

## **ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- Diploma or Higher qualification in social work, youth work, welfare or related discipline.
- Valid and current Working with Children Check clearance. For more information, visit https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safeorganisations/working-with-children-check
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies



# WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE!

WHEN RESTRICTIONS LIFT, BEGIN THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

# **AT A GLANCE:**

- Choose from 27 countries (USA, Norway, Austria + more!)
- Attend school overseas
- Live with a local family
- Learn about yourself and the world around you
- Create friendships Learn a language
- Make memories to last a lifetime!

TEXT 'EXCHANGE' TO 0428 246 633 FOR A FREE INFO PACK!

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