Maddie Smith has been selected in the Under 16 Australian all Schools Hockey team to tour New Zealand and Argentina from the 15th – 28th February. Maddie will play six matches in total against Under 18 teams from New Zealand and Argentina. Maddie is looking forward to playing her best hockey yet and representing Australia on the world stage.

Congratulations to Ben Blanch. Ben has recently been selected as the winner of a narrative writing competition.

Ben’s narrative centred around a wealthy person who was on a mission to find a long lost operative. The judging panel were very impressed by Ben’s skills and commended him on the quality of his writing through this award.

Congratulations to Jourdan Tadros. Jourdan has been selected to join the musical ensemble from west of the Great Dividing range to perform throughout a tour of Hong Kong in April. Jourdan’s chief instrument is a French Horn. Jourdan is looking forward to the tour and gaining experience performing in front of a large audiences on the International Stage.

WELCOME BBQ
Last week the Orange High School P&C Committee provided Year 7/new student parents and families with the opportunity to meet informally with staff. The BBQ was enjoyed by over 200 people and created some positive discussion about education and the partnership between Orange High School and families. Thank you to all the parents who came along. I have included some photos, there will be more to come. That is all for this week. Have a productive week and a restful weekend.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Good luck to Lachlan Jensen, our school captain who will represent Orange High School at the Lions Youth of the Year event tonight. There is no doubt Lachlan is a terrific young man who, like many of our senior students, possesses a terrific personality that ensures he is a strong mentor and role model for younger students.

It was pleasing to see the strong rollup of parents and staff at the first P&C meeting for 2013. I am very pleased that the P&C is such an active and supportive group who are committed to working together to further develop our great school.

The warm weather certainly helped set the scene for an enjoyable swimming carnival for students and staff last Tuesday. There were certainly a number of exhausted faces at the end of the day including teachers. I understand the house point score was very close with some final calculations needed to determine the victors.

Over the next couple of weeks, all of the schools assessment schedules and calendars will be uploaded to the schools webpage. Over the coming weeks we will continue to develop the site to make it as informative and interactive as possible. The main priority of course is to ensure clear communication between school and home to ensure parents are empowered to support their students learning.

The schools newsletter is also a work in progress. Over the coming weeks and months we aim to evolve it into a single central source of teaching and learning information, reports of past events and information about future events.

D Lloyd

WELFARE WORDS
Welcome to the Welfare Words for 2013. My name is Kerrie Chopping and I am very excited to be appointed as the Head Teacher Welfare. I have replaced Lynne Middleton, she has retired and is looking forward to spending some valuable time relaxing and playing with her grandchildren. We wish Lynne all the best in her retirement and thank her for her contribution to Orange High School in many, many areas across the school. Needless to say, I have very big boots to fill and I am really looking forward to the challenge.

This year I share the position of Head Teacher Welfare with Mrs Kate Griffen. Kate has some experience in the Welfare role already and will be a valuable asset while I have my ‘L’ plates on.

I work Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Kate works everyday but manages the Welfare role on Thursdays and Fridays.

YEAR ADVISERS
Our team of Year Advisers have had a busy start to the year. They are helping new students settle in and checking in with students to catch up on the latest news. If you have a concern about your child’s learning or welfare please contact the school to make an appointment with the relevant Year Adviser.

We welcome Ms Sarah Cooper to the Welfare Team. Sarah is the Year 7 Adviser and is working hard to ensure Year 7 start their High school career as positively as they can.

Each year level has a Year Adviser:
Year 8 – Jo Cormack Year 9 – Jenny Wickham
Year 10 – Narelle Small Year 11 - Karen Rogers
Year 12 – Glen Pearson

Kerrie Chopping, Head Teacher Welfare

‘MAD FOR LIFE’ - FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
Year 10, 11 and 12 will be attending a multimedia event entitled “Mad for Life”. Each session will be 40 minute and involves a 3 screen synchronised multi-image event that will both challenge and inspire. “Mad for Life” is a production that will inspire young people to set a direction in their life and make clear and attainable goals. Therefore making a difference in their own lives, and perhaps the lives of others.

This program is funded by the school at a considerable cost and so we are asking the students to make a gold coin donation to assist with the cost. All students in Year 10-12 are invited to attend.

K Griffen

FOR SALE 2012 MIRROR
The 2012 Orange High School is available for sale from the front office at Orange High for $20.00.

HOMEWORK CENTRE
The homework centre is starting on Thursday 21st February from 3.45 – 5pm in the Library. Anyone who needs assistance with classwork or assignments are more than welcome. Afternoon tea is supplied. Please bring your own work.

M Hope

MUSIC AT ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
Welcome to music in 2013 and also welcome to our new year seven musicians. We look forward to seeing you at band, choir, string ensemble or one of our many groups on offer. We hope the following information will be of some assistance to you.

All music students pay a levy of $20 per term. You can join as many groups as you can cope with for this fee. The money helps
to purchase music for each of the groups as well as assisting with the upkeep and repairs to the instruments.

Rock band is run as a separate, after school, programme and will be taught this year by Tom Gasgoyne. Tom is an extremely talented guitarist and bass guitar player and we feel very fortunate to have him this year. Mr Key coordinates these bands which are all taught after school. This programme is billed accordingly and is additional to the day to day music at school. Information regarding the rock band program will be issued at a meeting for interested students in the coming weeks.

PRISM (Parents Rejoicing In Student Music)
This is a parent group interested in assuring music will shine at Orange High School. They are the driving force behind fundraising and making sure our school shows and performances have the extra hands to help with moving equipment, canteen, door sales and the like. This group will meet on Wednesday afternoons on days to be advised. For further information about this group or to stay informed about music at Orange High School, please email Bronwyn Fox at ohsprism@gmail.com. Alternatively you can fill in the information below and return the tear off section with your email address to any of the music staff in the Music Centre.

Instrument Hire
We have a number of band instruments available for $40 per term. Hire agreement forms must be signed and paid for at the time of hire.

We look forward to meeting you and your children.

Yours sincerely

Brian Irvine, Music Teacher

Please keep me informed!!!!!

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CONFEDERATES HOCKEY CLUB
Sign on Days
Fridays 15th, 22nd February, 1st March
5pm-7pm, Newstead Bowling Club
*Minky-Mods-Junior-Women-Men* $50 Deposit required Jr-
Senior (U9’s $30). Written Expressions of Interest taken for
Coaches & Managers All enquiries to: Sam Vennard M:
0438618198

HAWKES NETBALL CLUB
Trials for only Div 1 & Div 2 Hawks teams, will be on the 3rd
March 2013 at PCYC Indoor courts at 2pm. But please
remember to attend sign on day and put your name down for
selection. If you are unable to make the trails you must submit a
letter detailing why you are unable to attend. Should it be
because of an injury you must supply a medical certificate. You
will also be required to submit a player history profile,

ORANGE HOCKEY CLUB SIGN-ON
Orange City Hockey Club is holding its sign on days for the
2013 season on Saturday 16th and Sunday the 24th February
from 10am to 12 noon in the playground area of the Robin Hood
Hotel. Orange City Hockey Club has teams in the Men, Women
and Junior competition in the local Orange Hockey competition.
If you would like to play but can’t attend sign on please contact
Christie on 0414623453 or email
orangecityhockeyclub@hotmail.com. Alternatively info can be
found at facebook.com/orangecityhockeyclub