FAREWELL YEAR 12

Achievement in a supportive environment
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Orange High School has enjoyed celebrating the conclusion of 13 years of schooling for our 2014 Year 12 Cohort. The final whole school assembly was led by Year 12 and included the entry of the School Captains on a tandem bike along with the much celebrated Astley Cup. Given the recent record breaking sporting achievements by teams right across the school, the school prefects led the school in an attempt to break a further record – this time a world record for the number of people doing push-ups at once. The spectacle would have looked interesting to passers by at the time but enjoyed by all. Year 12 Students presented teachers with witty and positive awards while the assembly concluded with a tunnel for the 136 Year 12 students to move through.

On Tuesday evening the whole school celebrated the final Year 12 Disco with the theme ‘Cops and Robbers’ while Wednesday saw students in Year 12 cross dress with various levels of success. Students and staff enjoyed a final dinner and trivia night on Wednesday evening with students taken on a mystery tour for their last full day of school on Thursday. Friday will see a formal assembly attended by special guests and parents where students will be presented with their graduation certificates and final reports. Attesting to the esteem in which they are held, there has been much comment across the school about how much the current senior cohort will be missed. I have no doubt this is true but also consider ourselves very lucky that the next set of student leaders have a high degree of skill and passion to continue to develop our school into an evening more successful learning environment.

It was terrific to receive an email and photo from our students and teachers currently visiting Japan on a reciprocal exchange following the visit earlier of 20 students from Ushiku High School. The report was very upbeat and indicated the team from Orange High was warmly received in our sister school.

Congratulations to Peita Mages, the first of our newly appointed teachers this year to achieve their teaching certificate certifying their professional competence as a teacher. There is no doubt we are incredibly lucky to have the talented teachers to lead learning in our classrooms and even more exciting that our newest teachers are quickly proving themselves as first class educators. Peita is no exception and along with making a very positive impression in the classroom has already accepted the additional position of Director of Excellence in Tennis at Orange Academy of Tennis.

Best wishes also to Glen Griffiths, Head Teacher Industrial Arts who commences leave at the end of this term pending future retirement. Glen is our longest current serving Head Teacher and has been connected to Orange High School for a very long period of time having completed his secondary education here in the seventies. We wish Glen all the best for long, happy and healthy retirement following a career dedicated to educating future generations.

I would like to conclude by wishing students and parents a wonderful safe and relaxing school break. Term 4 will unfold quickly from Tuesday, 7th October and I look forward to welcoming back students for the final 11 weeks of learning.

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ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 1

| Year 7 | Ongoing PDHPE (skills assessment - Invasion games, Science (problem solving/communicating) |
| Year 8 | Nil |
| Year 9 | Nil |
| Year 10 | Science (gathering, communicating, problem solving) |
| Year 11 | Nil |
Hey! Mount Canobolas has a really different environment to Gosling Creek. It is a mountain environment up here, its colder and the trees are much smaller than down on the grasslands. And guess what? I can see SUPERHEROES!

That’s right Jacqui, we are on an excursion to look at the different environments around the Orange area. The Superheroes you see are characters from a comic book we have written.
‘Plants, Growth and Global Environments’—we are back at school, examining the growth and life-cycle of plants. Broad bean and spinach seeds have been carefully sown and sprouted.

We have collected some old pots from around the school to create a potage, or kitchen garden. Our seedlings are growing well! Would you like to try some rocket or spinach?

TERM 3 IN SUPPORT
This term we have looked ACUTELY at different angles around the school ... 

Don't be so OBSCURE!

... and spent our English periods learning about the processes behind advertising, finishing with a design for an advertisement in a magazine.
Pottery is easy, look no hands! Here we are working in the artroom, on the pottery wheel, exploring how the Ancient Romans and Greeks made ceramics. It’s History!

It takes a few weeks for the wet clay to dry enough to fire in the kiln. We decorated them with glazes and wax. See you next time.
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