SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2015

Congratulations Sean Faucett and Alex Kennedy on their election as School Captains for 2015 beginning next term. Both Shaun and Alex have confidently demonstrated strong leadership skills in a demanding interview, leadership seminar and speeches for both the position of prefect and School Captain. They will be ably supported by a strong team of prefects comprised of Charlie-Rae Bayly, Jordan Griffen,
The three phases to successful election comprised of:

- An interview about their leadership qualities and motivations with the current captains, Mrs Griffen as SRC leader and myself.
- A leadership training afternoon investigating motivations, styles and priorities for leadership.
- A speech to Years 10 and 11 students (Senior students in 2015) who then voted for the prefect team.

Standing for election to a student leadership position takes courage and conviction. Taking a risk and putting oneself forward for election takes character and inner strength. Impressively, 16 males and 16 females who nominate themselves. This number of students is reportedly the largest group of students seeking election in living memory, according to Kate Griffen – SRC Coordinator. I think this speaks volumes about the crucial role our current student leaders have played in re-energising student leadership and also something about the high levels of pride senior students have in Orange High School. Given the talent and passion of the students elected I am very confident we can build further on the 2014 success in 2015 and beyond.

Congratulations to our Netball Team for their achievement as 5th in the State following an intense few days of competition in Sydney this week. There is no doubt the amazing sporting talents of students at Orange High and it is wonderful to see them succeed at such a high level at state.

Congratulations also to our many ensembles, choirs, bands for their continued outstanding results at the Orange Eisteddfod.

- Choir and man choir achieved first, second and third,
- Junior stage band ach 2 firsts,
- Stage band first and second and
- Concert band achieved 2 and 3rd
- Dance collectively including the Orange High School Dance Company, tap ensemble and other groups achieved 2 seconds a third and 2 highly commended.

Speaking of Dance, congratulations to Emma Fisher of Year 10 who has been accepted to audition for the Schools Spectacular Ballet Ensemble. The audition will be held at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts on Thursday 4 September. We wish her all the best as she competes against the states best ballet dancers for a chance to feature at this YEARS School Spectacular in November.

Congratulations also to Jesse Keegan on his selection into the Australian Schoolboys Squash Team. Jessie’s squash talents have been recognised for many years and it is terrific to see compete at the National level. We wish Jessie all the best as he follows his dream to play squash at the elite level.
Hello Everyone, despite the recent burst of cooler weather, it has been great to see a lot more sunshine over the past few weeks. We have survived another winter.

It is hard to believe that we are in the final few weeks with Year 12. Each year at this time it seems to approach far too quickly. In two short weeks, another Year 12 cohort will be finished and off to prepare for the HSC examinations.

Since the beginning of term, the Year 12 classes in Home Economics have been working hard to finalise the last pieces of course content, finish off assessment tasks and complete the Trial Exams. It has been such a busy time. I would like to acknowledge the extreme hard work of all the Year 12 teachers, who have been working to prepare their classes for HSC.

This year there were 10 students who completed their Textiles Major Textiles Project as a part of their HSC studies. The projects were of very high quality and the amount of work put in by each student was amazing. Again, a very big THANK YOU to Mrs Deasey who works with this class to successfully complete this very difficult and time consuming project.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 12 students the best of luck in the HSC. I would like to encourage them to continue to work hard, maximise the time they have left to consolidate on all the hard work they have put in over the past two years. GOOD LUCK!

Another friendly reminder that invoices have been sent out for elective fees. Fees for our courses are vital for the Home Economics Department to run effectively and be able to offer the variety of learning experiences that are enjoyed by a large number of students at OHS. Your support, for our faculty, by paying any associated fees for courses your son/daughter is completing is greatly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy the report and pictures below. The report has been written by Alice Kjoller in Year 11. A group of our Food Technology and Hospitality students attended a cookery demonstration by Kate Bracks as part of the Orange Youth Festival being held at Canobolas Rural Technology High School this week.

Narelle Small,
Head Teacher Home Economics

‘Year 10 Food Technology and Year 11 Hospitality classes visited Canobolas Rural Technology High School on 2nd September to witness Kate Bracks, a previous winner of Masterchef, holding a cooking demonstration. Kate cooked spice rubbed lamb with cranberry and pistachio tabouli and berrymisu, her twist on the classic dessert “tiramisu”. Students were shown how to demonstrate many techniques that are useful for various dishes, such as how to correctly roast spices, balance acidic and sweet flavours and add textures to enhance other textures in dishes. All in all it was a very entertaining and insightful and everyone was thankful for the opportunity’. (by Alice Kjoller)
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Ryan Schick, Year 7, who achieved great success in Archery. He competed in the State Archery Championships in Campbelltown and came second in the state. He competed in the Juniors section, competing against some 17 year olds. Wonderful achievement from a 13 year old. Big future ahead for him.

COWS CREATE CAREERS PROGRAM
Over the past three weeks our Year 9 Agriculture students have been participating in a nationwide project developed by Dairy Australia. This program involves students being responsible for the care, maintenance and wellbeing of 4 dairy calves. Currently Orange High School are one of the 183 schools participating in Dairy Australia’s program.

Each day the year 9 students have been bottle feeding the calves and monitoring their growth and health. The information collected is being utilized to generate a scientific report, 3D model or Mootube video. The students have also been fortunate enough to be introduced to a Dairy Australia Industry advocate, who provided them with a thorough insight into the technological advances currently occurring in the dairy industry. The main objective for this Cows Create Careers program is to increase insight and interest for the dairy industry by demonstrating the various careers that exist within this extensive industry. At the conclusion of this program, the students will have gained the practical skills required to care for potty calves and knowledge of the dairy industry.

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GROUP 10 RUGBY LEAGUE

On the 27th September, three OHS Year 7 students, Ryan Manning, Jordan Price and Josh Piper will be travelling to Auckland, New Zealand with Group 10 on an U13’s Rugby League Football tour. The boys are all extremely excited it is an outstanding achievement for making the team.
ASSESSMENTS DUE – WEEK 9

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT AT THE WINGARA MURA SUMMER PROGRAM 2015

A Summer program will be held at the University of Sydney and is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are starting Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 in 2015. Students stay on-campus, access the world-class facilities of Australia’s oldest university and have the chance to speak directly with leading academics and industry figures.

To apply: http://sydney.edu.au/indigenous-summer-program/

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NETBALL REPORT

This year, Orange High School’s High A netball team qualified for their 21st Combined High Schools Final 16’s Knockout Netball Competition. The competition was held at Illawarra Sports Stadium from September 2-3rd. As usual, High A was excited to be part of this competition but also unsure of how they would go due to numerous injuries sustained throughout the season, as well as ongoing ones. They unfortunately lost Chloe Riley with a knee injury during Astley Cup, Laura Harris with a dislocated shoulder during the regional State League competition and Katelin Eslick with a strained back in the months and days leading up to the event. Helena Griffith was brought into the team as a result of this injury toll. They were placed in a pool consisting of numerous Sports High Schools and Northern Beaches College, who were runners up in 2013, and knew that they had to finish in the top 4 of that pool to qualify for the top 8 on Wednesday. After a tough day of competition on the Tuesday, they finished in 4th place in their pool, pitting them against Westfields Sports High School to play off to get into the top 4 of the competition. Westfields is the strongest netball school in NSW and High A managed to make them think about their combinations and decisions on court. They lost 10-30 and then played Elderslie High School, which they won convincingly by 10 goals to play off for positions 5-6 in NSW. Their opponent for this match was Warners Bay High School who had a lot of height at either end of the court. Both teams had tired and the lead changed several times throughout the match, however, some full court pressure and patience in getting the ball into the shooters saw High A take the win 27-24. This gave them 5th place in the NSW CHS Competition. Congratulations to the girls on their perseverance and determination, as well as to the parents who supported them throughout the tournament.

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A Touch of Class

Join the Year 12 Music Class

HSC Students will perform their examination repertoire. Please show your support. A gold coin donation on entry will be appreciated and a light supper will be provided.

Chris Mickle Music Centre - Recital Room

4th September 2014

6:00pm - 8:30pm

OHS PRISM
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Supporting the Orange High School Music Program

DISCOVER THE WORLD ON A WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM!
Are you ready for a bit of excitement and culture in your life? Looking to push your boundaries in 2015? Why not participate in a semester or year-long student exchange program to one of over 20 countries, including popular destinations such as the USA, France, Argentina and Italy? **Applications for January programs are still open but will close soon!** Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, with a WEP high school exchange.

**Sarah in Belgium:** “I really loved the orientation in Brussels, I had such a fun time. My host family were really welcoming of me and have kept me distracted for the first few weeks, which has helped a lot. In fact, I’ve barely felt homesick compared to what I was preparing myself for! The students were all very excited to have an Australian around that they could speak English with! During classes I mostly do French worksheets that they have given to me, or try to translate the worksheet that the rest of the class is focusing on.”

**Early Bird Special!**
WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 (excluding year 12 in VIC) a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in July - September 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Simply submit your full application online **before 28 Nov ’14.**

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- Visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) and request a FREE information pack for you and your parents. Our brochure contains everything you need to know about WEP’s not-for-profit student exchange programs to help you and your parents make this important decision.
- If you have any questions about any of our exchange programs please feel free to give us a call on 1300 884 733 or email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au).

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