



Oran Park High School



Welcome to Oran Park High School's Newsletter

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A Message from Mr Mitchell

Welcome to our first newsletter and more importantly, welcome to our new school. It's an incredible honour to be able to speak to the Oran Park community as the foundation principal of our own high school. I know through a long association with Oran Park Public School that this community has waited patiently for this moment to arrive and now that it's here, it really is a cause for celebration. Can I commend our incoming Year 7 and 8 students on the way they have conducted themselves in their new surroundings since starting at the end of January. They have really demonstrated the values that we are trying to live by as a school community, which are Teamwork, Respect, Achievement and Kindness (TRAK) by settling into their classes well, working co-operatively with their teachers and each other, and respecting the wonderful new learning environment they are so lucky to be able to access. As I walk around the school, it is such a pleasure to see the high quality of the teaching and learning that is taking

place, in every single room, in every period. Our students are building really positive relationships with their teachers and those relationships will be the foundation of their future success as learners and as young people preparing to go out into the world in years to come. Our teachers are among the most dedicated and professional I have ever worked with during 35 years as an educator, so your children are in the best of hands

Finally, I would also like to thank you for the wonderful support that you as parents and carers have given us as a new school. The lead up to Day 1, Term 1 had a number of challenges but your willingness to work with us to get the new school 'over the line' was much appreciated. You will have an opportunity to look around the school in the coming weeks, firstly at our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon and at an Open Day planned for early Term 2 when our whole school will be complete. Then I believe you will have a full appreciation of how lucky we are to have this wonderful high school at the heart of the Oran Park community.

Brad Mitchell

Principal



A Message from Mr Hollis

I am thrilled to be writing to you in our inaugural Newsletter, as Deputy Principal, Year 8. Having taught and lived in the Macarthur area for 30 years I am relishing the opportunity to work in partnership with students, parents and the community. Our motto is “Partners in Learning” and I encourage students and parents to work cooperatively with the school in building positive respectful relationships to achieve high quality outcomes for all.

Mobile Phones

We do not encourage students to bring mobile phones to school and certainly take no responsibility for them. Students are instructed to turn them OFF (not silent) at 8:50am and are not permitted to turn them on until 3pm. Students not abiding by this rule will have their device confiscated. Students may only use their phones under direct instruction from a teacher.



Attendance & Punctuality

Students need to make every effort to attend school each day. I often say students can't learn if they are not here. Certainly when ill, parents may need to keep students at home and notify the school. Arriving on time to school ensures minimal disruption to class and school operations. That time before school is where students can meet up with friends and continue to foster good relationships.

Payment of School Fees

We will be sending student statements of account & payment reminders directly to parents/caregivers via email using a system called School Bytes. These statements include a link to make secure payment online through the Westpac Parent Online Payment (POP) system (Visa & Mastercard credit/debit cards accepted).

Uniform

Apart from our uniform supply issues, students look fantastic in their new uniforms. May I take the opportunity to remind the community that we only accept traditional black hard leather lace up school shoes for WHS reasons in workshops and labs. Uniform is important and students at OPHS are expected to abide by this requirement.



A Message from Ms Harris

As Year 7 Deputy for 2020 I have been very pleased with the way Year 7 have settled into high school. After 3 days of orientation activities and a technology bootcamp students had their first full week of classes in Week 2. This week marks the end of the first full rotation of the timetable so students will have had all of their classes and have met all of their teachers.

I have been particularly impressed by students who are upholding our values of Team Work, Respect, Achievement and Kindness and look forward to watching their TRAK points grow.

I encourage as many people who can to come along to our Meet the Teacher afternoon. Year 8 students in MSP have been creating pamphlets for parents to explain some of the features of our school. Our Year 7 students have been creating pamphlets for our Year 6 into Year 7 night with some tips about moving from primary school into high school. We intend to have more parent activities and a community open day and they will be on different days and at different times.

Year 7 have Best Start next week which is a literacy and numeracy test to see where they are benchmarked against the progressions. Letters have gone home around this and students have been encouraged to bring their own headphones for use. As they are going into computers airpods cannot be used and the ear phones must have an audio jack. The school will have a supply for students who have not brought their own headphones.

Thank you to all our parents for your support with our uniform. We are still waiting for uniform to come in from Lowes and will endeavour to keep everyone updated as we receive information. A letter from Lowes has been emailed with this newsletter with an update on the delivery situation. The students look fantastic in their uniform and it demonstrates the pride that they already have in our school.



Meet The Year Advisers

We have our Year Advisers for this year and next year.

Year 7 2021 - Ms E.Kariatlis (will assist Mrs Woolley with Year 7 during 2020)

Year 7 2020 - Mrs M.Woolley (Starting 16th March)

Year 8 2020 - Mrs A.Hearfield



1 - Mrs Michelle Woolley TAS Teacher and Year 7 Year Adviser beginning the 16th March 2020



2 - Ms Ellana Kariatlis CAPA Teacher and Year 7 Year Adviser 2021 and Year 7 Assistant Adviser 2020



3 - Ms Allison Hearfield Learning and Support and EALD Teacher and Year 8 Year Adviser 2020

GRAND PRIX HOUSE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Birrung who had the most participants on the day. Participation points include; Birrung 26 points, Ngura 20 points, Waratah 20 points and Badu 20 points.

Congratulations to Ngura who got the most shots on target. Target points include ; Ngura 15points, Birrung 14 points, Badu 14 points and Waratah 7 points.

Well done to Birrung who take out the overall winners of this Challenge with 40points, closely followed by Ngura with 35 points, then Badu with 34 points and finally Waratah with 27 points. It is anyone's game at this stage.

A huge thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to support this event. There will be plenty more challenges to come, so keep participating.







BIRRUNG



NGURA



WARATAH





Teaching and Learning Update



You may have noticed in your child's work that they are recording Learning Intentions and Success Criteria for each of their lessons. The purpose of these statements is to give the students a clear idea of what they are learning, why they are learning it and how they will know when they have achieved success. The consistent use of Learning Intentions and Success criteria in all subjects is important

because it helps students to think about the purpose and relevance of their lessons, as well as where each lesson fits with the rest of their learning.

Looking through the statements in you child's work may help you to understand what their day's learning was about and can be a good way to generate discussion about how they are going in classes.

In our project based learning (MSP) lessons Year 8 students have been busy creating a pamphlet for parents to use at our meet the teacher afternoon. Year 7 students have been developing a pamphlet for our Year 6 into Year 7 2021 evening. The chosen pamphlets will be on display in our office and available at both of these events.

Wellbeing Update



TRAK Points

No doubt you have heard of our Merit System. Students can obtain points for consistently demonstrating our core values of Teamwork, Respect, Achievement & Kindness. These points contribute towards a student's own Merit Awards and their own House for the Grand Prix House Championship.

General Notices

Oran Park Public School

- Only students who are picking up siblings or catching a bus from OPPS should be in the grounds of OPPS
- If you are catching a bus from OPPS then you need to line up inside with the Primary School students and follow the directions of staff members
- On Tuesday afternoons only arrive at OPPS at 3pm students arriving earlier are disturbing classes. Our school has supervision available until 3pm with students able to read, play games or complete homework whilst waiting.

- We will be reminding students on assembly to be Respectful and demonstrate Kindness in their conduct at the Primary School.

Canteen

- The link bridge between the Primary School and High School is yet to be completed and has been delayed with the weather. Once this is completed we will be able to offer lunch orders through the primary school canteen.
- In absence of a canteen students are encouraged to bring all food from home. Can we please however not have students bringing energy drinks to school or large volumes of soft drink. We have a water bottle filling station in the playground and bubblers with cold water available. Those with large volumes of soft drink or energy drinks at school will have them removed and will be able to pick them up when school ends for the day from the office.

Uniform

- Accompanying this newsletter is an update from Lowes in regards to uniform supply. Once again thank you for your patience and support.

Important Dates





Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 19th February 3-5pm

- Meet in the quad for a BBQ afternoon tea
- Students will then take their families on a tour of our school

Swimming Carnival - Wednesday 26th February

- This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend. School is just at the pool for the day. There will be plenty of swimming and novelty activities for students get points for their house.

Zone Swimming Carnival - Friday 28th February

- Selected students

Year 6 into Year 7 2021 Information Night - 4th March

- For students and their families wishing to attend OPHS for Year 7 in 2021

School Photos - Friday 13th March

- More details and information to come.

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