Orara High Swimming Carnival 2013

The Swimming Carnival was held last Wednesday in near perfect conditions at the Coffs Harbour pool. It was well attended and those who did attend participated in the true spirit of the day. Congratulations to everyone who entered on the day and helped contribute to this event. Highlights of the day included the intense competition in some of the age groups and of course the relays.

There were many fine individual performances and congratulations must go out to the Age Champions.

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I would like to thank all students and staff for what was a very successful carnival.

If students came 1\textsuperscript{st} or 2\textsuperscript{nd} in an event and they are of Zone standard, please see me ASAP regarding entry for the Mid North Coast Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 26 February.

Other Sports

There are many representative opportunities coming up so keep an eye on the Sports Notice Board and listen at assembly for these opportunities. Already we have Volleyball and Basketball happening with Baseball this week and Touch, Hockey and Football happening in Week 5.

Yours in sport

Dave Saunders, Sports Organiser

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

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February

15  Yr 7 ID Photos
19  P & C Meeting
26  MNC Swimming Carnival
27  MNC U16 Touch Trials
Orara High Swimming Carnival 2013
From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back students and staff after what was hopefully a restful break. I hope that all students have set themselves goals for the new school year and I wish them success in achieving them through commitment and hard work.

I would also like to welcome our new teaching staff and wish them long and successful careers at Orara HS:

- Ms Tina Valassis replaces Mr Phil Kennedy as HT Science. Tina is from Narrandera High School.
- Mr Peter Fox replaces Mr Kevin Mackay as Classroom Teacher Science. Peter is from Nyngan High School.
- Mr Dany Alarab replaces Mr Richard Braithwaite as Classroom Teacher HSIE. Dany is from the Northern Beaches School.
- Ms Jesse Jeanes replaces Mrs Sharon Sweeney as Classroom Teacher TAS. Sharon is on Leave for 2013.
- Ms Rhiannon Hayden replaces Mrs Joanne Officer as Classroom Teacher Science. Joanne is on Leave for 2013.
- Leonie Watson is our new Secular Welfare Worker.
- Ms Jodie Leader is our new Home School Liaison Officer.

School Uniform
As mentioned in 2012, the new polo shirts are now available at Lowes in Park Beach Plaza. Parents are advised to purchase these unisex shirts in preparation for 2014.

Year 5/6 Information Evening
This will be held on Tuesday 5 March at 6pm in the school library. Mr James would like to speak about our EXCEL Class and students will speak with Year 5/6 students and parents about high school life.

Scripture
This will commence for students in Years 7 and 8 in Week 5. Students have been provided with further details.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to our new Sports Coordinator Mr Dave Saunders for his organisation of what was an excellent carnival. Congratulations also to all of the students who attended and in particular, our senior students and Sporting House Captains, whose participation and leadership contributed to a great day. Next year’s carnival will be held on Thursday 13 February 2014.

40th Anniversary Celebration
This was held at the Coffs Ex-Services Club last Friday Evening and was a wonderful relaxing evening. It was great to see so many former staff and P&C representatives there. Special thanks to Mrs Julie Cross for her organisation on what was a lovely way to celebrate the incredible history of our school.

Thank you also to:
- Mrs Kristie Hood and her dancers:
  - Josette Lewis, Brooke Ling, Jani-Lee McAnally, Jade McCarthy, Charmaine Shilling and Avalon Cooper.
- Our photographers Georgia Wall and Sibel Gunes.
- Our SRC helpers: Tylar Joseph, Amy Costelloe, Casey Miosge, Ruby Spagnolo and Summer White.

Welcome to Year 7 BBQ
Our P&C Welcome to Year 7 BBQ will be held on Tuesday 26 February at 5:30pm in the school BBQ area near the Ag. Plot. All parents and carers of Year 7 students are invited for a free BBQ and the opportunity to meet teachers and P&C representatives.

P & C Meeting
Our first meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 19 February at 7pm in the school library. All parents and carers are welcome.

Don’t forget that our Newsletter is also available at the school’s website (http://www.orara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Regards
Frank Stanton
Principal
Year 7 School Camp
On the 21 - 22 March there will be a Year 7 camp at Yarrahapinni. The focus of the camp is to encourage all students to work together and support each other, developing a sense of belonging and connectedness with Orara High School.

Notes will be going home soon — we would appreciate their prompt return along with deposits; as the camp is only 5 weeks away.

Tom Clark, Year 7 Advisor

Student Calculators
All students will require a calculator in order to fully access the Mathematics course. If you are intending on purchasing a new calculator the preferred model is the Casio fx-82AU PLUS.
For further information please speak to your classroom teacher.

Jodie Hartmann
Head Teacher Mathematics

Newsletter via Email
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