

Congratulations Yr 12 HSC Industrial Technology - Timber students!

On Monday 19 August, with the smell of citrus oil strong in the air, the NSW state markers arrived at Orara High School to mark this year's HSC major works for Industrial Technology - Timber. The major projects are the result of three and a half terms of planning and construction and reflect not only many hours of serious planning, problem solving and effort, but also represent 60% of the total HSC mark for the subject with a written exam worth 40% to come.

This year's projects included a framed and raised paneled curved top blanket box crafted from Australian hardwoods with a camphor interior made by McKinlay Pearce, a curved leg rose gum desk by James Mangar, a mix of side tables from Dale Brown, John Mangar and Jared Roberts, a traditional Australian Red Cedar tool chest made by Dean Cook and a lovely James Krenov inspired display case by Alex Beedie, also made from Australian Red Cedar.

We wish to thank the library staff for allowing us to use the fiction area of the library for display and marking and the home economics faculty for provision of backing fabrics for our projects.

We wish the class the very best with their HSC exams and results and commend them on some of the fine craftsmanship which was evident, a further reflection on the good work which Orara High School students are capable of.

I guess this year's advice for following years would have to be "start early!"

Industrial Arts Staff



McKinlay Pearce - blanket box

(see page 3 for more HSC Major Works)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY...

TERM 3

Sep	2-10	Yrs 7 - 10 Exams
	9	NAIDOC Assembly @ 10.30am
	11-19	Yr 11 Exams
	17	P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
	20	Year 12 Final Assembly

From the Principal

A Busy Time for Year 12

Now that formal exams and assessments are complete, our students will no doubt be settling into a study program in order to achieve the best results possible. I urge them to do this immediately if they haven't done so already.

The Year 12 Social which was held last Wednesday was a great success and I congratulate all students, particularly Year 12 on the manner in which they conducted themselves.

Their Graduation Ceremony will be held on Friday 20 September at Sportz Central. Parents and other guests are asked to be seated at 11am for an 11:15am start.

Formal HSC Exams commence on Monday 14 October and will be held at Coffs Harbour High School. Students are requested not to have mobile phones as they are not permitted in the examination room.

Rewarding Week

Along with the Year 12 Social, there were two events this week that made me feel very proud to be the Principal of our wonderful school.

Our 2014 School Captain nomination speeches were held on Tuesday and the quality of speeches was excellent. Eleven candidates spoke to a captive audience of teachers and students from Years 10 and 11. I was extremely impressed with all candidates and was left in no doubt that each of these young people love their school and would make excellent school leaders.

Elections are being held today and I wish all candidates well.

Congratulations to:

Sarah Hazel-Pickering, Bridget Luchetti, Josette Lewis, Emma Campbell, Ruby Spagnolo, Briana Weller, Tylar Joseph, Reagan Ward, Cody Berry, Marley Berry and Paul Cuatrona.

Our CAPA Evening was held on last Thursday and once again, this was a wonderful evening that showcased the incredible talents of our students and staff. Congratulations to all of the students involved, to the CAPA Staff and Mr Jeff James for their excellent work.

Events Coming Up

Our NAIDOC Assembly will be held next Monday 9 September at 10.30am.

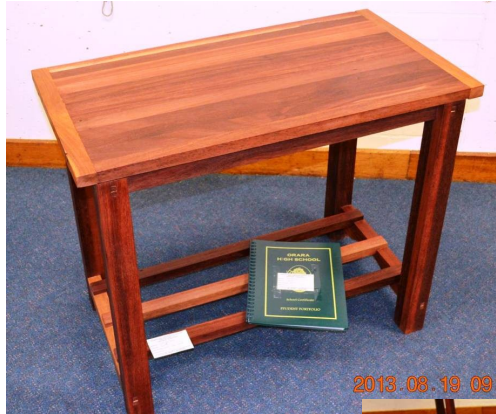
An invitation is extended to all members of the community and the assembly program is attached to this newsletter.

The CAMS Ignition excursion will also be held next Monday with rally drivers visiting the school (with their cars) and conducting safe driving workshops with students.

Thanks

Frank Stanton
Principal

INDUSTRIAL ARTS - TIMBER



Dale Brown - side table



Alex Beedie - Red cedar display cabinet

HSC
MAJOR
WORKS



James Mangar - desk



Jared Roberts - side table



John Mangar - side table



Dean Cook - tool chest

Bronson Lockwood star on the rise

Year 10 Student Bronson Lockwood is back from his amazing visit to Sydney where he participated in a workshop showcasing the best that indigenous dance theatre has to offer. Bronson spent a week with the brilliant directors and choreographers of NAISDA learning about the world of professional dance.



He acknowledged that the experience of dancing with the school troupe in countless local performances, and especially his participation with Thomas Ferguson in the Scott's Head Saltwater Freshwater celebrations and the Sasebo cultural exchange visit had helped get him this incredible opportunity.

"I never thought I would find myself here... this is what I want to do with the rest of my life".

The school should be proud of Bronson and our dancers - they are incredible ambassadors for Orara High School and the indigenous community!!!!

Merryn Crocker
CAPA Teacher

Year 9 PASS - Handball Competition



Year 9 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) students have recently been involved in a whole school approach to increase physical activity among their peers. As part of an assessment task to develop skills in the field of event management, Year 9 PASS students prepared, organised and ran a lunchtime handball competition for Years 7-10 students and teachers, each lunchtime of Week 7.

The students showed great initiative in running the handball competition and are to be congratulated on their efforts. A big congratulations to the following students who took out the grand final in their division:

Yr 7: Darcy Moran and Jesse Staines
Yr 8: Jack Few and Jesse Papworth
Yr 9: Donald Craigie and Lachlan Forbes
Yr 10: Dyllan Zappia and Alex Bunt

Kim Saunders
PDHPE Intern and Life Coach



Young Ambassadors - In search of the lost cable!

On Thursday 15 August, the Young Ambassadors were treated by special guest presenter Mr Nev Franklin who showed us the ‘ins and outs’ of current technology used for locating services such as cables and pipes. With his head full of amazing information and clever tricks and a van full of gadgets we set about the very tricky task of locating a number of services that are buried deep (and not so deep) beneath the oval and canteen pavement.

Not only did we learn about the extreme importance of being able to accurately locate and thereby protect essential services during planning and construction work but we also learnt how to operate some of the equipment.

We are very grateful to Mr Franklin for rescheduling his busy morning (we could tell by the number of mobile phone messages he was getting) to reveal the “tricks of the trade” and sharing with us his personal experiences.

Dave Wood
IT Teacher



Makor Malou gets a lesson on pipe location.



Nev Franklin explains the technology of service location

U15s Basketball

On Tuesday 27 August, the Girls and Boys U15s Basketball teams represented Orara in the CHS under 15s basketball knockout. Both teams played extremely well and both made the Grand final.

The girls’ team played two games total with a convincing win over Toormina in the first game and going down to a much more experienced team from Coffs Harbour High in the final. The girls played with a lot of heart though and kept the score to a very respectable 22-43.

The boys were unlucky to lose their final to a strong Bellingen side; they had been very dominant right throughout the day with convincing wins over Toormina and Dorrigo.

Congratulations to both teams, we have some real stars of the future here at Orara!

Rhiannon Hayden
Science Teacher



Orara High U15 Girls Basketball Team played strong.

To Creative Science Writers



We would like to inform you about an exciting new initiative from the University of Sydney.

They have participated in the development of a new website Strange Nature:

www.strangenature.org

There you will find resources to explain what the field of synthetic biology is about, and learn about the future impacts of this science.

They are holding a competition with an opportunity to win \$500. Students are asked to write a maximum of 1000 words on the question:

“What problems will be caused or solved by synthetic biology?”

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please visit the website for further details. Entries must be received by 20 September.

If you need more information, please see Miss Valassis to give you a better idea of what Strange Nature is about.

Tina Valassis
Head Teacher Science

Little Athletics

Sawtell Toormina/Coffs Coast Little Athletics Centre will be conducting the following registration days:

Thursday 5 Sep: 4pm - 5:30pm at Toormina Oval

Saturday 7 Sep: 9:00am - 2pm at Centro Toormina

Thursday 12 Sep: 4pm - 5:30pm at Toormina Oval

Ages 5 to 17 welcome. Proof of Age (birth certificate, baby book etc) required for all new athletes.

For further information please phone Greg Robson on 0407 882 460, or email gregrobson2@bigpond.com

Instagram

Find out about Instagram and why it's useful and fun to use. Importantly, this fact sheet will help you decide if the mobile application is appropriate for your child.

Find out more: <http://bit.ly/18NSYS3>

School Administrative & Support Staff Recognition Week 9 - 13 September

As modern schools step up to the challenges of educating students and the demands of an ever-changing world, SAS Staff play a vital role in the great work being done. Recognition week is a week to acknowledge the hard-working people in our school, in the positions of:

- ◇ Administrative Managers
- ◇ Administrative Officers
- ◇ School Learning Support Officers
- ◇ Aboriginal Education Officers
- ◇ General Assistants

They are vital to education!

7B History - The Mummification Process in action



In History this term, 7B have been learning about Ancient Egypt. We learnt about many things including Egyptian Religion, everyday life and mummification.

Miss Harrison asked us to bring in an apple and she bought in a whole chicken and chicken feet and some plastic zip lock bags and lots and lots of salt. The idea of mummification is that the body dehydrates and is kept preserved for eons. So we are trying to recreate the ancient Egyptian technique of embalming. We wondered if this whole idea would work or not.

We started 11 weeks ago with about 29 apples, a bag of chicken feet and a whole chicken. We placed them in separate bags and poured salt into them and sealed them up. We then wrote out our procedure and made some predictions about what would happen.

During the holidays Miss Harrison babysat them and had to change the salt. She told us that a few of the apples had rotted but that the chicken and the chicken feet “didn’t smell too bad”. We had a look at all the bags every so often and when we discovered that the salt was moist we knew we had to change the salt.

It is now Week 11 and the process still hasn’t been finished. We have only just changed the salt again and are eagerly anticipating the time when we can wrap our chicken up, place spices in the wrappings and decorate the sarcophagus for the chicken to rest in eternally. Miss Harrison thinks that it will take a longer time than the usual 90 days for a body in Ancient Egypt because it is a different climate to the dry heat of Egypt. We can’t wait to see the results!



Students prepare their chicken for mummification.

Students of 7B History

Student Medical Forms

Would all families who were sent forms to update their student medical conditions please return them to school promptly.

This is a Department of Education update and forms need to be submitted by the end of this term. This will ensure we have up-to-date information should your student require medical assistance.

MERIT AWARDS

SILVER AWARDS

Ijur Malou
Ashleigh Clark
Levi Atkins
Dylan Forbes
Buddy Hart
Paul Cuatrona
Adam Plim
Marley Berry
Yat Yar Say
Vichit Tha
Cody Berry
Sharnie Moran
Riley Channells
Briana Weller
Esther Stone
Bridget Luchetti
Josette Lewis
Nicola Long
Hayden Austin
Talia Manuel
Shanelle Simmons
Dayna Moss
Somchai Tha

BRONZE AWARDS

Sharnie Moran
Nicola Long
Narges Safizadeh
Nawroz Juma Khan
Jarryd Watkins
Emma Reulein
Malley Richardson
Dana Saunders
Matthew Mauger
Rhys Greentree
Jayden Wilson
Michael Kita
Amanda Hyson

CONGRATULATIONS



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*Make an appointment with our
Therapist—Wendy Summerill*