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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At Orange Christian School we value communication with parents. In accordance with our school attendance policy, we ask that a signed written note accompany your child, upon their return to school, where they have been absent from school for a day or more.

If your child is sick this can either be a written note from yourself or we encourage you to use the note pro forma found on the home page of our school website www.ocs.nsw.edu.au.

Please note that if no note is received, your child’s student record will be changed to an ‘unexplained absence’ and will appear on your student’s school report.

Orange Eisteddfod 2015

This year, OCS will be entering 3 Choral Groups in the City of Orange Eisteddfod.

Parents and friends are most welcome to attend to encourage our students.

Stage 1 Singers and Primary Singers will be travelling by hired bus to and from the venue from school, while the Secondary Singers will be transported in private cars by staff.

All of the performances are held at Orange Function Centre.

Thursday 27th August:
Primary Singers – Section 403, Orange Function Centre – 9.30am
Secondary Singers – Section 410, Orange Function Centre – 1.30pm
Friday 28th August:
Stage One Singers – Section 400, Orange Function Centre – 9.30am

OCS Looking forward to 2016…

Orange Christian School has been blessed to welcome many new students this term across all year levels. We praise God for his faithfulness and provision. As our school continues to flourish, please pray that our new students and families settle quickly into our vibrant community.

We are currently working through our 2016 Kindergarten class interviews and encourage you to let others know of our school for future enrolments in all sections; Junior, Middle and Senior.

Prep continues to thrive and the dynamic program brings many families to the school, sometimes for the first time. Please spread the word: our 4 year old school readiness program is recognised as being of a considerably high standard within the industry.

Check out our website www.ocs.nsw.edu.au for details on enrolling at OCS or please contact me on 6362 7258.

Yours in Christ,
Jenni da Silva
Enrolments Officer

CCSMF Grand Concert

What a wonderful three days of music, fellowship and fun we enjoyed at the Combined Christian Schools Music Festival.

All participating students from the nine schools involved gave of their very best in their rehearsal sessions, which culminated in outstanding performances at our Grand Concert on Saturday afternoon.

Both our guests and our OCS students have reported that they had a great time of both polishing their performances and getting to know students from other Christian Schools. Plans are already afoot for the next Combined Christian Schools Music Festival.
The bible reminds us that God is faithful and His Word is truth. What an encouragement to us all in a world where so many things seem fleeting and unstable. Each and every week in our OCS community, we see evidence of God’s hand at work and reminders of his love, grace and mercy.

We see evidence of our capacity to grow and develop as we trust Him and work towards the goals set before us. We see our children learning new skills and young people stepping up to attempt new challenges that perhaps had previously seemed unattainable. As staff and parents we too learn and grow as we commit ourselves wholeheartedly to the tasks God has placed in front of us, and amazing results become possible.

One such area that we are seeing growth and appreciating God’s faithfulness is in the recent growth in our enrolments. As you will be aware, our staff and many in our wider community pray for OCS daily; that we will remain committed to our vision seeing the outworking of this in our three core areas - discipleship, academics, and parent partnership. Growth in these areas is of the utmost importance for us as we seek to be faithful in the delivery of Christian education. This year we also have been specifically praying for growth in enrolments, with parents who wish to partner with us in this pursuit. We have been blessed to have grown in our student population to 365 students from Prep to Yr 12 and we praise God for each of these students and their families. We would also ask you to pray with us that our new students and families will feel welcome here at OCS and settle in well to our school. Thanks to many of you who have taken an additional step to ensure they have felt welcome in a myriad of practical ways too.

Growth is of course not measured by numbers alone. It is measured in substance, Christian character, academic improvement, increased participation in activities – just to name a few measures that we use. Our students are stepping up and stepping out; challenging themselves to try something new and commit to it wholeheartedly. They are rising to the challenge of being leaders of Godly character. They may not achieve their goals every day; there may in fact be some set backs and times of disappointment or challenge, but there is learning each day and growth through both the celebration and the challenge – and God is faithful and true throughout the whole of the journey. I pray that this may encourage you and your family this week.

Melissa Brown
Principal

2015 Taree Christian College Worship Band Visit to OCS

On Tuesday, 18th August, members of Taree Christian College’s Worship Band will be visiting OCS as part of their Worship Band Tour. On Wednesday morning the band will be leading a special Worship Assembly at 9:00am for our Secondary students. We have had Taree's Worship band visit in the past and we are excited about our connection with another Christian School who similarly place great importance on training students to lead worship.

Peter Cooper

Father's Day Breakfast

Join us for the annual OCS Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 4th September 2015.
Bacon & egg rolls and barista coffee served at Bembooka Cafe from 7.30am to 8.30am.
Dads, Uncles, Grandpas all welcome.
Friday 4th September
7.30am
Primary Students get to Work on Dr Dolittle

Since the end of last term, our K-6 students have been busy in their music classes learning the songs from their upcoming musical, Dr Dolittle Jr. They are making great progress and I am looking forward to hearing them when we put all the voices together.

Three weeks ago the lead roles were announced; following auditions which were held at the end of last term. Congratulations to our leads and well done to all who tried out. We have begun rehearsals with our leads and already they are putting in lot of effort and their songs are sounding great. I know that this is going to be a great show, drawing on our students’ ability to work well with their teachers and each other.

We have a great deal of talent amongst our students (and staff) and this talent will be drawn out over the next couple of months.

Very soon we will be holding regular rehearsals together. Our leads will continue to have some lunchtime rehearsals and of course the responsibility of learning all of their lines and songs.

Please continue to pray for all those involved in the production of Dr Dolittle; and we look forward to performing for you on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October, 2015 @ AOG Church.

Cast List

Leads:
Dr Dolittle - Geordie Errington;
Madeline - Suzie Daugherty;
Polynesia (the parrot) - Trishie Castvan;
Emma Fairfax - Sophie Coleman;
Albert Blossom - Noah Buckman;
Straight Arrow - Lesieli Kaufusi;
General Bellowes - Rikky Bangert

Supporting Roles:
Gertie Blossom - Calista Krkac;
Tommy - Elliot Bangert;
Vladimir - Matthew Pierce;
Berta - Madeline Smith;
Mavis - Faith Naveau

Chorus:
Animals: KC and KG
Villagers: Year 1 and 2
Warriors: Year 3 and 4
Circus Folk: Year 5 and 6

Peter Cooper
Creative Arts Coordinator

Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn has returned in 2015. It is running from 15th July until 8th September.

This year Woolworths are giving us stickers, to stick onto sheets, at the check-out. If you would like a sheet to stick the stickers onto, please collect one from the front office. Alternatively, you can hand in the stickers, at the front office, and we will stick them onto the sheets for you.

In 2013, we collected enough points to get a whole host of sports equipment for the School. If you have any questions, please contact Meriam Johnson at the front office.