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Junior School Newsletter



Junior Topics

“Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” Ephesians 4:29

Simple words really. Should really be simple to say and do, shouldn't it. However, we all know that even as adults, our words can very quickly go down a path that we really didn't intend, with the resulting impact so much bigger than we thought possible. Why then are we so surprised when our junior students find themselves in the same situation: with a smart comment, or big noting themselves or putting someone down. Words are simple and oh so quick to be spoken, with an even quicker repercussion.

The **tongue** can be like a **two-edged sword** when words are hurtful, degrading, dishonest, or slanderous. A **two-edged sword** cuts both ways and the swordsmen of bible times kept them very sharp. So even though the bible does not call the **tongue a two-edged sword**, it can certainly be just a cutting as one.

The Junior School is the area of the school where the foundations of our expectations begin. Our students need to be nurtured prayerfully and respectfully. I am reminded of the story of the Potter and the Clay, which is one of the most powerful analogies in the Bible regarding our transformation and sanctification in the Lord. The Bible says that God is the Potter and we are the clay. It is up to God to mould, transform, and sanctify us as we journey through this life.

As we all nurture our young students, let's go to prayer first. If something or someone is causing frustration, take it to God in prayer. Ask God to change hearts, to mould and make these young students, to be thoughtful, responsible and respectful in everything they do.

I pray that the culture of the Junior School is one of prayer where we are able to honestly and humbly pray for every child.

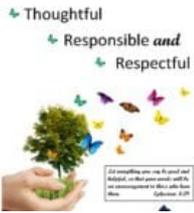
In the Junior School we are learning to be thoughtful, responsible and respectful.'

Isaiah 64:8 ⁸Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.



Cathy McPhee

Junior School Coordinator



DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER

Give thanks to God for:

- the rain and snow which has fallen in our area
- The gifts and talents of each student
- The musical experiences that blossomed during the music festival

Petition God for:

- Drought breaking rain for our country
- Humble hearts as our students share their gifts
- Ongoing connections between the students who were at OCS for the Music Festival

Bible Verse of the week:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

BIBLE DEVOTIONS for Term 3

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Job Intro	Job 1	Job 2	Job 38	Assembly
2	Job 40	Job 42	Psalms Intro	Psalms 8	Assembly
3	Psalms 23	Psalms 51	Psalms 84	Psalms 96	Assembly
4	Psalms 103	Psalms 118	Proverbs Intro	Proverbs 4	Assembly
5	Proverbs 10	Proverbs 31	Ecclesiastes Intro	Ecclesiastes 1	Assembly
6	Ecclesiastes 1	Ecclesiastes 3	Ecclesiastes 4	Ecclesiastes 12	Assembly
7	Song of Solomon Intro	Song of Solomon 2	Isaiah Intro	Isaiah 1	Assembly
8	Isaiah 2	Isaiah 4	Isaiah 6	Isaiah 9	Assembly
9	Isaiah 52	Isaiah 53	Jeremiah Intro	Jeremiah 1	Assembly

BYRON BAY MISSION TEAM

The members of the Mission team who went to Byron Bay during the last holidays shared their experience with us, at a recent assembly. Every student's face showed just how valuable this mission trip was for them. Being able to stand strong, talk to people they didn't know, invite them to not only a BBQ but to also know God as their own personal saviour was such an awe inspiring experience. Thank you for your contribution to our Bibles for Byron Bay fundraiser, as many Bibles were given out by the team. Please keep praying for the team as they settle back into normal life while drawing on this valuable experience which I'm sure they'll always remember.

Mission team



ACADEMIC LESSONS



At the end of last term the Junior School enjoyed learning about these cute little critters. They do as they are told, follow instructions well, make little noises and sometimes their eyes flash! That's the bee bots of course! These groups of children had a good introduction to bee bots and many children are using them regularly this term. We are learning to code and plan the steps for the bee bots to go from point A to point B...and beyond!

STEAM activity



Prep News

Last week, Prep had a visit from the fire brigade. Firefighter Lachlan and Firefighter Jeff talked about the prevention of fires and what to do if a fire broke out unexpectedly. Chloe and Samuel shared what they do if a fire breaks out at their house, "We have to run to the mail box". We discussed evacuation plans as being good arrangements to have in case of fires. We talked about the evacuation plan Prep has if ever a fire happened in our school.



PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Coding Camp



CodeSpace Education is coming back to Orange Christian School!

These Spring school holidays, CodeSpace Education will be running a CodeSpace Camp for children aged 8-14 called “Game Coding Madness”.

In this three day workshop, students will develop their very own video game to take home and download at the end!

Students will use entrepreneurial thinking, logical thinking and problem-solving skills while taking their app from concept to execution with the help of our CodeSpace teachers. They will learn about design considerations, target markets, UX design and more to design, and then code their game.

They will be able to understand the logic behind how their game works. Students will utilize drag-and-drop coding to develop and understand the logic of coding which allows us to focus on the coding and design without having to worry about syntactical errors. They will learn how to use functions, variables, if/else statements, when statements and more to create their very own game to take home at the end.

This workshop is suitable for beginners and students with some prior experience. For students who have used programs such as scratch before, this is harder and allows students to further advance their knowledge, but this prior experience is in no way required to attend this workshop.

This workshop is only \$310 for a 3-day workshop and includes all software, computer equipment and learning resources, all you need to provide is recess, lunch and a USB.

This workshop will run from the 8th – 10th of October 2018 from 9am – 3pm daily.

To view all of the full details and register, please visit our website here: <https://learncode.com.au/ocs/>

PLEASE NOTE: Limited Places are available – so get in quick.

Primary Assembly Roster

Week	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Term 3 9 weeks	Primary S2C	CEN Music Festival	Primary S3G	Junior S2G	Primary S3S	Junior S2S	Music OCS on Show	K-2 with Prep Assembly Kindergarten
Term 4 9 weeks	Primary Year 3 From Stage 2	Junior Stage1 from all classes	Primary Year 4 from Stage 2	Junior Kindergarten	Primary Year 5 from Stage 3	Music	Primary S3G Year 6 Farewell Assembly	

Assembly Highlights presented by S2G

Poetry & Stories were read with expression



The story of Noah's Ark was dramatically portrayed



Certificates were awarded to these students



The Assembly Trophy was awarded to S1B



Zone Athletics Carnival

On Monday, 6 August, eighty-six students from Years 3 to 12 travelled to Dubbo to attend the Zone Athletics Carnival. Despite the cold and wet conditions, our students performed very well with two students breaking records on the day. OCS came first overall by 10 points – well done to all our competitors.

Of those who competed, fourteen Primary students were eligible to compete at the CSSA State Primary Athletics Carnival which was held at the Blacktown International Sports Park, Rooty Hill on Friday, 17 August. Thirty-seven Secondary students will have the opportunity to compete at the CSSA State Secondary Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Friday, 24 August.

OCS Zone Record Breakers

STUDENT	EVENT	OLD RECORD	NEW RECORD
Mackenzie Wright	Girls 12-13 years 100m	14.35	13.86
	Girls 12-13 years 200m	30.20	29.74
Jordan White	Boys 13 years 200m	25.95	25.69

OCS Zone Age Champions

Felix Harris	Primary Boys – 10 years
Lily Bangert	Primary Girls – 11 years
Jordan White	Secondary Boys – 13 years
Rikky Bangert	Secondary Boys – 14 years
Madeline Smith	Secondary Girls – 15 years
Harry Grant	Secondary Boys – 15 years
Dylan McHatton	Secondary Boys – 16 years
Riley White	Secondary Boys – 18+ years

Thank you to all our parents who transported and supported our students throughout the day.



Coming Up @ OCS in Term 3

Week 4:

- Association Meeting – Thursday 23 August

Week 5:

- Touch Football Gala Day – Stage 2 – Tuesday 28 August
- Orange Eisteddfod – Primary Singers – Thursday 30 August
- Orange Eisteddfod – Stage One Singers – Friday 31 August
- Father’s Day Breakfast – Friday 31 August

Week 7:

- Cricket Gala Day – Stage 2 – Tuesday 11 September
- Musical Madness for the local Preschools @ OCS – Thursday 13 September

Week 8:

- OCS on Show Week
- Adventure Fun Day – 9:30am-11:30am – Tuesday 18 September
- Music Assembly – 9:30am – Friday 21 September
- Book Parade – 10:15am – 11:00am – Friday 21 September
- Junior Open Classrooms – 11:15am – 12:00pm – Friday 21 September

Week 9:

- Year 12 Farewell Assembly – Wednesday 26 September
- Stage 2 Camp to Wellington Caves & Wellington Christian School – Thursday 27 & Friday 28 September
- Prep to Year 2 Assembly – 9:30am – 10:00am – Friday 28 September

Last Day of term 3 – Friday 28 September

School Holidays – Saturday 29 September to Sunday 14 October

- **CODING Camp** – Monday 8, Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10 October

Term 4 – Monday 15 October to Tuesday 11 December 2018

Afternoon Sport Activities with Sport Coach Joel

Coaching Sessions run from 3:20pm -4:30pm and are available to all students from Years 3-12

Tuesdays: Weeks 2-5 Athletics Development

Tuesdays: Weeks 6-9 Touch Football Training

Wednesdays: Netball Training

Thursdays: Soccer Training

Fridays: Basketball Training





Enrolments

Here at OCS we know how hard the application process can be, so we have provided a [parent guide and enrolment information](#).

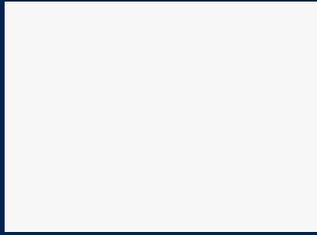
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