

## Middle School Newsletter



### Term 3 Week 4

### From the Coordinator



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Middle School Coordinator

#### Word for the Week

What an amazing week to celebrate the achievements of our students!

From the new students such as Blake in Beginner Band and Elli in choir who jumped straight in to be involved. To those more advanced who played brilliantly in their respective ensembles.

The celebration of creativity and God's gifts that is the CEN Music Festival was wonderful to see and hear. There were so many students actively involved from welcoming, providing food and of course playing.

Well done everyone.

### Discipleship

#### Bible Devotions Term 3

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

#### Leadership

Michael Bragg and Duncan Hinchcliffe (Year 7) are members of Scouts in Orange.

Both boys have recently been promoted.

Duncan is now Patrol Leader and Michael is Assistant Patrol Leader of the Eagle Patrol with 3<sup>rd</sup> Orange Scouts.

Congratulations boys on this achievement. It is significant that others have recognised leadership ability and potential in you.

Well done!



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## 40 Hour Famine Update

We have nearly surpassed last year's effort. If you haven't donated yet, it isn't too late.



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## Drought Relief Appeal



# Academics

## Technology and Us @ OCS

We have been talking a lot about technology recently in our school.

OCS has used a Learning Management System or LMS for some time now, a Moodle platform that we called MyOCS. This was mainly used in Stage 6 and for VET courses.

Over the last few months the staff have been experimenting and discussing the use of the LMS. As a school we have decided to move to CANVAS. This is a new LMS that allows greater integration of online platforms such as Microsoft 365.

Essentially an LMS is a place for teachers to provide access to work and learning activities for students. Students can participate in discussions, add ideas, submit work and assignments and receive feedback from their teacher.

Look out for CANVAS in a classroom near you!



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## ICT in Middle School

It's 2018 and Middle School greenscreening prowess is taking it up a notch! Auslan classes in particular are enjoying this ICT opportunity, in the creation of music videos, storytelling and instructional videos. New apps, such as Touchcast and Greenscreen, have made this even more accessible. We look forward to investigating this further as we engage with more online learning platforms across the KLAs. Stay tuned, there will be an amazing new Auslan compilation ready to view at OCS on Show in Week 8!

Below are two Auslan videos produced in 2017 using greenscreening. Click on the links to view and enjoy!

# OCS School Stream App



Have you got the OCS School Stream app?

This space in the online version of the newsletter contains videos showing some of the fantastic work of our Middle School students having fun and learning in their Auslan class by setting Auslan to music and using technology to green screen their work.

Check it out at [ocs.nsw.edu.au](http://ocs.nsw.edu.au) or on the school steam app.

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## 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.

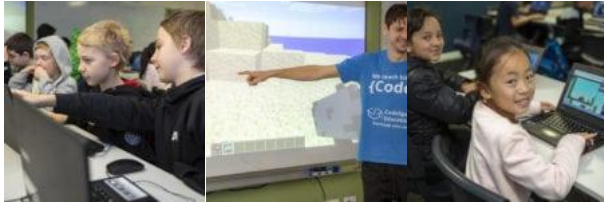
This workshop is suitable for beginners and students with some prior experience. For students who have used programs such as scratch before, this is harder and allows students to further advance their knowledge, but this prior experience is in no way required to attend this workshop.

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.



## Stage 4 Assessment Schedule, Term 3

Week	Subject	Task
1		
2		
3		
4		
5	Music Technology	Concert Band Instrument Performance Mars Rover Project Report
6		
7	PDHPE Maths	Health and Movement In class Algebra
8	English Science	A Midsummer Night's Performance Investigation Task
9	Auslan Visual Arts	Practical: Signed Scenario Art Making

## CEN Music Festival

Last week OCS welcomed over 200 guest students and twenty staff from CEN schools around NSW, for the biennial Christian Education National Music Festival. There was a wonderful mood around the school of new friendships, to the sound of bands, ensembles and choirs rehearsing and performing.

The festival saw three days of expert tuition and musical collaboration, culminating in Saturday's combined concert at Turner's Vineyard.

Lots of preparation and organisation went into the three days, of course, including serving over 1,600 meals at Bembooka. Much of the work was done by volunteers, to whom we are very grateful. Particular thanks are due to Mr Peter Cooper, Mr Bill Moxey, Mr Glen Gray and Mrs Sonya Wratten.

Congratulations OCS on a great festival.



# Parents in Partnership

## Middle School Camps



## Year 6 Shirts

Year 6 shirts have been ordered!

The students have designed a shirt for themselves to commemorate the Class of 2018.

We look forward to seeing the finished product being proudly displayed on sport day when they arrive!

## OCS School Stream App – Log in Now!

Many parents have been singing the praises of School Apps for quite a while. After lots of discussions, parent focus groups, App trials by staff and parents and training sessions with App providers, we are pleased to announce that the OCS School Stream App is up and running!

Please follow the instructions below to log onto the App. In order for this to be an effective tool for communication we obviously need as many members of the OCS community as possible to have the App on their device(s). Currently we have over 50% of school families on board and we are looking forward to seeing this figure sky rocket over this next week. At present we will be using the App to communicate regarding: Forms, Notes, Newsletters and Reminders.

Please contact the Front Office should you have any questions about our exciting journey into digital communication, and many thanks to all of the parents who have helped us to move in this direction.



# Sport

## Zone Athletics Carnival 2018

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.



## CSSA Primary State Athletics

Congratulations to the following students for their results at the Primary State Athletics on Friday 17th Aug:

Felix Harris, Year 4, came 1st in 8-10 years 800m.

Lydelle Toms, Year 6, came 3rd in 12 years Shotput.

Well done!

## CSSA Secondary State Athletics



## 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

## Coming Up @ OCS

Week 4:

\* Wed 22.8.18 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition (Stage 3)

\* Thu 23.8.18 Secondary CSSA State Athletics

\* Thu 23.8.18 Association Meeting

Week 5:

\* Wed 29.8 – Fri 31.8.18 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

\* Fri 31.8.18 Father's Day Breakfast

Week 6:

\* Thu 6.9.18 – Fri 7.9.18 Stage 4 Western Camp

## Enrolments

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

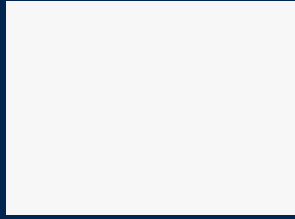
## CEN Schools

OCS belongs to the network of [CEN schools](#).

## School Policies

In case you run into any questions, check out our [policies page](#).


## Locate Us



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## Recent Posts

 [Parent Forum...This Thursday @ 7:00pm](#)  
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 [Making A Joyful Noise!...CEN Music Festival](#)  
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 [Primary State Athletics](#)  
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6 days ago

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