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Senior School Newsletter



Senior Section

Term 3, Week 4

Our Stage 6 students are currently preparing for the Trial examinations in Week 5.

This is a time when teachers see the best in their students. The pressure and stress often produce quality learning, while cohesion, support and friendships grow. Every HSC class is unique, but they almost always demonstrate the same growth and progress during this busy time.

Parents, please support your children with a clear message concerning perseverance. Our Homerooms Guide carries this message:

Perseverance is essential in learning, particularly when school is challenging.

Learning can be difficult. Sometimes it will take considerable effort and tenacity to tackle difficult problems. The success, or otherwise, of our attempts to stretch ourselves and learn something new will depend on our willingness to persevere when learning is hard.

Often students understand perseverance to involve trying the same approach over and over again, but genuine perseverance involves being prepared to try a number of different strategies, particularly as specific strategies fail.

Students who have intellectual humility are less likely to be surprised when they experience difficulty. Intellectual humility, combined with a growth mindset, will energise repeated efforts to learn, even when initial attempts fail. Such failures are understood as part of the learning process, rather than a reflection of some learning deficit.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers, should you need guidance on how best to support your child as the HSC approaches.

Have a great week.

Len Elliott

Senior Section Co-ordinator

The 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.



A Visit from TAFE: the Migrant Experience

English students from Orange TAFE visited our Year 11 English (Standard) class last week, to practise their English skills and relate their experiences as migrants.



The visit tied in with the current unit, Module B, Close Study of a Text, which focuses on the poetry of Peter Skrzynecki: *Immigrant Chronicle*.

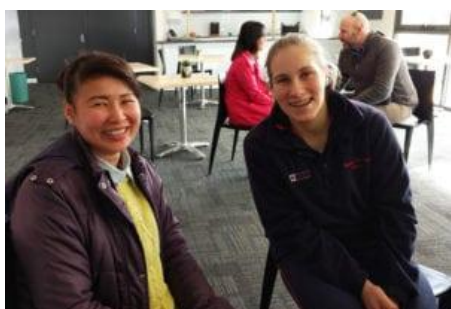
Some reflections from students:

Yesterday I learnt that if you live in Cambodia and you talk about the government, you get sent to prison. – Mathew Thompson

I was talking to Julio about his home, Brazil. He said that Australia was a much safer place than Brazil. He told me that the police were corrupt at home and that they get you in trouble for nothing and they take bribes. Julio also said that he loves to play soccer, but that Brazil disappointed him in the World Cup. – Addison Toms

Yesterday when TAFE visited I found it very interesting. The stories that I heard I could never fathom happening to me. They handled the language and the move to Australia well. They're strong for being able to leave their families in another country. – Amber Crawford

Photo of Josh Coleman and one of the TAFE students (above) courtesy of WIN News. Below: Emily Nobbs and one of our guests.



Bre Webb in the Studio

Breanna Webb (Year 10) was in the Dotted 8 studio on Saturday with her father, Dan, and producer Craig Honeysett (left), recording a demo for her ELEVATE mentor project. Bre has been working with Craig on her own composition, and we can't wait to hear the results.

The ELEVATE mentor program involves students identifying an area of interest at school – Mathematics, Art, Music, Science – and designing a project with real-world applications. A professional in the chosen field is then approached to work with each student.

Bre's project is to write, produce and publish a piece of music. Her song is called, 'Cold Feet', and fits within the alternative indie genre.

Craig has had lots of success working with established artists; he has a reputation for approachability, professionalism and outstanding results.

Other students are working on other projects – we hope to bring you more info soon.

Josh and Caleb: Flying Soon



We're excited to announce that Josh Coleman (Year 11, top) and Caleb Cairns (Year 10, below) have been awarded scholarships by the Royal Australian Air Force, to undertake Cadet Pilot Training.

Josh has been awarded a scholarship to be trained in powered flight, while Caleb's scholarship is for glided training.

Flying training is conducted during school holidays and weekends. Josh and Caleb will progress through the syllabus to First Solo, then General Flying Proficiency Test (GFPT) and onto the Private Pilots License (PPL).

Once they have graduated from their training, Josh and Caleb will qualify to wear AAFC cadet wings and will be capable of flying family and friends in their local training area as Pilots in Command.

Both Josh and Caleb

- have completed at least one year's basic training at a Squadron,
- have been recommended by their Squadron Commanding Officer,
- have met standard flying medical requirements, and
- have undertaken a selection interview for suitability, in addition to other conditions.

We wish them both well on this exciting development in their careers.

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 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.

Mrs Childs

A few photos from Zone 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



Drought Relief



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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