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Whole School Newsletter



Term 3 Week 1

Parent Teacher Meetings...Book in now! Ring Kim.
Principal's Press

A new term...dreams, goals and challenges

Melissa Brown



You might remember that we started the year with a challenge; what kind of a school do we need to have in order to raise the next generation of 'Daniels'? The Bible tells us that Daniel was a man of integrity, he was well educated, and a man of honour. He was still a man in a foreign culture, under less than favourable historical circumstances, but despite this, he remained true to what he believed, never compromising his faith. He was a man who studied hard, worked hard and worshipped God wholeheartedly, even when facing death for doing so.

It's a bold aim to have and a bold role model to follow don't you think? Yet it is what we believe is needed in our culture today. Together with you as parents, we want to raise a generation of young people who know they are made in God's image and loved by Him. We want them to know that He has blessed each of them with gifts, talents and abilities, which with practice and perseverance, can be used to shape the community in which they live. We want them to know that God has a plan and a purpose for each and every life and that we find our sense of purpose and fulfilment when we are part of this plan. So we want them to

seek God's plan for their life, work hard in their studies and be an active part of the community; building friendships and facing challenges together on this journey.

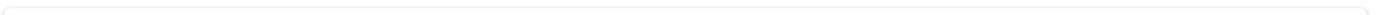
None of this is easy though is it? There are challenges that come along the way, obstacles that no one could foresee. If we are honest, I think that for all of us, sometimes it just seems too hard and the temptation to give up, is very strong.

So what can we do to build a strong sense of resilience and a desire to try again? What makes someone press in when the odds seem stacked against success? Knowing that God is with us and He never leaves us is the first step. The next step in OCS is helping your child to see that failure in a different light and this is where we are building a school culture of Growth Mindset. To see that even what may be perceived as failure, is just another step on the learning journey. We want our children to try things that are a challenge. This is how they grow. But we want them to do it in a place where they feel they are supported and encouraged.

As you embark into this second semester of 2018, I would encourage you to have these conversations with your child. Actively encourage them to set a goal for the term and work with them as they work towards it and face each challenge. If they are feeling brave, encourage them to share it with their teachers so that we can be part of their personal learning adventure. I would love to hear your stories too. Our collective story is strengthened as we each share our personal chapter. No story too big or too small to count. That is the blessing of a great community.

Blessings to you and your family

Melissa



PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

OCS School Stream App – Log in Now!

Peter Cooper



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 25% of school families on board and we are looking forward to seeing this figure sky rocket over this next week.

There will be a special Log On Get-together for Class Parents and all those who wish to come along @ 9:00am, this Friday @ Bembooka. We will have staff available should you need any assistance. At present we will be using the App to communicate regarding: Forms, Notes, Newsletters and Reminders.

This newsletter is available through the App now, and the Section newsletters will be available from week 4.

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.



Our School...My Story The Sound of Music

Geoff Metcalfe



Mr Moxey called me in early May with an offer I couldn't refuse. To be a member of the Sound of Music Orchestra. Despite not having played for over 10 years, I figured "why not now?".

It was a wonderful experience and I am still blown away at the quality of the performances from both the orchestra and the children on stage. Performing a secondary musical every year and a primary musical every two years is a massive undertaking that I'm sure isn't replicated anywhere else in the region.

It is a real strength of the school to have so many staff dedicated to providing countless opportunities for every student to get involved in extra curricular activities. Sport, music, art, chess, robots... it's a big list. I'm thankful that my whole family (kids and adults) are encouraged and welcomed to get involved.

From The Registrar New To OCS

Jenni da Silva



New to OCS....!

Attendance notification on our brand new school App. To make your life easy, OCS has introduced a new way to notify us when you child is absent. With the introduction of the School Stream App you can click on the FORM icon, complete the absentee form and then send directly to the school from your device. This will take away the need to send in a paper note upon the day of your child's return.

I encourage you to download the App and see how simple it is to complete and send the notification through. A confirmation email will then be sent. In addition, we will be stepping up our communicating via the App with you by uploading all NOTES & sending REMINDER messages.

Enrolment news!

We have welcomed many new students to our school this year and we are excited to have a high percentage of our 2019 Kindergarten students as first time families to our school.

Prep continues to thrive for 2018 and many applications are coming across my desk from parents to secure their child's placement for next year. I'm always happy to make time for a chat and tour with prospective parents. Looking forward to the remainder of this year.... and watching our school grow!

God is indeed good.

Uniform news!

Thankyou to all those who have labelled their child's clothing. It makes a huge difference in enabling our front office staff to get lost property back to students. Don't forget that the anorak is available as an over-jacket for students from Year 7 to Year 12 as an extra layer of warmth.

For details on our OCS Uniform please see the OCS website for our 'Uniform Guide'. This has everything from what uniform to wear to policy on hair, piercings and makeup. A reminder that shoes on non sport days must be black leather lace up style shoes.

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Where Are They Now?

Thomas Pearson – 2011 OCS School Captain

Peter Cooper



I recently caught up with Thom when he came back home to Orange for his first Solo Exhibition. He spent some time back at OCS sharing about the design process with our D & T Class and his faith journey with our Senior Leaders. After graduating from OCS in 2011, Thom completed a Bachelor of Visual Arts from the Australian National University, graduating in 2015 and he currently works as an associate glassblower at Jam Factory in Adelaide, South Australia.

His current body of work incorporates glass blowing, painting, and drawing processes with a focus on sculptural blown glass. Thomas also seeks to encourage new glass artists by teaching beginner classes through the new Poatina Arts Centre in Tasmania.

Thom's Exhibition, 'Orange Air' was an amazing display of his skill as a glass blower, delighting the huge crowd who attended opening night.

Don't miss the exhibition at Orange Regional Art Gallery until 19th August.



From The Deputy Welcome Back Reminders

Glen Gray



Welcome back! A couple of important reminders as we begin term 3.

When coming to school or departing in the afternoons, all students are reminded that they are to use the marked crossings through the car parks, rather than cross the bus bay. Please remind your children of the importance of observing all safety precautions when moving around the front of the school.

As we begin the new term we need to ensure that each families personal details are up to date and accurate. Please let Kim in the front office know if there have been any changes to your details.

Join Us In Prayer

Thanks God For...

- a wonderfully refreshing break for students, parents and staff
- a most productive Professional Development Week for all OCS staff
- the new families joining us this term at OCS
- the technology available to enable us to have an App for communication

Please Pray For...

- an exciting term of Godly challenges
- continued growth in enrolments
- an exciting and encouraging CEN Music Festival
- all OCS parents to engage with our new App

DISCIPLESHIP

God @ Work

Jordan Berry

Ephesians 3:20 'God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!' (The Message)



I personally love the idea of God planning my destiny. He is the king and creator of the universe; surely His wildest dreams for me far exceed my own, and trusting in Him as I jump into them, means living an exciting and 'free' life! But even if I stray from His divine path, I know He can never be surprised and He will be with me all the way.

God @ Work

Jann Osborn

Psalm 127:3a 'Behold, children are a heritage and gift from the Lord...' (Amplified)



When I was asked to reflect on one of my favourite Bible verses, I immediately thought of Psalm 127:3a. It is a verse that I have taken as a personal motto. Each child is a gift from God, not only to their parents, but beyond.

Before working in School, I was a Mothercraft Nurse. New babies are reminders of God's miracles.

Being part of a large family has helped me to appreciate the diversity of individuals and to celebrate connections.

Each child has value. Why? They are God's "handiwork". He has placed them at this point in history for a purpose. They are loved by Him.

I take delight in my role as School Chaplain, working across the age groups and seeing each student as a gift.

Byron Bay Mission Trip...2018

'God gave me a piece of His heart...'

Mel McGowen and

Glen Gray

"God gave me a piece of His heart;" "The best week of my life...absolutely amazing!"; "I re-found my life in Him;" "Discovered God's unending reckless love."

These are some of the responses from team members. Several parents commented that their children have come back a different person, on fire for God and so keen to do more mission work.



During team interviews early in the year most students expressed a desire to step out their comfort zone, having lived in the shadow of their parents' faith. ..and step out they did! Team members were so enthusiastic to connect with people, share their faith journey, pray with people on the streets, in the park, on the beach and in the nursing home. Sharing food in love, and dramatic presentations of some of Jesus' parables grabbed people's attention and provided many opportunities to share the Gospel.

We praise God for answered prayer.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our Sporting Life..Inter-School Chess Smart move chess masters

John Green



During term two, a large group of chess enthusiasts met regularly during Tuesday lunch times to hone their skills in preparation for the Inter-School Chess Competition. This competition is held annually in the Orange region and runs over two big days with each team playing at least six competition matches and several friendly matches over the days. Each team has four members and Orange Christian School had seven teams competing.

It is exciting to see the talent coming through. They will be a force to be reckoned with in the years to come. Every one enjoyed and grew over the two days through the experiences of winning and losing and becoming better chess players.



From The Curriculum Coordinator

Learning Hub Semester Two

Sharyn Stockton

This term we welcome Mr Michael Cunial to the role of Afterschool Learning Hub Leader. Michael will be available to support our students in their learning Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Gillian Wong will continue in her role on Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Childs will be supervising on Thursday afternoons and running General Maths study sessions for our HSC students.



In Maker Space we will have a Design Challenge in Week 2. Students will be asked to provide a solution to one of the main issues in our world e.g. drought or even a walking cane that helps people to get back up when they fall over. Mrs Liz Rumbold will be also running an electronics session for our students late in this term too – so stay tuned.

STEAM Day 'A fantastic term 2 finish'

Peter Cooper

What a fantastic way to finish the term ...with a challenging STEAM Day for everyone in Junior and Middle School.

As the photos show our students rose to the challenges, solving given problems by being creative and working in groups with students from various grade levels.

STEAM...helping students develop the skills they will need in their future working lives.



Sydney Dance Co. Workshops 'There'll be dancing in the streets...'

Peter Cooper

Remember to book in @ the Front Office by the end of Tuesday for our Dance Workshops run by Sydney Dance Company this Thursday.

Secondary Workshop @ 12:30pm-2:00pm in Hall

Years 3 – 6 Workshop @ 2:00pm – 3:00pm in Hall

All participants should wear their sports uniform for the day.

There is no charge for these workshops!

Stage One Olden Days

Playing games like great granddad did

Linda Filmer



Last term Stage 1 learnt about 'Past and Present Family Life' for History. The unit ended with a wonderful day of dressing up in olden day clothes and playing many games that children might have played in the past. The games included quoits, jacks, string games, skipping, pick up sticks, hoop rolling and twirling, hopscotch, elastics and marbles. We are very thankful to many of our lovely parents and grandparents who helped on the day. We thank God too for giving us a beautiful sunny day and helping us learn more about life in the past.



OCS
ORANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Meetings

7th August 2018
3.30pm to 8pm

8th August 2018
3.30 pm to 6pm

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Beek new with Kim at the Parent Office

40 HOUR FAMINE



**PACK YOUR BAG.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
DO THE FAMINE.**

**Term 3 Week 2 August 8-10
Backpack Challenge**

Christian Education National MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

hosted by Orange Christian School

Thursday 16th, Friday 17th & Saturday 18th August 2018

Grand Concert
Turners Vineyard - Lucknow Valley Room
4228 Mitchell Highway, Lucknow
Saturday 18th August 2:00pm

Practical PiP 9am - 12pm
Saturday 11th August 2018

CEN Music Festival is coming!

Come along and help with...



*The preparations for this wonderful event...
We will also be undertaking some preparatory work on site for our new 2018 Primary Hub which...
Please bring drinks, snacks, what you can, and other gardening tools.
Coffee will be available in Bembooka from 8:00am.
Bring the whole family... Lunches & welcome!*

Orange Christian School

Christian Education National
Music Festival 2018
presents...
Dr Anita Collins

"Fireworks in the Musical Brain"
Thursday, 16th August, 2018 @ 7:00-7:50pm
Orange Christian School Learning Hub

All parents, teachers, educators and students are invited to hear our guest CEN Music Festival Director, Dr Anita Collins.

Dr Anita Collins is a Neurodevelopmental Educator



Dr Anita Collins is a neurodevelopmental educator and author of the book 'Unlearning and Relearning: How to help your child with autism, ADHD, anxiety and depression to thrive in a world that is not designed for them'. She has worked with children and young people with autism, ADHD, anxiety and depression for over 15 years. She has also worked with children and young people with learning difficulties and mental health issues. She has written several books on these topics and is a frequent speaker at conferences and workshops. She is also a member of the Australian Psychological Society and the Australian Society for Music Therapy.

Phone: 0800 60 0000 or 08 4000 7788 or info@ocs.edu.au by 14.08.18

Coming Up @ OCS

Week 1:

- *Mon 30.7.18 Term 3 Commences
- *Tues 31.7.18 ICAS English, 9:00am
- *Thurs 2.8.18 Sydney Dance Co. Workshops
- *Fri 3.8.18 Parents Connect/Class Parents @ Bembooka/School Stream App Sign Up Morning @ 9:00am

Week 2:

- *Mon 6.8.18 Zone Athletics Carnival Dubbo
- *Tues 7.8.18 & Wed 8.8.18 Parent Teacher Interviews
- *Wed 8.8.18 – Fri, 10.8.18 4o Hour Famine
- *Sat 11.8.18 PiP Morning 9:00am – 12:00 noon

Coming Up:

- *Thurs 16.8.18 -Sat 18.8.18 CEN Music Festival
- *Thurs 16.8.18 Dr Anita Collins' Address, 'Fireworks in the Musical Brain' Learning Hub @ 7:00pm
- *Fri 17.8.18 CSSA Primary Athletics Carnival
- *Sat 18.8.18 CEN Music Festival Grand Concert @ Turners Vineyard Lucknow Valley Room @ 2:00pm

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



PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COACHING IN WEEK 1 – COACHING WILL COMMENCE WEEK 2

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.

CEN Schools

OCS belongs to the network of CEN schools.

School Policies

In case you run into any questions, check out our policies page.

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...and the Orange Junior

Sportsperson of the Year is...Emily Nobbs!

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