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Junior School Newsletter



Term 3 Week 8

Junior Topics

‘At OCS we are learning to be thoughtful, responsible and respectful.’

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

This is such a wonderful biblical truth, but how can we experience that in the junior school?

The first thing that jumps to mind, is that this verse is truly about resilience; meaning ‘have a go’ or ‘try again’, not in our own strength and ability, but in Christ’s’.

In the Junior School we need to start at the very beginning by teaching our children who Christ is, and that knowing Christ is expressed in everything we do, at home or at school.

As we learn who Christ is, we begin to exhibit the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ which is mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

The challenge for us all, is to ensure that the culture of the Junior School is one of prayer, where we are able to honestly and humbly pray for every child, as they learn more about the fruit of the Spirit and what that means to them; just like physical fruit needs time to grow, so to do our younger students. We need to allow time for our students to learn, as they discover the wonderful and not-so-wonderful things in this world and/or in the playground. At the same time our students also need to learn to be accountable for their actions as well, which is when the OCS Code of Conduct and School Rules are used to guide us in the right direction.

As our junior students learn more about God, the first fruit of the Spirit which becomes quite evident, is LOVE. True, biblical love is a choice; it deliberately expresses itself in loving ways and always seeks the welfare of others. As our students learn how to express this love, let’s cover them in prayer so that they are able to show love to one another, so that each day is one of real learning for them in class and with friend as well.

The holidays will be here before we know it! We pray that you have a great holiday together, sharing and enjoying God’s love together.

Remember too that the CODING CAMP is on in the second week of the holidays; register online if you’re wanting to be involved.



Cathy McPhee

Junior School Coordinator



DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYER

Give thanks to God for:

- All the exciting activities to look forward to this week.
- A productive term 3.
- That God is always with us, in good times and in bad. He is our refuge and strength.

Petition God for:

- His help in all the activities this week for OCS on Show.
- Our Year 12's last week of school.
- A safe and refreshing holiday ahead.

Bible Verse of the week:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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

Resilience in Sport

CIS Primary Athletics Carnival

On Thursday, 13th September, OCS was represented by three students at the Combined Independent Schools Primary Athletics Carnival held at Sydney Olympic Park. All three students did very well.

Mackenzie Wright came third in the 12 years 100 metres dash. Her third place means that she has qualified to represent OCS and the CIS at the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) Athletics Championships to be held on Wednesday, 31st October and Thursday, 1st November. Congratulations Mackenzie!

Felix Harris ran well in the 8 to 10 years 800 metres race, coming fifth overall. Lydelle Toms competed strongly in the 12 years shot put and came thirteenth.

Well done to each of these students and thank you to their parents who supported them throughout the day.



Andrew Scipione Visits OCS

Andrew Scipione (NSW Police Commissioner, 2007-2017) visited OCS on Friday last week. He spoke with our Student Leadership Team and the Middle School BILL program students, offering advice and reflections on being a godly man in a position of leadership.

Mr Scipione has an extensive background in leadership. He has worked in a number of sections of the New South Wales Police Force, including a secondment to the National Crime Authority in 1985, with Bankstown detectives, the Special Gaming Squad, Hurstville, and Sydney City general duties. In 1992, he became the Operations Controller of the Joint Technical Services Group (JTSG), in 1995 the Commander of the Special Technical Investigation Branch (STIB), in 1998 the Chief of Staff to then Police Commissioner Peter Ryan, and in 2001 the Commander of Special Crime and Internal Affairs. Mr Scipione was promoted to Deputy Commissioner in 2002, having served as both the Deputy Commissioner Field Operations and Specialist Operations.

Mr Scipione holds a master's degree in Management. He is a graduate of the FBI National Executive Institute (2004), is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and has an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Western Sydney.

In 2009, Mr Scipione introduced the first official police Bible, saying, 'Our officers have a great deal of respect for our chaplains, and what better way to build on that relationship than to share the gospel?'

Mr Scipione extended his term as Commissioner at the request of Premier Mike Baird, until he retired in March 2017.

Biographical data from Wikipedia.



When he spoke with our students, Mr Scipione emphasised the importance of leaders as 'influencers' and 'stewards'. He talked of the power of prayer, and the need to maintain integrity.

He also talked of resilience. 'Bad things happen,' he said, 'but it isn't events that define our leadership. It's our responses to them.'

When asked about the difficulty of maintaining his faith openly in running a large, secular organisation, he talked of influence on culture as key to managing the inevitable conflict that arises. 'Faith makes this easier,' he said. 'Those who don't believe, at least, see commitment and integrity. Faith is the backbone that can't be faked, and people respect integrity.'

Mr Scipione said it helped to put scripture into 'copspeak'. A key passage for him was Micah 6:8, which he realised he needed to translate for a secular audience. In that context, it meant, 'Do the right thing, give people a fair go, and don't get a big head.'

In responding to another question concerning difficult decisions, he said the hardest ones were those with big consequences. 'If this goes wrong, the fallout will be enormous. But faith is like air in your tyres on a rough road. And He never let me down once.'

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Stage 2 have been busily discovering the intricacies of sculpture. This term we studied the wire sculpture work of Calder, discussed how he drew lines through space using wire and how these lines suggested shapes. Students were then challenged to transfer their continuous line drawing, after highlighting the important lines, into a wire sculpture.

As you can see from these photos of some of our students, their sculptures are very good and they're quite proud of the results.



Nathan Gray



Junior School Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the Junior School Survey. It will provide valuable data in developing the programs that benefit your children.

The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6V26DG>

Prep News

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During Spring

Learning about the seasons helps children understand the passage of time and teaches them about change. As the weather gets warmer, the days get longer, trees begin to develop leaves and flowers appear. We also make changes to our lifestyle.

With this in mind, the children were challenged to observe what is happening in our environment and think about the changes in their lives.



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	

S2S Assembly Presentation



OCS on SHOW Week

OCS on Show week is here, with the dates and times listed in the Calendar below.

Family and friends are very welcome to join us for any of the events during the OCS on Show week. This is the perfect opportunity to invite someone to come along and see the school in action.

Adventure Fun Day on Tuesday is for Preschoolers (and their parents) to Year 2 children, and they do not have to be part of OCS to be able to come along. Our Prep to Year 2 students will be divided into groups, and will participate in a variety of activities organised by the teachers. Visiting children and parents are welcome to join in the groups to have fun and possibly make something to treasure to take home with them. Coffee will also be available for you as well.

Tuesday afternoon is OCS Showcase, where students will perform from 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Hall, including our wonderful Stage One Singers. There will be displays in the Learning Hub from 3:15pm and Soccer Skills on Show from 4:30 on the back Oval led by Sport Coach Joel.

The Music Assembly is always a wonderful final assembly each term, when possible. Mrs Follent will guide the music students through the assembly and we're sure that you will absolutely love seeing them perform. *(Although music students will need to be careful with the type of costume they have for the Book Parade....make sure that you can sit down in it, as you will need to wear it to the assembly.)*

The Book Parade is always a highlight each year. Students dress up in their favourite story character and they must be able to say who the character is and from what book. Students sit with their classes in the courtyard in readiness for the parade to be, when each class will parade around the courtyard, so students can display their special character. We must also congratulate parents, because without your enthusiasm to prepare your child's character, the Book Parade would not be such a grand occasion.

All visitors are welcome to pop into the Open Classrooms in the Junior School. Prep, Kindergarten, Year 1, Stage 1, Year 2 and the Stage 2 classes will all be open for you to visit from 11:15am to 12:00pm. Students will be participating in different activities and you are free to join in with them if you would like too. We know that our students really value being able to have you join them in their classroom, so come when you can and leave when you must.

Coming Up @ OCS in Term 3

Week 8:

- OCS on Show Week
- Adventure Fun Day – 9:30am-11:00am – Tuesday 18 September
- OCS Showcase – 3:15 – 5:00pm – Tuesday 18 September
- STEAM Day – 1:30pm – Wednesday 19 September
- Maths Fun 1:30pm Thursday 20th 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
- HSIE Day – 1:30pm – 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



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It partners with local churches in developing nations to reach out to children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes and bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are also invited back to participate in the Greatest Journey – an evangelism and discipleship program.

The OCS 2018 Operation Christmas Child program is getting under way. Keep an eye out for a note on the app and on its way home.



Classes begin at 9am



Classes begin at 9:00am sharp!

It is always positive for children to arrive at school in plenty of time to catch up with their friends, have a drink or go to the toilet, before they head into class.

If they arrive before 9am children are able to wind down a little from the morning rush and are then ready to start learning.

Please contact me, if there is a particular problem which is preventing our younger students from arriving at school before 9am.

Thanks,

Cathy McPhee

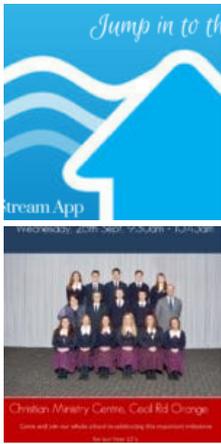
Junior School Coordinator

OCS School Stream App

Download the OCS App if you haven't already OR show someone else how to download and use it.

Already the OCS App is making communication much simpler.

You will LOVE IT!



Enrolments

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

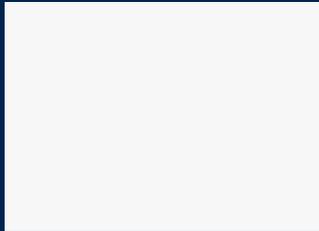
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