



## newsletter

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### Principals Press

KEN GREENWOOD



**This week members of our Senior Executive and Board** will be travelling to Canberra to strengthen our ties with other Christian schools in the Christian Education National (CEN) network, and to grapple together with how to retain our Christian school distinctives and to respond to current issues facing Christian schools in Australia. **CEN schools are distinctive** in that we are governed by an Association of Christian parents, we employ Christian staff, and we seek to bring a Christian perspective to all we teach, and to all we do. This is easier to say than to do with consistency. And we gain much from belonging to an organisation that brings us together.

**CEN associations and schools are all closely connected** and defined by strong partnerships between home, church, and school to promote a transforming and biblically authentic approach to education that:

1. Celebrates the lordship of Christ over all of life;
2. Positions the gospel rather than cultural forces as the primary shaper of how we think and live;
3. Affirms the role of parents as having responsibility to ensure their children are educated within this understanding.

**Above all, CEN promotes a transformational Christian worldview** where Jesus' love, power, and authority inform and guide all practice and community life - including leadership, management, teaching, curriculum, and effective governance.

### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- His creativity - "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:3
- The great response to the Kinder 2023 information night and the new enrolments currently across our school.
- The delight last Friday, of being able to celebrate our Mum's together as a school community and also appreciate the skills of our Hospitality students at the same time!

#### Please pray for:

- The CEN National Conference and AGM taking place in Canberra this coming weekend
- Our students who will be partaking in the NAPLAN tests, particularly those who will be doing so for their very first time.
- The OCS Athletics Carnival (Yr3-12) on Friday
- The new position of Assistant Business Manager to be filled quickly, with the right person.



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**Want to know more about CEN?**

Go to [www.cen.edu.au](http://www.cen.edu.au).

**Want to join our governing OCS Association?**

Email [ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au) and our Association liaison officer, Alex McFadyen will contact you.



Every Friday Morning, S3P dedicates the first 10 minutes of the day to giving thanks to our God. Each week they are given a topic to be thankful for. Last week we were thanking God for our Mums. Many of the boys were thankful for the food their Mum's provide. A couple of other highlights were: "I'm thankful she plays tackle footy with me." "Thanks, God, for giving me a Mum that loves me even when I'm annoying."

*For your Calendar...*

### Coming Up at OCS

- NAPLAN online begins - **9th May**
- Inquisitive Minds Workshop - **10th May**
- Years 3-12 Athletics Carnival - **13th May**
- Stage 1 Millthorpe visit - **13th May**
- Cyber Safety Seminars - **16th May**
- Association AGM - **24th May**
- Year 7-10 exams - **1st - 3rd June**
- Stage 2 Civic Theatre visit - **6th June**

Further dates at [www.ocs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.ocs.nsw.edu.au)

### Regulars

- STAR - **M-Th 3:15-5pm**
- After School Care - **M-F 3:15 - 5:30pm**
- SQUAD - **M-Th 3:15 - 4:30pm**
- Junior Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly -9:30am.**
- Middle/Senior Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly**

More information on





## Word of the Week

Week 3

### Coefficients

**Definition:** The factors of the terms (i.e. the numbers in front of the letters) in a mathematical expression or equation.

**Example:** In the expression  $4x + 5y^2 + 3z$ , the coefficients for  $x$ ,  $y^2$  and  $z$  are 4, 5 and 3 respectively.

## Junior School

CATH BUCHANAN



NAPLAN Online will be held over the next two weeks for our Year 3 students. I congratulate them for the excellent manner in which they are preparing for this. NAPLAN does not create a full picture about each student, their strengths and differences.

It does, however, provide us with valuable feedback and data on student performance in literacy and numeracy, which allows us to modify our teaching to better assist student learning.

## Middle School

ADRIAN LEE



As in Junior and Senior School in Middle we have Naplan this week for students in Years 5 & 7. Although we may not always welcome testing these are important times to assess students' performance and ascertain if there are areas we can focus on for success. Similarly, students in Years 7 & 8 will sit Half-Yearly exams

in most subjects in Week 6. Middle School also has the joy of welcoming the Gideons to school in Week 3 for their annual visit to give the students their Bible.

## Senior School

LEN ELLIOTT



Senior School is a time when creativity can come under pressure from the rigours of deadlines. It's important to maintain the love of writing, painting and composing, when we are told we have to do these things, and are marked on our efforts.

That's why we remember that creating is an act that's fundamentally linked to being made in the image of God, our Creator, and that He wants us to create, as He does, every day, in love.





## Message from the Chaplain

JANN OSBORN



Wow, how creative is God!

It is so easy to see wonder and splendour in nature with it's diversity and uniqueness.

Do you recognise that same wonder and splendour when you look in the mirror?

God's Word tells us that we are His handiwork and that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Mankind is the pinnacle of creation.

You are enough. That is the perspective that we should start and end each day with.

God knows us as individuals and loves us. When this is our reality, it makes accepting and appreciating others easier.

Everyone is valuable and we can recognise and celebrate our differences. We can cheer each other on! This is what we encourage at OCS.

## Sport Spot

CATHRYN BUCKERFIELD



*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

### Ephesians 2:10

OCS students perform in sport with creativity, joy and excellence in all they undertake. Our latest CSSA, K-2 athletics and cross country results are testament to this, and this week's Athletics Carnival will continue to showcase the many talents of our students.

CSSA sporting competitions are in full swing. Mrs Pyle and I are busy finding opportunities for our students to be involved in as we endeavour to continue to foster the growth of our students in their sporting goals. Plus, Orange Christian School Sport now has a new direct email. Please forward any enquiries regarding sport to [OCSsports@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:OCSsports@ocs.nsw.edu.au).



K-2 Athletics Carnival



Cross Country



CSSA Netball Trial girls



# Photo Gallery





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*K-2 Athletics  
Carnival*

