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Principal's Press

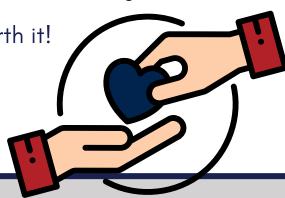
KEN GREENWOOD



Humility was deliberately chosen as an OCS value because it is an uncommon value for a school to champion. It comes from Jesus' example, who was criticised for associating with the people who needed help, and who laid down his own life for the sake of others.

Humility goes against our natural tendency to be self-seeking, or judgemental of others. Christians have often been known for our intolerance and judgement, rather than our understanding; of being fearful rather than faithful; of being proud, rather than humble. Yet Jesus' teaching, and example, is that we should be thinking of others before ourselves, and to be a servant, rather than a master. This quality requires strength of character. Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking about yourself less.

In the school context, we seek to teach children to see their education as preparation for service of others, rather than a path to individual fulfilment and comfort. We also encourage them to be peacemakers, rather than responding in anger when wronged. It is a challenging quality to grow, but the outcome is worth it!



Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- His example of Humility. Despite being God, Jesus was born in a stable and offered himself as a sacrifice for mankind while they were still sinners. Humility is a sign of strength not weakness.
- The successful completion of both the NAPLAN tests and the Athletics Carnival, last week.
- The availability of the Bible in Australia. May we not take this privilege and opportunity, for granted.

Please pray for:

- Our students and staff involved in the sporting events this week – the soccer gala day and the CSSA Cross-country.
- The OCS Association AGM on Tuesday night
- Our students who have volunteered to be part of the Red Shield Appeal next weekend.

Athletics Carnival



Paxton set a PB and smashed the record for her age group in high jump by 25cms with a massive 1.4m - the same height as her nose! (these two photos show different bars, but they are the same height)

What a jump!

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Association AGM - **24th May**
- Soccer Gala Day - **26th May**
- CSSA Cross Country - **27th May**
- Year 7-10 exams - **1st - 3rd June**
- Stage 2 Civic Theatre visit - **6th June**
- CIS Cross Country - **9th June**
- Stage 6 Exams - **29th + 30th June**

Further dates at 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.**
Next one is 27th May
- Middle/Senior Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly**

More information on



Crochet Club



OCS AGM

24th May at 7pm
500 Cecil Rd in the Learning Hub (Library)

We are looking for
Assistant Business Manager
Newly created full time position for immediate start

Full job description and requirements on our website:
Interested applicants should download and fill out our application form and provide supporting documents listed.

Applications close 28th May, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#)

Parent Partnership Christian Discipleship Academic Growth

Coming Soon
New Website
Going live Thursday...

Week 5

Word of the Week

Continued Fraction

Definition: a fraction of infinite length whose denominator is a quantity plus a fraction, which latter fraction has a similar denominator.

Example:

$$\frac{181}{101} = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{4 + \frac{1}{4}}}}}$$

Junior School

CATH BUCHANAN



String Groups have commenced this term during weekly Music, with Stage 1 students learning violin and Stage 2 students learning cello. Every student will have participated in these introductory sessions, led by Mrs Carmel Follent, by the end of term.

The small group tuition lessons will continue next term for all Stage 1 and 2 students. The benefits of children learning a musical instrument are well-documented. We look forward to seeing the development of each student's musical skills.

Middle School

ADRIAN LEE



Following the visit of Police Youth engagement officer Jane Heffernan last week, several classes had helpful discussions about our online profile and how we can be safe online. Jane shared protective measures such as only using devices in public areas of the house,

only being on social media platforms as age permits (13 for most) while never sharing passwords except with parents. This is a terrific opportunity to discuss these issues at home as well.

Senior School

LEN ELLIOTT



One of the key values we're working on in the Senior School is resilience. We're making good progress in developing academic growth, but we want to ensure that our progress isn't accompanied by an increase in anxiety and other problems.

Homerooms have been looking at humility and gratitude as foundations for resilience. Humility is a foundation for so much – including resilience, positive relationships and hope.



Want to know how to help your child improve their memory?

Then join us on Wednesday 1st June at 6:30pm (AEST) as Elevate Education hosts a free 60-minute webinar for the school community, walking you through: how you can set up your child's study space to maximise attention; the best techniques for improving memory; the 7 most common mistakes which actually reduce memory retention.

To register for the FREE 60-minute webinar [click here!](#)



KF Tallest to Shortest



Message from the Board Chair

DAVID COLEMAN



Humility

According to Proverbs 22:4 "Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honour and life".

As Christians, I believe that true humility focusses us on the greatness and magnificence of the Lord and therefore puts our own abilities and achievements into their true perspective.

True humility is having an absolute, childlike dependence on God to make us into everything He has ordained.

False humility is a form of pride because it is often self-conscious and limits God to man's vision. True humility allows us to recognise that we can achieve nothing of eternal consequence on our own but with God's power He will do, "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (**Ephesians 3:20**).

Learning Enrichment - In the Zone



BELINDA ELLIOTT

At Orange Christian School, one of our roles as educators is to ensure an optimal match between how challenging an activity is and the ability of the student. This relates to the Zone of Proximal Development, a concept developed by Lev Vygotsky, a psychologist. The ideal zone is the area between what student can perform on their own and what they can perform with help or guidance so that the student feels challenged not frustrated, engaged not bored.

A group of students in Stage 3 and 4 are participating in the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians – Enrichment Stage. This is a program developed by the Australian Maths Trust. The students learn a wide range of problem-solving strategies and then engage in some challenging mathematics problems. There is a real buzz when these students are in the zone.

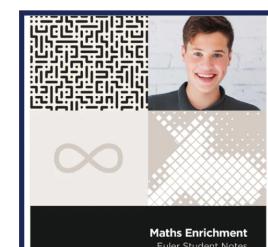
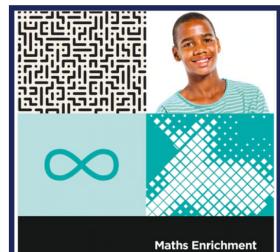




Photo Gallery



Yr 3-12
Athletics Carnival



Congratulations
to Charlotte Meiring
who was recently
awarded the Orange
little Athletics Female
Long Distance Runner
of the Year!



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