



### Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



#### "Resilience, Adopting a Growth Mindset, Having a go...."

This morning one of our younger members of staff was sharing with me how much she enjoys leading staff devotions - something that even some of our most experienced staff members get nervous about.

When I asked why, she answered that she learns so much from having to research something she knows little about, in this case the Bible book of Obadiah, in order to teach others. This is a great example of having a growth mindset, and resilience to overcome any fears. Staff members like this one are great role models for our students.

We encourage our students to try new things, and to enjoy the learning that comes from this. We assure them that no-one will make fun of them if they make mistakes, as this is part of learning. And learning is a life-long endeavour. As long as we are willing to push through our fears, and try new things, we will continue to learn- hopefully for the rest of our lives.

#### Are you a life-long learner?



#### Are you moving on from OCS in 2023?

If your child is going to be attending a new school in 2023, our school will require 10 weeks notice, or a fee will be incurred.

Exceptional circumstances considered.

Please email Fiona at fcoleman@ocs.nsw.edu.au or call 6362 7258 to discuss your situation.

### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- The life of Queen Elizabeth II - a woman who acknowledged God and served faithfully for 70 years.
- The joy that we can experience as we watch our students progress in their academic growth from Prep to Year 12.
- The 2023 Senior Student Leadership Team.

#### Please pray for:

- The preparations for our Year 12 final assembly. A wonderful tradition where our Class of 2022 are honoured by our whole school.
- Wisdom as we guide our students to make God-honouring choices, so that they can achieve their full potential.
- God's guidance for decisions being made for 2023 and His provision of the right staff for the positions across our school.



#### Our 2023 Student Leaders:

Congratulations to our Senior Student Leaders of 2023.

Please join us in praying for them as they lead and thanking them for their willingness to serve. Please join us too in thanking our 2022 leaders for a wonderful effort.

### For your Calendar...

#### Coming Up at OCS

- Stage 6 StressLess - 19th Sep
- Operation Christmas Child Mufti Day - 20th Sep
- Year 11 Exams - 21st Sep
- PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL - 22nd Sep
- Year 12 Farewell Assembly - 23rd Sep
- Last day of Term 3 - 23rd Sep
- First day of Term 4 - 10th Oct
- Year 7 2nd Dose Vaccination - 25th Oct

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. Next one is Friday September 9th.
- Middle/Senior Assemblies - Friday fortnightly

More information on



# Early Childhood Educator Day

Thank you to our Prep Educators - we appreciate you!



The stage is set for Stage 4 group scene performances of A Mid-summer nights dream, happening this week in middle school!



## Word of the Week - Art Terms

Week 8

### Digital Art

**Definition:** Digital art is a term used to describe art that is made or presented using digital technology.

**Example:** (Untitled Computer Drawing by Harold Cohen, 1982)



## Junior School

CATH BUCHANAN



A huge thank you to our Stage 2 families who helped on our camp at the Canobolas Scout grounds last week. The students had a wonderful experience, and the camp ran very smoothly due to your assistance.

We love having parents involved in Junior School activities, whether it be for regular help with classroom reading activities or one-off events like assemblies, excursions and carnivals.

Please contact me or your child's teacher if you would like to discuss further ways to get involved.

## Middle School

ADRIAN LEE



Walangunmala - is the Wiradjuri word for BRAVE. During this least week we have seen our students do many things that might be considered brave.

Stepping up to speak in front of a group, to lead, to climb a wall. To own up and take responsibility. To stand up for someone else.

These small acts of bravery are part of what it means to grow and mature. And these qualities flow through to academic pursuits as well.

## Senior School

LEN ELLIOTT



Our wonderful Year 12s are approaching the end of their time with us. It's an exciting and momentous time - full of change, hope and, often, a little nervousness. The Year 12 Farewell Assembly takes place on Friday, 23 September.

This is one of my favourite events of the year, when the school community blesses and prays for our Year 12s, and thanks them for their contributions over the years. Please pray for our Senior students, that they will enjoy this time and that the weeks ahead will run well.

# Kindergarten

KS has been honing their mouse skills, strengthening their wrist muscles and making amazing sand pictures. Look at their creations!



KS loves nothing more than reading in front of the fire. They love to cozy up with a reading buddy and a cushion for some free reading time.



## From the Educational Operations Coordinator



KATH BERRY

We are one month away from the start of the 2022 HSC examinations! This can be a scary and exciting time for our Year 12 cohort as they face the end of 13 years of schooling. We have been spending time making sure that university applications are finished and early entry details complete. Some of our students are investigating apprenticeships or full-time employment. It is a blessing to be part of their planning as they take this next big step.

There are 32 OCS students across Years 10, 11 and 12 sitting HSC examinations this year. Please pray for these young people as they work with their teachers and focus on final preparations over the next month.

## Transitioning from Prep to Kindergarten



ROSA CUNIAL

The move from preschool to Kindergarten can be a daunting experience for many children and parents, but the children in OCS Prep are in a unique position to familiarize themselves with what may lay ahead. They have opportunities to venture out to other parts of the school including the kindergarten playground, the Learning Hub, the Music Room, Bembooka, meeting school teachers

and staff along the way. This gives them the opportunity to see and experience 'school' outside their Prep rooms and hopefully minimizing the anxiety of the transition process. At the moment, the teachers in Prep Green and Prep Blue are busily completing the Transition to School Documents and these will be given to parents soon.



**4 week Masterclass based on book**  
**Screen Kids: 5 Skills Every Child Needs in a Tech-Driven World**  
*Take a deep dive into the book people are calling a "reality pill many modern-day parents need to swallow."*

- Learn WHY your child's brain is at risk & what the latest research says
- Develop confidence to implement new screen rules
- Understand the 5 A+ relational skills your child really needs
- Normal isn't working. It's time to act now to save the hearts & minds of our kids.

**Starts** Tues 11/10 @ 8:15pm - 9:30pm  
 or in school hours 1:30-2:45pm  
 Online via Zoom  
**Rego:** Email Robyn Grant, OT  
 robyn@skillsconnection.com.au  
**Cost:** \$95 per couple  
 Stripe Payment Link:  
<https://buy.stripe.com/5kA8wy1Mb3GB16o4gj>  
 Following receipt of payment, zoom link will be emailed.





**OCS is pleased to recommend this externally provided event for your consideration.**

# Photo Gallery



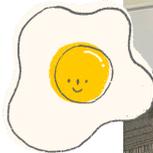
## Stage 2 Scout Camp



# Photo Gallery



## Secondary Social



## Fathers Day Breakfast

