



### Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

In this passage, we read about God's word to a young leader who had just been given a daunting responsibility - to lead over a million people to a new land, defeating enemies and taking occupation. The phrase "be strong and courageous" is repeated several times, together with associated instructions: "be careful to obey all the law", "meditate on it (the Book of the Law) day and night".

**Strength and Courage are desirable** attributes to develop in young people, but they must not be separated from the source of that strength. As Christians, our courage comes from the knowledge that God is always with us, and our strength comes from meditating on his words and obeying them. It is not a matter of summoning up strength from within ourselves, but of learning to trust and obey.



Kindergarten Orientation



Stage 4 "Stand Tall" Day

### Prayer and Praise

**Let us thank God for:**

- The continuing growth and enrolments across OCS. Please pray for students to settle well and make friendships.
- The dedication of our staff as they consider each child and write their reports.
- The reminder from His word about strength- "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4: 13.

**Please pray for:**

- The Year 10 celebration as they finish this stage of their education.
- God's provision for the right staff for OCS for 2023
- God's peace and direction as planning continues for 2023 at OCS.

### For your Calendar...

#### Coming Up at OCS

- 9-10 Exams - **4th - 9th Nov**
- Careers Expo Excursion - **9th Nov**
- Year 10 Celebration - **9th Nov**
- 7-8 Exams - **9-11 Nov**
- Rite of Passage - **10 + 11 Nov**
- Jump Rope for Heart - **11th Nov**
- Year 7 Orientation - **16th Nov**
- Year 12 Grad - **17th Nov**
- Wellbeing Day - **18th Nov**

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



# Stand Tall Stage 4!



## Junior School

CATH BUCHANAN



Hats, hats, hats! With the weather warming up, this is a timely reminder that the OCS school hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform. Navy socks for girls and grey socks for boys are to be worn with the summer uniform. No black socks are allowed.

White socks are only to be worn with the sport uniform. The teachers want to see every student wearing their uniform with pride and wearing it correctly.

## Middle School

ADRIAN LEE



It has been a huge few weeks for Middle School with major events. Now we look forward to the focus on classwork and exams in the next few weeks. Please see below for an account from some of our Stage 4's on last Thursday's Stand Tall event in Dubbo.

**'Stand Tall Australia exists to build hope in the lives of all young Australians.'** Orange Christian School's Stage 4 students had the privilege of attending STAND TALL on Thursday. Speakers including Olympian Nicola

McDermott, professional freestyle motocross riders Lance Russell and Ryley Davis, blind big-wave surfer Derek Rabelo, and winner of The Voice Australia in 2021 Bella Taylor Smith, shared their stories and challenges throughout their lives and how they overcame such difficulties.

The aim of STAND TALL is to empower teenagers, inspire positive changes in their lives and build hope for the future.

Eleanor, Ellie & Meg

## Senior School

LEN ELLIOTT



Term 4 in the Senior School is a time of farewells and new beginnings. We have the Year 10 Celebration on Wednesday this week, when we bid farewell to those who are leaving us and mark a transition for those who commence HSC compressed courses in Week 6. The Rite of Passage retreat takes place

this week too, a significant event for our new Stage 6 students that focuses on leadership and cohesion in the cohort. And then, of course, we celebrate the achievements of our Year 12s at their Graduation in mid-November. Please pray for our students at this exciting time.



### Word of the Week - Geography Terms

Week 5

# Barren

**Definition:** Barren is land that can't produce

**Example:** Desert is an example of barren



# Squad Term 4

**Monday:** Cricket

**Tuesday:** Netball in the morning at 8am - 8.45am

**Wednesday:** Mixed Sports

**Thursday:** Hockey



# All the Best Robyn!

This past week we have farewelled Mrs Robyn Pierce, our Finance Officer, after more than 10 years of dedicated service to OCS as an employee. Robyn has been more than an employee of Orange Christian School. In their 20 years at OCS, Tony and Robyn Pierce have both been Board members, employees, parents and valued members of our school community. With Tony and Robyn moving their family to Canberra, to start a new chapter in their lives, we pray that God will continue to guide and bless them. Thank you so very much Tony and Robyn for so many wonderful years; we will miss you.



## From the Learning Enrichment Teacher

BELINDA ELLIOTT



Have you heard of the phrase, 'productive struggle'? When students cultivate strength as a learner, they think flexibly and persist to find the solution to a problem. I was privileged to witness students demonstrating perseverance this week. A small group of Stage 2 students were engaged in some challenging problem solving and none gave up.

Last week and this week, our Stage 4 and 5 students will exercise another form of strength as they complete their Yearly Examinations. Please uphold them in your prayers.



## Uniform Labels

We know that uniforms can be expensive, and in this time of weather transition, we are finding our lost property overwhelmed with jumpers and jackets with no labels in them. Please label your child's uniform clearly with FIRST and LAST name as initials only or last names only can be common amongst more than one student and we would love to return missing items to the rightful owner. Thank you!




## Parents Who Pray

**WHEN?** Every Friday morning 8:45-9:45am

**WHERE?** D-Block Meeting Room

**WHAT?** Prayer for our kids and school with some fellowship thrown in!

**CONTACT:** Robyn Grant - 0459240399

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6



**Orange Christian School**

### ARE YOU CALLED TO TEACH?

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- Commit to employment upon graduation, for at least 3 years at Orange Christian School\*
- Successful applicants receive 50% subsidy on AlphaCrucis course fees

\*Conditions apply

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# Kindergarten Museum Visit



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