



newsletter

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From the Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



Academic growth and wellbeing

Last Friday it was my very difficult duty to supervise Stage 5 and 6 students enjoy themselves in the sun down at the pool. Yes, sun! It was their term House Day, a day for students to unwind, relax and build friendships. The staff led by Mrs Buckerfield including Mrs Giger, Mr Toms and Mrs Pyle, provided activities for the students to participate in. A highlight was the inflatable obstacle course and watching the kids 'dive' from the springboards. Days like this provide balance for students. It refreshes them immensely and reminds them that school is much about their wellbeing as it is about their academic effort and achievement. If students feel settled and have a sense of relatedness, more often than not, the classroom benefits as well. I think the pool will need a few days to restock on the hot chips the students ate!

Spudz for Fludz day!

Today, the School SLT mufti day and charity are focused on supporting local communities impacted by the floods. 'Spudz' were the key ingredient sold to raise money. Students (and staff) were encouraged to wear gumboots and other related work gear for the day. It was great seeing high-vis and rolled up sleeves all across the school. Thanks for your support and donations via your student's participation on this special day.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- Those who have supported flood victims, including our own OCS community. From cards of encouragement; prayer; cooking from our Food Technology Class; to our whole school "Spudz for Fludz" fundraiser.
- "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people" Colossians 3: 23.
- The opportunities to share the Gospel message at Christmas time. Jesus the greatest gift ever given.

Please pray for:

- Students and parents and teachers as exam results and end of year reports are received. Encouraging a child to do their best, not comparing to others but personal best.
- Preparations for end of the school year events and celebrating Christmas.
- Staff vacancies to be filled by passionate Christians who desire to glorify God in their workplace.



ORANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S

Thanksgiving Celebrations

Prep - Year 4 - 7th December

Years 5-12 - 8th December

5:30pm

500 CECIL RD ORANGE

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- SLT Training - **1st + 2nd Dec**
- K-4 Water Fun Day - **2nd Dec**
- Year 6 Celebration - **2nd Dec**
- K-10 Reports sent - **5th Dec**
- Prep - Year 4 Thanksgiving Celebration - **7th Dec**
- Years 5 - 12 Thanksgiving Celebration - **8th Dec**
- Last Day of Term K-12 - **8th Dec**
- Last Day of Prep - **9th Dec**

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.**
- Middle/Senior Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly**

More information on 



Prep has Chickens!



Junior School

CATH BUCHANAN



There are a number of upcoming events for the students to look forward to. This Friday is the K-4 Water Fun Day, starting at 1:30pm. We would love parents to come and watch the fun, but be prepared, you might get wet!

The Prep-4 Thanksgiving Celebration is Wednesday 7th Dec at 5:30pm.

Students are to wear full summer uniform. We look forward to seeing you there.

A note went out last week about Primary classes for 2023. Please see the app for details.

Middle School

ADRIAN LEE



Learning can continue even at the end of the year, and it is vital that we listen to and implement feedback. Taking the learning from something we do well, or something we have found difficult is the whole idea behind growth mindset. Encourage your children to take the most they can from the experience to learn and grow through it; that's important.

This week we Celebrate with Year 6 on Friday night as they come to the end of their primary schooling. What a wonderful time to reminisce and reflect.

Senior School

LEN ELLIOTT



One of the more challenging aspects of academic growth is reviewing past tasks. As your child looks back over examinations, please encourage him or her to identify what worked well and what could be done better, and take particular note of teachers' feedback on tasks.

The same for reports, which will be coming home soon. There's always something positive to see there, and always something to improve.

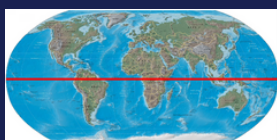
Word of the Week - Geography Terms

Week 8

Equator

Definition: The Equator is the line of latitude that separates the Northern Hemisphere from the Southern Hemisphere

Example:






Squad Term 4

Monday: Cricket

Tuesday: Netball in the morning
at 8am – 8.45am

Wednesday: Mixed Sports

Thursday: Hockey

Parents Who Pray

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| 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

Flood Relief Donations

Our surrounding communities, particularly Eugowra have been severely impacted by floods as most of you would know. Please consider a donation if you are able, to ease some of the financial burden on the families affected. **Any gift cards to be used by families to purchase items they've lost would be appreciated.**

[Click this link to donate online](#)

We are Hiring!

- Maths/HSIE Teacher
- Finance Officer
- Executive Assistant
- Cafe Operator
- Teacher's Aide
- Music Tutor (Strings, brass and/or percussion)
- Sports Tutor

Enquire on 6362 7258

Go to www.ocs.nsw.edu.au for details and to download a staff application form

From the Educational Operations Coordinator

KATH BERRY



How fitting that my final newsletter article for OCS is about growth! Over my 21 years here, I have worked with amazingly talented teachers and wonderfully supportive parents. However, it will be the students that I will remember the most. I have seen a shy, withdrawn student gain confidence and resilience through being a cast member in one of our musicals. I have seen a student go from being suspended in Year 7 to being School Captain in Year 12. I have seen the satisfaction and pride on a student's face as they read their Yearly report and see a better comment or grade than in their Half-Yearly.

All growth comes through effort, perseverance and sheer hard work. Academic growth isn't about getting an "A" – it is about doing your best and gradually improving. And that is something that is possible for everyone – no exceptions! Thank you to all the students of OCS – it has been a privilege to work with every one of you. To the teachers and parents – the partnership you have is integral to the amazing community of OCS. Keep up the great work – and God bless.



Goodbye
Mrs Smith

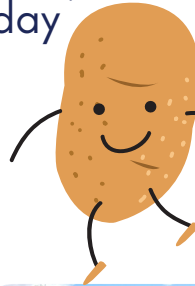


At the end of this term, we say farewell to Mrs Athalia Smith. Mrs Smith started at Orange Christian School at the beginning of last year as a new graduate, and under a different name of Miss Clark! During her time working here, she has been married, experienced school lockdowns and remote learning, and many freezing days of playground duty! She has also been a dedicated teacher who has worked tirelessly on teaching, supporting and extending her students. Athalia will be heading back to her hometown of Dubbo to take up a teaching position there. Thank you, Talia, for all your work at OCS. You will be missed!

Photo Gallery



Spudz for Fludz
mufti day



Yr 6 Buddies
lunch

