



Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



I was recently sorting through some student records in our archives room and was astonished at the large number of student files we put into storage at the end of each year, as students complete their schooling or move on to new places. Our school currently has about 450 students, but over the 41 years this school has been operating, I estimate over 3000 students have been influenced with Christian Education. This is an amazing contribution to be part of!

In **Thanksgiving Celebrations this week**, as well as acknowledging the achievement of many students, and saying a final farewell to our Year 12's and others moving on, we will be recognising the contribution of several members of staff who are finishing their time at OCS. If you see them this week, will you join me in wishing them "God-Speed"? I hope to hear many students calling across the playground, "God-Speed Mrs Smith", or "God-Speed Mrs Berry", or "God-Speed Mrs Follent", or "God-Speed Mrs Giles", or "God-Speed Mrs Rivers" or God-Speed Mr Gray (Snr)"!

We will miss each one, and we thank them for all they have done to help our students learn and grow.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- The year that has been. Whether in our joys or sorrows, God has been with us – "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
- The opportunities to share the Gospel message at Christmas time. Jesus the greatest gift ever given.
- The opportunity to come together and celebrate as a school community.

Please pray for:

- A safe, refreshing holiday break
- Staff vacancies to be filled by passionate Christians who desire to glorify God in their workplace.
- Our Board and Executive as they continue to work together to ensure that OCS shines as a beacon for Christian education.



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

- 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 



Archery



Auslan Silent Cooking Challenge



Junior School

CATH BUCHANAN



We look forward to seeing our Prep-Year 4 families this Wednesday evening @5:30pm in the Hall for our Thanksgiving Celebration evening. Our students have had a wonderful year and it's great we can meet together and celebrate that. K-4 students are to wear full summer uniform and our Prep students wear their sport uniform.

The final day for K-4 is Thursday. This will be a mufti day and 'party in a bag' celebrations. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

Middle School

ADRIAN LEE



Well, the end is upon us. This week the Middle School has focussed on the amazing work of Jesus as Immanuel; God with us. It is a reassurance that He loves us and has saved us. We can rely on him. It is also a reminder; that we need to live and act as people who understand his love for us.

The Middle School staff team wish all our families a wonderful Christmas celebrating our Lord Jesus. Have a safe holiday and we will see you next year.

Senior School

LEN ELLIOTT



The Senior staff and I wish our parents a very happy and restful Christmas. It's been another busy year, and now it's time for a well-earned rest. We hope Christmas is a special blessing for you.

That said, Senior students continue their compressed assessments over the 'non-term time', in between the camping trips! Feel free to email me if questions come up, allowing for a couple of extra days to respond.

Word of the Week - Geography Terms

Week 9

Oasis

Definition: An oasis is a small lake or body of water in the middle of a desert

Example: The Nile River is a type of large oasis at 22,000 square kilometres, it might be the largest oasis in the world



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



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.**

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From the Chaplain

JANN OSBORN



Christmas Traditions

Does your family have any traditions that are part of celebrating Christmas? For years now, my husband and I set up a nativity scene that he designed and constructed.

Last year, we found that we had a problem. My new puppy consistently removed baby Jesus from the manger. Covering the swaddling with citrus spray had no success. A heavy dusting of cayenne pepper over baby Jesus and he was still dislodged. Nothing deterred her efforts.

On reflection this was a lesson, Jesus needs to be removed from the manger. The purpose of his birth was to journey from the cradle to the cross. To take the punishment of death in our place. Without Easter, the birth of Jesus would be unremarkable.



Goodbye

Mrs Rivers



It is with great sadness that we farewell Min Rivers this week. Min has been an invaluable member of our Prep team. Her passion for Early Childhood education and care is evident throughout her daily interactions with families and the whole school community. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best as she embarks on the massive task of moving interstate.

Photo Gallery



Stage 3 at the Pool



Yr 6 Celebration

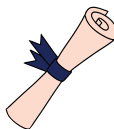
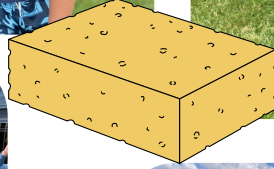


Photo Gallery



K-4 Water
Fun
Day

