



newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



The Bible says of God that His mercies are new every morning.

This tells me that while it is refreshing to have new mornings, or new years, there is a comfort in knowing that we can rely on God's love and grace to be newly available once again.

We experienced that at school today.

At this morning's assembly we introduced new students, student leaders, staff with new roles, and celebrated some new rooms, interactive panels, new books, new class structures; yet amidst it all of this was a consistent school culture of welcome, positive community, and readiness to work hard and learn.

Did you know?

- * Over 80 new students start at OCS this week!
- * Almost every Primary class is in a new room this year!
- * We have three new sound-proof music rooms!
- * We have a new outdoor learning building for agriculture!
- * We have newly painted walls, freshly cleaned carpets, new roof cladding and new sandpit covers in various places around the school.

I was thrilled today with the positive attitude of our students, enjoyed chatting with many parents who mingled after our opening assembly, and commend so many of our staff and contractors who have worked hard in recent weeks to get everything ready for a new year.

Welcome back!

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Ps. 107: 1
- The freedom that we have to educate children in a Christian School.
- The year that lies ahead, knowing that nothing will take Him by surprise.

Please pray for:

- Our School Board as they lead and govern Orange Christian School.
- Students to settle into school quickly and develop positive friendships.
- Staff and Parents to partner together for the benefit of our students.

OCS Dedication Service

Thursday, 2nd February
5:30pm

Sausage Sizzle
6:00pm

500 Cecil Rd Orange
Ngalgarra Hall

Come and help us dedicate
our school year to the
Lord, and then join us for
dinner afterwards!



For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Dedication Service - **2nd Feb**
- Swimming Carnival - **8th Feb**
- Primary Information Night - **9th Feb**
- Secondary Information Night - **14th Feb**
- Cross Country - **24th Feb**
- Zone Swimming Carnival - **28th Feb**
- RYDA - **1st March**
- Year 12 University Showcase - **1st March**
- Clean Up Australia Day - **3rd March**

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 



Remember the STAR word of the week? Well that has been replaced by a friendly House (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego) competition that students are participating in and we're asking you to as well!

Every fortnight beginning in Week 2 there will be a new question, and the most creative or most thoughtful answer is awarded house points.

We will choose a parent winner along with a student winner each fortnight. If you as a parent would like to participate, and your answer gets chosen, the points will go to your child's house total.



Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Welcome back everyone and we also warmly welcome the many new families who have joined us from Kindergarten through to Year 6. The Primary Team are looking forward to a term where students are encouraged to achieve their best, care for one another, and enjoy all the learning opportunities that come their way. Please join us this

week for the Dedication Service on Thursday evening.

The OCS Swimming Carnival (for Year 3 and up) and the Primary Information Night will be held next week. More details to come. We will also be announcing the new Primary School student leaders shortly.

Secondary School

LEN ELLIOTT



Welcome to all our new students, in Years 7 to 12, and welcome back to everyone else. We start the term with some exciting initiatives, including two surveys that students will complete in Homerooms. The first concerns goals, learning styles, and likes and dislikes in the classroom. It should provide some helpful data for teachers as they

design teaching programs and activities, and even as we design the school in the years ahead.

The second survey concerns OCS Culture and Values, which should help our new students feel they know their school. We're hoping that both surveys will help everyone feel they belong.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



Did you know that the staff at OCS have already been at school for a week? Last week staff engaged in professional learning and our teaching staff were introduced to the Quality Teaching Model. One element in this model is concerned with student engagement. Ideally students are involved in the lesson activities, enthusiastic and attentive.

Engagement is enhanced when

students sense that they are known and respected. In this first week of school, teachers will be spending time getting to know their classes so they can best plan activities that meet the needs of their students.

We look forward to partnering with you and encourage you to attend the Primary Information Night (Week 2) and/or Secondary Information Night (Week 3) to learn more about what to expect for the year ahead.



We are Hiring!

Do you know anyone that can fill these roles?

- Finance Officer
- Executive Assistant
- Cafe Operator
- Music Tutor (Strings, brass and/or percussion)

Enquire on 6362 7258

Go to

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

..... ❖ New Staff This Year

We are welcoming a number of new staff members into the OCS family this year. We will profile each new staff member with a photo and some information about them in the coming weeks, but here is the list of new staff teaching and supporting your children while they're at school:

Mr Michael Cunial - teaching year 1C

Mr Allen Grant - teaching high school science and maths

Mrs. Alison Nelson - working with our Academic Growth Centre as a teacher's aide, and also coaching the students in SQUAD two days a week.

Mrs. Claire Bate - working with our Academic Growth Centre as a teacher's aide and also tutoring students at STAR two days a week.

Join us in welcoming these new staff members to our community!

From the Chaplain

JANN OSBORN



As the Chaplain of Orange Christian School, I am available to students for support and pastoral care. At OCS, we desire to partner with parents to help each child discover and achieve their God given potential. We take a holistic approach to our student's well-being.

My role as Chaplain also extends to Staff and parents, who are all welcome to connect with me for support and pastoral care.

I am available to attend any meetings with you at school at your invitation, if you so desire.

We hope that our students will find school life to be a positive experience. I am on hand to assist with any difficulties, no matter how large or small. I am at school Monday to Thursday and I am only too happy to have a chat.

From the Head of Student Development

ADRIAN LEE

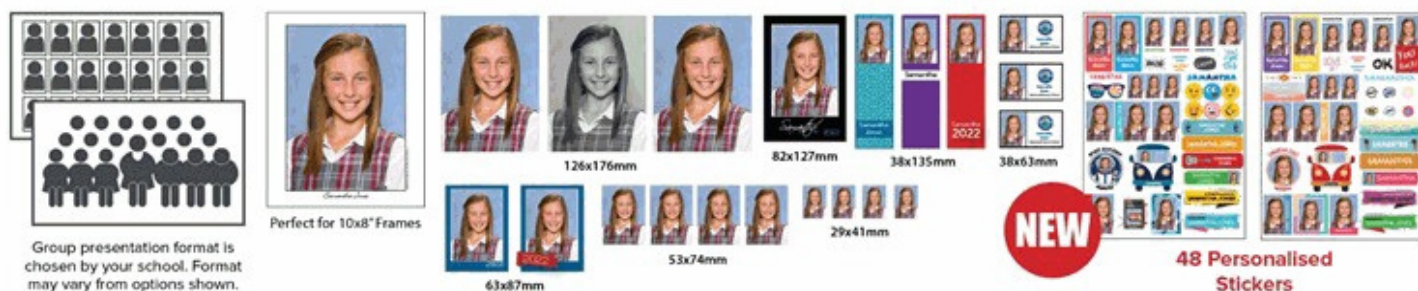


Welcome to 2023

I would like to introduce you to the Head of Student Development role. A key part of this is continuing to promote student care and management practices in the school which reflect gospel values. This includes case management of students with welfare issues as well as supporting our Chaplaincy team as they care for students and staff. Important elements are the development and maintenance of the school learning environment for optimal learning outcomes for all students and to oversee student

leadership structures and programs. It will also involve supervision of the outdoor education program including the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme as part of the Strength program and the potential to introduce PeaceWise as part of our pastoral care program.

school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

146 4H5 E7W

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available

cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.

Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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school photography & print specialists