



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



In 1st Century AD, when Jesus travelled through Galilee with his disciples, a common mode of teaching was for a group of disciples to learn from a Rabbi, going on extended field trips, where they would walk and talk and learn from the Rabbi as he went about his daily tasks. In such a setting, Jesus used everyday sights such as seeing a sower throw seeds, or a tree in blossom, as illustrations for spiritual truths. **He also demonstrated his values** by welcoming children, touching lepers, or washing disciples' feet. As the disciples travelled with the Rabbi, they would become more and more like him. Even young people learning a trade would often live in with the tradesman and his family for some time, to pick up as much as possible from that person's lifestyle.

Although a classroom today is a somewhat different environment, we still recognise the value of teachers knowing their children well, and teachers being real. It's one thing to talk about school values, but how much more effective if we model them to one another! We also operate our school in community with parents, and in harmony with churches, all seeking to work together to give our young people a consistent model of how to live. Extended times together such as sport carnivals, camps and excursions all provide opportunities to learn in alternative settings.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- The great day that we had for the Cross-country last week and the opportunity for our students to participate in a different activity. We should also be thankful for the team that put so much work into making such a day happen.
- The value of Parent Partnership at OCS and the benefits for children when they can see their parents and staff working together for their success.
- The relationship of our Senior Executive and School Board who together make decisions with consideration of the best interests of Orange Christian School.

Please pray for:

- The Secondary Students to continue to flourish within their Vertical Homerooms.
- The continuation of Independent Schools as they currently operate and for Political decisions to support their distinctiveness.
- Wisdom to encourage and guide students to grow as individuals who can also interconnect with others in a respectful and God-honouring manner.

There's information about the following in this newsletter – please read carefully!



Perspectives Survey distributed
6th–19th March



School Vaccination Program
changes



Cross Country Results

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Zone Swimming Carnival – 28th Feb
- RYDA – 1st March
- Year 12 University Showcase – 1st March
- Clean Up Australia Day – 3rd March
- Perspectives Survey – 6 – 19th March
- World of Maths (K–6) – 7th March
- 6 Ft Track – 8th – 10th March
- Year 9 Slum Survivor – 9th + 10th March
- Year 10 Wontama visit – 9th + 10th March
- CSSA Primary State Swimming – 9th 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 + T 3:15 – 4:30pm
- Primary Assemblies – Friday fortnightly 9:30am – next one on 3rd March
- Secondary Assemblies – Friday fortnightly 10:50am

More information on 



Yr 6 Buddies



Cross Country



Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



DIBELS and Decodables are two words you will hear used frequently at OCS. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and consists of a set of measures for assessing essential reading skills. It is conducted three times a year with the students; at the beginning, middle and end. It provides us with valuable data, enabling each teacher to monitor and celebrate individual reading progress

and target areas for further teaching and practice.

Decodables are specifically written for beginning readers as they are developing their blending and segmenting skills and their knowledge of the alphabetic code. Come and have a chat if you would like to find out more.

Secondary School

LEN ELLIOTT



Mr Elliott is currently on medical leave so these words come from Yooie Choi (Deputy Principal). It was great to see the students participating in the cross-country last Friday. We also pray for a safe and successful zone swimming carnival meet in Wagga Wagga. This week, Year 11s will be attending the annual RYDA driver awareness workshop.

As students start thinking about their driving journey, the workshop provides valuable advice about driver safety. Stage 6 students will also be involved in the University Roadshow and get to interact with various University's and reflect on their tertiary goals.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



On Friday, 10 March, OCS will be hosting a Teaching and Learning Network meeting. This will involve teachers from Christian Education National (CEN) schools across the state. It is essential that teachers are part of wider networks. Professional Learning Networks (PLNs) allow for collaboration of teachers from different contexts and often lead to improved teaching practice and

increased student learning.

It is particularly important to connect with other CEN schools because we have a common purpose. We look forward to welcoming teachers from CEN schools and will enjoy the benefits that these meetings will bring to our students.



We are Hiring!

Would you or anyone you know be the right person to come and work with us?

Positions Available:

- Finance Officer
- Music Tutor
- Teacher's Aide
- STAR Tutor
- Cafe Operator
- Prep Educator (Cert III or Diploma - or working towards)
- Casual Teachers
- Stage 2 Teacher (Maternity Leave Position)
- Learning Support and Enrichment Coordinator

A full list of requirements and job descriptions are on our website for each position. Click on the link below

www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/

Any enquiries to Jaimie on 6362 7258 or by email on ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au.



Competition Question...

What do you think is the best after school snack and why?

Win your child house points! Send your answer to ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au

From the Sports Coordinator

CAT BUCKERFIELD



Cross Country - Official results on following page:

Primary and high school coordinators will announce the assembly dates for presentation of ribbons.

Friday 24th saw the annual OCS Cross Country held on school grounds.

Students from K - 12 participated keenly in this event.

Students ran between 1km and 6km on the day.

OCS parents were on site en masse to support the runners, with their cheers

echoing across the oval.

Stage 5 PASS students and their teacher Mrs. Pyle acted as timekeepers and course supervisors across the day's event, doing an outstanding job.

Successful students will now progress to the CSSA State carnival to be held at

Sydney Equestrian Centre

in Term 2, Week 5 May 26th.



Sport Spot

As we enter into the full swing of Term 1, there are a few important points we'd like students and parents to remember:

1. Hats are compulsory for Sport and PE prac lessons. Please ensure your child has a school bucket hat or cap. Detentions will be issued for no uniform
2. Full sports uniform is required for all prac lessons.
3. Over the next 3 weeks secondary students will be using PE Prac lessons to compete in Javelin and Discus and have their formal results recorded, as these 2 events are not run on carnival day.
4. The annual OCS Athletics Carnival is also being run this term. Lock in your diaries **Week 9 Friday**

March 31st to ensure you are there for our big day.

5. If your child has had success beyond school in their sporting endeavours we want to know. Please feel free to forward any details and a photo

As we fix our eyes on the year ahead and the busyness that it holds it is good to remember to hand it all to God.

Philippians 4:6-7 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Class	Boys	Girls
Kindy	1 st : Isaac Reid	1 st : Zoe King
	2 nd : Oscar Christian	2 nd : Macey White
	3 rd : Jack Longhurst	3 rd : Berea Marshall
Year 1	1 st : Alex Nelson	1 st : Isobel Pyle
	2 nd : Owen White	2 nd : Kate Perrett
	3 rd : Theo Cunial	3 rd : Matilda Eagle
Year 2	1 st : Jacob Bertram	1 st : Eloise Hickey
	2 nd : Kobey Mann	2 nd : Eva Reid
	3 rd : Flynn Longhurst	3 rd : Lydia White

Age	Boys	Time	Girls	Time
8/9	1 st : Archie Nelson	9:07	1 st : Emily Perrett	9:47
	2 nd : David Elliot	9:20	2 nd : Madeline Schultz	9:50
	3 rd : Jasper Leach	9:23	3 rd : Piper Reid	10:51
	4 th : Charlie Pyle	10:03	4 th : Sawyer Brodie	11:06
	5 th : Alexander Bennett	10:41	5 th : Fiona/Emma	12:05
10	1 st : Thomas Gately	8:27	1 st : Dimity Buckerfield	8:30
	2 nd : Jobe Bertram	8:27	2 nd : Ella Macdonald	8:31
	3 rd : Elijah Edwards	8:49	3 rd : Emily Barr	10:36
	4 th : Matthew Skrinnikoff	9:34	4 th : Amelia Layton	10:39
	5 th : Hugh Rosser	10:04	5 th : Emma White	11:20
11	1 st : Jett Reid	15:09	1 st : Maya Reid	12:48
	2 nd : Isaac Edwards	16:09	2 nd : Isla Craig	14:34
	3 rd : Flynn Brodie	16:43	3 rd : Molly Pyle	15:58
	4 th : Ocean Bornen	18:39	4 th : Sophie Schultz	16:05
			5 th : Ivy Harris	18:45
12/13 Primary	1 st : Seth Reid	12:51	1 st : Anastasia Pyle	13:29
	2 nd : Josiah Gately	13:14	2 nd : April Reid	13:45
	3 rd : Ezekiel Weaver	13:18	3 rd : Emily Meiring	15:37
	4 th : Jedediah Holmes	14:41:44	4 th : Lucy Metcalfe	16:05
	5 th : Darius James	14:41:82	5 th : Honsometa Thorn	17:57
12 Seco	1 st : James Skrinnikoff	13:06	1 st : Paxton Buckerfield	12:33
	2 nd : Charlie Bekavac	13:17	2 nd : Charlotte Layton	14:01
	3 rd : Daemon Southwell	25:16	3 rd : Danielle Fung	16:52
			4 th : Nancy Elliot	17:13
13	1 st : Caleb Reid	11:16	1 st : Macey Harris	13:16
	2 nd : Tyler Jolly	12:07	2 nd : Madeleine Tai	13:19
	3 rd : Josiah Hutchins	12:32	3 rd : Sammy Annetts	13:45
	4 th : Matthew Greenfield	13:25	4 th : Zoe Jones	13:50
	5 th : Lincoln Noller	13:59	5 th : Laura Paton	13:51
14	1 st : Mason Reilly	15:25	1 st : Charlotte Meiring	16:32
	2 nd : Gus Stewart	17:02	2 nd : Chloe Johns	17:04
	3 rd : Malachi Gately	18:22	3 rd : Lisa Brand	19:37
	4 th : George Pulling	18:29	4 th : Zoe Roberts	19:57
	5 th : Elijah Hewitt	19:07	5 th : Emily Metcalfe	22:04

15	1 st : Gabriel Weaver	16:03	1 st : Ebony Cooke	20:52
	2 nd : Riley Miller	17:36	2 nd : Imogen Nancarrow	21:32
	3 rd : Marshall Reid	18:59	3 rd : Charity Fung	23:36
	4 th : Adam Skrinnikoff	20:21	4 th : Loretta Southwell	
	5 th : Tully Godfrey		5 th : Jayla Gill	
16	1 st : Cody Louis	26:50	1 st : Leila Johnston	19:23
	2 nd : Toby Annetts	27:36	2 nd : Lilly Cordery	20:23
	3 rd : Samuel Bennett	27:59	3 rd : Juliette Colla	22:09
	4 th : Finn Rumbold			
	5 th : Max O'Halloran			
17/18	1 st : Elliot Bangert	23:14	1 st : Rachel Carins/Georgie Taberner	27:47
	2 nd : Daniel Skrinnikoff	25:03	2 nd :	
	3 rd : Matthew Armytage	25:09	3 rd : Hannah Reilly	29:23
	4 th : Ryan Bravenboer	29:03	4 th : Lucinda Grant	33:32
	5 th : Keo Yonzon	29:47		

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

At the beginning of the school year, your child's school
will share the link to complete the online consent form.

Benefits of providing online consent:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

To provide online consent, you will need:

- the link provided by the school
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to
give your consent now.



For more information on vaccination visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination



Health

School vaccination program

Keeping your child up to date with routine vaccinations helps to protect them from serious preventable diseases such as meningococcal, whooping cough, tetanus, and cancers that are caused by HPV (human papillomavirus).

As part of the NSW School vaccination program, students in Year 7 are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Parental consent is required for your child to receive routine vaccinations at school. If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide this consent online. You will receive an email from us with details on this year's school vaccination clinic and information on how to provide consent for your child's vaccinations.

From February 2023, children in year 7 will now only need one dose of HPV vaccination. This change has been endorsed by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) based on evidence showing that one dose provides the same level of protection against HPV as two doses.

If you have already consented to your child receiving two doses of HPV vaccine, they will only receive one dose.

If your child previously missed their second dose of HPV vaccine, they are now considered fully vaccinated and do not require a second dose.

A small number of students who are immunocompromised are still recommended to receive a three-dose course of HPV vaccine. If your child is immunocompromised, it is important to discuss their immunisation needs with their GP.

If your child misses a school vaccination clinic, you can speak to a GP or pharmacist about catching up on vaccination.

For more information on school vaccination visit: health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination or If you have any questions, please contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.



Perspectives
Your school in focus

Our school is using the Perspectives: Your school in focus suite of surveys developed by AISNSW to support our school improvement endeavours. The information gathered will assist in furthering the growth and development of our school community. We will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

These surveys have been specifically designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of stakeholders' perceptions of five important areas: School Environment, Teaching and Learning, Student Wellbeing, Leadership and Community. All staff, students, parents/guardians, leaders and board members will be invited to participate.

The surveys will be available from March 6 to March 19 and are conducted online, taking approximately 15- 20 minutes to complete. You will receive an email to the address we have on our system with a link to the survey.

Your input and contribution are important to the success of our continuous school improvement process as we aspire to improve the learning experience for everyone at our school.

For any enquiries about the surveys please contact the school for more details.