



## Newsletter

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### From the Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



#### Having a mission mindset

**Rejoice! This the main theme in the song sung at Assembly today** and it has been ringing in my ears all day. The song led by our wonderful Worship Band reminded everyone to reflect on God's great love and mercy shown to us in Christ Jesus. To sing together as a school, was truly uplifting.

**Also, at Assembly, it was great to hear** from our guest speaker Jen Cooke (and her trusty helpers Willow and Ebony) about their mission work to Vanuatu. It was encouraging to hear the work that the family did with the villages in Vanuatu and their desire to share the love of Christ and make disciples. We also had a mission spot, where several students attending the school's overseas mission trip to Fiji, shared their thoughts on why they wanted to go on mission. It was encouraging to hear their desire to serve and minister to people overseas.

**Please keep the mission team (both students and staff) in your prayers,** as they organise the itinerary and logistics, attend weekly training sessions and for God to prepare their hearts for a life-changing experience.

### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- The gift of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Cor.9:15
- The blessings that we have each day and the things that we often take for granted.
- Our IT Manager Mark Woodley. His skill enables our school to have an infrastructure that is cyber safe and keeps up with the operational demands across OCS. A key element of education in this current time.

#### Please pray for:

- All students, staff and parents who are involved in Camps this week. May they learn more about God's creation, others and themselves. Please pray for safety and unity.
- The opportunity to follow the example of Jesus in how to live. We pray for strength, courage and humility as we strive to serve others in His name.
- Students who may be going through challenging times. That God's Spirit will bring peace and healing into their circumstances.



Junior Captains and House Captains



Seniors at RYDA

## For your Calendar...

### Coming Up at OCS

- 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**
- Discover Year 7 Day - **14th March**
- Year 7 2024 Information Night - **14th March**
- Bullying No Way Day - **17th March**
- K-2 Athletics Carnival - **20th March**

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 + T 3:15 - 4:30pm**
- Primary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 9:30am**  
- **next one on 17th March**
- Secondary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 10:50am**

More information on

CONGRATULATIONS to all the swimmers that competed at Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 28th Feb. OCS was well represented and competed competitively throughout the day.

Special mentions go to the following OCS students who were age champions on the day:

- Charlotte Layton **12 Years secondary girl.**
- Lily Bangert **16 Years secondary girl**
- Samuel Bennett **16 Years secondary boy**
- Deacon Priest **17 Years secondary boy.**

A big round of applause for the achievements of these 4 students in particular but to all our OCS swimmers who represented us proudly.

An announcement will be made next week for the students who will progress to Sydney for the CSSA secondary State carnival at the end of March.

Please keep in your prayers our 5 primary students who will swim at CSSA next week at Sydney Olympic Park. Hugh Rosser, Anna Pyle, Hunter Bennett, Elijah Edwards and Ella Ryman



## Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



The K-6 students are looking forward to a visit from World of Maths this week. World of Maths is a travelling maths show that provides fun and educational hands-on, problem-solving activities. Students can experience mathematics related to practical and real-life situations. They will have an opportunity to think logically, discover number patterns and apply mathematics to solve a variety of

puzzles. The Stage 2 sleepover at school is 23rd March. This event is a very valuable experience for the students and is the first of many camping adventures they will be part of throughout their schooling here at OCS. More information to come home soon.

## Secondary School

LEN ELLIOTT



On Assembly last Friday, we officially handed out Student Leadership Team badges to our 2023 secondary students. The students were reminded that leadership was all about service and influence. This week, plans are underway for camps week and should prove to be an exciting and challenging time.

Today, the school was transformed into a camp site, with students practising to put up tents and go for a short hike. Please pray for this key event and for the other excursions such as the Homelessness activity.

## Student Development

ADRIAN LEE



We are very pleased to announce this week our new Primary School Leaders. The leaders were presented to the assembly last Friday. The leaders submitted applications to the School, including discussing how they will serve in leadership. There were excellent candidates for each role and difficult decisions made, however we are confident those not selected will support the new leaders in their roles. Primary Captains and House Leaders will serve for the year.

Assistant House leaders will serve on a rotational basis approximately each term. Please congratulate the leaders if you see them around school.

### Primary School Boy Captain:

Jacob Del Guzzo

### Primary School Girl Captain:

Lucy Metcalfe

|          | House Leader     | Assistant House Leader Term 1 |
|----------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Shadrach | Emily Meiring    | Matthew Skrinnikoff           |
| Meshach  | Atticus McGuire  | Emily Barr                    |
| Abednego | Azarleah Hausler | Natalia Paddison              |



# 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/](http://www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/)

Any enquiries to Jaimie on 6362 7258 or by email on [ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au).



## Competition Question...

Think outside the box!  
Complete the picture below.  
HINT: it is not a donut.



Win your child house points! Send your answer to [ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au)

## From the STAR Coordinator

MEL WILLIS



Students have been busily hard at work in STAR (Students Taking an Active Role) since the first week of term. With the continued keen engagement within STAR, students are proposing new ways to utilise the time and space in the Learning Hub after school.

We are excited to announce a new initiative being launched by students, starting on Wednesday March 15th from 3:30 to 4:00pm, called GROW in STAR. GROW stands for Guidance, Research, Objectives and Working.

GROW in STAR is a tutoring program conducted by high school students, where older students will support younger students with any work or questions they have.

Students attending GROW in STAR will need to sign in and out of STAR as normal, bearing in mind that STAR operates between 3:10 and 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing students continue to develop in their studies through this new student initiative.

## Guest Writer

HEIDI PERRETT

In Acts 3 Peter heals a man who has been lame from birth in the name of Jesus. The man is able to walk, leap and praise God. What a wonderful and astonishing miracle! Peter then explains the gospel of Jesus to the man and the onlookers and many people believe in Jesus. Peter recognised that the man had a physical need, to be healed,

but he and the other people also had a spiritual need to hear the good news about Jesus' death and resurrection. At Orange Christian school we are very blessed that the school not only meets the physical and educational needs of our students but that the spiritual needs of our students are met as well.



## Important Announcement

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mr Len Elliott has notified us of his decision to resign from Orange Christian School at the end of this Term. Mr Elliott has contributed much to our school over many years in his role as Head of Senior School, and now Head of Secondary School, assisting many students to improve their academic progress, guiding teachers in differentiating curriculum, and initiating many positive student experiences such as Senior Camps, Maul in the Hall, Stress less week, and much more. We will have opportunity to thank Mr Elliott during the coming 4 weeks, during which time arrangements will be made for continuity of his classes. We will be advertising for an English Teacher as well as a Head of Secondary in the coming days.

**Ken Greenwood.**  
Principal.





# Photo Gallery

## Orange Running Festival



## Junior Awards





# 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](https://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](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination) or If you have any questions, please contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.