



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



*On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Godly men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison. Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. **Acts 8:1-4***

It has always amazed me how God has a way of turning things around – of bringing good out of evil; achieving his purposes despite the evil intentions of men.

Think about these examples:

- Saul, persecutor of Christians, is converted and becomes the Apostle Paul, writer of half the New Testament!
- Joseph, sold into slavery by his brothers, becomes 2nd in charge in Egypt, saving many people from famine!
- Jesus, betrayed and crucified, and thereby bringing salvation to all who would believe!

Since the early days of Christianity, it is clear, that followers of Christ should not expect an easy life. Persecution is to be expected, and it was through persecution that the believers spread out to new areas and evangelised. God is in the business of turning the evil intentions of men into good.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- The experiences outside of the classroom that many of the Secondary students were able to participate in, last week.
- The beginning of both a Primary and Secondary orchestra at OCS.
- The spectacular colours of Autumn that we can enjoy in our district. A great reminder of God's creativity and also the fact that while there are changes all around us, He never changes.

Please pray for:

- The stage 2 students and their upcoming sleepover. Please pray for the ones who may be apprehensive about sleeping away from home.
- The Discover Year 7 day and information evening.
- The Lord's provision for the staff vacancies at OCS

Fiji Mission Donations

Our Fiji Mission Team leave for Fiji on Tuesday 4th April, and we plan to leave room in our suitcases to take over some donations for our Fijian brothers and sisters. If you are willing and able to donate any of the following (new items only unless specified):

1. pens and pencils
2. toothbrushes and toiletries
3. children's clothes
4. sports equipment
5. new or second-hand soccer or football boots

**Please bring them to the office by
Thursday 30th March:**

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Discover Year 7 Day – **14th March**
- Year 7 2024 Information Night – **14th March**
- K-2 Athletics Carnival – **20th March**
- Senior Retreat – Canberra – **22nd – 24th March**
- Stage 2 Sleepover – **23rd – 24th March**
- Parent-Teacher Interview – **27th + 29th March**
- Science and Engineering Challenge – **30th March**
- 3-12 Athletics Carnival – **31st March**
- Easter Hat Parade – **5th April**
- Easter Picnic (Stage 1) – **5th April**
- Easter Assembly – **6th April**
- Last day of Term 1 – **6th April**

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 17th March**
- Secondary Assemblies – **Friday fortnightly 10:50am**

More information on 

Awards



Secondary Fiji Activities Afternoon

This Thursday 16th March from
4.30pm – 6.00pm.

Tropical theme – Prizes for
best dressed.

Gold coin entry

Snacks available for purchase

If you are planning to stay at
school, please come to the
Hub to see Mrs Elliott.



Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



There are several upcoming events that the Primary School students are looking forward to. Stage 1 students will be going on a local History excursion this week to visit the Orange Museum, Library and Art Gallery. NAPLAN begins this week for our Year 3 and 5 students and will continue into next week. Stage 2 have their sleepover at school on the 23rd March.

K-2 Athletics Carnival is 20th March, with 3-12 Athletics Carnival held on 31st March. The final week of term has Stage 1 off to Elephant Park for an Easter Celebration and Kindergarten will participate in the Easter Hat parade. Keep an eye on the school app for further details.

Secondary School

LEN ELLIOTT



A huge thank you to our many parents who assisted with camps last week. At the time of writing, the Six Foot Track, Homeless and Wontama camps were all a great success. Just on Wontama, a few of the students were worried about speaking with the Wontama residents – it's understandable,

particularly in those who don't see their grandparents; one such student asked at the end of the Wontama visit, 'Could we come back?' It's a great camp. Thanks again to those who helped.

The Stage 6 Canberra retreat is coming up too, in Week 8. Notes have gone home for that one.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



Our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be completing NAPLAN online over the next two weeks. The purpose of this National Assessment Program is to provide a snapshot of student's numeracy, grammar and punctuation, reading, spelling and writing skills at that point in time.

These tests are being held in Term 1 so that the results will be available to parents and teachers earlier in the year.

Another change is that 4 levels of achievement will replace the 10-band levels. The levels of achievements are Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. This information will promote informed discussions about student's progress and where they need support.

We look forward to speaking with you at the upcoming Parent Teacher nights in Week 9.

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
- English Teacher
- Head of Secondary School

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

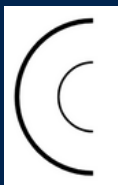
www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/

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



Competition Question...

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

From the Director of Prep

ROSA CUNIAL



One of the highlights in the Prep calendar is the Easter Hat parade. The children are excited to showcase their singing on stage and then parade their beautifully hand crafted creations on their heads. This is a Kindergarten and Prep event.

Keep Wednesday 5th April free on your calendar to come along and see the children entertain you. More details will be sent out closer to the date.



Sport Spot

Congratulations to our 5 Primary students who made it through to the CSSA State Swimming Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre (SOPAC) on Thursday 9th March. Hunter Bennett, Elijah Edwards, Anastasia Pyle, Hugh Rosser and Ella Ryman all conquered the pool each getting PB's in their events. It was an exciting time for our young swimmers competing under lights in the very pool that some of Australia's finest swimmers have swum.

Coming up: 16 of our Secondary students will converge onto SOPAC on Tuesday 28th March to compete in swimming.

Don't forget the Athletics Carnival is Friday 31st March and we would love to see families and friends coming to support the students and their houses.

Don't forget



Winter sport in Orange is fast approaching and we want to remind parents of the opportunity to access the Government's Active Kids Vouchers.

The Active Kids program provides a \$100 voucher for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children (4.5 to 18 years) to use towards sport and active recreations costs each year.

The current voucher, released on January 1st 2023, is valid until June 30th. A second \$100 voucher will be available from July 1st to December 31st. Please follow the link to find out more: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-kids>

Don't forget the \$100 creative kids voucher as well found on Services NSW too.



Photo Gallery

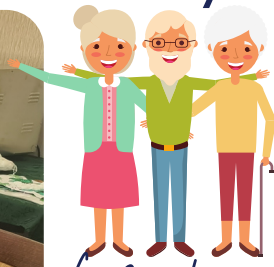


Off Track





Photo Gallery



Wontama
Residents
Visit



Homelessness
Camp

