



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



At the end of Term 1 we say farewell and thank you to Mr Len Elliott who has served our OCS community as Head of Senior School, and more recently Head of Secondary for over 7 years. At our Easter assembly we will publicly acknowledge his contribution to lifting the academic standard of the school, developing our Senior school culture, and supporting many students, staff and families.

We also say a temporary farewell to Mrs Sabrina McKern, who is taking maternity leave for Terms 2-4. We wish her and her family great joy with the arrival of her baby.

Many of you have been praying with us for the provision of new staff.

I am excited to advise that employment offers have been made, and verbally accepted, for the following new staff members, to commence before or on first day of Term 2:

We have 3 casual teachers, 1 café operator, 3 aides, and a part-time finance officer! Names will be announced after employment letters have been signed and returned. God's clear provision of these new members of our staff team gives me hope for the remaining vacancies.

Please remain in prayer for God's provision for a Primary Teacher and an English teacher for Term 2, a Head of Secondary by Term 3, and a Learning Support & Enrichment Coordinator from Term 3. We have received some applications and are trusting God to provide the people of His choice to serve our growing school.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- Answered prayers by the provision of staff for several of the positions that have been advertised;
- The safe excursion for our seniors last week.
- The School Board who invest themselves voluntarily to govern our school. Pray for wisdom, insight and God's peace in all that they do.

Please pray for:

- The Parent/Teacher interviews. A valuable investment of Parent Partnership at OCS.
- The Athletics Carnival. That it will be an amazing day and let us be thankful for the work that Cat Buckenfield and Katie Pyle put into such an event.
- The OCS community, that we may glorify God as Paul urges "live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Eph. 4: 1-3.



For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- 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 31st March**
- Secondary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 10:50am**

More information on 



We are HIRING

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

Positions Available:

- Music Tutor
- STAR Tutor
- 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...

What's one helpful piece of advice someone has given you?

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

Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



The Year 6 students, supported by Year 5, are doing a wonderful job leading the Primary students through fortnightly HOPE Groups. They are embracing the responsibility of leading their peers through important topics like resilience, optimism and managing different emotions. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Stage 2 Sleepover at last minute, due to the power outage at school.

We are working on a new date for this and will let you know once confirmed.

We love having parents involved in school activities, whether it be for regular help with classroom reading activities or one-off events like assemblies, excursions and carnivals.

Please contact me or your child's teacher if you would like to discuss further ways to get involved.

Secondary School

LEN ELLIOTT



The Stage 6 Canberra Retreat was a great success. Thank you for your prayers. Our students enjoyed their visits to their various locations around Canberra, ate well, slept (reasonably) well and enjoyed time in each other's company. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Jodi Armytage for driving one of our buses and being,

as always, such a cheerful and enthusiastic supporter of our school, and to the staff who attended: Mrs Giger, Mrs Childs and Mr Grant.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent/Teacher interviews this week, and at Friday's Athletics Carnival.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



OCS is part of this year's cohort of the Australia-China digital BRIDGE program. This innovative, entirely virtual, international teacher professional learning program is connecting our school with over 80 educators from 40 schools from Australia and China to establish informal school partnerships. Throughout Term 1, I have been engaging in professional learning workshops to build my knowledge and skills around intercultural understanding, use of digital technologies and design thinking to enhance global collaboration.

Our school is partnering with Shanghai New Huangpu Experimental School, together, we will design a student learning project creating local solutions to the global challenge of Good Health and Wellbeing in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Learn more about the Australia-China Digital BRIDGE program on the Asia Education Foundation website here:

[<https://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/programmes/school-partnerships/australia-china-digital-bridge>] and follow @asiaeducation #AusChinaBRIDGE on social media for the latest updates.



Stage 3

have been exploring colloids as part of their 'States of Matter' Science unit this term.



From Learning Support

CHLOE BERTRAM



Students may reach their goals and realise their potential in different ways. This is particularly true for students who have a learning disability. Even though two people may have a similar condition or learning disability, they are unlikely to have the same needs or experience of disability or require identical strategies and adjustments to support their learning.

Teachers plan and adjust lessons based on individual student needs. At OCS, our teachers aim to differentiate the curriculum to meet student needs, so that all students can learn and thrive.



KF - Apple Crowns

Fiji Mission Donations

Our Fiji Mission Team leave for Fiji on Tuesday 4th April, and they 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:

Introducing Miss Elise Reilly

Your role at school: High school teacher (Stage 4 & 5 history and geography)

Favourite school memory: getting ready for and attending the socials with my group of friends.

Fun Fact: Graduated from OCS

The best advice you've ever been given: be like Jesus

Favourite Quote/Bible Verse: Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."



Photo Gallery



Stage 6 Canberra Retreat

