



Newsletter

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From the Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



This week, the Secondary School is busily putting the final touches for our musical showcase – Matilda. Whilst I am not one to possess musical or dramatic talents, I really appreciate those that God has gifted in this area. I have deep admiration for our students who willingly challenge themselves to develop props, work on music, play characters, sing and dance up on stage. There are countless hours that go into rehearsing and preparing for such a musical, and I thank God for our staff who teach and guide our students in this endeavour.

We know that song and dance are joyful expressions that can bring glory to God. Psalm 96 expresses this well: *"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples."* (Psalm 96:1-3)

It is a feature of our School, that we can provide such an experience for our students and put on a showcase for our community. I know that many are looking forward to this event but tickets are selling out fast, so please book your tickets now! [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets!

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- His scriptures that are our anchor in faith-testing times.
- The Matilda team who have learned numerous lessons in the preparations for the upcoming performances.
- Our School Board as they lead and govern Orange Christian School.

Please pray for:

- Staff and Parents to partner together to coach, encourage and demonstrate to our students respect and responsibility and the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians Ch. 5 – 22,23)
- The school reports, that have been carefully considered and prepared, that they assist in helping each student to continue to discover and develop their God-given potential.
- All who are experiencing difficulties whether in health, finances or relationships.



For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Matilda – **22nd – 24th June**
- SLT House Day – **23rd June**
- Senior Subject Selection Expo – **27th June**
- Primary STEAM Day – **30th June**
- Last day of Term 2 – **30th June**
- Staff Professional Development Week – **begins 17th July**
- Prep Returns for Term 3 – **17th July**
- K-12 Returns for Term 3 – **24th July**

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**
- 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?

A full list of positions available and job descriptions are on our website. 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.



House competition question:

What do you think is the most important invention of all time and why?



Do you have your tickets yet?

Please note that students performing in the musical will NOT need to purchase a ticket. All other family members and friends that will require a seat will need a ticket for entry.

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Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



On the last day of term, the Primary students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths) activities. The students will work together in small groups and rotate around activities like coding Bee-bots and Lego challenges. Days like this help students to build problem-solving, teamwork and cooperation,

and encourages them to try new things.

It is also lots of fun too!

Primary assembly will be led this week by 1C and will be the final one for the term. We have been working through the Fruit of the Spirit and 1C will be focusing on 'Peace' and what that means for each of us. All welcome!

Secondary School

ADRIAN LEE



A man who has friends must show himself friendly: *and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.* **Prov 18:24 (KJV - modified)**

At school, navigating friendships can be challenging. Here are some thoughts about friendship that may be worth talking through with your children.

Friendships require effort and time.

Good time spent together doing good things, such as a good game of tag, build good friendships. **We can disagree well.** We will disagree sometimes but disagree in a loving way, being ready to move on.

Holding grudges will ruin connections and leave you, and others, feeling unhappy.

Good on ya mate! Saying "thanks" or "well done" to your friend is a great way to let them know you appreciate them.

Join in or don't wait to be asked. Being in a group where you find joy builds shared memories with friends. Youth group and Church is a fantastic place for this.

Use positive body language. Being able to listen and ask questions shows that you care about the person and are interested in them.



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Punctuality

I am concerned about the increasing number of students arriving just after 9 am on recent mornings, and seeming to be quite casual about it. While we all have unexpected delays from time to time, it becomes a concern if it happens regularly. Punctuality is an important practice to develop, out of respect to others, and for good preparation for life beyond school. Parents, please assist us by emphasising this with your children and allowing a little more time if this has become a pattern.

Mr Greenwood



Secondary Building and Carpark Design



Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



Some of our Primary teachers have participated in Professional Learning over the past term. Mrs Emma Smack, and Mr Michael Cunial participated in some Primary Mathematics Webinars run by Professor Catherine Attard from Western Sydney University. Mrs Leonie McCarron did a full day workshop on Number Talks facilitated by Fiona Foley from MANSW and Miss Rebecca Thompson and Mrs Kylie Pulling completed a NESA workshop on Primary

Assessment. Students from Years 7 to 10 should be receiving feedback on their examinations before the end of term. It has long been known that effective feedback has the potential to improve student learning. As students receive their tasks, they can ask what study practices worked, what they would do differently next time and how they can improve their responses. Please speak to your child about their progress this term.

From the Business Manager

CATHERINE LAWRENCE



It is with a great deal of thanks that I approach these last few weeks' at OCS. Though I appreciate being able to continue the connection with the School as a parent, I am so thankful for many years' of being part of such a welcoming and supportive community. As we prepare to welcome in Brett Collins as the new Business Manager for OCS, please pray that God will bless, equip and support him in this role.

At our recent Association meeting we presented the master planning preparations for both the school carpark upgrade and the Secondary Building facilities. These are two significant projects for OCS in the coming 18 months and it will be an exciting time to see new facilities through the construction phase to accommodate the growth in students in our School. The OCS Facilities Master Plan committee, the OCS Finance Committee in

conjunction with the staff team, architects and other consultants have been working for many months to obtain needed funding, prepare development application documentation and with the increase in costs are busily working to revise plans to still achieve the needed outcomes for the School.

We have had a few enquiries regarding the School Building Fund and with the current plans in progress this is a great time to remind families that OCS has a tax-deductible Building Fund to which donations can be made.

With it being so close to the end of the 2023 financial year this could be a great time to make a tax-deductible donation to the School Building Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please see the front office reception or contact me at clawrence@ocs.nsw.edu.au for further details.

Year 10 Vaccinations 19th August, 2023



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.

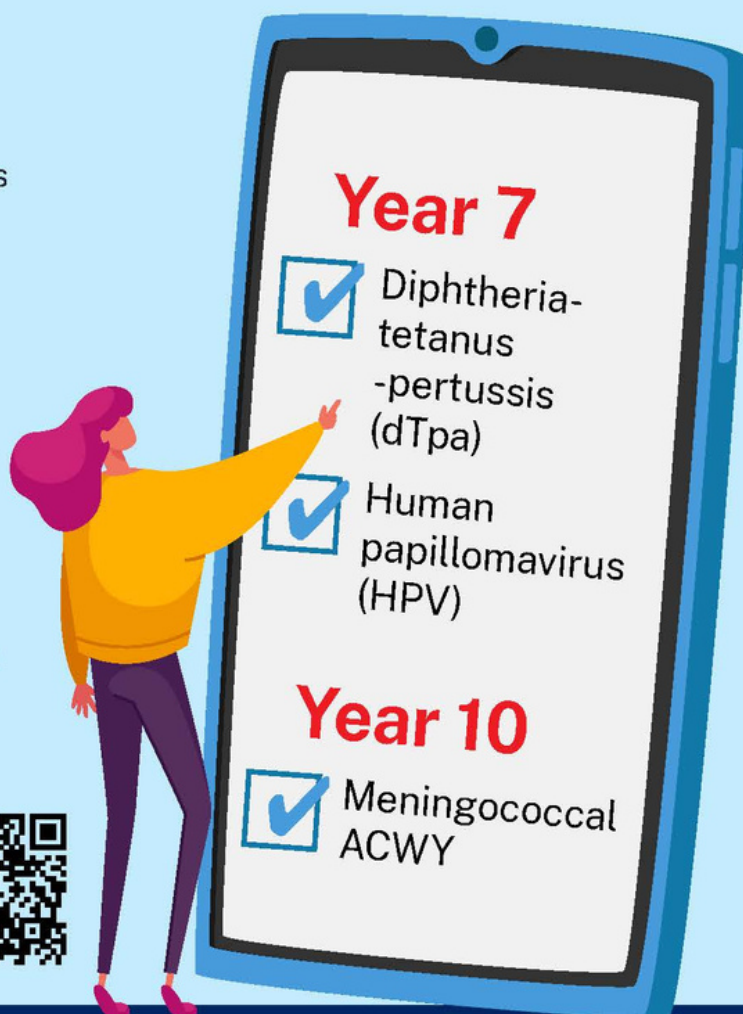
Benefits of providing online consent:

- 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