



Newsletter

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From the Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



A great measure to see if students are enjoying school, is the way they engage in class, sport and other co-curricular activities. Last week, there were many activities demonstrating high level of engagement at our School. On Monday, our Year 11 SLT leaders participated in the Central West Youth Leaders Summit, where student leaders across the region came together to discuss important issues impacting their lives and schooling. On Tuesday, the school fielded a large contingent of athletes at the Zone athletics carnival and we did very well. My thanks to the Sport team who inspire our athletes to do their very best!

Last week, we also hosted a number of schools across the region for a tournament of Chess. We fielded a large team and the experience provided many with a love for chess. My thanks to Mr Green for organising this successful event. **On Thursday night, the Fiji Mission team** met for dinner to celebrate the success of the mission trip and give parents a chance to hear about their child's amazing experiences and the many ways they grew in their faith. We are proud of these students, who stepped out of their comfort zone, served and loved their Fijian neighbours. My thanks to Miss Collins, Mr Lee, Mrs Pyle and Mrs Reilly for training, and looking after the mission team.

On assembly on Friday, primary students heard about patience (fruit of the Spirit). Students expressed how difficult it was at times to be patient, but being patient meant that you could also appreciate things better, be kind and not be so stressed! Secondary students were reminded to be a good friend, by showing respect to one another. As students listened, I could sense that students were willing to live out what they heard and make it a goal for Term 3.

It has been pleasing to see students settle well into the Term. Please pray for our Year 12s, who will be sitting their Trial HSC examinations this week.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- His modelling of relationship to us. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32.
- The wonderful days of competition and interaction that our Chess students enjoyed in the two chess days last week.
- Our new students at OCS who are settling in so well.

Please pray for:

- Our Senior Students as they sit trial exams. May they sense His peace and complete them to the best of their ability.
- The upcoming parent-teacher interviews.
- Wisdom for both parents and staff, as we assist our children to navigate friendships in a positive manner.



BREAKING NEWS

New Principal 2024 announcement
at the end of this newsletter

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Trial HSC Exams - **31st July - 4th Aug**
- 101 Days of Kindergarten - **31st July**
- CSSA Netball Gala Day - **3rd Aug**
- Mayor's Cup Debating - **3rd Aug**
- Todd Woodbridge Cup - **4th Aug**
- Parent Teacher Interviews - **8th + 10th Aug**
- Year 10 Vaccinations - **9th Aug**
- Bullying No Way Day - **11th Aug**
- Netball OCS vs OAGS - **11th Aug**
- Stage 5 Subject Selection Evening - **14th Aug**
- Senior Showcase - **15th Aug**
- Stage 3 Canberra Excursion - **16th - 18th Aug**

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





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 Honeysett on 6362 7258 or by email on ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au.



The OCS SLT has been planning to create a house points board and are looking for someone with skills in carpentry and a heart for the school to build it. Our design needs to feature 3 houses and have a system for updating the house points score under each house. There should be a space to showcase the house emblems and it should be a large display that we can mount in public spaces such as the hall or H-Block breezeway. Please contact the school if you are interested!



Devotions - 1 Peter

1 Peter 1 encourages us to treasure our faith in Jesus Christ as those who do so will inherit an incorruptible, undefiled, everlasting life with Jesus due to His selfless sacrifice on the cross. The chapter continues by calling us to be holy in our conduct, just like God. To fully rely on the grace of Jesus Christ and love one another fervently.

- Mrs. Berry

Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Congratulations to Davey Elliott (Shadrach), Amelia Layton (Meshach) and Emma White (Abednego) for being selected as the Year 4 House leaders for Term 3. They join the Primary Captains and House leaders from Stage 3, and we know this will be a great opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Our Kindergarten students have reached a very big milestone this week

- 101 days of being in Kindergarten! This is a very worthy occasion to celebrate. 101 days ago, many of the students were learning to write their name, do some basic counting and maybe knew some sounds. Now, they are reading simple books, writing sentences, and are understanding many maths concepts. Congratulations Kinder!



Secondary School

MEL COLLINS

In our first assembly back, I set the simple theme for the term - BE A FRIEND. Why? Because that is who Jesus was, He made the choice daily to put others before himself. Individually and together, every day, we have countless opportunities to

continue to help build a culture of kindness here at OCS. Attitude is a choice, excellence is a choice, effort is a choice, kindness is a choice. Please pray for Year 12 as they sit their trial exams this week.

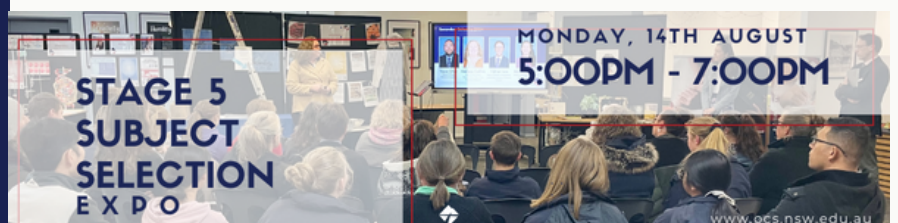


Student Development

ADRIAN LEE

Do you pronounce Zee or Zed? The way you say the name of that letter may indicate where you grew up or when you grew up. In thinking about the world it can be so easy to think we cannot do anything about it, or think we must do everything about it. What a wonderful gift perspective is; a deep understanding that God is in control. It let's us take a deep breath.

So many events coming up in the life of our school, camps are coming soon; from Bathurst to Canberra to Wambangalang to Sydney, plus parent teacher interviews, Trial HSC exams and Book week. Each experience is designed to develop our students and encourage them to give of their best and see the world from God's perspective.





OCS Representative Squad eligible for CSSA 2023

Primary: Competing at Blacktown

International Sports Park - Athletics

Centre Friday 1st September

Emily Barr, Dimity Buckerfield, David Elliott, Josiah Gately, Azarleah Hausler, Darius James, Ella McDonald, Emily Meiring, Emily Perrett, Jett Reid, Seth Reid, Honsometa Thorn, Ezekiel Weaver, Emma White.

Secondary: Competing at Sydney Olympic

Park Athletics Centre, Homebush -

Thursday 25th August

Eleazar Armytage, Elliot Bangert Lily Bangert, Charlie Bekavac, Samuel Bennett, Lucas Bravenboer, Paxton Buckerfield, Juliette Colla, Willow Cooke, Cameron Dunn, Nancy Elliott, Tobias Jackson, Leila Johnston, Tyler Jolly, Zoe Jones, Charlotte Layton, Cody Louis, Charlotte Meiring, Ethan Miller, Samuel Okoronka, Laura Paton, Jade Privett, Caleb Reid, Madison Reid, Mason Reilly, Zoe Roberts, James Skrinnikoff, Madeleine Tai, Lilly Tyack, Baxter Ward, Gabriel Weaver, Jordan White

Message from the Chaplain

JANN OSBORN



Friendships can be tricky. Navigating friendships is an opportunity for our children to learn and to grow. The image shown is a great tool for opening discussion and is by no means indisputable, but a way to think through friendships.

Our God is a relational God who desires personal relationship with us individually. So, it should be no surprise that we are relational beings. I can almost guarantee that when each of us think about our highest and lowest times in life, they are relationship based.

Our children can be guided in how their friendships can be made more positive and given tools to communicate effectively. Conflict resolution is a skill for life. Self-esteem, confidence and compassion are also factors. Our children's friendships and difficulties can be heart wrenching. School should be a good place to be and I am privileged to assist if concerns arise.

Sport Spot

CATHRYN BUCKERFIELD



What a Far West Zone Carnival 2023 turned out to be! OCS students made it BIG and the results are officially in. Congratulations to our 3 record breakers: Paxton Buckerfield - 400m, 800m & the 1500m, Charlotte Meiring - 1500m, Madeleine Tai - 200m

Other exciting news for the carnival were the announcement of Age Champions:

Primary:

- 12 -13 years Girls: Emily Meiring

Secondary:

- 12 years Girls: Paxton Buckerfield
- 13 years Girls: Madeleine Tai
- 13 years Boys: Caleb Reid
- 16 years Girls: Lily Bangert
- 18 - 19 years Boys: Elliot Bangert

This year we have had 14 Primary students make it through to CSSA (State) and 34 Secondary students, with 4 relay teams. This is such an amazing achievement by the students of OCS to have so many reach the next level and we are extremely proud of their achievements.

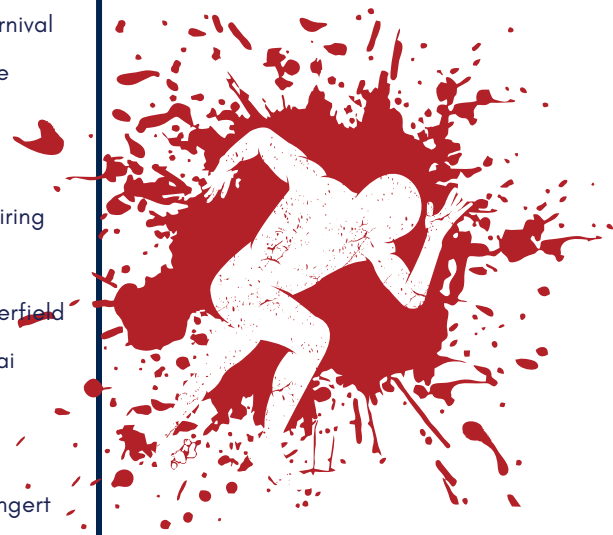


Photo Gallery

Chess



Young Leaders



Zone Athletics







31st July, 2023

Exciting News - Introducing our New Principal for 2024

Dear OCS Families,

The Board of Orange Christian School is delighted to announce that Mr Yooie Choi has accepted the Board's offer to commence as Principal of OCS in 2024. Most in our school community will know Yooie, as he has served as our Deputy Principal since January 2021. Yooie brings to the role more than 20 years' experience in both State and Independent schools in both Sydney and Orange.

Yooie is married to Rebecca and they have four children. Rebecca is ordained as a Deacon and is serving as an Assistant Minister in Blayney / Millthorpe Anglican Parish. Yooie and Rebecca attend Millthorpe Anglican Church.

Yooie's vision for OCS may be summarised in three key themes:

A city on the hill

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16.

- Excellent Christian Education for parents and students
- A place where anyone can connect and belong
- A place of refuge and biblical authority
- School values and character are hallmarks of OCS students

A great place to learn and work

- Staff are cared for and valued
- Passionate and purposeful Christian teachers
- Safe and caring learning environment
- Academic growth is achieved and celebrated

Salt and light within the community

- Service and outreach into the community
- Good works that glorify God

The Board endorses Yooie's vision to grow OCS to be a city on a hill, where parents are engaged, students are learning and being disciplined in Christ and ultimately our school grows to build God's kingdom and give glory to God. The message of the gospel and the hope it brings will be a light to the community where students are known and encouraged to develop their God given talents.

Yooie is aware of the challenges that education faces and is keen to partner with parents in not only overcoming these challenges but growing in wisdom and truth to better equip our young people with meaning and purpose for their future.

The Board is looking forward to working with Yooie in 2024 and we know that he will serve OCS extremely well. We also know that Yooie and Ken Greenwood will work well together to ensure a smooth transition.

Please join us in thanking God for His kind provision of Yooie to lead our school from 2024 as he builds on and carries forward the vision and excellent work undertaken by Ken.

Please pray for Yooie, Ken and all our staff as they navigate this transition.

Best regards & God bless

David Coleman

OCS Board Chair