



## Newsletter

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### Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to several new staff and students joining us for Term 3. We welcome **Mr Brett Collins** who recently commenced as Business Manager, and **Miss Mel Collins** (no relation to Brett) who has now taken on the role of Head of Secondary School. **Ms Erin Gately** has moved onto new employment, and we thank her for her years of faithful service to Orange Christian School. We are pleased to welcome **Mrs. Anna Sims** as our new Administration Assistant who will be covering Erin's role in reception as well as assisting our Executive staff with various administrative duties. An announcement is also expected in the coming weeks regarding the new Principal starting in 2024.

As these staff changes take place. I am conscious of God's amazing provision as he moves his people to serve here at OCS, or elsewhere in His Kingdom. In Ephesians 2:10 we are reminded that we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

During Term 3 we begin to prepare our class structures and staffing needs for 2024, so there will be more staff changes and more new families coming to join our school in the weeks to come. Let's make them welcome and anticipate the contribution each will make to our community.

### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Ps. 107: 1
- Our new Business Manager, Mr Brett Collins. Please pray for him as he embarks on this important role at OCS.
- The term that lies ahead. May we, the OCS community glorify Him in how we think, speak and act.

#### Please pray for:

- Our Senior Students as they prepare for trial exams. Whilst striving to achieve their best, may they also keep balance in their life for work, rest and play.
- The upcoming parent-teacher interviews.
- Our School Board as they lead and govern Orange Christian School. May they have Godly wisdom as they make decisions for 2024 and beyond.

# WELCOME

# BACK TO SCHOOL

*For your Calendar...*

### Coming Up at OCS

- Primary Zone Athletics Carnival - **25th July**
- Junior Chess League - **26th + 27th July**
- Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition - **28th July**
- Trial HSC Exams - **31st July - 4th Aug**
- 101 Days of Kindergarten - **31st July**
- Todd Woodbridge Cup - **4th Aug**
- Parent Teacher Interviews - **8th + 10th Aug**
- Year 10 Vaccinations - **9th Aug**
- Bullying No Way Day - **11th Aug**
- Netball Gala Day - **11th Aug**

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**
- Secondary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 10:50am**

More information on





# WE'RE 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/](http://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](mailto:ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au).



## Prep

While the big kids are away, the little kids can play!

Last week the Prep children had an absolute blast owning the school for a week!

Hot chocolates in Bembooka for all!



## Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



We have several new students joining the Primary School this term and we extend a very warm welcome to you and your families.

HOPE Groups begin again this week, with the focus this term on the Fruit of the Spirit. The Year 5 and 6 students will continue to lead these groups each fortnight. Assembly also begins this week on Friday at 9:30am, with 5/6G leading.

3T will lead in week 3, Book Parade is week 5 and KF in week 7. All welcome! Stage 2 and 3 have camps to look forward to also, so keep an eye out for notes from Mr Adrian Lee with further details.

We look forward to a great term.



## Secondary School

MEL COLLINS

Welcome to Term 3. As I take on my new role as Head of Secondary, I am excited by the possibilities that God has in store for us here at OCS this term.

Please pray for Year 12 as they prepare for their trial exams next week.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be coming up in Week 3. This is an important opportunity to connect with class teachers and discuss your child's progress. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Teaching and Learning

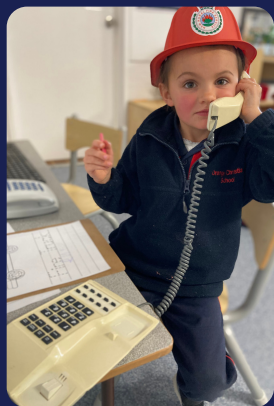
BELINDA ELLIOTT



Please continue to pray for our Stage 6 and some Year 10 students who are completing their Trial Examinations in Week 2 (and Week 5 for Compressed and VET Courses). We commend the strength (an OCS value) of these students who have been preparing for these formal assessments and those who came into school last week to complete practice examinations during our HSC Study Days.

I encourage students to sign up for the ICAS competitions, these are designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem solving skills in a range of subjects. Please see the note on School Stream App or search: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>, then enter Orange Christian School's unique access code: XDL351. Please note entries close Monday 31st July 2023.

# Prep Fire Safety



## Message from the Business Manager

BRETT COLLINS



I'm privileged to be appointed as the OCS Business Manager. I have worked for many years as an accountant in public practices and not-for-profit associations so am looking forward to using my skills and experience in service of the Lord at the School. I believe education and faith are critical aspects of life and to bring them together here is inspiring.

My three boys attend the school and it's great to see first hand how they are being shaped as godly leaders. On weekends as a family we love to enjoy all wonderful things that the Central West has to offer.

## Sport Spot

CATHRYN BUCKERFIELD



Strength is a core value at OCS. Not just physical strength which is obviously on display here, but resilience, perseverance and dedication, which are all achieved by using our inner strength. We celebrate with our students when they display these values in their lives in and outside of the school grounds!

Congratulations to Paxton who competed representing OCS at the All Schools Cross Country in Sydney on Friday, competing in the girls 12 years secondary event where she placed 28th overall.

This is an amazing accomplishment and we are extremely proud!



## Tips from



When you must go to sport early, get your stuff organised the night before so then you won't be rushed in the morning.

ELIJAH HEWITT

# 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.

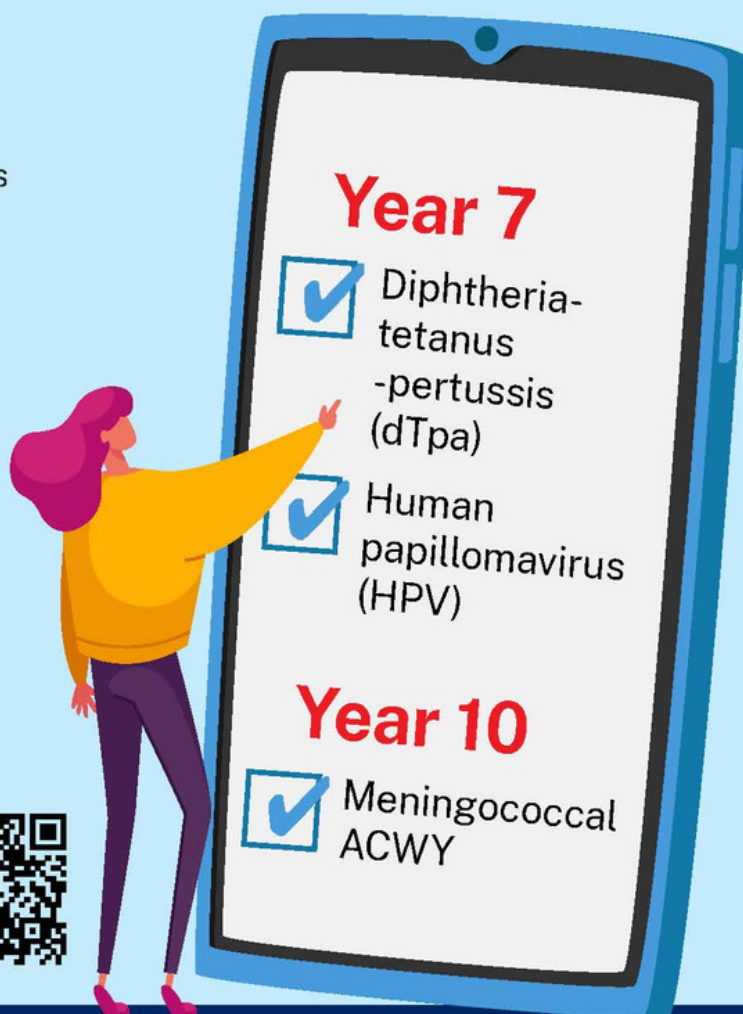
#### Benefits of providing online consent:

- 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](https://health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)