



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



We live in a time when there is very little godliness in the world around us – just watch the news, or scroll through Netflix for a decent film to watch! So much is wickedness, and negativity. There is little that is wholesome and upbuilding.

Yet we are called to live differently, because the end of all things is near (1 Peter 4:3). In the words of a devotional read to our staff this morning, *"it is time to stand in the grace of our Saviour and reclaim our lives for his glory. It is time to be self-controlled and clear-minded so we can pray. It is time to keep on loving where others have stopped... It is time to be generous without complaining, gracious without resentment... It is time to honour God in all we do, and do it all by His grace and for his glory...our God does not simply point to our sordid past and say, 'Don't live that way anymore. No, our God cups our face in his nail-scarred hands and says, 'My child you don't have to live that way anymore. You are free.'"*

What a privilege it is to teach our children an alternative way to live – in godliness and freedom!

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence." 2 Peter 1:3
- The appointment of our 2024 Principal, Mr Yooie Choi. Give thanks for the unusual opportunity for our current Principal Mr Ken Greenwood to be able to transition Mr Choi effectively by sharing his knowledge and wisdom.
- The energy of students enjoying the current weather.

Please pray for:

- Our Senior Students. May they know God's peace as they face challenges and change.
- The School's needs for 2024 to be provided, particularly staffing requirements.
- The kaleidoscope of daily and extra activities across OCS from Prep – Yr 12. From learning to be kind; parent-teacher interviews; vaccinations through to sport competitions. OCS is a busy place.

OCS SENIOR Showcase



Tuesday 15th August from 6:45pm

MUSIC | ART | DRAMA

Orange Regional Conservatorium
Dessert Provided

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- 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



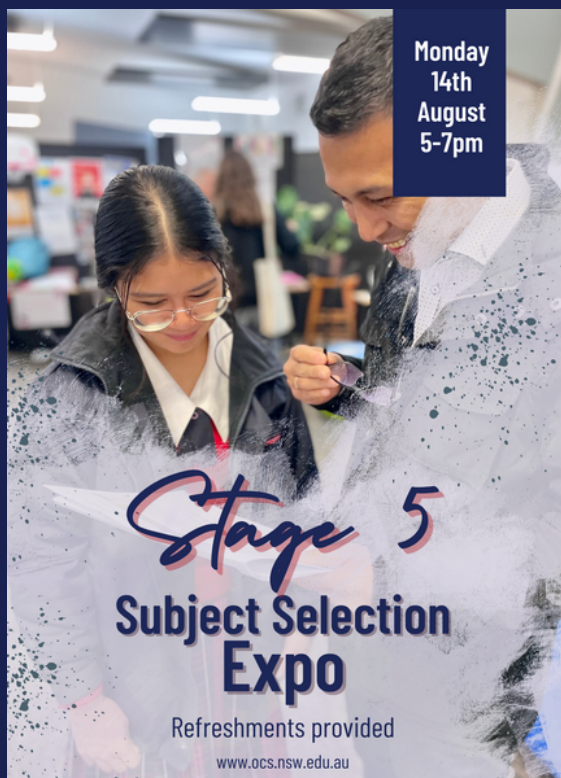


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www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/
Any enquiries to Jaimie Honeysett on 6362 7258 or by email on ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au.



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!



Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



The OCS Book Parade is fast approaching and will be held on Friday 25th August. All Prep to Year 6 students are involved in this morning. The theme for this year is "Read, Grow, Inspire". Students can use this theme for inspiration or choose their own character out of a favourite book.

The parade will start at 9:30am in Ngalgarra Hall. This event will be followed by a picnic, where parents and grandparents are also invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! Keep an eye on the app for a note with further details.

Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



A cracking term is underway! What better way to get started than by getting together over the Parent Teacher Meetings this week to seek ways to celebrate the progress the students are making and discuss ways to best support their learning. **On Tuesday 15th August the Stage 6 CAPA students will be showcasing their HSC major works and**

performances at the Orange Regional Conservatorium from 6.45pm.

This will be a great time to encourage their hard work and share some dessert as well!

Stay tuned this week for information on the Stage 4 & 5 camps.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



I look forward to seeing parents and students from Year 8 at our Stage 5 Information Evening on Monday, 14th August from 5pm. During the evening we will present the changes to Stage 5 Mathematics and English and the subject offerings for electives.

Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC Examinations (Non-compressed subjects). The feedback they received will guide their study as they prepare for the HSC Examinations in October. Please uphold the Year 12 students in your prayers.



Todd Woodbridge Cup



Photos continued in photo gallery...

Message from the STAR Coordinator

MELINDA WILLIS



During Term 2 we were blessed to welcome Mr Stephen Armytage as a STAR supervisor on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Mr Armytage has become a friendly familiar face around the school for many students. His support of the students and their studies is encouraging.

This term for Grow in STAR we are excited to be having a study theme for each week. Students will be able to brush up on their skills in different key areas through guided practise.

This week's theme is Algebra Building Blocks through which students can cement their understanding in fundamental algebra skills. Future week themes will be posted on School Stream. Grow in STAR is a student led tutoring initiative, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons during STAR until 4pm.



Sport Spot

Ethan Miller competed on the 5th of August in the Oceana Region Parkour Competition in Tauranga, New Zealand as part of Orange's Central West Gymsports Team.

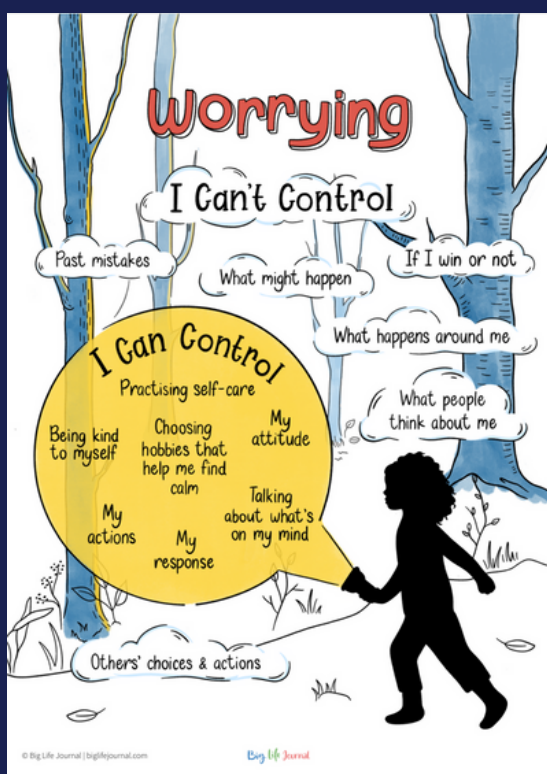
Ethan was outstanding in his events across the competition.

He placed 1st in the 15 - 17 years advanced freestyle.

2nd in the 15 - 17 years relay

3rd in the 15 -17 years speed run

The OCS community congratulates Ethan on his outstanding achievements and wishes him well for all future competitions.



Zone Age Champions: Caleb Reid, Lily Bangert, Paxton Buckersfield, Madeleine Tai, Charlotte Meiring, Emily Meiring, Elliot Bangert

Photo Gallery

Todd
Woodbridge
Cup



Netball
Gala Day

