



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



"But you, dear friends, ...keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire..." Jude 1:20-23

As Christians today, we are in a waiting time, until Jesus returns.

During this time we are encouraged to do two things – keep ourselves in God's love, and reach out to others with God's love. When we reach out to others, we show mercy to them, and we may well snatch them from the fire, into eternal life!

At this school, we not only teach academics to children, we teach them a Christian message of salvation. And we are keen to share this message with parents also.

If you are a new parent, and you would like to hear more about the Christian message your children are exposed to at this school, please look out for your invitation and come along to our Orientation to Christian schooling dinner, to be held on 7 September. Class parents will be inviting you to join their table for an informative night of discussion and enjoying a meal together. Our main speaker will be Rev Andrew Parkinson, member of our school Board and Regional Director of Scripture Union.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- His stability and for His school. Where for over 40 years – students, parents and staff come and go but He remains. May we recognise that fact and give Him honour and glory.
- The Stage 3 excursion last week and the partnership and involvement of parents, which is critical for such experiences to happen.
- The many activities that have been happening across our school so far this term – sports; music performances; debating; excursions; chess etc. and now we head into the second half of this term with much more to come!

Please pray for:

- God's guidance and wisdom for decisions and plans for OCS for 2024 and beyond. Particularly, for the provision of His people for staffing positions.
- Our Senior students as trial HSC exams continue.
- Great weather for the Book Parade and Read-aloud picnic this Friday.

When: August 23
Time: 7pm
Where: OCS Learning Hub
Refreshments provided

OCS Parent Forum

'Generation Jesus'

With CEN State Executive Officer, Jo Fahey



ORANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S

Book Stall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH
500 CECIL RD IN BEMBOOKA
SEE SCHOOLSTREAM FOR MORE DETAILS
WWW.ocs.nsw.edu.au

PRICE RANGE
\$2-\$80

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Parent Forum with Jo Fahey from CEN – **23rd Aug**
- CSSA Secondary State Carnival – **24th Aug**
- OCS Book Parade – **25th Aug**
- Read Aloud Picnic – **25th Aug**
- Year 10 Work Experience – **28th Aug – 1st Sep**
- Stage 2 Bathurst Camp – **28th + 29th Aug**
- Year 9 Urban Experience – **30th Aug – 1st Sep**
- Stage 4 OCS Culture Incursion – **30th Aug**
- Stage 4 Wambalang Camp – **31st Aug + 1st Sep**
- CSSA State Athletics Carnival – **1st Sep**

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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Orientation to Christian Schooling

Are you new to OCS in 2022 or 2023? Have you been wondering exactly what sort of bible teaching your children are receiving at our school?

We would love to invite you to a special dinner on Thursday, the 7th of September from 6-8:30pm in the Learning Hub.

Over some delicious food catered by the Smoking Brothers, we will hear about what we believe as a Christian school, and what your children are being taught every day in class – not just in biblical studies, but in Maths, English, History and all other subjects.

There will be time for discussion and questions throughout the evening as well.

We are providing free child minding as well so that as many that want to attend can.

Scan the QR code to register

JOIN US!

You are warmly invited
ORIENTATION
to
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLING
DINNER

When: Thursday, 7th September
Time: 6pm
Where: OCS Learning Hub
RSVP by 30th August



Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Stage 3 had a fantastic Canberra trip last week and excitement is building in Stage 2 for their Bathurst Goldfields camp next week. These camps are wonderful experiences for our students, and we appreciate the assistance of all our parent helpers too.

The Prep-Year 6 Book Parade and Read Aloud Picnic is this Friday,

starting at 9:30am in Ngalgarra Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Notes for the Book Parade and the Bathurst Camp are on the app.

KF will be leading assembly in week 7.

Ribbons from Athletics and other recent carnivals will also be awarded during this assembly.

Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



Another big week ahead in Secondary. On Thursday, 23 students from Year 7 to 12 will head to CSSA State Athletics at Homebush. Safe travels and all the best in your events. Please pray for our Year 10, 11 and 12 students as they complete their Compressed Trial Exams on Thursday and Friday this week.

As Prep to Year 6 dress up for the Book Parade on Friday; Secondary will be dressing up as their favourite TV character as part of a SLT fundraiser. All money raised will be donated to Veritas House.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



Students across our school have been completing ICAS Assessments in English, Writing, Digital Technologies and Mathematics. These assessments recognise academic excellence and will provide parents and teachers data about student performance and their progression within a subject. HSC students will be completing their Trial Examinations on Thursday and Friday this week. These examinations are being held at the Christian Ministry Centre.

VET students in Year 10 will also be completing their Trial Examinations. Please continue to uphold them in your prayers. In the following weeks Stage 2, 4 and Year 9 students will be on camp, these are opportunities for rich learning experiences outside of the regular classroom.



Would you or anyone you know be the right person to come and work with us? We have multiple teaching and support positions available beginning in 2024.

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.



"I like to stretch before I play sports. It helps loosen my muscles, make my body warm and stops me from getting injured. Usually, 5-10 minutes is enough to warm your muscles. I

like to do the stretches in a specific order: open the gate, feed the chickens, high kicks, close the gate, lunges, grape vine, and side steps."

-Sienna.



From The Plot

DAVID MILLIGAN



The biggest challenge of the new Ag course is also one of the most enjoyable – deciding what to do next and when. Sometimes this involves taking something old – resurrecting it from the ashes – and renewing and restoring it for use now. Other times we see it's time to do something new. I am learning along with my students to pause and take stock – we have come a long way!

It has been a constant delight to work alongside such an imaginative class who are so on fire. The prospective students I met last Monday night show 2024 will see growth upon growth at The Plot.

Senior Showcase





Photo Gallery

Kuyper
Christian
School



Canberra
Excursion

