



Newsletter

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Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End" (Rev 22:13)

The staff are currently looking at the book of Revelation as part of our morning devotions. What is clear in this book is that the early Christians, who were heavily persecuted at the time, are called to have hope and perseverance despite the hardships they faced. This is no different to today. When Jesus says "I am the Alpha and Omega" it is a reminder that the God of the Universe has complete power and authority.

This should give us comfort when times are tough. The Alpha and the Omega - Jesus reminds us that He is in control and walks amongst us (Rev 1:13) and with this clear image and knowledge, it should encourage us to stand for Him and not be afraid.

Unfortunately, many of us do live in fear, and are afraid. Persecution, cost of living pressures, broken relationships, sickness and disease, conflict and wars are all sadly part of our reality. However, this scripture reminds us that Jesus will make all things new in the end, all we need to do is put our trust in Him.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- The righteousness that we can have through Jesus's sacrifice for us. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt.5:6
- Fathers! As we celebrate Father's Day let us honour and recognise the men in our lives (Dads, Grandfathers, Stepdads, Uncles). May their faith, hope and love continue to grow.
- The opportunity we had last week to connect as OCS community, through the Book Week activities.

Please pray for:

- The many activities that are happening across our school this week. For God's protection and inspiration for those involved in camps and Primary State Athletics.
- God's guidance and wisdom for decisions and plans for OCS for 2024 and beyond, and particularly for the provision of His people for staffing positions.
- His healing for those who are struggling with health issues.



For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- 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 Wambangalang Camp - **31st Aug + 1st Sep**
- CSSA Primary State Athletics Carnival - **1st Sep**
- Father's Day Breakfast - **5th Sep**
- OCS Dinner - **7th Sep**
- Regional Tennis Playoffs - **11th Sep**
- SLT Social - **14th 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





O.C.S

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



It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents who were able to join us for the Book Parade and Read-Aloud Picnic last week. What a fantastic morning this was promoting the importance of reading and the joy that children can find in it.

Stage 2 is on camp at the beginning of this week at the Bathurst Goldfields

Education Centre. Students will step back in time to the early settlement of Bathurst and the gold rush and experience gold panning, mud brick making, damper cooking, bush games and setting up tent sites.

We pray they have an enjoyable and safe time.

Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



What an exciting week ahead for our Secondary students. Camps are all set and ready to kick off on Wednesday morning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly to create these learning experiences outside the classroom for our students. Please pray for safety, growth, friendships,

and plenty of fun on camp this week.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Secondary SLT fancy dress fundraiser on Friday. There were some spectacular outfits! A total of \$197 was raised for Veritas House. Well done to all involved.

Student Development

ADRIAN LEE

Well . . . it is camp week!

Stage 2 are off to Bathurst to explore life in the Goldfields. Some of our Year 10 students are on work experience this week and the rest will be engaging in a great set of activities around 'the world of work' including resume writing, mock interviews and a trip to Cadia valley operations.

Stage 4 head to Wambangalang later in the week while Year 9 are off the Urban Experience Camp.

Please keep the staff, students and parent helpers in prayer for safety and great learning on our outdoor education experiences.



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.



"When my Mum encourages me to remember my goals, it motivates me to get up and go to training."

Encouragement is helpful; it helps me get to where I want to go. Her encouragement can also remind me how far I've come."
-Anna



From the Kitchen

CAT BUCKERFIELD



In Week 3 our Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory students completed their final assessment prac. The prac saw our students produce dishes with a focus on sustainability and using foods we often waste in our homes.

It is an exciting time for the students who relish using their culinary skills developed over 13 weeks.



Sport Spot

CAT BUCKERFIELD



Congratulations to the 23 secondary students who competed at the State CSSA Athletics championships at Sydney Olympic Park last Thursday. It was a joyous day with most students achieving PB's (Personal Best) in their events. Special mention must go to Samuel Okoronka in Year 12 and Paxton Buckerfield in Year 7 who have both progressed to the CIS championships to be held on the 19th of September. Paxton was also announced 12 Years Girls Age Champion. We wish them all the best for CIS.

This Friday 1st September will see 12 of our Primary students head to Blacktown for their State CSSA Athletics championships. Stay tuned next newsletter for their exciting results as we wish them all the best for this exciting event.



Photo Gallery



Book Week





28th August 2023

Maternity Leave Replacement

Dear 1P Parents,

With Mrs. Pade going on maternity leave at the end of this term, we are excited to introduce who will be covering her class for the remaining 10 weeks of this year.

Miss Elise Reilly and Mrs. Caitlyn White will be working together and teaching 1P for 3 days and 2 days respectively.

Both teachers are very well known to the OCS community, sharing an obvious excitement, care and commitment to educating students. We are confident that this will be a very positive teaching combination and will ensure the continuation of what Mrs. Pade has established with her class this year.

Lastly, while we are sad to see her go, we wish Mrs. Pade the very best as she goes on maternity leave in preparation to have her beautiful little baby.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs. Cath Buchanan
Head of Primary