



## Newsletter

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### Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



*Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters, and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Rev 19:6*

**Over the past 2 weeks our school** has been reading sections from the last book of the Bible: Revelation. Have you ever gone to the back of a book you are reading to find out how the story ends? That's what we are able to do with the book of Revelation. While the symbolism may be difficult to interpret, the overarching message is clear. God is on his throne, and everything will bow down to him, and worship him.

**This is especially reassuring when going through difficult times**, such as persecution, or sickness or even death. As Christians we don't need to despair, because our God reigns over all, and he will bring a time of peace and wellbeing and eventually a new Heaven and a new Earth.

**We should teach our children that God is not like** a Santa Claus figure whose job is to give us presents and make us feel comfortable. He is worthy of awesome respect, because He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Yet if we are his children we need not fear**, but we can take comfort in the fact that such a powerful God loves us and will take care of things in the end. Try reading the back of the book. In the end we win!



## For your Calendar...

### Coming Up at OCS

- OCS Dinner - **7th Sep**
- Regional Tennis Playoffs - **11th Sep**
- SLT Social - **14th Sep**
- Operation Christmas Child Mufti Day - **18th Sep**
- Stage 6 Stress Less - **18th Sep**
- CIS Primary and Secondary Athletics - **19th Sep**
- Year 11 Exams - **19th - 22nd Sep**
- Year 12 Farewell Assembly - **22nd Sep**
- Last Day of Term 3 - **22nd 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



### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- The prayer warriors who consistently uphold OCS in prayer. Prayer for our school is greatly appreciated!
- "You, Lord, reign forever; your throne endures from generation to generation." Lamentations 5:19. We give thanks for the faithful generations that preceded us and the generations of faith to come.
- The answered prayers for the amazing camps and activities that took place last week.

#### Please pray for:

- Year 12 and Year 10 students, that they may have discernment as they consider decisions for their future.
- 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 junior students as they grow academically, emotionally and spiritually. May they extend compassion and kindness to others.
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SAMARITANS PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PRESENTS



# VARIETY SHOW

PERFORMANCES BY  
ELI STANFORD  
ORANGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
ORANGE REGIONAL CONSERVATORIUM  
ZUMBA DANCE

SATURDAY, 9TH OF SEPTEMBER  
2PM  
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY CENTRE (560 CECIL RD)

ENTRY: ADULTS \$20  
KIDS GOLD COIN DONATION

INCLUDES AFTERNOON TEA

## Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world by giving gift-filled shoeboxes to children in over 100 countries. As a school we are supporting this mission and encourage students to donate a gift to their class shoebox (or homeroom for secondary).

The donations are due in the last week of term. A Mufti Day will also be held to raise money for the postage of the boxes. Please refer to the school app for all the dates and details. KF will be leading assembly this Friday and ribbons from recent carnivals will also be presented. All welcome!

## Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



"Live, be strong, don't give up... Smile, be happy and shake hands often."

Was a beautiful piece of advice given to Year 9 by Jack Meister, 95-year-old Holocaust survivor during our visit to the Jewish Museum on Urban Camp last week.

We hope everyone has recovered from camp over the weekend and enjoyed their time away. Thank you once again to the parent helpers and staff for

creating these learning opportunities for our students.

Stay tuned for more photos and posts from each of the camps over the coming weeks. Operation Christmas Child is underway. If you are willing and able to donate, please do so.

## Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT

Think about the last time you learnt something new. Perhaps during Lockdown you tried to learn to speak Spanish. Maybe you watched a youtube clip about how to make a dovetail joint. How did you go with it? We have a much better understanding about the learning process, and this informs our teaching practice, often referred to as the Science of Learning.

One principle is to 'present new material using small steps' and ensure there is opportunity to practise each step. I often say to my students, when you learn something new, make sure you do it again and again to build automaticity and fluency.

## Urban Experience







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/](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).



"Every athlete enjoys showing their skills. However, at times in sports, injury happens and effects performance. These cause great mental strain as we worry about impacting our team or about our recovery. In my experience, I have learned to take assurance that I will get through the hard times and to make sure I allow my body to recover using the right process to avoid injuring myself even more."  
-Ella



## Sport Spot

CAT BUCKERFIELD



Last newsletter we missed Year 7 athletics star Caleb Reid from the list of students progressing to CIS. Caleb came an amazing 1st place in his Javelin event and will now represent CSSA in both Javelin and Triple Jump. A big congratulations to Caleb and we wish him well in both events at CIS. It was an exciting day for our Primary students competing at state CSSA Athletics on Friday 1st September. There was some massive PB's achieved over the day. Zeke Weaver came an impressive 6th in Long Jump and Dimity Buckerfield was 6th in the 800m, with Josiah Gately achieving 8th overall in his 100m event.

Special congratulations go to Dimity Buckerfield who came 3rd overall in the high jump and will now progress to CIS on September 19th along with our secondary representatives.

OCS would like to extend many thanks to the parents in our community who have been able to attend both CSSA championships to support their children – Parents in partnership is key to who we are as a school.

### REMINDER:

This week both Primary and Secondary assemblies this Friday 8th September will see the OCS Athletics ribbons and Zone Athletics ribbons handed out – we would love to see our parents onsite supporting the success of our students. CIS Athletics for both Primary and Secondary will be at Sydney Olympic Park on Tuesday September 19th.



## Exam Preparation

OCS & Elevate Education present  
Effective study seminars to students and parents  
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD DURING EXAMS

### PARENT SEMINAR:

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 13TH  
6:30PM

#### Discussing aspects such as:

1. What to do in the final days before any test or assessment
2. How to establish a good routine for the night before
3. How to optimise exam-room performance



To register for the FREE 60-minute webinar simply click [here!](http://www.elevatecoaching.info)

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# Photo Gallery



# Camps

