



Newsletter

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Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



Do Christian teachers matter?

Last Thursday night, at our 'Welcome to OCS' evening with new families, I presented a segment that focused on what we do in the classroom that is unique and special.

As a Christian school, we have Christian teachers who teach with a biblical perspective. This is important, as the values we espouse to the students is about right and responsible living. If our school wants our students to adopt these values, yet the staff do not believe in them themselves (because they hold to a different set of values), then we have a problem. We want our teachers to be positive role models and to demonstrate these values in the way we talk and act.

We believe that education is more than just information exchange. It is actually about transformation. Using a biblical framework makes it clear to see how we should learn, and act in our daily lives. Without this clear perspective, we miss the big picture and limit the curriculum to just knowing facts and figures. By sending your children to OCS, you are supporting us in building Christlike values in their lives. By transforming their lives to give God the glory, is both meaningful and purposeful and we need this more and more in our world today.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- Our uniqueness and how we find our purpose when we glorify Him in what we do.
- The well attended "Orientation to Christian Schooling" evening.
- The wonder of the world that surrounds us. May we intentionally see His creative hand around us.

Please pray for:

- Year 12 as the reality of the completion of their time at OCS sets in. May they know that God is with them as they prepare for what lies ahead.
- The applicants for upcoming staffing positions and for the Board and Executive who will be interviewing.
- A unified pursuit of learning and growth as we celebrate our diversity in a Christ-centred school.



The inaugural Orientation to Christian Schooling Dinner

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- 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





Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



The Year 6 students are doing a wonderful job leading the K-5 students during HOPE Groups, with many Year 5 students also stepping up to assist with leading. HOPE stands for Honouring Our Peers with Empathy and students meet every second Friday in mixed groups. This term the students have been working through the Fruit of the

Spirit and leading discussions on what this means for each of them. The final Primary Assembly for the term was held last week. Assembly next week is a Whole School assembly where we will be farewelling our Year 12 students. Details on this will be in the newsletter.

Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



In 2022, an impressive 10 million shoeboxes were distributed to over 100 countries worldwide through Operation Christmas Child. OCS are taking part in this fantastic cause once again this year. This year, the focus for secondary is to collect items for children aged between 10 to 14 years old. We kindly invite all students and staff to contribute new items before the end of term.

To support the postage expenses for the parcels, there will be a mufti-day on Monday, 18th September. Year 12 Farewell Assembly will take place on Friday 22nd September in the Hall. Please join us as we celebrate Year 12.

Student Development

ADRIAN LEE



Service develops a sense of who we are in relation to others. On Urban, Year 9 students visited the Salvos in Parramatta, preparing ham & cheese toasties to be given away through the on-site cafe and packing fruit and veg for needy families. They learned about homelessness and its impacts.

At the Orientation dinner last Thursday a group of Year 8 to Year 11 students contributed by minding the children and serving the food and cleaning the kitchen. The heart of service evident is a testament to our school culture. Thank you to all those students for their contributions.



Followed by morning tea in Bembooka for Year 12 students and families

Coffee available for purchase prior to assembly from 8:45am



Father's Day Breakfast





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 you train or compete, you have to stay focused and not distracted by things or others."

-Maddie

Father's Day Breakfast



From the Registrar

LOUISE BORNEN



Hasn't the lovely warmer weather been so embracing and delightful? With the change in seasons comes a change to summer uniform commencing from Week 1, Term 4 Monday 14th October.

Please be reminded that all students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines for full summer uniform ensuring they are neatly presented:

- **Years 11 & 12 boys** must wear trousers (no shorts) and tie whilst girls must wear calf length tartan skirt and tartan tab tie.
- **Hats & Caps** - Students must wear a school bucket hat (Primary) or school cap (Secondary). A reminder that we have a NO HAT, PLAY IN THE SHADE policy in place for students that don't have a hat.

- **Socks** - All boys must wear grey crew socks at least ankle height, primary girls must wear navy crew length socks, secondary girls must wear navy crew length socks.
- **Ties** - Primary girls must wear a navy tab tie and all Secondary boys Year 7-12 must wear a school tie.

Exam Preparation

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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

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Father's Day

