



## Newsletter

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### Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



**There is a lot of research (and speculation)** as to what makes schools a success for students in terms of academics, and in their sense of wellbeing and belonging. One such well-researched report commissioned by the Federal Government titled "Report of the review to achieve educational excellence in Australian Schools" (2018) ([Through Growth to Achievement: Report of the Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools - Department of Education, Australian Government](#)), made 23 recommendations.

**Not surprisingly, several recommendations pointed to parents** and carers needing to have direct input and engagement with their child's schooling. The rationale for this was simple, parents who engage with their child's schooling develop a strong team approach which benefits their child through the rigours of academics, and guiding adolescent development. When school and parents work together, they can have a profound impact as they can complement each other (not supplement) key factors such as biblical truth, learning, boundaries, and developing Godly character.

**When schools and parents do not work together**, mixed messages are given which could complicate a child's sense of belonging and achieving academic success. Input from all three factors (schools, parents and students), all equally play a part in student success at school.

### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- The opportunity that our Year 2 students have to participate in swimming lessons. May this be a positive experience for them.
- Parent Partnership at OCS! The benefits for our students when Staff and Parents communicate well and join together to encourage them to be their best.
- The many many blessings that we receive and often take for granted. This week, let us celebrate the small things and give thanks for these with gratitude.

#### Please pray for:

- Our School Board and School Executive as they lead our school and seek the Lord's guidance in all their decisions.
- Our students in Secondary school who have exams approaching. Those at HSC level and also the younger students.
- Unity and stand against division in all relationships that we are connected with - personal relationships, school relationships and beyond.



**Anyone can be a reader/writer for an exam.  
You just need a desire to help a young person  
succeed in their education!**

**Contact Cindy for more information on  
[chales@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:chales@ocs.nsw.edu.au) or call 6362 7258. Full  
training provided. WWCC required.**

*For your Calendar...*

### Coming Up at OCS

- Kindergarten Orientation - **30th Oct + 1st Nov**
- Year 7-10 Exams - **3rd + 6-7th Nov**
- Year 10 Celebration - **8th Nov**
- Rite of Passage Camp - **9th + 10th Oct**
- Year 7 Orientation - **15th Nov**
- Year 12 Graduation - **16th Nov**
- Jump Rope for Heart - **17th Nov**
- K-4 Water Fun Day - **8th Dec**
- Year 6 Celebration - **8th Dec**

### 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





*Please Pray...*

These students are all going to be sitting one or more HSC exams in the coming weeks. We believe in the power of prayer, so we are asking our community to put some prayer into these students over the HSC period.



## Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Congratulations to Dimity Buckerfield (Shadrach), Emily Perrett (Meshach), Madeline Schultz and Simeon Herbert (Abednego) for being selected as the Year 4 House leaders for Term 4. They join the Primary Captains and House leaders from Stage 3, and we know this will be a great opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Beginning on Wednesday, a group of Stage 3 students will meet up with students from Kinross for three friendly debating matches this term. This is a great opportunity for our students to be involved in. The purpose is for students to develop and practise their debating skills in a non-competitive environment. We hope to build on this next year.

## Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



As we head into Week 2 of HSC exams, we give thanks for the English, Music and Modern English exam papers that were completed last week. Our prayers and best wishes go to the students' sitting the Maths (Standard, Advanced, Extension 1 + 2), Visual Art, and Legal Studies papers this week.

Last Friday at Assembly we had the privilege of hearing from our new Captains and Senior School Leaders. In the coming weeks we will be electing our 2024 Secondary SLT team, this will consist of two students from each year.

## Student Development

ADRIAN LEE



Cricket season has just begun. And so has training. Cricket is an interesting game because it has such a wide range of very specific skills. Repeating those skills in the right way allows bowlers to improve line and length or batters to hit better shots, to time or place the ball. Practise the skill badly though and it makes it harder to change and improve.

Study is like cricket training. There are some ways to do it well so that we can use our time effectively and grow in knowledge. Planning study time, taking regular short breaks, writing responses / answers and seeking feedback. All of these are ways to maximise of study time.





## From the Chaplain

JANN OSBORN



If you were to reflect on your life and consider your highest of highs and lowest of lows, what would you think of? It is most likely that both would be relational. Our celebrations and griefs are usually connected to people. We are created in God's image and He desires relationship with each of us. Relationships can sometimes be messy or difficult. Parenting is often peppered

with challenges and tensions. At OCS, we take seriously the privilege of partnering with parents for the education and holistic wellbeing of their children. Please contact me if I can be of assistance relating to pastoral care.



## HSC Schedule WEEK 2

**MATHEMATICS ADVANCED**  
MONDAY 9:20AM

**MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2**  
MONDAY 9:20AM

**MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2**  
MONDAY 9:25AM

**VISUAL ARTS**  
TUESDAY 1:55PM

**- BE READY -**  
**LEGAL STUDIES**  
WEDNESDAY 9:25AM

**MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1**  
FRIDAY 1:50PM



"When at a carnival or before every race you should find your own space, take a moment, take some deep breaths and listen to some motivational music like a favourite song and remind yourself of your goals and how hard you have tried to get here."  
-Paxton



# Photo Gallery



Assembly Awards - week 1



Term 3 Nutrition Cooking

