



## Newsletter

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### Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



#### Book recommendation. "Crazy busy" by Kevin DeYoung.

I rarely do book recommendations, as I rarely have time to read and finish them! On my bed side there are several books in a pile that I haven't finished. I pick up and read a Chapter or 2 depending on my mood. In this pile, I've really got into DeYoung's latest book called "Crazy Busy". This book simply tries to unpack why we live such busy lives and the dangers of this. One of the dangers, is that being so busy can simply rob us of our joy. Joy when spending time with God; joy when spending time with family and joy when doing the things we know are good for us, like reading the Bible!

The theme for this week is **humility** and this book looks at this closely. At the heart of our busyness is pride. Pride in doing things to please others; trying to please ourselves; trying to get glory; trying to get stuff and busy trying to maintain the stuff that we get! And the opposite of pride is humility. Humility is powerful. It is other person centred, and it challenges us not to think too highly of ourselves (Rom 12:3). When we embrace humility, we are able to slow down, find peace and get some joy back in our lives.

### Prayer and Praise

#### Let us thank God for:

- The hard work that Stage 4 + 5 students put in over the past few weeks into their study to prepare for their exams
- The beautiful rain and sunshine over the last few days
- The Rite of Passage camp where the students moving from Year 10 to Year 11, and from Year 11 to Year 12 went to Ridgecrest for two days last week to bond with each other and strengthen their relationship with God. It was a wonderful time of worship, learning and laughter.

#### Please pray for:

- The staffing needs of OCS for 2024. We are fully confident that God will provide all the staff we need.
- Our incoming Principal, Yooie Choi, as he prepares to take the reigns of OCS in 2024. We pray for wisdom and peace over his family and ask God to guide each one of His steps.
- OCS staff as they prepare for the end of year events and happenings. May He bring strength to their bodies.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCS Thanksgiving Services**

*Primary (Prep-6)*  
13 December, 5:30pm

*Secondary (7-12)*  
14 December, 5:30pm

Ngalgarra Hall, 500 Cecil Rd.

*For your Calendar...*

### Coming Up at OCS

- Year 7 Orientation - **15th Nov**
- Year 12 Graduation - **16th Nov**
- Jump Rope for Heart - **17th Nov**
- SLT Training - **7th + 8th Dec**
- K-4 Water Fun Day - **8th Dec**
- Year 6 Celebration - **8th Dec**
- Last Day of Term 4 - **14th Dec**
- Prep Finishes - **15th 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





# Staff movements + vacancies in 2024

With almost 80 members of staff, it is inevitable that every year we say farewell to some who are moving on from our school to other places, and we welcome newcomers.

We encourage you to pray at this time for those going out and coming in, as well as for God's provision for the vacancies yet to be filled - that each person will be placed where they can best carry out the purpose God has for them

## Moving on at end of 2023

Mr Bill Hetherington, Mrs Vicki George, Mrs Belinda Elliott, Mr Ken Greenwood, Mrs Karen Huntly, Miss Elise Reilly

## On Maternity leave during 2024

Mrs Amanda Sims, Mrs Sabrina McKern, Mrs Genna Pade

## New staff for 2024

Mr S Price (DP-Students/Foundations), Mrs N Johnston (DP-Staff/Operations), Mr Dean Johnston (Science/Maths), Mrs Felicity Dobbs (English)

## Vacancies to be filled

2 Primary teachers, 1 Secondary Maths teacher, 1 ICT Systems Administrator. Teacher's aides. See [here](#) for more information on our vacancies for 2024

## Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Hats, hats, hats! With the weather warming up, this is a timely reminder that the OCS school hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform. Navy socks for girls and grey socks for boys are to be worn with the summer uniform. No black socks are allowed. White socks are only to be worn with the sport uniform. The teachers want to see every student wearing their uniform

'with pride and wearing it correctly. Jump Rope for Heart' is this Friday. All the primary students will be involved and are currently learning new skipping skills. K-6 students are to wear sport uniform that day. There is a note on the app with all the details.

## Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



Week 5 was jam packed full in Secondary with exams for Year 7 - 10, Year 10 Celebration Dinner, Year 10 and 11 officially moving onto being Year 11 and 12 after Rite of Passage Camp.

Rite of Passage was a fantastic time away together at Ridgecrest. We heard talks from our Principal, new captains and senior SLT leaders about leadership and legacy.

It was a privilege to see them work so well together as a group.

This week, we look forward to Year 7 Orientation Day on Wednesday, followed by celebrating with Year 12 one last time at their graduation on Thursday night.



## Resilience

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### RESILIENCE

#### PARENT SEMINAR:

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 22ND  
6:30PM

#### Discussing aspects such as:

1. What resilience means, what it doesn't mean, and why it's important
2. How to help build your child's resilience levels, both in and out of school
3. How to help your child break their fear of failure



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# Year 10 2023



We tend to remember setbacks over progress, which can negatively affect our motivation. It can be helpful to keep your successes personal for instance in a journal. You could document your fitness levels or goal scoring abilities for example when shooting goals in netball practice out of every 100 shots it is important to know my percentage of shots in.

-Chloe

## From the Kitchen

CAT BUCKERFIELD



Congratulations to the Hospitality graduating class of 2023. In celebration of this milestone the girls created individual dishes to share a last meal together. It was a time to reflect and use the skills they developed over the past 2 years.

Congratulations Julia, Hannah, Charity, Lily, Madison, Charlie, Aelish, Pip, Jaimee and Nancy on everything you have achieved and your service to the school at our events.



## Year 11

# Painting in the Park





# Photo Gallery



Rite of  
Passage



Year 10  
Celebration

