



## Deputy's Desk

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**Our school community, no doubt, will be aware of our school values.**

Under the acronym of CHRIST, I wonder which school value stands out for you?

Was respect one of them? I would not be surprised. It is a key value that features in almost every other school setting.

**Respect has a universal appeal, is timeless and benefits all.** Everyone instinctively knows that it is important to respect each other. We know it is good to respect other cultures; to respect other points of view; to respect those in authority; to respect the elderly; to respect one another as image bearers of God.

**We want all people to be respectful because at its very heart,** respect is about relationships and how we treat one another. And we see this most poignantly in the life of Jesus. One example, amongst many, is the way Jesus responded to the woman caught in adultery (**John 8:1-11**). Here we see Jesus, correct our view of justice, and stand up for a woman who was condemned to die.

**Jesus articulates an underlying truth about respect** that resonates throughout the ages, "let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her". Respect looks beyond what we do and looks to who we are, people who need Jesus.

## Prayer and Praise

### Let us thank God for:

- The plans being made for works within OCS during the summer holidays. May the car park progress efficiently and smoothly.
- "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people" Colossians 3: 23.
- The opportunities to share the Gospel message at Christmas time. Jesus the greatest gift ever given.

### Let us pray for:

- The finalisation of School Reports for 2023 by staff.
- Preparations for end of the school year events including the Year 6 celebrations and Thanksgiving Services.
- Staff vacancies to be filled by passionate Christians who desire to glorify God in their workplace.



## Wellbeing Wednesday



## For your Calendar...

### Coming Up at OCS

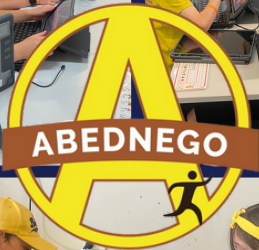
- Stage 1 Multicultural Dress Up Day - **1st Dec**
- SLT Training - **7th + 8th Dec**
- K-4 Water Fun Day - **7th Dec**
- Year 6 Celebration - **8th Dec**
- SLT Compassion Fundraiser - **8th Dec**
- Secondary Pool Day - **12th Dec**
- Primary Thanksgiving Celebration - **13th Dec**
- Secondary Thanksgiving Celebration - **14th Dec**
- Last Day of Term 4 - **14th Dec**
- Prep Finishes - **15th Dec**
- OCS Front Office Closes - **22nd Dec**
- OCS Front Office Reopen - **15th January**

### 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



**WEBINAR**

**Career conversations at results time: Support your young person's wellbeing and help them plan their next steps**

Tuesday 12 December 1:00pm (AEDT)

Dr Michael Healy shares practical tips on how parents and carers, teachers, friends, and others can support young people to understand their results and plan their next steps accordingly.

Register now: [Career conversations at results time](#)

## Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



A fabulous day was had by all last week, for our inaugural Wellbeing Wednesday. The massive downpour of rain and hail, along with the thunderstorm, did not dampen nor prevent our fun! We look forward to more of these types of days next year. There are several upcoming events, so please take note in your calendar. This Friday is the Stage 1 Multicultural dress

up day. Thursday 7th Dec is K-4 Water Fun Day and Stage 3 head to the pool. The Year 6 Celebration is in the evening on the 8th Dec. Prep-6 Thanksgiving Celebration is 13th Dec, final day of term for students is 14th Dec, with 'party in a bag' happening. Keep an eye out on the app for all the details.

## Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



With Christmas right around the corner, the Student Leadership Team is gearing up to again raise money for Compassion's programs in our Christmas oriented fundraiser. Join us on Friday, December 8th, for a school-wide Mufti Day with a delightful twist - the theme is African Animals or the Kenyan Flag. To participate, a gold

coin donation is kindly requested. In addition, students are invited to purchase an ice block for \$1. This will go toward raising funds for our Kenyan school sponsor child, Koi, and purchasing selected items from the 'Gifts of Compassion' catalogue. This will enable Koi's family in accessing medical care, fresh clean water, and farming assistance.

## Student Development

ADRIAN LEE



"To raise up leaders of Godly character . . ." our school's vision statement sets leadership at the heart of what we do. It is that exciting time again when we choose student leaders for the new year. Secondary students interested in applying for leadership have collected application packs. They will be reviewed and discussed on the next week and recommendations made to Mr Greenwood.

Primary students in Stage 3 will have an opportunity in the coming week to apply for leadership. The first part of the leadership retreat is on December 7 and will be followed up when the Year 7 SLT members are selected in Term 1. We have already been so impressed with how the Seniors leaders have stepped up into their roles and look forward to their leadership of the SLT in 2024.



# Wellbeing Wednesday



## From the Registrar

LOUISE BORNEN

As we approach the close of another academic year, it has been a privilege to tour many prospective families, welcome new students and witness the growth of our community. We extend our warmest welcome to each new student and their families who now are a part of our wonderful school family. Please note that our last day of Term 4 will be Thursday 14th December. If you are departing the school and have not yet notified me, please do so by emailing [lbornen@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lbornen@ocs.nsw.edu.au) prior to the last day of Term. May you all enjoy the Christmas season embracing the reason for the season – Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2024 in full summer uniform.

Dates to note:

- Our office will close Friday 22nd December at 4.30pm. We will reopen on Monday 15th January 2024 at 8.30am
- Prep commences Monday 29th January
- Years 1 to 12 commence Tuesday 30th January
- Kindergarten commences Wednesday 31st January.



## Have you ever thought about being a Teacher's Aide?

The School is reaching out to our school community to see if there are any Christian family members who have a passion to help students as a Teacher's Aide.

This is a rewarding opportunity and will suit people wanting to:

- encourage children in their faith,
- mentor students,
- enrich the lives of students,
- assist kids who need additional support/challenge.

This position is offered part time or full time and within school term and hours. If you have no experience, but you are keen to learn, we could offer on-site training to suitable candidates. This position is paid employment and subject to the normal employment application process including a valid WWCC. For more information, please feel free to contact Cindy Hales (Learning Support and Enrichment Coordinator) via email on [chales@ocs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:chales@ocs.nsw.edu.au) for more details. Go to [www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/](http://www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/) to download an information pack and application form.

Love to hear from you.

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