



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



"Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life; everyone must carry out a concrete assignment that demands fulfillment. Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated, thus, everyone's task is unique as his specific opportunity to implement it." Viktor E. Frankl **"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which he has planned in advance for us to do."** Ephesians 2:10 - Apostle Paul

As we farewelled our Year 12 Graduates last week, I encouraged them to really think deeply about their calling (vocation). If your goal in life is simply to earn enough money to be comfortable, or to have personal enjoyment, and you don't pursue a more meaningful vocation, you will miss out on the richness that is possible.

About 5 years ago a research company by the name of Cardus conducted a survey of almost 5000 young Millennials in Australia, around 10 years after they had graduated from high school. The results from graduates of Christian schools were strikingly different from those who had been educated in other sectors. Christian school graduates were more likely to report academic success at University, a sense of meaning and purpose in life, and an ability to deal positively with personal relationships. They were more likely to get married, and stay married. Christian school graduates were the most involved in volunteering and giving -not just in religious organisations, but also charities, political parties and environmental organisations. Christian school graduates contribute more because, knowing they were created by God for a purpose, they are more likely to develop a sense of vocation that extends beyond themselves.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- His creativity that we see all around us in nature and especially in the mirror!
- The wonderful Year 12 Graduation
- The preparations that are being made for all of our end of the school year celebrations.

Let us pray for:

- All of us to realise that we are created for a purpose- *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* **Ephesians 2: 10.**
- Our staff as they write the final reports for 2023.
- The car park works to be completed efficiently during the summer holiday break.



Year 12 2023

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- SLT Training - **7th + 8th Dec**
- K-4 Water Fun Day - **8th Dec**
- Year 6 Celebration - **8th Dec**
- Primary Thanksgiving Celebration - **13th Dec**
- Secondary Thanksgiving Celebration - **14th 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





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.



Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Congratulations to every Kindergarten to Year 6 student for their phenomenal efforts with Jump Rope for Heart last Friday. It was a great afternoon as the K-6 students came together and showed others their new skipping skills they have worked very hard on improving for several weeks. A huge amount of money was raised too!

\$3615.81 was raised and will go to the Heart Foundation for life-saving research and support programs. Well done everyone!

Wellbeing Wednesday is this week. Students wear their house colour and will participate in many fun activities through the day together. A note is on the app with all the details.

Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



We had a wonderful time celebrating with Year 12 at their Graduation. For them, it was a significant occasion that brought together a close of many years of hard work, the building of relationships and hopefully a sense of achievement. I'm sure you will all agree from the photos that the students looked fantastic. May God bless each of you in your future endeavours.

Well done to Stage 4 and 5 students on completing your exams. As your results come back, if they are not as high as you hoped, remember your growth mindset. If you can't do something now, keep coming back and don't give up – the reward is in the challenge of success after failure and what you will learn from the experience.

Resilience

OCS & Elevate Education present
Effective study seminars to students and parents on the topic of...

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



To register for the FREE 60-minute webinar, simply [click here!](#)

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Teaching and Learning - OCC Update

LOUISE CHILDS



Operation Christmas Child Update

Thank you OCS Community for your generous donations of items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. We were able to deliver 76 boxes to the local collection centre. Our annual Mufti Day raised \$700.00 to help cover the shipping costs of each box. From Samaritan's Purse, "Every shoebox you pack is an opportunity for a child to hear about Jesus and be

invited to participate in The Greatest Journey. Last year over 2.4 million children made a decision to follow Christ. God is using simple shoeboxes to have an eternal impact!" Thank you everyone for the love you have shown to the 76 children our boxes will bless.





Jump Rope for



Ask questions! Asking questions is essential for your development and helps you understand more about training and what can benefit you as an athlete. Asking questions shows that you are willing to learn and that you are coachable.

-Mrs. Buckerfield

From TAS

CAT BUCKERFIELD



2023 has seen all Stage 4 students learn about Food Waste in Technology Mandatory. This unit of work reminded us that in Genesis 1:31 we are told "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." In Leviticus 25: 1-7 we are reminded "the land itself must be given rest and not abused.". It is an important lesson for our students to value the gifts of food and move forward without wasting it. Students embraced the idea that they could be creative changemakers within the classroom then transfer those skills to home.

Learning about the difference between best before date and expiry dates to being creative with leftovers, students were on a mission for change. Their assessment was to design a recipe and make that dish or drink that used up any of the 5 most commonly wasted foods: Bread, Fruit, Vegetables, Leftovers and Bagged Salads. The results for this new task – simply spectacular – you be the judge.



Jump Rope for



Photo Gallery



Year 12
Grad



Photo Gallery



Year 7 Orientation

