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Deputy's Desk

YOOIE CHOI



Farewell Ken! This is not just a goodbye statement, rather a warm send off and blessings to a colleague and brother in Christ.

As we draw near to the end of 2023, I take this opportunity to say a few words in recognition of our retiring Principal, Ken Greenwood. It has been a pleasure and joy to work alongside and under his leadership. When I came to OCS, there were a lot of unknowns, none so more important than the working relationship between a Principal and his Deputy. This working relationship, (at least from my perspective!), has been one I will look back fondly with joy. What I understood immediately, was that leading a Christian school and community was more than just education. It was setting an example of servant leadership, living out the gospel, and giving him the glory in all that we do.

I have learnt a lot, and will endeavour to continue the wonderful legacy Mr. Greenwood has imparted to the whole school community. Though it will be hard to replicate the gentleness, kindness and humility he has shown us. I know I speak on behalf of the school community when I say that we will miss him and pray that God will continue to bless him and his family in his retirement (which I know won't be long!) and in the next stage in his life in Victoria.



Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- The birth of Jesus. The Saviour of the world, who journeyed from the cradle to the cross and defeated sin for all who believe in him.
- Mr Ken Greenwood and his leadership of Orange Christian School. We give thanks for his dedication and Godly influence on staff, students and our wider community. Please pray for him and Gayle as they venture into their new season.
- The year that has been - the highs and the lows; the lessons learned and the joys shared. The Lord never leaves us and is never taken by surprise.

Let us pray for:

- A time of furlough for Staff and students. May all be refreshed and rested for a new year.
- Godly wisdom and insight for our School Board, Executive and individuals, as decisions for 2024 and beyond are made.
- The IT staff, particularly Mr Mark Woodley and also Mr Ben Brown and his team at Eden Garden & Rural, who ramp up their workload at OCS during school holidays.

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- 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





Introducing...

Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



Lana McFadyen



Annie Skrinnikoff



Sage Hamilton



Megan Huntly



Lilly Tyack



Zac Howarth



Jaimee Tandang



Callum Buchanan



Adam Skrinnikoff



Jack Flemming



Hannah Reilly

SLT 2024

We look forward to seeing our Prep-Year 6 families this Wednesday evening from 5:30pm in the Hall for our Thanksgiving Celebration evening. Our students have had a wonderful year and it's great we can meet together and celebrate that. K-6 students are to wear full summer uniform and our Prep students wear their sport uniform. The final day for K-6 is Thursday.

This will be a mufti day and 'party in a bag' celebrations. A note about 2024 classes will be sent home later this week, informing the students who their class teacher will be next year. In addition, I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Jill Brodie to the Primary team from next year.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.

Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



As we wrap up what has been another massive year, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents and caregivers for entrusting us with your children, and for your continued support this year. Thank you to the staff for your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, it is greatly appreciated.

Students, I pray that you have a fantastic break and come back next year ready for the exciting possibilities God has in store for us in 2024. I wish the entire school community a safe and blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless.



L-R: Miss Mel Collins, Aelish Perez, Eleazar Armytage, Leila Johnston, Malachi Krkac, Pip Parkinson, Lydia Kinsella, Hannah Manhood, Mr. Yooie Choi, Mr. Ken Greenwood

Student Development

ADRIAN LEE



I am pleased to announce the Secondary SLT for 2024. Primary leaders will be announced at the Thanksgiving Service

Year 8 - Lana McFadyen & Annie Skrinnikoff

Year 9 - Sage Hamilton & Megan Huntly

Year 10 - Lilly Tyack & Zac Howarth

Year 11 - Jaimee Tandang & Callum Buchanan

House Captains

Adam Skrinnikoff (Shadrach)

Jack Flemming (Meshach)

Hannah Reilly (Abednego)

Assistant Leaders - Hannah Manhood & Aelish Perez

Senior Leader - Lydia Kinsella

School Vice Captains - Pip Parkinson & Eleazar Armytage

School Captains - Leila Johnston & Malachi Krkac

These young people are striving to lead our school in a positive way. At the recent SLT retreat they focused on ways to lead practically and prayerfully.

I know you will keep them in your prayers as they continue their roles in 2024.

On behalf of the Student Development and Welfare team may I wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas.



Introducing...



Mr. Stephen Price



Mrs. Nicki Johnston



Mr. Yooie Choi



Mr. Dean Johnston



Mrs. Jill Brodie



Mr. Nathan Dobbs



Mrs. Felicity Dobbs



Mrs. Sonya Wratten



Miss Caitlyn Baker

And
more to
come...

Introducing...

JAIMIE HONEYSETT



"Parting is such sweet sorrow..." for us the sorrow is saying goodbye to Mr. Greenwood, and other valued and much loved members of staff this year, but the sweetness starts as we welcome new, fresh faces full of passion and excitement to start their journey at Orange Christian School. Every year we pray that God will bring us who He has appointed for our school, and every year He comes through spectacularly - usually in unconventional ways, and always in His perfect timing.

We are proud to announce our staff commencing in 2024:

Mr. Yooie Choi - Principal

Mrs. Nicki Johnston - Deputy Principal (Staff + Operations)

Mr. Stephen Price - Deputy Principal (Students + Christian Foundations)

Mr. Dean Johnston - Head of Maths/Science

Mrs. Felicity Dobbs - Secondary English Teacher

Mr. Nathan Dobbs - Secondary Maths Teacher

Mrs. Jill Brodie - Primary Teacher

Mrs. Sonya Wratten - Cafe Operator

Miss. Caitlyn Baker - Teaching School Trainee

And a few more to be announced in 2024...



farewell 🥹



Mr. Bill Hetherington



Ms. Vicki George



Mrs. Kate Collins



Miss Elise Reilly



Mrs. Karen Huntly



Mr. Ken Greenwood



Mrs. Amanda Sims



Mrs. Sabrina McKern



Mrs. Genna Pade



Mrs. Belinda Elliott



Miss Calista Krkac

Moving on at end of 2023:

Mr Bill Hetherington

Ms Vicki George

Mrs Kate Collins

Mrs Belinda Elliott

Mr Ken Greenwood

Mrs Karen Huntly

Miss Elise Reilly

Miss Calista Krkac

On Maternity leave during 2024:

Mrs Amanda Sims

Mrs Sabrina McKern

Mrs Genna Pade

Photo Gallery



Secondary Pool Day



SLT Compassion Fundraiser





PeaceWise

building peacemakers for life

OCS is very pleased to introduce you to PEACEWISE to our community for 2024.

PeaceWiseKids and PeaceWiseYouth are Christian programs that equip primary and high school students to deal with challenging relationships and conflict in healthy, constructive & life-changing ways.

All courses are mapped to Australian Curriculum outcomes and have the same core underlying framework and topics. This means that our school will run the program in both primary and high school and the children and staff will all be “on the same page” with what is being learned.

This brings the chance to build on the healthy relational culture within our school community and facilitates a “whole of school” approach. The images show some of the ideas students will be taught about how to manage conflict based on the peacemaking principles. They are drawn from the courses 1 through 6 to show the progression of ideas as students mature.

We expect that this language will become very familiar to every at OCS as we roll out the program next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Mr Adrian Lee – Director of Student Development

