



Newsletter

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Principal's Press

KEN GREENWOOD



This is my last newsletter message, and I have been reflecting on my 4 years at OCS with gratitude.

I am particularly grateful to have been able to play a small part in the work God has been doing at OCS for over 40 years now. Last week I was sorting through some old archives, arranging student files from previous years, and there are hundreds of them! Each file represents a life that God sees as precious, and each of these lives has been impacted in some way from their time at OCS. What a privilege we have at OCS to make a difference in so many children's lives, and to help equip them to make an influence in the wider world. Each one of them will play a small part in what God is doing in the wider world, and they are privileged to be able to do so.

I would like to leave you with this favourite verse from Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Whether just coming into OCS, or continuing, or moving on to the next chapter, each of us have a purpose we are made for. Let's each of us press into God to find out that purpose, obey him with integrity and trust him to be with us as we follow him into our destiny.

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- The students who have applied to be considered for the 2024 Student Leadership Team (SLT).
- His word to guide us. "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out." Proverbs 10: 9.
- 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.

Let us pray for:

- Wisdom and insight as decisions for 2024 are made.
- Safety and kindness as students participate in end of year activities and gear up for the holidays.
- The preparations for Year 6 celebrations and Thanksgiving Services.



Multicultural Day



For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- SLT Training - **7th + 8th Dec**
- K-4 Water Fun Day - **7th Dec**
- Year 6 Celebration - **8th Dec**
- SLT Compassion Fundraiser - **8th Dec**
- Secondary Wellbeing Day - **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





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Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN



At the end of next week, we say a temporary farewell to Mrs Sims as she commences maternity leave. Mrs Sims has been a vital part of our OCS community for many years. She is an excellent educator, and a dedicated and caring teacher. We wish Mrs Sims and her husband all the best as they wait for the arrival of their baby,

and we will be praying for you both. We look forward to hearing the wonderful news of your baby's arrival in the new year!

This Friday will be a themed mufti day for our students to raise money for Compassion. A gold coin donation is requested. Students can also purchase an ice block for an additional \$1.

Defense Force Work Experience



Asail Sadykov



Secondary School

MEL COLLINS



As the school year ends, we have a big couple of weeks ahead.

Secondary Student Leadership

Training takes place this coming

Thursday for our 2024 team. I would

like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who nominated this

year, it was a challenge for the panel to decide on the final team with such

a high standard across each year

group.

Don't forget the Compassion Mufti Day on Friday 8th December, included in this day, we will be having a visiting mission group from Sydney and students will enjoy some mass organised activities throughout the day.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT



As we reach the end of the year, we will be acknowledging students' achievements at both Thanksgiving Services. Also, students will receive their school report in the last week of term. May I encourage you to sit down and read the report with your child and discuss their progress. One way to assess your child's progress is to compare where they were earlier in the year and where they are now.

There are three main areas to consider: understanding, skills and attitudes.

Celebrate the progress and identify areas for improvement. Then set some goals for the new year and work out some strategies for reaching those goals. Setting goals can positively impact achievement, engagement, and perseverance.



GOODBYE



WE'LL MISS YOU



What?! You're Leaving?

JAIMIE HONEYSETT



The end of the year is a busy and crazy time for any school, and ours is no different! There's a lot going on at the moment! No matter how busy though, we didn't want to miss the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to a number of staff that are leaving us at the end of 2023.

Mrs Belinda Elliott - Your contribution to OCS and your obvious desire and passion to see students succeed in their academic studies has been inspiring to have on our staff. We wish you all the best for your next adventure!

Ms Vicki George - your faithful dedication to OCS over the years has been so appreciated. What a blessing you have been! We wish every blessing on your life.

Mr Bill Hetherington - You've been at OCS for 25 years, what dedication! We will miss you around the place and we wish you all the best for your next season!

Mrs Karen Huntly - You came onto our staff a few years ago with enthusiasm and joy. You have brought sunshine and class to the OCS playground, thank you for all you've contributed, we will miss you!

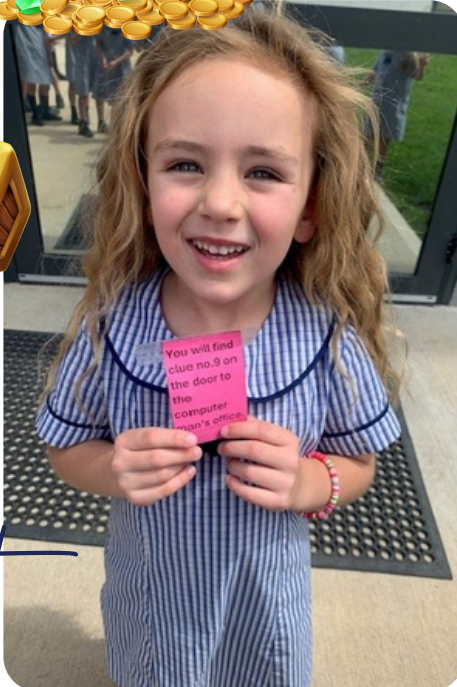
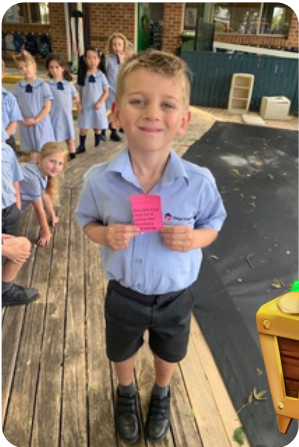
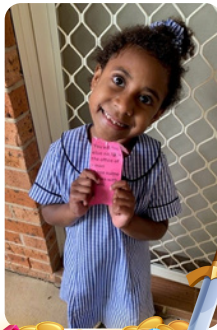
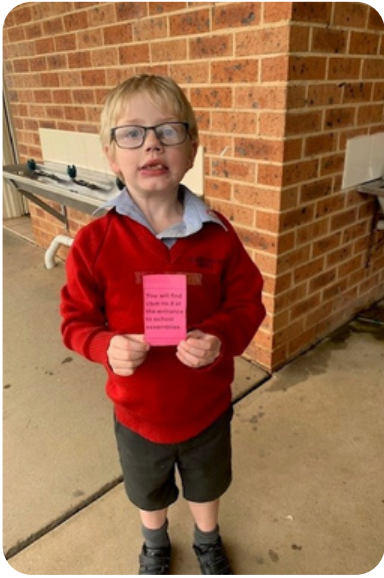
Miss Elise Reilly - From watching you graduate as a student of OCS to coming back to teach has been a beautiful full circle moment for all of us. Your sweet spirit and willing heart has been such a breath of fresh air to us! Go out and explore life and enjoy, but don't forget where your home is :)

These teachers in their own ways have made a huge impact on OCS in their time here, and they will be missed dearly. We pray that their next adventure is fulfilling and joyful, and that God blesses every footstep as they walk in His will.



Stage 1 Multicultural Day

Photo Gallery



Kinder Treasure Hunt