Orange Christian School

Newsletter

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A Word from the Chairman

DAVID COLEMAN

Dear OCS Community,

As previously advised, after four years of steady, dedicated and greatly appreciated leadership of our school, Ken Greenwood has announced his intention to return to Melbourne to care for family members. Ken will conclude his time of service at OCS at the end of 2023. As a consequence, the Board of OCS is calling for applications from experienced and talented Christian educators for the position of Principal, commencing in January 2024.

The Board has appointed Christian Education National to help with the recruitment of our new Principal. Information and application details are provided in the attached documents **(link below).** The advertisement has now gone live across multiple recruitment sites including CEN, Christian Jobs, AACS and Eternity.

Please feel free to forward this information to any outstanding Christian educators who you may be aware of. I would also ask you to continue to pray for Ken, our staff and the Board as we navigate this transition to a new Principal for our school in 2024.

Best regards & God bless

David Coleman

OCS Board Chair

Click Here for the Principal Recruitment Pack

Prayer and Praise

Let us thank God for:

- A successful trip to the AIS by our students in the Talented Athlete Program - we pray it brings them inspiration and dedication to their craft!
- For His beautiful creation - haven't the trees around Orange been magnificent lately?!

Please pray for:

- Continued wisdom for our Board in their search for a new Principal for 2024
- The safe return of Mrs. Osborn from her long service leave - we miss her!
- The Years 7-10 students as they prepare for their half-yearly exams next week

Amazing service from several of our students in supporting the Red Shield Appeal this weekend. Each group collected several hundred dollars to help raise funds for the Salvation Army's vital community and social services for those facing hardship.

For your Calendar...

Coming Up at OCS

- Association AGM - **25th May**
- CSSA State Cross Country - **25th + 26th May**
- K-4 Civic Theatre Visit - **30th May**
- 7-10 Exams - **31st May**
- Red Shield Appeal - **20th May**
- Matilda - **22nd - 24th June**
- SLT House Day - **23rd June**
- Senior Subject Selection Expo - **27th June**

Further dates at www.ocs.nsw.edu.au

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 - next one 26th May**
- Secondary Assemblies - **Friday fortnightly 10:50am**

More information on

Tickets going on sale soon...

ROALD DAHL Matilda THE MUSICAL

We are HIRING

Would you or anyone you know be the right person to come and work with us?

Positions Available:

- Music Tutor
- STAR Tutor
- Casual Teachers
- Learning Support and Enrichment Coordinator
- English Teacher
- Head of Secondary School

A full list of requirements and job descriptions are on our website for each position. Click on the link below
www.ocs.nsw.edu.au/work-with-us/
Any enquiries to Jaimie on 6362 7258 or by email on ocs@ocs.nsw.edu.au.

House competition Question:

If your life had a playlist, which songs would be on it? Pick your top 3 songs and why.

Primary School

CATH BUCHANAN

Congratulations to Olivia Brown, Lucy Denham, Abby Hewitt and Azarleah Hausler who will be representing Orange Christian School at the upcoming CWA Public Speaking Competition. They will be competing against students from other schools from across the region. For several weeks, the Stage 2 and 3 students have been studiously writing, editing and rehearsing their speeches during class time, culminating in the presentation of their hard work to their classmates. This has been a valuable learning and growth opportunity. Well done Stage 2 and 3 for your efforts with this activity.

Secondary School

ADRIAN LEE

Exam week is coming up in Week 6 for Years 7-10. The students will be issued the timetable this week. It is a great idea to pop it on the fridge or somewhere prominent. While exams are important the key thing is to give your best attempt. And the best way to do that is to be prepared. Do some revision, ask your teacher questions, and rehearse questions you may be asked. We wish all the students the very best for the exams.

In other news, Sienna Sharma and Maddie Tai will represent the School at the Secondary CWA public speaking competition. All the best girls.

Teaching and Learning

BELINDA ELLIOTT

Assessment is a collection of evidence that reveals student's understanding of and achievement in courses they are studying. This informs both teachers, students and parents what the student have learnt and what they are ready to learn.

At Orange Christian School, this includes both formal (summative) and informal (formative) assessment where the evidence gathered informs teaching and learning and is communicated to parents in a formal report.

Talented Athletes Program

From the Sports Coordinator

CATHRYN BUCKERFIELD

This Friday 26th May will see approximately 60 students travelling to Sydney to compete in the Christian Schools Sports Association (CSSA) Cross Country from years 3 to 6.

Last year we had 7 students move through to Combined Independent Schools (CIS) and we are looking forward to seeing this number grow.

Sport Spot

CATHRYN BUCKERFIELD

OCS Talented Athlete Program (TAP) commenced in 2023. This program saw the first OCS students commence training in Term 1. The program is designed to assist our aspiring athletes working at the higher levels to come together to train and grow as athletes with Christian values and support to nurture them on their journey. Every Monday morning the group trains from 7.30am - 8.30am with Jeremy Wallace of RPT to work on fitness. In Week 4, Mrs Pyle accompanied the group to Canberra where they visited the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). They were able to talk to athletes and learn about what the AIS offers. They also went rock climbing to build upon resilience and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone.

Each student was given a sports diary to record their sporting endevaours and training regimes over the course of 2023. It is hoped that this program will continue to grow the next generation of talented OCS athletes.

Students in the program are Emily Meiring, Anastasia Pyle, Zoe Jones, Paxton Buckerfield,
Caleb Reid, Madeleine Tai, Charlotte Layton, Charlotte Meiring, Zoe Roberts, Sienna Sharma, Ella Vardanega, Chloe Johns, George Pulling, Mason Reilly, Elijah Hewitt, Lily Bangert, Isaac Kinsella, Finn Rumbold.