

# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE Newsletter

1 December 2023

**Make Us  
One  
In Christ**



## From The Principal, MEGAN EVANS

Dear O'Loughlin Catholic College Community,  
As we bid farewell to 2023, I reflect with gratitude on the incredible journey we have undertaken together in my first year as Principal of O'Loughlin Catholic College. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve this community and to step into the role previously held by such an esteemed predecessor and leadership team.

The beginning of the year was marked by a whirlwind of activity, with both challenges and triumphs that have brought us closer as a school community. From the initial excitement of stepping into this role to facing unexpected challenges in the first couple of weeks, our community demonstrated resilience and strength in navigating these early days. I thank the students, staff, and parents for their support during those times.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the incredible dedication and commitment of our staff. This team, whose focus on student learning and wellbeing is unwavering, has truly made my transition into this role one filled with excitement and anticipation for what lays ahead. Their hard work and passion for education lay the foundation for the success of our students, and I am grateful for the privilege of working alongside them.

Additionally, I must highlight the friendly and determined nature of our students. It has been inspiring to witness their eagerness to achieve their best, both academically and personally. Their enthusiasm and positive attitude contribute significantly to the vibrant and inclusive atmosphere at O'Loughlin Catholic College.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the parents of O'Loughlin Catholic College. Your ongoing support and valuable feedback throughout the year have been instrumental in shaping the direction of our school. Your partnership is crucial, and I am grateful for the collaborative spirit that defines our community. I make particular mention of our school board for their support.

Your feedback has not only been heard but has also guided us in making continuous improvements to the educational pathways we offer. Our commitment to providing a nurturing and dynamic learning environment remains steadfast. We are dedicated to fostering an atmosphere where our young people can flourish and become the best versions of themselves.

As we approach the season of Advent, we eagerly await the celebration of the birth of our Lord. The story of the Nativity reminds us of the profound hope and joy that the Christmas season brings. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us reflect on the values of love, compassion, and unity, embodying the spirit of Christmas in our daily lives.

Thank you for a remarkable year, and I look forward to the opportunities and achievements that await us in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Megan Evans  
Principal O'Loughlin Catholic College, Darwin



## Upcoming Events:

- Nov 27-Dec 8 Transition Week (Year 11 and 12)
- Dec 5 Inclusion Orientation Day - 2024 Year 7s
- Dec 7 Year 8 and 9 Mass
- Dec 8 Presentation Event
- Dec 11 Middle School Activities
- Dec 12 Year 6 Orientation Day - 2024 Year 7s
- Dec 12 Pupil Free Day
- Dec 13 School Day - Alternate Program
- Dec 14 Last day of Term 4
- Dec 25-Jan 7 College Closed for Holidays
- Jan 31 Year 7, 11 and 12 return for Term 1
- Feb 1 Year 8, 9 and 10 return for Term 1

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# Advent

Hope · Love · Joy · Peace

## Advent Reflections

Advent is an attitude of anticipation. The entire season prepares us to allow Christ into our hearts, sometimes in ways far different from other times when we celebrate the “excitement of December.” Many people want everything about this season to stay the same year after year: the same carols, the same schedule for giving gifts, even food prepared in the same way. Fine. Consistency does give consolation to the heart.

But another truth tells us that each year ought to be different. We are not the same. We are faced with different responsibilities, moved by different insights, changed (or charged) by circumstances we didn’t have before, challenged by fresh opportunities and different memories, equipped with increasing or diminishing capacities for coping with all these variations. So we never “Advent” in exactly the same way.



Christ is preparing to come to us this Christmas in a way that suits who we are—and how we are—this year. On the Sundays in Advent (from the gospels in this year’s readings), our Lord speaks to us with words meant to sustain us for the coming week.

The first half of these reflections traces Jesus’ coming at different times to different people. We can relate to these people, some more than others; we could call them our “instructing personalities.” There is an “Adventing” unique to each of them. And each has a message to share with us about preparing for Christmas. They all offer us prayers we can pray that will help us get ready in ways that should be right for us.

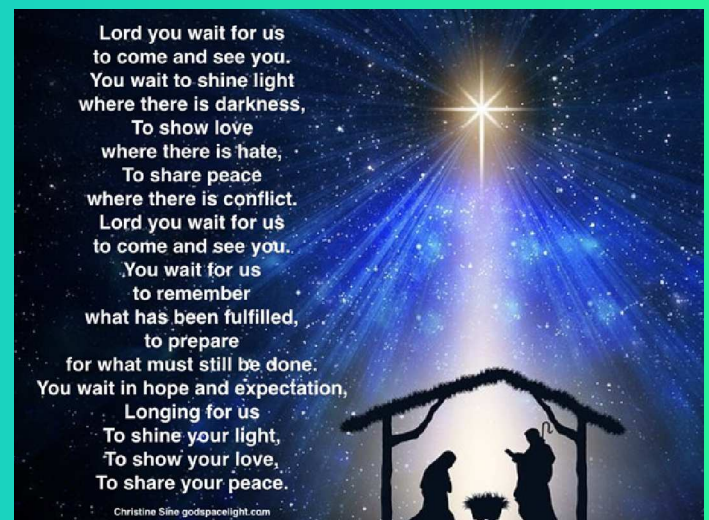
The eight days before Christmas celebrate the people close to that first Christmas. By reflecting on how Christ’s love came to them, we can embody their graciousness and ask their help as we live our Advent. It is important, of course, to be gracious as we welcome Jesus who never changes. For twenty centuries, as God-infant and God-man, he has never varied in the genuineness and hopefulness of his offer of love. The message of his Christmas story is constant and always with us. Of this much we are sure.

Matt Maher - Glory (Let There Be Peace) ([Official Lyric Video])  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QW4c6DcxgGc>



But it is also important that Jesus learn to be sure of us. We must let him recognize us when he comes this year. We must let him know who we really are and what our inmost hopes are. We need to learn again the humility of the Child of Bethlehem. And we need his Mother to teach us how to love ... and how to be able to be loved back.

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We think of Advent as a time of us waiting for the birth of Christ, yet in some ways it is just as much a time of Christ waiting for us – waiting for us to notice him, to take time to acknowledge him and to more than anything, waiting for us to allow his light to shine through us.



# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Senior Leadership Team

**Acting Deputy Principal  
Miranda Colquhoun**



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Dear O'Loughlin Catholic College community,

As we approach the end of another eventful year, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've undertaken together as a school community. The past twelve months have brought both challenges and triumphs, and it is with immense pride that I share some highlights of our collective achievements.

### Academic Excellence:

Our students have once again demonstrated their dedication to academic excellence. Whether in the classroom or in various extracurricular activities, their commitment to learning and personal growth has been truly commendable. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to provide a nurturing environment that fosters curiosity and a love for learning.

### Innovation in Education:

The challenges of the past year have also sparked innovation in our approach to education. Our teachers have embraced new technologies, teaching methods, and creative solutions to ensure that our students continue to receive a high-quality education. The spirit of innovation will undoubtedly shape the future of education at our school. As we move forward into 2024, we will start to see new subjects implemented into the curriculum and engagement from our students.

### Celebrating Achievements:

As we reflect on the achievements of our students, we are reminded of the diverse talents and passions that make our school community so vibrant. Whether in academics, sports, the arts, or community service, our students have excelled and made us proud. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and the supportive community that surrounds them.

### Looking Ahead:

As we bid farewell to 2023, let us carry the lessons learned and the strength gained into the new year. Our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience remains unwavering, and I am confident that together, we will continue to inspire and empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and creators.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to each member of our school community for your resilience, dedication, and unwavering support. I wish you all a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with continued growth, success, and prosperity.

Warm regards,

Miranda Colquhoun  
Deputy Principal



Congratulations to Samson Bament in Year 11, who was presented his Silver Duke of Edinburgh award. The Duke of Edinburgh Award, empowers leadership, teamwork, and resilience.

Director of Catholic Education, Mr Paul Greaves, is pictured with Samson Bament, Mrs Miranda Colquhoun and Ms Megan Evans.



Congratulations to Russell Whitlam in Year 11, CDU - Most Outstanding Bakery Student 2023.

A most delectable career choice!



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**Assistant Principal Religious Education  
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### Celebrating O'Loughlin Day Mass

On the 14th of November we celebrate Bishop John Patrick O'Loughlin MSC. He became the Bishop of Darwin on the 13th of January, 1949, and over the next thirty-six years, helped to build up the Catholic school system in the NT.

At the time of his death on 14 November, 1985, one of Bishop O'Loughlin's dreams was for a second Catholic High School in Darwin to be situated in the Northern Suburbs - O'Loughlin Catholic College came into being in 1987.

He loved all people, from all walks of life and faith backgrounds. He was a man of dedication and humility, even helping to build St Mary's Cathedral we are now in today.

O'Loughlin Catholic College takes great pride in bearing his name.

Bishop John O'Loughlin was always a scholar. He loved learning and appreciated the fact that it is through education that one's life can improve. As a young priest he taught in Catholic schools and became a Director of Catholic Education in PNG, before becoming Bishop of the Diocese of Darwin.

As the Bishop he worked tirelessly to ensure that good Catholic education was widely available throughout the Territory.

He was a visionary - and this was obvious by the fact that he built health facilities, schools, churches, and even a Cathedral for the people of the NT - especially after they had suffered two catastrophes, World War II and Cyclone Tracy.

His motto as a Bishop was 'To draw with bonds of love', and there was no doubt that love was at the heart of all he did. He was a priest who was a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, who at the centre of their lives, try to be the heart of Christ on earth.

Each year, at our O'Loughlin Day Mass "The Bishop O'Loughlin Award" award is given to a student or staff member who like Bishop O'Loughlin is:

Guided by Jesus

Has a curiosity for and love of learning

Is a person of vision, a creative thinker who looks to serve others

Is actively involved in the O'Loughlin Community.

The awards this year were presented by Fr John Kelliher who is a fellow MSC priest who first came to serve in the Northern Territory in 1975, lived and worked with Bishop O'Loughlin during this time and is currently the parish priest of St Paul's in Nightcliff.

Our first Bishop O'Loughlin Award winner was Kevin Valerio. He is a student who positively impacts our community through his interactions with staff and students. Kevin is bold and proud to love Jesus and lives his life trying to follow Him. He is kind to all and is constantly trying to learn from others and achieve excellence in all he does. Kevin is humble and passionate and always willing to share his gifts and talents in the service of God and others.



Our Second recipient, our College Youth Minister - Shania Wolbers, is very much involved in the school community. She is always available to staff and students. She has a very calming presence and gives her time to listen to others. Shania is passionate about her ministry and has helped organise many faith-based activities in the College. She displays humility in her work and has inspired many students and staff. We wish Shania well as she commences her teaching career in Alice Springs in 2024.

Shania prepared the Choir and Kevin played the keyboard for our Mass!

We would also like to thank Emeritus Bishop Eugene Hurley, Father John Keliher MSC and Father Dean Taberdo for celebrating our Mass and induction of our new College Student Leadership Team on O'Loughlin Day.





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Celebrating O'Loughlin Day Mass





# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Senior Leadership Team

Acting Head of Senior School  
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What a year it has been! It only feels like yesterday that we had just started Term One after having Christmas Holidays. It's been a great few weeks with lots happening since our last newsletter.

On Saturday the 25th of November we celebrated the Graduating Class of 2023 in what was a fantastic night. It was great to see all of the Year 12s and their families and send them off in style. A huge thankyou to Ms Sharna Brennan and Ms Mickayla Ward for all of their hard work in organising such a great event!

Rewind two weeks before that and the whole school celebrated O'Loughlin Day on Tuesday the 14th of November. We had such a beautiful mass at St Mary's Cathedral in the City, and the students were a credit to our College. Bishop Eugene called the College later in the day to say that "Mass was superb, was a very lovely occasion and that he was very honoured to be the celebrant". From there students moved off into the community to give back to various Primary Schools and Community organisations. It was great to see the College finish the day on the Sports Precinct with the talent quest. Days like O'Loughlin day are what makes our College so special.

Year 10s and 11s have just finished their exams and I'm sure all of our students put their best foot forward. This now leaves with us transition weeks for week 8 and 9 where students get a head start on their coursework for 2024. It is vital that students still attend these two weeks to give themselves the best start for the new academic year.

This is my last newsletter entry for the College and I wish all of you all the best moving forward into 2024 and beyond. It has been such a pleasure to be a part of O'Loughlin Catholic College for so many years. Remember, every day is a great day for a great day!

Mr Jake Barnes



Congratulations to Russell Whitlam  
in Year 11, CDU - Most Outstanding  
Bakery Student 2023.



A most delectable career choice!



The amazing Movember crew at OCC have  
hit \$2087 thanks to the generous  
contributions of our wonderful community!

And a big thank you to Mrs Janice Lee who  
baked cakes every week during November  
to aid toward fundraising.





# O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Senior Leadership Team

**Acting Head of Middle School**  
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**Wow what a year 2023 turned out to be!!**

We had a rocky start (if you remember) break-ins and lockdowns... it was dramatic. Honestly, it has not been smooth sailing in the middle school, it has been adventurous, with lots of challenges, like an unstable and eventful rollercoaster with many sharp twists, turns and bumps. But we learn, develop, and make changes from our time together this year, so we can do better and evolve.

Despite the turbulence, there have been many positives to celebrate this year. There have been many moments that bring us together to laugh and celebrate our life together. Students will remember and cherish these moments when we reflect on our journey this year.

In the words of Dr Seuss - Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one.

Team Building Days, Camps, Retreats Excursions, Incursions, O'Loughlin Day, College Mass, Assemblies, RUOK day, Harmony Day, Mental Health Week, Bullying No Way, End of year Activities – all these events help shape the young learner. It is hoped our middle school students will celebrate their time this year and learn from these experiences.

There are a few big events still coming up that students and parents need to be reminded of. Communication around this has been sent out via our College secretary, an overview is provided.

Thursday 7 December - Year 9 Graduation, Year 8 and 9 Mass  
Friday 8 December - Presentation Event 11.00 - 1pm (students dismissed at 1pm)  
Monday 11 December - Year 7 Mass  
Monday 11 December - Middle School Activities  
Tuesday 12 December - Pupil Free Day. Year 7, 2024 Orientation Day  
Wednesday - Thursday 13/14 December - Alternate Program  
Thursday 14 December - Last day of Term 4

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and hoping for a safe holiday break

Ms Green  
Acting Head of Middle School







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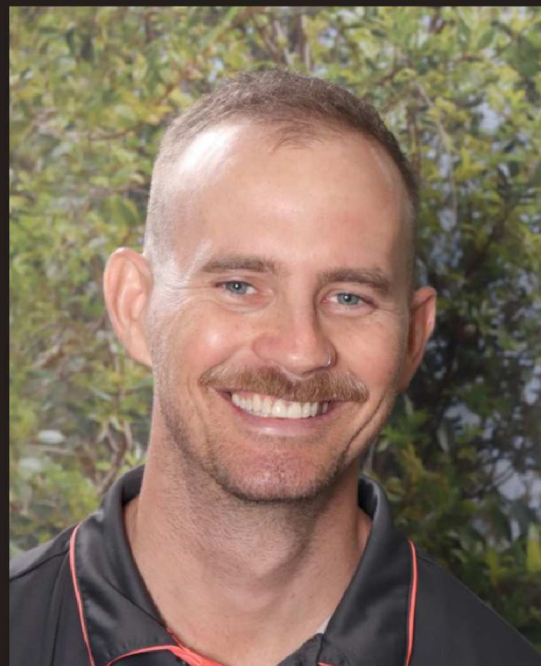
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The Safeguarding Contact Persons are nominated by the school to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. You might talk to a Safeguarding Contact Person if you:

- Are worried about a child, young person or family
- Are worried about the behaviour of an adult in the school toward children or young people
- Are a child or young person who wants help or support
- Want to know more about supporting children and young people
- Want to know more about what your school and Catholic Education Northern Territory have in place to safeguard and support
- Want to know more about children's rights - including those of your own children, or your rights if you are a child or young person
- Have ideas about how our school can make things even better for children and young people - especially if you are a child or young person yourself!



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# YEAR 12 GRADUATION





# CONGRATS





# YEAR 11



Max Jones - Year 11 Coordinator  
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Good Morning all,

A wonderful congratulations to all the Year 11s who have completed their Stage 1 courses and have now entered Year 12! It is wonderful to see this milestone and to see the pastoral, academic and personal growth across the year. The Transition weeks, which have now begun, offer a great opportunity for students to begin their courses, finalise any selections and begin course work and/or assessments before the school holidays. We encourage all to make the most of this head start and to start off their final year of schooling proactively.

O'Loughlin Day and the Leadership camp were wonderful opportunities for students to step up and take part in leading the College community. From all accounts the Year 11s did particularly well through O'Loughlin Day and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone into leadership roles for the day. At the Leadership camp, students got to know the team more closely, worked on their theme and heard from local ADF, business and political leaders about their leadership journey. We congratulate Ashleigh King and Samson Bament as being voted College Captains for 2024!

Year 12 merchandise (polo shirt and jumper) is currently being designed and developed and should be ready to order early next year. I thank the small committed team for their efforts in driving this project forward.

For any pastoral concerns or issues that arise in this busy time of year, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thanks,

Max Jones

Year 11 Coordinator



## 2023/24 UNDER 19 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD

**TOM MENZIES (C)** Darwin, NT  
**ZAYDEN LEWIS (VC)** Tracy Village, NT  
**CHARLIE BIGNELL** Palmerston, NT  
**CHARLIE KEMP** Darwin, NT  
**CLANCY MCCORMICK** Waratah, NT  
**JAYDEN CHATTO** Palmerston, NT  
**NICHOLAS FLEMING** Nightcliff, NT  
**JOSH GAWTHROPE** Southern Districts, NT  
**AIMAN NADEEM** Footscray, VIC  
**ARJUN SEHRAWAT** Geelong, VIC  
**DHANVI VEMULAPALLI** Parramatta, NSW  
**EVERETT OXENHAM** North Sydney, NSW  
**JOEL WRIGHT** Parramatta, NSW  
**LUKE TULLY** Ringwood, VIC  
**UDARA WEERASINGHE** Head Coach  
**MADURA WEERASINGHE** Assistant Coach  
**DYLAN SLATER** Assistant Coach

Under 19 National Championships  
30 Nov - 6 Dec 2023, Albury NSW

Congratulations to students Nicholas Fleming and Charlie Kemp, and former students Zayden Lewis and Clancy McCormick on being selected for the Under 19 National Championship Cricket Squad!



Year 11 students went to Kingpin Darwin for their end of school activity!

Lots of fun and many strikes were had on the day.





# YEAR 10

And just like that, year 10 is over and year 11 has begun!

As they all take their first tentative steps into new academic year, we'd like to share a brief update on the recent activities that marked the end of Year 10.

To wrap up their Year 10 experience, the students enjoyed a beautiful Mass before heading to the newly-opened Hey Caddy for a casual game of mini-golf. It provided a casual setting for them to unwind, fostering the camaraderie developed throughout the past year and their schooling to date. Numerous hole-in-ones were celebrated as well as a couple of 10+ holes, but enough about me.

The week before, in commemoration of Bishop O'Loughlin, the entire school celebrated O'Loughlin Day. We started with a lovely Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral before our year 10s split up to do some community service work: to Paws, to the RSPCA, and to St Vincent De Paul's. This hands-on experience emphasized the importance of giving back and making a positive impact in our community. It is with pride that I can say that the school received glowing reports that our students behaved respectfully and with a can-do attitude while helping out local Darwin institutions.

In the final weeks of Year 10, students also diligently worked on completing assignments and meeting deadlines. These tasks not only wrapped up their current academic year but also provided them with valuable time management skills and a sense of responsibility as they transition into Year 11.



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# YEAR 9



Maree Hammer - Year 9 Coordinator  
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WOW, where has the year gone? As the saying goes time flies when you are having fun and I have definitely had a lot of fun being a part of the lives of these Year 9's in 2023. As a group they are exuberant, jaunty and industrious. I am so lucky to have been their Year Level Coordinator this year.

In 2023 the Year 9's have been lucky to go on camps to either New Zealand, Noosa or in the NT. For O'Loughlin Day they were able to mentor and spend time with primary school children and they have proudly represented the college in sporting competitions and come away winners of most of them. These are all such amazing memories for them all.

During Senior School I know this group of wonderful young adults will prosper and start to realize their potential. They will work out what they want from life and start taking steps to reach their goals. Parents please remember to stay involved. There are real benefits when you stay involved in your child's secondary school education.

The benefits include:

- improved academic achievement
- higher completion rates
- young people have stronger aspirations for post-school learning and employment
- positive student attitudes and behaviour at school
- increased self-esteem and healthy relationships
- reduced mental health issues
- Improved attendance rates.

Once again it has been an absolute pleasure spending time with this cohort of students. Best wishes for the holidays and I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas.





# YEAR 8



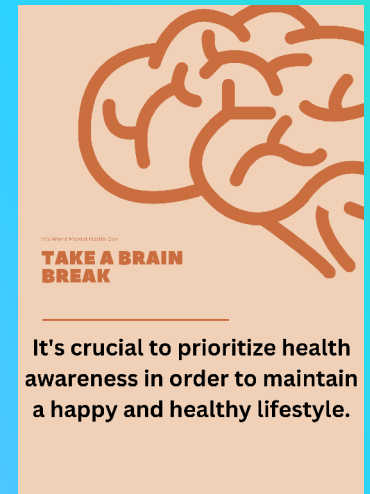
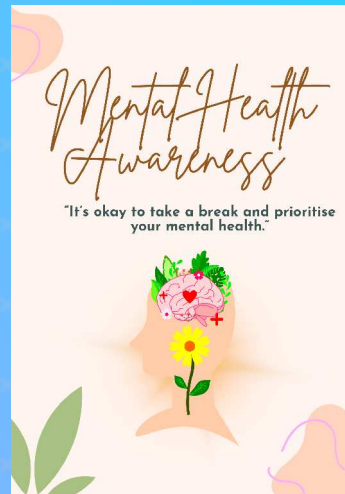
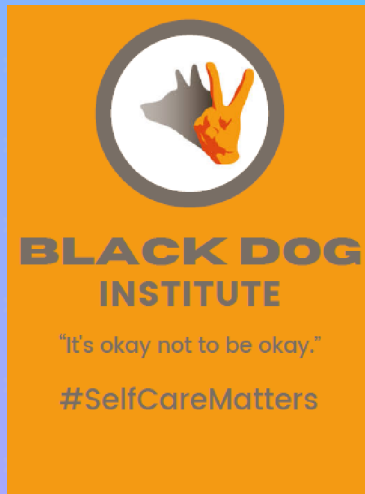
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*"In 2023, amidst rewards and challenges, working with the Year 8 Cohort of OCC has again been a privilege. A huge thank you to the parents/guardians, the O'Loughlin community, and especially the students, your contributions to make my role worthwhile. I am excited to continue this educational journey together in 2024. Merry Christmas, or as we say in Italian, Buon Natale!"*

## Mental Health Awareness:

In preparation for O'Loughlin Day, the Year 8 students created impactful posters aimed at raising awareness for mental health. Motivated by a collective desire to promote well-being and break down stigmas, these students poured their creativity into designing visually compelling posters. Each poster not only conveyed powerful messages about mental health but also highlighted various organisations dedicated to providing support. Through this project, the Year 8 students demonstrated their commitment to making a positive impact on their school community by fostering understanding, compassion, and encouraging open conversations about mental health.

Promoting active engagement, we encourage students and staff to visit the College library to view these posters and initiate meaningful and important conversations.



## Activity Day:

On Monday of Week 10, the Year 8 students will have an alternative program/workshop running in the morning, then from 11am the cohort will leave the College for an excursion. Information around this will be sent via Consent2Go very soon. I believe this will be another opportunity for the Year 8 Cohort to make memories and celebrate the amazing year they have had together.

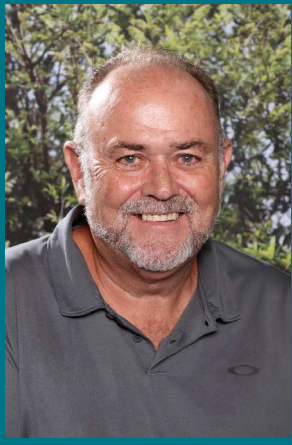
To our students - how to finish the year well:

By incorporating these steps, you can finish the year on a positive note, setting the stage for a successful and fulfilling start to next year.

1. Prioritise Tasks: Identify and focus on key tasks to complete before the year ends.
2. Set Attainable Goals: Establish realistic goals that align with your current priorities.
3. Finish Strong: Complete outstanding assessments and tie up loose ends in a timely manner.
4. Reflect: Take a moment to look back on your achievements and lessons learned.
5. Self-Care: Prioritise your well-being through self-care practices to recharge and stay optimistic.
6. Gratitude: Acknowledge and thank those who have uplifted, inspired and/or positively influenced your life



# YEAR 7



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It has been a good beginning to Term 4 for our year 7 cohort. The highlight thus far has been the Year 7 retreat days held in week 2. The retreat focused heavily on God's love for each and everyone of us and the need for students to understand that no matter what they are faced with, his support will always be there.

As we head towards the end of the year our farewell to year 7 activities day will be held on Monday the 11th of December. We will be taking the entire Year 7 cohort for some golfing fun at the Flight Path Golf Centre. A Consent 2Go information form will be sent to all of you with details.

Our students continue to make valuable contributions to school life and are constantly reminded of how they can make a positive difference to all they interact with. The Resilience Project used as lesson guides for personal development continue to focus on the need to be aware of the strengths they can bring to others and the need to be mindful of how they communicate with each other, inclusive of social media.

Finally, can I say thank you to the staff of Year 7, Ms. Green Head of Middle School, the entire Year 7 classes of 2023, and to you the parents. As Coordinator it was always going to have its challenges, but I can honestly say I've had an amazing time and have worked a fantastic group of kids. Good luck in Year 8 and have happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Tony Judd Year 7 Coordinator





# CREATIVE ARTS



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It has been a HUGE term in the Creative Arts and Technology Faculty. We had our Biannual Creative Arts Night, where we transformed our Art Studios into galleries, the courtyard into a mini outdoor festival and Cooking room into Sushi Dogen, what a delight! The night was hosted by our effervescent graduating students, Allie Walter and Jules Gabor who added extra humor and dance to the evening. Guests were very lucky to enjoy art activities, Mexican treats made by stage 1 Food Tech class and surprise door prizes from our sponsors.

Several incredible students took to the stage, Jansen Lay, Nila Elby, Anha Charan, Kevin Valerio, the year 10 band and Jules Gabor. It is always wonderful to see our OCC students share their Performance Arts skills, this year's show did not disappoint!

Thank you to the tremendous Arts and Tech faculty, our support staff and all the other OCC teachers who assisted or bought their families on the night. It was a wonderful community and Art event.

Thank you to our Creative Arts Night sponsors... Aquascene, Ngaree Ah Kit MLA/Mem Karama, SBA Office National, Nicole Manison MLA Member for Wanguri, Cavalier Art, Oxlades, Crocodylus Park, and Paspaley Pearls



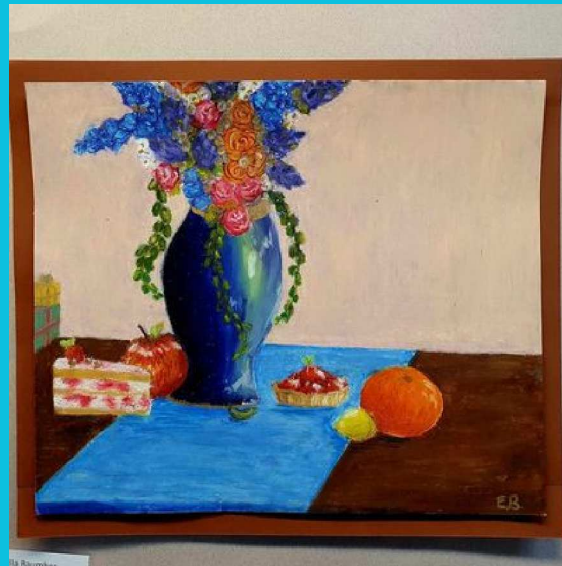
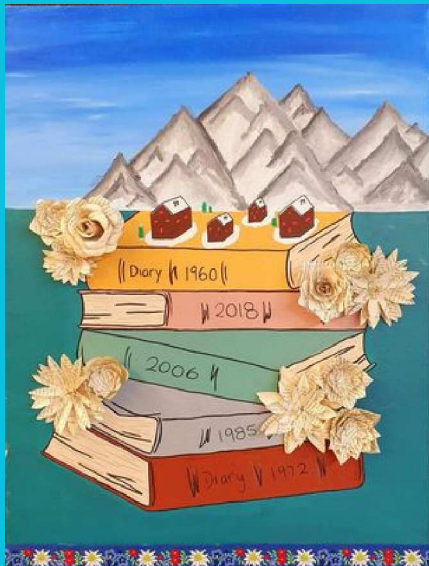
Speaking of exciting events ... O'Loughlin Musical is coming back in 2024!!

Yes.... you read that correctly, the cogs are in motion for the 2024 school musical. Next year we are VERY excited to present "The Black Hole" an original space- based musical by Mark Bourgeois & Criag Chambers (Maverick Musicals). It is fun, funny, has a radical soundtrack and is basically ... "Out of this world!" (...pun intended).

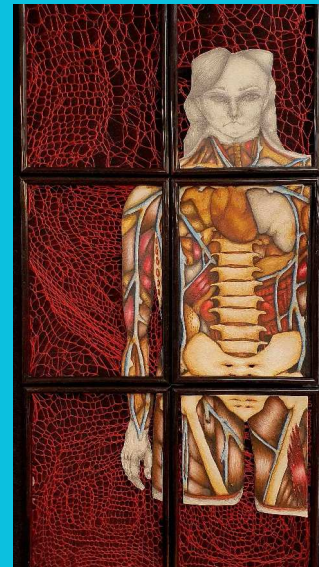
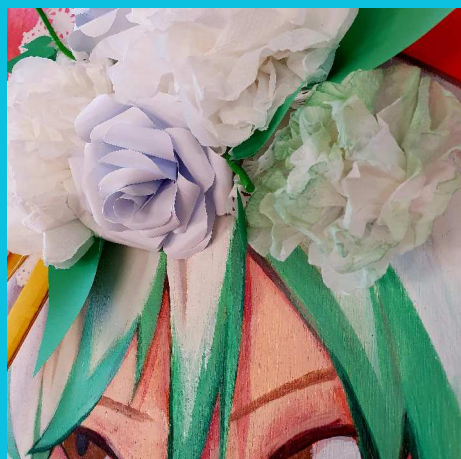
Rehearsals and development of the show have been imbedded into ALL first semester Drama classes (year 7 – 12), our new Dance class and Theatre music class (year 8 and 9). If your child would like to be involved in the show, they need to make sure they are enrolled in drama first semester, 2024.

They can come speak with me, Ms Kate in the Arts Office for more information any time over the next few weeks.

\*Performances will take place at Darwin Entertainment Centre week 1, term 3 (2024).



**CONGRATULATIONS** and well done to Stage 2 Art students who have been selected for the Northern Territory 'Exit' Art show on display at MGNT (2024). Jorja Handebo both her Visual Art and Media Arts/digital will be included in the prestigious exhibition.





# HEALTH & PE



Luke Beatty - Head of Health & Physical Education  
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As always, it was a massive year in sport here at OCC. Well done to all OCC students who have represented the school at the different sporting events this year. Mackillop was the champion house for both the Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. We had great participation numbers at all the Gala Days. Congratulations to all students who were selected in Darwin Region and NT School Sport Teams. A big thanks to Mr Kensey, who this year started the Gold Coast Suns Middle School AFL competitions for Darwin Schools.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead in 2024.

Below are some photos from the Middle School 3x3 Basketball Day.





# CAREERS



Nicholas Jack - Acting Careers Practitioner  
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As we head into the end of the year the Careers department has been busy applying for VET course for 2024 and assisting Year 12 with scholarship and University and Job advice. In addition, our year 12 workplace practices class have finished up and all student should be proud of their efforts.

## Year 12 Graduates

Our Year 12 students will receive their ATARs in the coming weeks and because of this Mr Jack will be available on the 18 and 19th of December regarding ATAR results and advice at the College.

## Contact details are

Phone: 08 8945 1277

Email: Nicholas.Jack@nt.catholic.edu.au

Or direct Message on SEQTA

## CDU open Day VET

22 students from year 11 and 12 attended the first ever University Open day held at the Territory Netball Stadium at the end of Term 3. Universities from Queensland, Victoria and South Australia were in attendance. Student were able to talk to Enrolment advisors and gain more information regarding residential colleges and Careers after University.



## IAHA Indigenous Allied Health Australia Graduates 2023

Congratulations to Bridie Williams on completing her Cert III in Health through IAHA. The college has had a number of student graduates over the last few years and a large group will be continuing or start in 20204. The college Thanks the IAHA team for all their support of our students.



## VET 2024:

There are still a small number of VET courses available for 2024. Please see below and come and see Mr Jack if interested in applying

## CDU

- AHC21216 Certificate II Rural Operations - Aquaculture, Conservation and Horticulture
- AHC21020 Certificate II in Conservation & Ecosystem Management -VTP344
- AMP20415 Certificate II in Meat Processing (Meat Retail) - Skill Sets

## Institute of Skills and Training Australia

Institute of skills and training have 20 spots open for Vet in school students for 2024 for

- (SIT2042) Certificate II in Cookery







# LIBRARY NEWS

## LUNCH TIME ACTIVITIES

Minecraft - Mondays  
Christmas crafts - Tues & Wed  
Games & reading - Thurs, Fri

## FROM THE CIRCULATION DESK

Halloween was great fun: we had competitions and lots of dress ups to celebrate. Our selection of Horror novels were very popular too!

Christmas brings us the opportunity to get into the spirit and get crafty! There are lots of activities on offer at lunchtime. See you there!



**Vinnies SEEKING CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS**

**Ideas...**

FOR CHILDREN	Baby to age 16
New Toys, Books, Games, Gift Cards, Movie Vouchers	

**FOR FAMILIES**

Non-perishable	Don't melt	Festive feel
Baked beans or spaghetti	Canned spam, bully beef, ham	Canned fruit, vegetables
Breakfast cereals, jams, honey	Coffee, milo, tea, condensed milk	Rice, pasta, simmer sauces
Pretzels, nuts, dried fruit, salty plums	Cracker biscuits, chips	Gingerbread, jelly, lollies
Toiletry items		

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
HARTLEY LIBRARY

**QR Code**

## NOTICES

All books are due back at the Library before the 5th of December. Please ensure you look everywhere at home and at school to locate any missing titles.

The Library is once again collecting donations for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Please see the flyer for details.



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK  
19 to 25 AUGUST  
2023

**READ  
GROW  
Inspire**

See you in the Library soon,  
Ms Alex and Ms Ashleigh.



# OFFICE NEWS

## Facebook

The College has a brand new Facebook page to share news and events with the Community.

Please be sure to follow us to receive additional communication and handy calendar event dates.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552945161043>

## Homework Centre

O'Loughlin Catholic College operates a Homework Centre on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in OL1.

Homework Centre runs between Week 2 and Week 8 of each term and will be resuming in 2024.

We encourage students to attend Homework Centre to seek help and support to get their Homework and assignments completed with the support of staff.

New students can register through:

<https://www.oloughlin.nt.edu.au/students/homework-and-resource-centre/>

## Holiday Office Hours

18 - 22 December - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Office closed for Christmas Holidays  
25 December - 7 January

8 - 19 January - 9:00am to 3:00pm

22 January onwards, normal office hours  
Monday - Thursday 8:00am to 4:00pm  
Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm



### Sign up

Email Lilla Wallington  
[musicwithamadeus@gmail.com](mailto:musicwithamadeus@gmail.com)

'Where words fail, music speaks'

Amadeus Music is in partnership with O'Loughlin Catholic College to provide private music tutoring to students

### INSTRUMENTS

Guitar: Acoustic, electric, bass, classical  
Piano: Learning to read notation and/or by ear training  
Vocal: Pitch, technique and performance coaching  
Drumming lessons now available!

### Music Tutoring

Amadeus Music School are happy to provide private music tutoring to O'Loughlin students. Lessons are held two days a week on campus.

### Instruments

Guitar: Acoustic, electric, bass, classical  
Piano: Learning to read notation and/or by ear training  
Vocal: Pitch, technique and performance coaching

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Expressions of interest can be emailed through to Lilla at [musicwithamadeus@gmail.com](mailto:musicwithamadeus@gmail.com)

# 2Go

for schools

## Consent2Go



Consent2Go allows parents/guardian's to provide the School with their child's up to date personal health and permission (consents) information in an accurate, timely and confidential manner as well as a quick and easy way for parents to grant excursion, event and camp permissions.

