Secondary students at Vic. Student Convention last week; Girls volleyball team 2nd and Year 8 Handbells 1st; Year 5 and 6 Kanga Cricket held on Tues this week.

REACHING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

Potential is one of the most wonderful words in any language. It looks forward with optimism. It is filled with hope. What about unfulfilled potential? That phase is as negative as the word potential is positive. Most people desire to reach their potential. The question is, how do you do it? I have no doubt that the answer is personal growth.

I didn't always know this. In fact, I discovered it during a lunch in 1972 with a man named Curt Kampmeier. He asked me a simple question: "Do you have a plan for your personal growth?"

My answer was, "No." I had thought if I worked hard enough, I would grow. He looked at me and said, "Growth never just happens. You have to be intentional about it."

That meeting was significant, because it set me on a journey of personal growth that changed my life. Right away, my wife Margaret and I scrimped and saved to be able to purchase a kit that taught me how to create my growth plan.

And since then, I've committed to do something to pursue growth every day. I've read great books, listened to great speakers, and spent time reflecting on the things I learned so I could apply them to my life.

Over the years, I began to learn some crucial truths about growth that, when applied, allowed me to make great strides in my personal development. And my newest book is dedicated to sharing those truths.

It's called The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth, and it's designed to help people understand how personal growth works and to help them become a more effective and fulfilled individual.

That help is offered in the form of fifteen laws:

The Law of Intentionality: Growth Doesn't Just Happen
The Law of Awareness: You Must Know Yourself to Grow Yourself
The Law of the Mirror: You Must See Value in Yourself to Add Value to Yourself
The Law of Reflection: Learning to Pause Allows Growth to Catch Up with You
The Law of Consistency: Motivation Gets You Going—Discipline Keeps You Growing
The Law of Environment: Growth Thrives in Conducive Surroundings
The Law of Design: To Maximize Growth, Develop Strategies
The Law of Pain: Good Management of Bad Experiences Leads to Great Growth
The Law of the Ladder: Character Growth Determines the Height of Your Personal Growth
The Law of the Rubber Band: Growth Stops When You Lose the Tension Between Where You Are and Where You Could Be
The Law of Trade-Offs: You Have to Give Up to Grow Up
The Law of Curiosity: Growth Is Stimulated By Asking Why?
The Law of Modelling: It's Hard to Improve When You Have No One But Yourself to Follow
The Law of Expansion: Growth Always Increases Your Capacity
The Law of Contribution: Growing Yourself Enables You to Grow Others

I'm grateful to Curt Kampmeier for what he said to me so many years ago. It was his question that set me on a journey of growth that has continued to this day. I believe that we all have potential within us, but we won't reach that potential unless we grow into it.

If you want to lead well or be successful, it won't happen by accident. You will need to grow into it. I believe these laws can help you. If you keep learning and growing every day over the course of many years, you'll be astounded how far it will take you.

This is a guest post by John C. Maxwell. He is a New York Times bestselling author (multiple times) and one of the world's leading experts on leadership. He is one of my good friends. His newest book, The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth: Live Them and Reach Your Potential, was just released this week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
This week we are finalizing our shoe boxes. If you haven't quite completed yours yet, continue to pack gifts for Christmas for a specific age group. Please bring your packed shoe box in tomorrow (Friday) we will send them on to Melbourne to be processed.

CONCERT This Sunday October 28th
This concert is to raise money for the students travelling to South Pacific Student Convention. It will be held at the Castlemaine Church of Christ, Blakeley Road, commencing at 3.00pm. It will be Community Hymn Singing with some musical items from Olivet students. Afternoon tea will follow and we would please ask that parents/families of students provide a plate of afternoon tea for the occasion. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER CHOCOLATES
Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraising event. There are still some boxes to be returned.

Thank you on behalf of all the students attending.

DATES FOR THE TERM
STAFF DINNER Tonight at “Kim Sathorn” (Johnstone St, Castlemaine) commencing at 7pm.
Friday 26 October World Teachers’ Day
ELC KICK-BALL DAY tomorrow Fri 26 October

ORIENTATION MORNINGS
Tues 30 October and Mon 12 November
Times will be from 8.45 am - 12.45 pm

MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAYS
Monday 5 November Staff Curriculum Day
Tuesday 6 November Public holiday
No students will be required to attend school on these two days.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
Monday 26 November from 6pm - 8pm at Sky-Dancers Café in Harcourt. Parents and graduating students from Primary to Secondary will join with staff to celebrate this important occasion in the students’ lives.

PRESENTATION MORNING 11 am and
PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm both to be held on
Thursday 6 December.
STAFF DAY Friday 7 December No students will be required to attend on this day.

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION to be held in Suva, Fiji (9 - 14 Dec).
Students will leave on Sunday 9 December and return on Monday 17 December.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2012
All Primary students and Secondary students not attending South Pac will be expected to attend school for the week from 10 - 14 December.
The last school day for students will be Friday 14 December.

START OF SCHOOL FOR 2013
Staff return on Thursday 24 January for two days of preparation and planning.
Monday 28 January AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY
Tuesday 29 January All students return to school for the start of Term 1 2013.
Prep students are not required to attend Wednesdays during Term 1.

SOUTH PAC CONVENTION IN FIJI
We are now finalizing activities and travel arrangements for Fiji and will soon have more information and a final price for the trip.
Could all students please bring a photocopy of the front page of their passport with their photo and details for our records please, and give them to Mrs Chapman as soon as possible. Thankyou.