FLEXIBLE LIVING
It has been lovely in Chapel over the past few weeks for teachers to share with classes about the character of being flexible. There is so much in this that can bless others in our day to day journey of life.

We can be often taken up with just getting through each day with all the pressures and the demands that are placed on us.

We can also see each situation or even the circumstances that surround us as an opportunity to bless others and look for ways we can assist them in their journey.

A pat on the back, a timely hug, a word of encouragement, an offer to pray for them, a Bible verse, an offer to assist can all be ways that a person’s situation may be lightened.

Being flexible is not only about being ready to adapt to changes in our circumstances that we had not planned for, but it can also be about being content with what we have (both materially and in circumstances) and being on the look out to see how we can assist others around us.

Colossians 3:17 reminds us that “Whatever we do, in word or deed, do everything in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

May we be continually filled with God’s Spirit as we display His fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Mr Chapman

THANK YOU TO ALL
Thank you to all families who have assisted the College this term.

A very big thankyou to the Turnbull, Percy, Dahl and Ellison families and to Peter Chaffey who have kindly offered and completed gardening and other maintenance jobs around the College this term. Your generous offers of your skills and time is much appreciated and valued. We are always grateful for the safety provided for our bus travellers and we certainly thank Brad, Kim, Peter and Tim for their diligence and care of the students on board.

Thank you to the Cleaners; Elle Pederson, Glenys Day and Kathleen and Michael Ellison for their untiring work each week.
Thank you to the Staff for their day to day work with the students and the seeds that are continually being sown into their lives. May the Lord raise up the students to be mighty men and woman of God in the future in whatever fields of service He calls each of them to.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the McKenzie Mitchell Mona and Nathan Families.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**
Continue to pack a shoe box with gifts for Christmas for a specific age group. In Week 3 of Term 4, the College will collect the boxes and send them on to Melbourne to be processed. This is a wonderful way of helping those children overseas less fortunate than ourselves, and brings so much joy to each person who receives a shoe box as a gift.

**HONOUR ROLL TRIPS FOR TERM 3**
**Monday 17 September**
Tomorrow is the final deadline for testing for Honour Roll for Term 3. Students who have not completed their Work Requirements to the satisfaction of their teacher(s) will be required to attend on Monday in school uniform to complete as much of the outstanding work as possible.

**ELC P-2 HONOUR ROLL DAY**
In the morning session we have set aside time for visiting some of the local sites, walks and activities and will then return to the school for a mixture of games and sports. Children will need to wear sports uniform and bring along their favorite board/card game and lunch, snacks and drinks for the day.

**GAMMA/DELTA Yr 3-6 HONOUR ROLL**
Gamma and Delta students who have completed all their Honour Roll requirements will travel to the Misty Downs nursery near Creswick. A variety of activities are available for students to participate in here including ‘The Tangled Maze’, Mini Golf and Bocce. We are looking forward to a great day and students are encouraged to work hard to achieve Honour Roll. Parents will be charged $5 per student for this activity. All students are asked to wear their sports uniform for Honour Roll, and take careful note of the weather forecast for the day in case coats are the order of the day. A packed lunch will be necessary as well as snacks and plenty to drink for the day. Normal school times will apply. Please fill out the permission slip and return it before Monday.

**SECONDARY (Years 7 - 10) HONOUR ROLL**
Students who have completed their Honour Roll requirements by Friday 14 September will be travelling to Echuca for lunch and a visit to the historic wharf and Paddlesteamer trip on the “PS Canberra”. The College Bus will depart Olivet at 8.45am and Bendigo students will be picked up at the car park on the east side of Lake Weeroona at approx. 9.30am.

Students are to bring their lunch, snacks and wear casual clothes suitable for the weather of the day. The cost will be $10 per student. Bendigo students will be dropped at Lake Weeroona on our return from Echuca at approx. 2.15pm.

We encourage all students to really make a big effort to complete their work required for Honour Roll and to enjoy a day together with their class.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW DAY** will be on Tuesday 18 September.
We ask all secondary students please to accompany their parents to the interviews so they may also hear the progress report for the term. Timesheets have been issued again with updated times with this Newsletter today.

**PERMISSION SLIP DELTA/GAMMA H ROLL**
I give permission for ______________________ to attend the Honour Roll trip on Monday 17 Sept to Misty Downs in Creswick as outlined above.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

**PERMISSION SLIP SEC HONOUR ROLL**
I give permission for ______________________ to attend the Honour Roll trip on Monday 17 Sept to Echuca as outlined above.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

**WED 19 and THURS 20 SEPT**
These days are normal school days.

**FRI 21 SEPT** Friday is the last day of term. All students will come dressed in sports uniform for a sports day to be held between recess and lunchtime after classes have completed their clean up for the term. See separate notice. Presentation Afternoon will begin at 1.15pm and will conclude with student dismissal for the 2-week break at approx. 2.30pm.

We invite all Parents, Grandparents, other family members and friends of the College to come along and join us for the occasion as we celebrate the end of term and the certificates and awards of the students.

There will be no school Hot Lunch orders for next Friday - last day of term.
Thank you to Mrs Revell and to all who have assisted with the preparation of the Hot Lunches this term. They have been much appreciated by both students and staff.

**VICTORIAN ACE STUDENT CONVENTION**

Students, please remember to give your art or photos that need mat boarding or framing to Mrs Donaldson and she will take them to Mrs Browning. You will need to bring them to school by next Thursday.

Gary Chapman (opposite IGA) in Mostyn Street will also frame or mat board your art and photography. Art and Photos need to be handed into Mrs Donaldson by the first day next term.

On the first day back next term, we will complete all judges forms. If you have some spare time this week, please start your judges forms. The teachers can show you how to do this if you haven't completed a judges form before.

**LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION**

Thank you to all students and parents who have raised funds for this foundation. The secondary students raised a total of $1,208.50. This is a great result.

I am sure that the foundation will put this money to good use in assisting those who are without a home. May God bless those who have supported this initiative in helping their fellow neighbour.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

The year 9/10 students started their tree planting program as part of their unit on Volunteering. Last week the students learnt the difference between Exotic/Introduced and Native/Indigenous species and the importance of planting species that encourage animal species to flourish.

This week the students will be assisted by David and Thea King. The students will be learning about the investment that Friends of Campbells Creek (FOCC) have made to this local area and the cost associated with each individual plant. It is our aim that students will gain a greater understanding of volunteering, the motivations of those who volunteer and increase their willingness to become a volunteer in their community.

**SPORTS DAY ON FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

The Year 10 students and Ryan have been planning a school sports day for the last day of this term. The sports day will have an Olympic focus with all buddies being placed into teams (countries).

The students will be participating in a number of different activities between Recess and Lunch time. Parents, please feel welcome to come along and watch. If you are wanting to assist in any way with the day then please notify Mr. Steel.

Thank you to all the hard work the students have done over the last six weeks. All students are to come in their sports uniform.

**COMMUNITY NOTICE - BASKETBALL**

Registrations are now being taken for the Castlemaine summer basketball season

Commencing Monday 8 October.

Please register by the 26th of Sept.

Under 12 boys and girls up to under 18 boys and girls in juniors and senior mens and womens teams.

For more information or to register,

ph Tracey West 54742570
mob- 0418742562
email - ktwest@impulse.net.au

**SUMMER UNIFORMS**

As the weather is warming and we think ahead to Term 4 it is time to check your summer uniforms. Please make sure NOW that all uniforms fit and are in good repair for the start of next term. If you need to order any pieces now is the time to contact Mrs Revell and arrange to purchase them.

**REMEMBER**

We are in full summer uniform from the first day of Term 4. Thank you.