**GOD’S PURPOSE FOR US**

During the past 3 weeks, Chapel times have been devoted to looking at being Purposeful.

It has been terrific to look at men and women of the Bible who were very purposeful, to study God’s Word to know what God says about being purposeful and then to examine how we can know God’s purposes in our lives.

A couple of verses spring to mind as I think about this:-

Joshua 1:1-9 where God gave Joshua instructions for leading the people of Israel into the Promised Land—verse 8

“But you shall meditate on it (God’s Word) day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written therein; for then you shall have made your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.”

Psalm 37: 4, 5 “Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust in Him and He will act.”

**WE WELCOME** the Percy Family to Olivet and particularly to Ben as he settles into Gamma class. We pray God’s blessing and purpose to be fulfilled in their lives as they see Ben thrive in his learning.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the ELLIOT ELLISON ETTRIDGE-BRAYSHAW and EVANS Families.

**ARTICLES FOR THE CASTLEMAINE MAIL NEEDED BY THIS MONDAY**

A wonderful opportunity has been given to Olivet to write articles about Hope in the midst of trials or hardship,

House Captains attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the RSL in Castlemaine along with Mr Chapman.

What Christmas means to me, or some related topic based on life experiences.

The articles do not have to be long, but Max Lesser from the Castlemaine Mail is seeking work from upper primary and secondary students please.

Thank you to these students for their writing and we would appreciate these being handed to Mr Chapman no later than this coming Monday so they can be forwarded on to Max Lesser at the Castlemaine Mail.

**YEAR 7/8 VISIT TO CERES**

Next Tuesday, November 22, all Year 7 and 8 students will be attending an all-day excursion to CERES Community Environment Park in Brunswick.

CERES (The Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies) will conduct 4 sessions with the students in a range of issues including Water, Sustainable Buildings, Energy Efficient Housing and Renewable Energy.

Students will be travelling by school bus departing Olivet at 8am sharp and returning to Olivet by 4.30 pm.

Students attending the excursion who normally come on the bus from Kangaroo Flat will be collected from Olympic Pde at 7.15am and delivered back to Olympic Pde at 5.15pm. Normal bus times will operate for all students other than those attending the excursion.

Students from Elphinstone will be collected at the normal spot en route 20 mins after departure time from Olivet.
Students are to wear their sports uniform for the day, and are asked to bring their lunch, snacks and water bottle.

PERMISSION SLIP FOR CERES EXCURSION
I give permission for ............................................ to attend the CERES Excursion on Tuesday 22nd November leaving the College at 8am and returning by 4.30pm in the College bus. There will be a small cost of $10 charged to family accounts to offset part of the fees for the excursion and bus travel.

Signature of Parent/Guardian
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SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW – TENNIS
Please bring your racquets with you, as well as your water bottle. Also please bring your sports uniform to change at lunchtime.

COMUNITY SERVICE AT CASTLEMAINE HEALTH
Next Thursday November 24th, our Year 8 and 9 students will be providing some musical items for the residents in Thompson House at Castlemaine Health.
Students will be leaving school at lunchtime after 1pm by College bus and returning to the College by 3pm. Parents, could you please complete the following permission slip.
Thankyou in anticipation,
Mrs Jan Chapman

YEARS 8 & 9 PERMISSION SLIP
I give permission for ............................................ to attend Thompson House at Castlemaine Health to take part in a musical afternoon on Thursday November 24th, leaving the College at 1pm and returning by 3pm in the College bus.

Signature of Parent/Guardian
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YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER Mon 28 Nov
Staff and Parents are invited to join with the Year 6 students as they graduate from Primary to Secondary Education. This celebration will be held at SkyDancers Café in Harcourt. Please write in your child’s diary the number of adults (up to 2) attending so we can confirm numbers. The cost per person will be $15, the balance being subsidized by the College, payable on the night.

DATES COMING UP
Monday 12 Dec Secondary Formal dinner.
Invitations will be sent out soon.

Thurs 15 Dec Presentation Night commencing 6.45pm

Friday 27 Jan All Staff return to school
Thurs 2 Feb First day of school for all students.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE KICK-BALL DAY
The Kick Ball Day is to be held tomorrow Friday 18 November. ELC students will travel to Newstead PS for a morning of Kickball with other schools.
Students are required to wear sports uniform and additional clothing appropriate to the day’s weather. Please bring drinks, snacks and lunch for the day.
On Friday 25 November Campbells Creek is hosting a Maths Tabloid Day. This will involve students in a variety of Maths activities and challenges.

PERMISSION SLIP FOR ELC MATHS EXCURSION
I give permission for ............................................ to attend the ELC Maths Excursion on Friday 25 November at Campbells Creek.

Signature of Parent/Guardian
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FIRST AID CLASSES
Several members of Staff are completing their Level 2 First Aid course over the next three Thursday evenings, from 6.30pm—9.30pm.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Students who wish to complete and pack a shoe box for overseas children may collect a form from the Office, to be returned by the end of November.