I trust this first Olivet Newsletter of 2011 finds you well, refreshed, not too waterlogged, and ready for all that 2011 will bring to you and your family. We sincerely pray you managed to negotiate the floodwaters last week and we think of those of our Olivet families who live in the lower lying areas of Central Victoria who suffered most.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless all families abundantly this year and guide you in all His ways. May you know Him personally as He fills you daily with His Spirit and Peace.

First Day
This year looks to be an exciting one, with 15 new students starting Day 1 on Monday 31 January.

We invite all parents to come and join our first assembly for the year at 8.50am and to stay on and assist the Harcourt travellers will again be on the bus run (at the usual time and place), new parents to get to know some oth-

New Bus
The new 33-seater BCI bus (coach) has arrived and no doubt the students from Kangaroo Flat will experience the joy of this first hand on their school run. We thank God for His provision.
Year 10 Class of 2012 Looks Good!
The Minister for Education has refused our request for special consideration to keep our Year 10 students for 2011,
However, we are very confident of growing our secondy numbers over this year to reach the required number of 40 secondary students to keep our Year 10 students at Olivet for 2012. Phil Chapman

WORKING BEE Sat 29th January
Please keep this date free (9am—12 noon) for all families to come and assist the College to look “spick and span” for the students returning. Jobs will be allocated on the day. If you are unable to make it on the day, you are welcome to come in earlier in the week and complete your share then. Thank you in anticipation of your great work in preparing the College grounds and buildings for the school year ahead.

FIRST SCRIPTURE FOR THE YEAR
There may be some students who are looking for something to do to stay occupied at this stage of the holidays. What about learning the first Scripture? It is from Genesis 1; 1—8

UNIFORMS AND OTHER REQUESTS
For those families wanting to obtain uniforms and for being ready for the school year, next Thursday and Friday (27/28 Jan) will be good times and Mary-Anne will be able to assist you then.

PRIMARY ‘EVERYONE’ HEALTH & FITNESS DATES
The Swimming Program will begin on the Tuesday of Week 2 (8th Feb) and run through to the 29 March.

REMINDER OF TERM DATES
Term 1 is from Jan 31—April 8.
Term 2 begins for students on May 2, as Mon/Tues 25/26 are Anzac Day/Easter Monday and Staff will be taking their 3 Curriculum Days on the Wed, Thurs and Friday. (Wed & Thurs will be the ACE Educators Conference at Mt Carmel Christian School in Wodonga and Fri will be our staff day at Olivet to finalise the Curriculum Book preparation for 2011. Presentation Night for 2011 will be held on Thursday 15 December. This will be the final day of school for the year.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for both the LACEY Families, the LOUREY an the LOW Families.
(We now have 49 families with students enrolled at Olivet and 80 students enrolled, 50 Primary and 30 Secondary).

WONDERFUL TIME AT SOUTH PAC
Students and Staff had a terrific time at Phillip Island for the South Pacific Student Convention. some of the results are as follows:-
2nd Boys Open Basketball
2nd Open Instrumental Ensemble
3rd Open Handbell Choir
2nd Jacob Seears U16 1500m run
4th Jacob Seears Open Chess
3rd Jesse McArdle-Cox U16 200m
2nd Jesse McArdle-Cox U16 400m
5th Open Boys 4 x 100m Relay Jacob Lourey Tim Chapman John Brown Nick Broad Jesse McArdle-Cox
3rd Open Instrumental Trio
Jesse McArdle-Cox Jacob Lourey John Brown
2nd Open Instrumental Quartet
Jesse McArdle-Cox Jacob Lourey Krysley Harris Courtney Johnston
3rd Briodie McArdle Silver Apple Award for memorizing the book of Jude
6th Open Puppets
Briodie McArdle and Courtney Johnston
2nd Jacob Lourey U16 200m
1st Jacob Lourey U16 Football Kick
2nd Krysley Harris U14 Spelling
5th Krysley Harris U14 Pastels
4th Krysley Harris U14 Table Tennis
3rd Tim Chapman Open Pastels
1st Tim Chapman Open Football Kick
4th Tim Chapman Open Soccer Kick
5th Tim Chapman Open Male Solo
4th John Brown U16 1500m run
1st John Brown U16 Netball Shoot
1st Nick Broad U16 Discus

Well done to all students!