BUILDING GODLY FAMILIES

What can you and I do from this day onwards to build a Godly family, one that truly knows God is present in our lives and which seeks to honour Him with our daily walk with Him.

What seeds can I sow? What plants can I water so that the fruit of a Godly family will grow for all to enjoy? That's what it's about – because your family matters.

So ... what's God's plan for your family? Well, here it is (Psalm 37:35,36): I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are ever giving liberally and lending, and their children become a blessing.

See that's God's perfect plan for our families. For us to live a good life, for us to be a blessing to our children and for them to go on and become a blessing to others. It's a story that's written in our DNA. It's a story that plays itself out in our hopes and our dreams. But it's a plot that we so easily lose in this consumer oriented, entertainment oriented, credit card oriented world in which we live.

Let me ask you – out of everything in your life – everything you have, every hope and every dream, every possession and every desire – out of everything – how much does your family matter? My hunch is that for most of us, the answer is a lot. Family matters an awful lot – doesn't it? And if it does, if it really does – then surely, surely we need to invest in this thing – these relationships, these people who matter more to us than any other thing in this world.

So I want to encourage you to be deliberate – get that, d-e-l-i-b-e-r-a-t-e – about building a Godly family. Bernie Dynat (Christianity Works)

TIME FOR JOY

Our next Scripture passage for learning is 1 Thessalonians 5: 16 - 25 - a wonderful challenge to live simply; joyfully, prayerfully, and thankfully.

We are also looking at the character trait of being punctual. What a blessing it is to know people who are usually on time. People who can say just the right word at the right time; People who are early to appointments; People when asked to complete a task by a certain time, it is done; People who are able to help others because they have already completed their own tasks; Wearing a watch can help tremendously to be on time. I would encourage students if they do not own a watch, to look out for one to enable them to be ready and punctual.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the BURT COX CRITCHLEY and DAHL Families.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

This coming Monday (26 Nov) from 6pm - 8pm at SkyDancers Café in Harcourt.

Parents and graduating students from Primary to Secondary will join with staff to celebrate this important occasion in the students' lives. Cost will be $15 per person payable on the night, with the balance paid by the College.
SECONDARY FORMAL DINNER
Monday 3rd December. The venue will be in Bendigo at the Malayan Orchid.
6.30 - 9.00 pm. Cost is $20 per student, subsidized by the College.
Formal invitations have been issued and students are required to reply in writing to Mrs Donaldson by this coming Monday (26 November).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LAST WEEK OF TERM
MONDAY 3rd DEC Secondary Honour Roll
This day has been set aside as the Secondary Honour Roll Day. Secondary students who have completed their term’s work requirements will have the day off school. All other students will be expected to attend in normal school uniform to complete as much of their outstanding work as possible.

Primaries will take their Honour Roll Day during the following week (Thursday 13 December) to enable Mon 3rd Dec to be used as a preparation day for the Presentation Night Musical.
Students will come for a normal school day on Mon 3rd Dec in sports uniform.

TUES 4th DEC Report Collating/Interview Day
Parents who wish to see class teachers regarding student progress may pre-book times with them for this day or contact Mrs Revell. No students will be required at school on this day except for those attending interviews.

WED 5th DEC Normal School Day
All students are required to attend school for the day. Preparations for Presentation morning and Night will be made, rehearsals for items, and cleaning up classrooms for the end of the school year.

THURS 6th DEC PRESENTATION DAY AND NIGHT to be held at the Castlemaine Church of Christ, Blakeley Road Castlemaine.

9.00 am Rehearsals all students are to meet at the church in their summer school uniform for rehearsals for both Morning and Evening Presentations.

11.00 am MORNING PRESENTATION
Presentation of Term 4 Character traits and Awards, Items and Certificates.
Families to receive their Semester 2 Reports and 2012 School Magazine after this presentation.

12.30pm Staff and Board Luncheon
Students have the afternoon to read their reports with their parents, if possible.

6.45pm PRESENTATION NIGHT
Presentation of Annual Awards and Trophies, Items and Certificates.
It is expected that all families will attend this formal occasion as the climax of the school year and we welcome other family members, past students and families, and friends of the College to what should be a wonderful night of celebration of Olivet Christian College in 2012.

PRIMARY MUSICAL
The Primary students are all busy learning their songs and parts for the Primary Musical “Olivet Nativity 2012” to be performed at Presentation Night. Thank you to all our Primary Staff and Mr Price and Mrs Chapman for your preparation.

STAFF DAY Friday 7 December No students will be required to attend on this day.

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION
Suva, Fiji (9 - 14 Dec).
An update letter has been sent home today with further information and reminders about the trip.

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.

SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW
Students will be playing Tennis tomorrow. Please bring your normal sports uniform and at least 1 tennis racquet tomorrow, more if you are able to.