ROMANS 5:1-8 is our new passage for memory. The passage teaches us that character building is important for our lives to be effective and purposeful. As we travel through each day with its joys and challenges, we seek God’s love, His character, endurance and hope in order that we may fulfill the purposes God has for each of us. 

During our Chapel sessions over these next 3 weeks, we are discussing Diligence and how that applies to all aspects of our lives “Investing my time and energy to complete each task assigned to me”.

ANZAC DAY REFLECTION
It is good to remember heroes at this time of year. It is only a couple of weeks ago that we remembered the greatest hero of them all—Jesus—and His life-giving sacrifice on the cross of Calvary to restore our sin-destroyed relationship with our Creator God, our Heavenly Father.

This weekend we remember our Australian and New Zealand heroes on the cliffs of Anzac Cove. In particular, we reflect on one of these men, Simpson, the man with the donkey.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES
There will be 2 services conducted in the local area on Anzac Day, at Castlemaine and Campbells Creek. **Kris Evers and Claire Lacey** will represent Olivet in the march and will lay a wreath at

Simpson loved the bush when he first arrived in Australia from England. He discovered a donkey in a deserted hut, took possession of it and worked up and down the dangerous depression called Shrapnel Valley, he carried wounded men to the beach on his donkey. It was such a great success that he continued day by day, from morning till night, and became one of the best-known and respected men of the Division.

The valley was very dangerous, as it was exposed to snipers, Simpson recognised the danger, but kept going, whistling and singing. He worked tirelessly for 3 weeks. On 18 May, the Turks made a heavy attack and Simpson was killed.

In the camp before he left Australia for Egypt, and in Gallipoli, people said “He was a man to have beside you when the whips were cracking.”

Yes, Simpson knew what it was to be a mate—to even lay down your own life for the welfare of others. Simpson is remembered for his choice to leave safety and self-interest to take his stand for the sake of his mates and subsequently become an Australian hero.
each service. Mr Chapman will march with them. There will be no school on Monday as this is the official Anzac Day holiday.

SECONDARY OUTDOOR ED TRIP
On May 19-21, secondary students will be heading off to the Grampians GetAway for their 3-day walking trek. Mr Steel has been planning out the details and the route to take and we know that it will be a great time together as we all experience God’s wonderful creation first-hand.

Whilst as many students as possible are encouraged to go on the trip, it is expected that students who are not participating will be required at school as normal.

SECONDARY SPORT tomorrow will be Softball.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the BOX BROAD BROWN and BURT Families.

ORIENTEERING DAY
Next Tuesday (Yrs 3 and 4) and Wednesday (Yrs 5 and 6) students will be participating in the District Primary Orienteering program at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens. This will be their sport session for the week so we ask that students wear their sports uniform on the day they have Orienteering.

Times for us are 9.15—10.55. Students will arrive at school and then be transported by bus to the venue. The cost will be $2 per student charged to each family's account. Parents are very welcome to come along and to assist on the mornings.

Please complete the Permission Slip as follows.

PERMISSION SLIP
GAMMA ORIENTEERING DAY

I give permission for ____________ to participate in the Orienteering Day at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens as per the arrangements above. I understand $2 will be charged per student to my account.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

FUNDRAISING FOR OLIVET

Just a reminder, especially to our new families, that Baker’s Delight and Maddern’s IGA in Castlemaine both give generous donations to our school. If you shop at either of these stores, just ask for the total of your sale to be placed in the Olivet book. Every few months, these stores give us a donation, a small percentage of the sales from our parents and supporters.

We do appreciate the support from Baker’s Delight and Madderns IGA for our community.