HIGH EXPECTATIONS

In tough times we tend to lower our expectations. As a result we end up settling for less than God wants. The Bible says “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” Genesis 18:14. If we answer No to this question we must go one step further and know that to walk in God’s blessing every day, we must do what He tells us.

God decided that Moses would lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. Moses never questioned God’s ability, he just questioned whether God could do it through him. What was God’s answer when Moses complained that he wasn’t an articulate speaker? “Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” Exodus 4:12

God is neither enhanced by your strength nor inhibited by your struggles. There’s more He wants to do through you than what you’ve experienced so far. So have high expectations of God and respond in faith to whatever He tells you. Have you found your life’s calling - if not, keep seeking God’s best in all you do.

Word For Today 17/8/2012
SECONDARY OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP
DAYLESFORD --> CAMPBELLS CK

A group of 14 keen walkers (secondary students) and 6 accompanying staff set off from Lake Daylesford on Wednesday last week to complete the 3-day 60 km trek back to Olivet. It was a magnificent achievement considering the inclement weather experienced on Thursday night and Friday morning. The trip was a huge success and the weather certainly gave us a challenge to persevere and remain positive in a difficult situation. Well done to all who participated!

As a group we were very thankful for God’s protection, safety and sustaining power throughout the 3 days and it was awesome to be out in the wilderness for much of the time. Overnight stops were at Mt Franklin and Vaughan Springs.

Shorter trips are possible on the Great Divide Track from Ballarat to Bendigo and we would encourage families to consider walking some of the track, even as a day’s walk.

We want to thank Mr Steel very much for his meticulous planning of the meals, the organization of the tents and cooking stoves and his attention to safety and the needs of the walking group. Thank you also to Mrs Chapman for her driving of the assistance vehicle and trailer and to Mr Chapman, parents Kathy Evans and Cate Wotley and past student Andrew Chapman for their supervision and leadership of students along the walk. Our leg muscles were aching towards the end of the 3 days, but it was satisfying to know we had achieved such a mammoth task! Mr Chapman

OUTDOOR EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

A reminder for all students to return their sponsor forms and money by tomorrow please. It is great to hear how students have been publicising the efforts of the Lighthouse Foundation to reduce the number of homeless teenagers. I am confident that we have raised beyond our target of $1,000. Thank you to all who have supported this program.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL ON FRI 31st AUGUST

It’s on again this year! On Friday 31st August, we will be holding a Father’s Day Stall where students may purchase cards and small gifts from $1 up to $7 for the Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and other special men in their lives. All funds raised will help to fund the staff and secondary students attending SouthPac Convention in Fiji in December.

QUIZ QUESTIONS

1. Smog is a combination of which two words?
2. What happens when a magnet is heated above its Curie point?
3. Captain Cook explored the East Coast of Australia after observing which rare astronomical event?
4. Which Australian native animal is thought to carry the deadly Hendra virus?

DATES FOR THE START OF SCHOOL 2013

Staff will return on Thursday 24 January for 2 days of planning. All students will begin on Tuesday 29 January. Last day of Term 1 will be 28 March.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the HARRISON HORDERN KELLY and both the LACEY Families.

WOOLWORTHS AND COLES VOUCHER COLLECTIONS

The collection period has come to a close. So, please submit any vouchers or sticker cards (completed or not) by tomorrow thanks. The school will now go through the validation process and purchasing sport equipment and teaching aids for all year levels. Thank you for all your efforts. We well exceeded our goal of 2,500 Woolies stickers with 8,420! However, we fell short of our target of 10,000 Coles vouchers with 7,328. But nevertheless, a fabulous result!! Well done to all collectors!