WHOM SHALL WE SERVE

We are currently studying the passage from Joshua 24 which talks about choosing whom we shall serve. “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.” (v14)

It has been exciting to see what encouragement God has given us to follow Him and to know Him as our Heavenly Father:
- He loves us John 3:16
- He empowers us Phil 4:13
- He saves us Acts 4:12
- He is alive, and fills us with His Spirit Romans 8:11
- He promises us eternal life John 17:3
- He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and no-one comes to Him except through Jesus Christ John 14:6

THE DREAM-GIVER FOR PARENTS

Recently I read a fantastic book called the Dream-Giver by Bruce and Darlene Marie Wilkinson. It talks about the dreams that all of us have, to do something meaningful with our lives. Like the genetic code that describes one’s unique passions and abilities, our children’s Big Dreams have been woven into his or her being from before birth—therefore it is never quite like someone else’s Dream. And as a parent it is our dren’s Dreams by exposing them to all
the information and experiences that will help them define their Dreams-
Make use of every opportunity to help them learn from role models—positive and negative-
Encourage your children to rely on the Dream Giver as the only Guide who will show them how to shape their Dreams to fit in with God's Big Dream for the world-
Remind them that following your dreams demands perseverance, tenacity and creative problem solving.

BUS DEPARTURES FROM OLIVET
Some bus travelling students are becoming quite tardy after school. It is important that for buses to meet parents at the end of the run on time, students are to go directly to the buses promptly straight after school.

FATHERS' DAY STALL Friday 3 September
All gifts for fathers between $1—$5. All enquiries can be directed to Mrs Kuhle who will be running the stall on the day.

SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW
For tomorrow, Secondary Sport will be Soccer.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the LYNE MALTBY MARTIN and McARDLE Families.

PRIMARY HONOUR ROLL Wed 15 September
The ELC and Gamma students' Honour Roll trip this term will involve a trip to the Bendigo Pottery in Epsom. All students will have the opportunity to view a potter at work at his wheel as well as fun with 'Clay Play'. Gamma students will experience an interactive museum tour. Students will then go to Lake Weeroona for lunch weather permitting.

SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL Tues 14 Sept
The Secondary students' Honour Roll event will be held on Tuesday evening 14th September. We will be staying at the College for a pizza and Wii night, followed by the movie "Facing the giants". The fun will start at 5:00. All students can be collected from the College at 9:30.
Students are welcome to bring along beanbags or pillows for use during the movie.
The cost for the night will be $7 for each student.

A Note to Parents and Students
Honour Roll is not meant to be an add on activity—all students are expected to complete their term's work as the normal work routine. If this is not happening on a regular basis, there is something seriously amiss with the student's work habits and I would encourage parents to follow this up at home to ensure this pattern is corrected. It should be a rare thing for students to miss Honour Roll. With just over 2 weeks to go before all work is required to be completed, students should be committed to completing their outstanding work.

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK THIS WEEK 29 August—4 September
This week reminds us all of the importance of these skills in Literacy and Numeracy—the wonderful world that opens us before us when we read. We want to encourage all our students to be readers, to read for gaining knowledge as well as for pleasure.
It is also just as important for students to have a solid grasp of number skills. Instantly recalling the multiplication times tables from x2 to x12 is so important as a foundation for life. Also instant recall of addition and subtraction of numbers from 1 to 20 is a vital skill to have. We can't stress how important it is to have these skills firmly memorized at an early age.
Check out the following websites:-
www.celebrationofliteracy.net.au

Literacy Puzzle
This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious as to just how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it. It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!
COLD DAY YESTERDAY
It was so cold yesterday—it reminded us of 14 years ago on this same day that it last snowed at Olivet!

WORD BOOKSTORE SALE
During National Numeracy and Literacy week WORD Bookstore in Bendigo are having a book-stall at the College. Books can be purchased during the morning from Mrs Steel, after school or during lunch from Mrs Donaldson. The percentage of the sales that we make will go towards Missions.

AMBULANCE IN SCHOOLS TEAM
Tomorrow (27 August) the Ambulance in Schools team will be visiting Olivet—9am ELC and 11.30 Gamma. They will be presenting a program entitled 'Emergency - Deal with it'. This program is an overview of basic first aid procedures for primary aged students. Gamma students are asked to bring a standard sized pillow for the activities on this day. This will be a very beneficial and enjoyable program. Parents may join the groups if they wish.

PLAY FOR LIFE—Join a Sporting Club ausport.gov.au/findaclub
Participation in sport builds foundations for life—alert minds, healthy bodies and a sense of fair play.

And there are so many club sports to choose from—ranging from fencing, cheerleading, lawn bowls, archery, football, soccer, cricket, hockey, netball, tennis and softball.

Find a sport your child enjoys and let the fun begin!