GROWING IN CHARACTER
Yesterday in Chapel time classes continued to talk about Diligence. How important it is to apply ourselves to completing tasks set. It is one of the indicators of taking responsibility and to see success in what we do.
May I take this opportunity to encourage every student to show diligence in their learning, particularly as they come to the end of their work requirements for the first 3 weeks. May their understanding be thorough so they may be pleased with their results.
This approach to building character will stay with them for the whole of their lives and so these school years are the foundation stones for their future.
Thank you to parents for your continued support and encouragement of your children’s Christian Education. It always brings better results when school and home work together in partnership.

SECONDARY OUTDOOR ED TRIP
On May 19-21, secondary students will be heading off to the Grampians Get-Away for their 3-day walking trek.

SECONDARY SPORT
Tomorrow students will be participating in their first round of training sessions for their expedition through the Grampians National Park. The students will be walking up the south side of Mount Alexander along the Great Dividing Trail, stretching from the old Calder Hwy towards the top of the Mount near Dog Rocks.
The students need to bring their complete sport uniform, including appropriate footwear for a bushwalk. The students will require a drink bottle in order to keep their fluids up for the walk. The students who are going on the walk will be carrying a backpack with some form of weight to prepare them for their three day walk. If students are using their own backpack from home for the trip, I encourage them to bring it to school this Friday and use it for our training session.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the CHAPMAN, COX, CRITCHLEY and CULPH Families.

The Olivet News
ORIENTEERING DAY
Yr 3 and 4 students enjoyed their orienteering experience on Tuesday. We are so disappointed that a mix-up of dates out of our control caused the Yrs 5 and 6 students to miss their opportunity on Wednesday.

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.

BETA EXCURSION TO IMAX, MELBOURNE THURSDAY 6th MAY, 2010
This term the Beta students have been studying ANTARCTICA. They have researched facts about Antarctica, commenced a food web and this week will track Shackleton’s Expedition using a map and timeline.

To enhance the students’ learning, I have arranged an excursion to IMAX in Melbourne so the students can see two films about Antarctica:
ANTARCTICA
This film is about the world’s largest, driest desert. Students will see how scientists examine the interactions between wildlife, landscapes and humans.
SHACKLETON’S ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE
The greatest survival story of all time. This film tells the extraordinary true story of Sir Ernest Shackleton’s Antarctic expedition.
The film shows Shackleton and his men’s attempts to cross this barren continent, and survive for nearly two years when their ship becomes trapped in the ice.

Students will need to bring with them a drink, and their morning tea and lunch. There will be no time to purchase lunch. Winter uniform needs to be worn too please.

The itinerary for the day is as follows:
8.45am Depart for IMAX
Morning Tea in the bus
11.00am Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure
11.45am Short break
12 noon Antarctica
1.15pm Quick lunch in the Carlton Gardens
3.00pm Arrive at Olivet

The excursion costs are $16.00 for the two films and then transport costs. We have some funding available, but would ask that each parent contribute $10.00 towards the cost please.

PERMISSION SLIP FOR BETA IMAX EXC.
I give permission for ____________________ to attend the IMAX Melbourne Excursion as part of the students’ study of Antarctica. I enclose $10 towards the cost of the excursion.
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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

PARENT AND STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY INFORMATION
There is a letter of information included today with respect to a survey which needs to be completed confidentially by parents and students. This is part of the Annual Reporting of Information required by schools to be publicly displayed. Please return this with the appropriate email addresses for these surveys to be distributed. Thank you for your assistance.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY Fri 7th May
I understand this is difficult for many students as they live a long distance from school and arrive by school bus.
However, I mention here that Friday 7th May is WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY encouraging all students to be active and healthy with deliberate times of exercise to be a vital part of each day.

MILLIONS AGAINST MALARIA
KEN EVERS and TIM PRYSE are leaving on their world trip on Sat May 8th. They will leave from Bendigo after a ceremony held from 11.30am. More details next week about students who live in Castlemaine who wish to go to farewell them.