**GROWING FAITH**

“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God” Romans 10:17

What a joy it is to see students learning and growing in God’s character as they open themselves to all that He wants to fill them with.

All students have a wonderful potential in God that can be achieved to the maximum as they willingly devote themselves to the daily tasks required of them.

Our current Scripture in Romans 8 reminds us there is nothing in all of creation that can separate us from the love of God. This is such a tremendous reality, that we can be confident of God’s Presence, in all situations, at all times.

We know that without faith it is impossible to please God. All who come to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who diligently seek Him (from Hebrews 11:6).

It is when we reach out to God in our weakness and call on Him to help in our times of trial that we find He is well able to lead us through to victory in our lives, overcoming defeat, disappointment, and to make us more than conquerors through Him who loves us (from Romans 8:37).

Phil Chapman

**ACE STUDENT CONVENTION PREPARATION**

Preparations for the Victorian Convention are well on the way at school. Mrs Chapman has begun the handbell groups and they are coming together well.

Mr Price has had the students rehearsing their vocal and instrumental items too, and it will be great to hear some of these items later in the term.

If your child is entering any Art/Photography, you need to be aware of the following guidelines. All artwork needs to be framed, except for photography and prints which are put in a mat board. Please be sure to adhere to these guidelines as your child’s work will not be judged if the guidelines are not followed. Gary Chapman in Mostyn Street, Castlemaine has been framing the students’ work for many years. He will be able to assist you with frames or matboards.

A reminder to the students:

**PLEASE CHECK THE GUIDLINES CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU COMMENCE WORKING ON AN ITEM.** There is a copy of the Convention Guidelines in Alpha and in Beta.

Mrs Donaldson

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**MRS CHAPMAN** is currently attending the International Handbells Convention in Osaka, Japan for this week.
THANK YOU
Thank you Trevor Kuhle for sharpening the Food Technology knives. We really appreciated your help - they cut beautifully and just returned in time for us to make Minestrone soup.
Thank you Tracey Box for returning goods to a shop in Bendigo for us.
Thank you to all the reading assistants and Monitors in ELC and Gamma. We couldn’t manage without you!

LITERATURE
YEAR 7
Please remember your essay about China is due in on Monday 16th August (Week 6)

YEAR 8
Please remember that your questions for Twice Freed need to be handed in by 9am on Monday 23rd August (Week 7). The short response essay is due on the following Monday at 9am (August 30th Week 8).

WESTSIDE CIRCUS
The excursion to the Westside Circus is coming up for the ELC on Tues 17 August, Gamma Wed 18 August and the Secondary students on Wed 25 August.

For the students to attend this event we need to have the Community Program Participant form for Westside Circus to be signed by each parent. A form has been attached to the back of this newsletter. Would you please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. We will need one form per student.

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN ON FRIDAY MORNING AUGUST 20

SCHOOL STARTING TIMES
Students are reminded they are required to be at school and to go straight to class at 8.45am.
Staff have discussed how best to begin the day and have decided to bring forward our opening devotions/activities (Assembly/Chapel/Prayer time) to 8.50am.

GAMMA DISTRICT SOCCER DAYS
This Wednesday 11 Aug Gamma Yrs 5/6 will be having their soccer sports day kicking off at 10.00am going through to approximately 2.00pm. Gamma 3/4 follow on the next day at the same times.

Mr Steel will be the supervising teacher, along with Mrs Lourey and Mrs Kuhle
Parents are welcome to attend and support the students. All activities will be held at Wesley Hill. Students will be transported by bus and will need to wear sports uniform (sneakers not boots), cut lunch, drink and snacks.

PERMISSION SLIP GAMMA 5/6 SOCCER DAY
I give permission for ____________________________to attend the interschool soccer day at Wesley Hill on Wednesday August 11th.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

PERMISSION SLIP GAMMA 3/4 SOCCER DAY
I give permission for ____________________________to attend the interschool soccer day at Wesley Hill on Thursday August 12th.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

ELC TABLOID SPORTS DAY
On Friday (13 August) ELC students will combine with other children for a tabloid games morning. This will be at Wesley Hill from 9.45 to 12.30. Sports uniform is required, along with drinks, snacks and a cut lunch.

PERMISSION SLIP ELC TABLOID SPORTS DAY
I give permission for ____________________________to attend the interschool tabloid sports day at Wesley Hill on Friday August 13.

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN
WE SADLY FAREWELL THE STEEN FAMILY The strongest and largest tendon in the human who are moving to Melbourne to live. Tomorrow will be their last day with us. We have enjoyed very much having Callista, Charlotte and Jeremiah here with us at Olivet and we pray God's blessing and smooth transition for the family as they move location.

SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW
For the next two weeks, it will be Football for the Boys, Netball for the Girls, then on the 3rd week, it will be Girls' Football and Boys' Netball. Thank you to Amy Lourey for coming to assist us with Netball tomorrow.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION
This morning, all secondary students sat the multiple choice 30-question Maths Competition. Students were not allowed to use calculators as this was a test of thinking skills and problem solving development.

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR ALPHA STUDENTS
Could Alpha students please remember to think about their Work Experience placements and hand the names into Mrs. Donaldson on their sheets. Work Experience week will be Week 9 this term.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS TO WORK
DUE DATES FOR COMPLETION.
Alpha Completion of Managed Individual Pathways Plan Books
Week 8 Friday 3rd September, 2010
Beta Assessment Tasks:
Week 9 Tuesday 7th September, 2010

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the FRASER GLEESON-SUTCLIFFE and both HARRIS Families.

PUZZLE
Which part of the elephant is responsible for its cooling?

What do Baobab trees store in their enlarged trunks?

The Orca is part of which Oceanic Family?