PSALM 51 Restoring & Transforming

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me.” (v10)

David, the Psalmist knew what it was like to wander away from God’s protection and to feel all alone. To feel guilty for the sin he had committed that had caused death and suffering to other innocent people. He wanted so much to be forgiven and to be returned to God’s covering and provision for him daily.

“Cast me not away from thy Presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.” (v11). The Peace of God and the calming of God’s Presence was what David craved for.

“Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free Spirit.” (v12)

What a joy it is to know that God is in the business of restoring and transforming lives. God desires for us to know His daily Presence, by His indwelling Holy Spirit.

May each of us know God’s abiding Presence in our daily lives as we seek to honour Him in all we say and do.

Mr Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the MANNING McARDLE McCOY and McKENZIE Families.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Please make sure your child/ren leave from home in the morning in full school uniform. Some students are coming to school without ties or bows. If your child is loaned a tie or bow from the office parents will be billed until it is returned.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

As the end of term is fast approaching it is time to check if your child/ren require any new uniforms for the start of Term 4. Please check length of dresses and condition of all uniforms so that all students return in acceptable uniforms. If there is anything that may need to be ordered now is a good time to notify the Office.

If it is not returned you may find you end up with your own little supply of these at home. Please be diligent in ensuring ties/bows are worn to school every day to stop this problem.
Secondary Students need to have both summer and winter uniforms ready for Convention in Week 2 of Term 4 so there is a need to make sure all winter items are accounted for as well.

PRIMARY HONOUR ROLL TRIP
Our Term 3 Honour Roll excursion will be a mega-trip to the Kyabram Fauna Park. This will be held on the last Wednesday of term (21st Sept). We are looking forward to a great day with some of Australia’s amazing animals.

Please note that all requirements for Honour Roll must be met. **Students who have not completed their work goals will be required at school on this day in uniform to complete work.**

We will depart on school buses from the College at 8.50 am and return at 3.10 pm. Children will need to wear sports uniform (and coats/hats if weather demands) and bring along lunch, snacks, drinks and necessary medications. The trip will be subsidized by the school but an $8.00 cost per student will be levied to parent accounts.

PERMISSION FORM
I give permission for my child ___________________________ to attend the Honour Roll Trip to Kyabram Fauna Park on Wednesday September 21st.

Signed ___________________________________________

SECONDARY GIRLS’ HONOUR ROLL TRIP
On Tuesday 20th September the secondary girls will be having their Honour Roll in Bendigo. This term’s celebration will be a PHOTO BOOTH & DINER night! The photos will be taken by a professional photographer, imagesbygail.com!

Time - 4:00pm – 8:00pm

Castlemaine students will travel to Bendigo by car or bus. Bendigo students can be dropped off at Rosalind Park, Bendigo (near town clock end), and be collected from La Porchetta at 8.00pm. Castlemaine students will return to Olivet around 8.45pm and can be collected from the school unless alternative arrangements are made beforehand.

Mrs Donaldson and Miss Brennan will be the teachers at this event.

The cost for the excursion is $10.00 per student.

SECONDARY BOYS’ HONOUR ROLL TRIP
The secondary teachers are still in planning for this trip. We are hoping to take the boys on a separate trip to the girls. The boys will spend their day traveling to Cairn Curran with a load of canoes, where some fun will be had on the water. The boys will then enjoy a cooked lunch on the banks of Cairn Curran with some great fellowship spent together.

Further details will be available next week.

To be eligible to attend these Honour Roll Trips, students must have completed satisfactorily all set work. Students who do not meet these requirements will be at school on this day as a normal day to complete their work.

BULLYING SOLUTIONS PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP
Have you ever been unsure of how to help your child handle conflict in their life? Come along to a unique performance workshop that aims to help parents support their children by providing practical strategies to use.

The workshop has been organized by the Castlemaine Social Wellbeing Support Group in a partnership with the Solving the Jigsaw Program, Castlemaine Secondary College, CHIRP, and the Mount Alexander Shire.

Parents and other caregivers are encouraged to come along to the drama room at the Blakeley Rd Campus of the Castlemaine Secondary College on Tues 13 September between 7-8.30. Light supper will be provided. Bookings are essential on 5479 1111.

A.C.E. VICTORIAN STUDENT CONVENTION
Each student has been given a PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINE to assist them to take their photos.

Please remember that all entries must have a thumbnail print of the photo. This helps the judges to know if the photo has been cropped.

All ART ENTRIES and PHOTOS need to be handed into Mrs Donaldson on the first day back next term, so they can be checked and labelled. During Monday and Tuesday of Week 10 this term, the students will be writing out their Judges forms, so we can be prepared in Week 1.

Mrs Donaldson

DO YOU HAVE AT HOME Copy 12 of In His Steps?

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION
Well done to the following students for gaining certificates in the recent Maths Competition:-

**Year 7:**
- CREDITS: Zoe Harris, Justyn Walker
- PROFICIENCY: Rordan Ettridge-Brayshaw, Aysha McCoy, Alanah Burt

**Year 8:**
- CREDIT: Ryan White
- PROFICIENCY: Maddison Kelly, Brette Gleeson-Sutcliffe

**Year 9:**
- CREDITS: Janie Donnison, Brooke Elliot, Sarah Evans
- PROFICIENCY: Caleb Kuhle
PUZZLE
What do the following numbers have in common?
23 45 89 123?
What do the following words have in common?
level glenelg dad?

BAGS AND BIKES FOR AFRICA
Castlemaine is helping children in Africa this month, sending over a huge container full of bikes, school bags, clothes and books at the end of September.
And it’s easy to help, just have a look in your garage, shed, and around the house! Have you got an old bike (9yo plus) lying around? A pair of sneakers or school shoes you’ve grown out of that are still in good condition? Maybe some coloured pencils or a drawing book to spare? These things would mean a lot to our children, who have had nothing until now.
OrphFund is asking Castlemaine children to pack a backpack or a school bag with things for a child in Africa. The container will be shipped to Africa and then transformed into a library for the children.
We will come to your school to collect your bags and bikes on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th of September, and we’d love to take a photo of you too, to show our kids in Africa their friends in Castlemaine.
Any questions please call Arabella on 0419 566 081.

OrphFund is a volunteer based organisation, based in Castlemaine, helping abandoned, orphaned and vulnerable children around the world, regardless of race or religion.
We run grass root, self sustaining, community projects, that provide shelter, nutrition, health care, support, education and training, ensuring all children have a happy and bright future.
Being purely volunteer based we are proud to ensure that 100% of any donation will reach children living in poverty. For more information go to http://www.orphfund.org/drupal/