Cricket with Mr Treloar in Grade 3—4
Sport last week;
Preparing the new playground surface in January.

GIVING OUR ENTIRE LIVES TO CHRIST (From The Word For Today, Sept 30 2015)
The story is told of a man reading a newspaper when he came across a map of the world. So he clipped it out, cut it into pieces and told his little boy to put it back together again.
After a while the boy said to him, “I’ve done it!”
His father marveled, “As quick as that? How did you do it?”
His son said: “I turned it over and on the back was a picture of a man. I put the man together—and the world came together!”
We can’t change the world, but Christ can change us, and when that happens, our world will start coming together. The Bible says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)
But don’t just give Jesus your heart; give Him your entire life.
Yes the thief on the cross found redemption in his dying moments, so there’s no age limit when it comes to salvation. As Jo Wilson points out: “Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy rather than at 25—there would have been no Paul in history.
There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at 11 and not at seventy… A Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not 80; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at 6 and not sixty”.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Wed 10 - Fri 12 Feb Round The Bay Trip for Year 7 and 8 students
Thurs 24 March Last day Term 1
Fri 25 March Good Friday
Mon Tues 11/12 April Victorian Christian Educators at Echuca
Wed 13 April First day for Term 2

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the HODGES JOHNSTON and both of the KELLY families.

PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM
Primary classes will have their swimming classes on Tuesdays over Term 1 at the indoor heated pool in Castlemaine. Students will wear sports uniform for Tuesdays this term. Please bring a towel, bathers, T-shirt, plastic bag (for the wet things) and goggles if needed please. Parents, who are available, are welcome to come along.
Pool Times: 9.30-10.00 Grade 5-6
10.00-10.30 Prep-2
10.30-11.00 Grade 3-4
Students will travel by College bus to Castlemaine.
The cost per student will be $24 for parents, subsidized 50% by the College, charged to accounts.
Can all families please NAME all items of school clothing/sports uniform/bathers etc so they are easily returnable if lost/misplaced.

SECONDARY SWIMMING PROGRAM
Swimming will continue tomorrow at Harcourt pool for the Year 9/10 students. Students are to please bring towel, bathers, T-shirt, plastic bag for wet things. Students need to bring along a long-sleeved shirt or a windcheater and a pair of track pants. Students will be wearing these clothes over the top of
their bathers IN THE WATER to practice their survival skills.

The HOUSE Swimming Sports will be held at Harcourt Pool on Friday 26 Feb from 12.30 - 3pm.

DEDICATION NIGHT
Please keep the evening of Tuesday 16 Feb free for all families and staff to come together to dedicating the school year to the Lord and for His purposes. We will begin with a BBQ tea at 6.30pm with all families bringing along a plate of finger food please. Sausages and Veggie Burgers (for Vegetarians) will be provided.

Following the BBQ tea, parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms of their students for a time, and then we will assemble in the Assembly area for our Dedication Service. All groups within the College will be a part of the program whether they are students, House Parents, parents, staff, class assistants, bus drivers or members of the Reachout company. The evening should be concluded by 8.30pm.

BUSFIRES INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
The school has developed a policy that will enable us to respond to the event of a bushfire in our locality.
1. Children should be safe at school if a major fire threatens. It is considered that the school building and grounds provide a safe refuge and students should be kept inside until the danger has passed.
2. During a crisis parents will be advised NOT to try to collect children from school as the school is a safe refuge and all students will be well cared for during such a crisis. Nevertheless should parents wish to collect their children then students will normally only be released to a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN.
3. The school bus may not be travelling if there is any known danger along the bus route. Parents should expect delays if there are local fires and they may obtain information in this regard by ringing the College and speaking to the office staff. Please contact the school if you know of possible dangers along the bus route.
4. Bus drivers have instructions to stop and seek information if they see evidence of fire. They will not drive through smoke and will seek a safe refuge if there is any possible danger. Children will not be left at bus stops when there seems to be potential danger from fire unless there is someone to collect them.
5. If the bus is delayed school will attempt to contact the concerned parents. Please remember however it is not always possible to make these telephone contacts. Parents are reminded that the most dangerous place to be in the event of a wildfire is on the roads or caught in the open. Parents should not place themselves or others at additional risk by driving to school if conditions on the road are hazardous.

COMMUNITY NOTICE
2C’s Children’s Christian Camp
These fabulous camps are on again this year over the Easter school holidays and come highly recommended!
Anglesea: March 29-April 2
Corop Camp 1: March 29-April 2
Corop Camp 2: April 4-April 8
2C’s Camps – Children’s Christian Camps are for children in Grades 4, 5 and 6. They are 4 nights’ duration and are jam packed with activities including daily Christian Bible lesson, music, games, craft, concert, fabulous food, outstanding leaders and great friendships.
Each camp’s fees are $200 (2 campers from same family $360, 3 campers from same family $480). For more information check the website www.thecampingprogram.org.au

PIANO LESSONS TERM 1 2016
If you are interested in taking one-on-one piano lessons this year, I still have a few vacancies so please give me a call on 0427 805 374. I will be happy to answer any of your questions.
Tuition fees will remain at $26 for a half-hour lesson each week of the school term. 
Dorothy Siggs

WEEKLY PUZZLE
This Week’s Puzzle:
1. In what year was the last Australian Federal election?
2. Which country will host the ICC World Twenty20 cricket tournament beginning in March?
3. Name the 2 countries which have consecutive R’s in their names.
4. Sir Isaac Newton and Gottfried Leibnitz were associated with which branch of Mathematics?

Last Week’s Answer:
When will be the 100th day of the school year if day one was Mon 1 Feb? Monday 25 July

REMINDER OF TERM DATES FOR 2016
Term 1: Mon 1 Feb - Thurs 24 March (8 weeks)
Term 2: Wed 13 April - Friday 24 June (11 weeks)
Term 3: Monday 11 July - Friday 16 Sept (10 wks)
Term 4: Monday 3 Oct - TBA (South Pacific Student Convention for secondary students is from Sunday 11 - Friday 16 December)

REMINDER OF BUS AND CAR SAFETY
All car drivers and students are reminded to please take extra care when driving in the vicinity of the College and to please drive slowly along Main Road and Stephens Street. Parents of Prep - Grade 2 students are reminded to please meet their children at the gate before moving to cars at the end of the day. Thank you.

NO ICE CREAM STALL THIS WEEK owing to Mrs Chapman travelling round the bay with the Year 7/8 class.
AUSLAN NEWS
Our new Foundation students are just starting to learn to count. Older students, can teach their families to count to at least 100 in Auslan.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
All parents who have claimed the Conveyance Allowance previously do not need to fill in another form unless their address has changed. If your address has changed and you have not notified the office please let Mary-Anne know on 5472 3817 asap and you will be sent a new form as you will need to meet the guidelines again before payment can be approved. If you live further than 4.8km from the college and Olivet is the nearest Christian school or the nearer school is at capacity in your child’s grade level you may also be eligible.

REMOTE CONTROL CARS
A number of students have asked if they can bring remote control cars to school. A number of staff have discussed this and would ask students to keep these at home please. Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

LAST WEEK OF TERM 1 ARRANGEMENTS
Monday 21 March will be Honour Roll Day for all classes. Students who have completed all work requirements including Subject and Scripture requirements will be eligible to attend these out-of-school trips for the day.

Tuesday 22 March will be a normal school day for all students.

Wednesday 23 March will be the day set aside for Parents and Class Teachers to meet to discuss the progress of students during term 1. All families are expected to be represented at interviews as we take seriously the partnership between staff and parents in raising your children.

Thursday 24 March is the last day of Term 1. This will be as normal as possible, with morning classes, clean-up and Afternoon Presentation of awards and certificates to students for Term 1. The Afternoon will commence at 1.15pm.

Friday 25 March is Good Friday, start of the Easter school holidays.

Staff will be attending the Victorian Educators’ Conference in Echuca on Monday and Tuesday 11/12 April and so the first day for students for Term 2 will be Wednesday 13 April.

CONVENTION GUIDELINES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
All secondary students will be attending the regional Australia South Student Convention early in Term 4. To compete, all students will be required to select items and events from the overall program of events from the Convention Guidelines which are available at www.scee.edu.au/ssd/conventions/

Final registrations will not be required until July/August this year, but students who are wanting to prepare art and craft items need to start planning and working now.

Some events such as metalwork, pottery, needlework and sewing will need to be completed at home in your own time as they don’t always fit on our timetable.

Students—it is important that you check the guidelines and Judges forms as there are always slight changes to the guidelines each year. Looking forward to an exciting time of creativity!