Playing In the Sand-Pit; Secondary Table-tennis at the Camp Reserve Pavilion; Yr 3/4 practising for AFL Nines; Cooking with Mrs McKay.

PARENTING
(Taken from The Word For Today, Bob Gass Tues 9/8/16)

"Do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them, but bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." Ephesians 6:4

One of the first things God said to Adam and Eve was to “Take control of the earth.” So the task for us as parents is to hang on to the reins in the early days, and to gradually begin to grant independence as maturity is demonstrated. This is one of the most delicate responsibilities of parenting.

Power granted too early produces folly; power granted too late brings rebellion. Knowing when to let the rope out, and by how much, requires wisdom; and God is the giver of wisdom. James 1:5 says “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally….. And it shall be given him.”

So pray, observe, listen carefully, and we’ll begin to see the critical milestones in our children’s lives. Paul writes in Ephesians 6, “Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise; that it might be well with you and that you may live long on the earth. And fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:1-4

As a parent, that’s some of the best advice we’ll ever get!
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the MacKINNON-ALLEN, McGrath, Mitchell and Miller families.

CHILD SAFE SCHOOL
Olivet Christian College implements practices for a child-safe environment in accordance with Ministerial Order 870. The College has recently completed a very comprehensive Audit of our policies and practices dealing with the protection of children and safety at all times in the school environment. Some of these policies are to do with maintaining a culture of child safety, codes of conduct for staff and students, school staff selection criteria, responding to reported allegations of suspected child protection issues if and when they arise, risk management in key areas of student welfare and exploring strategies for empowering students to a higher level of participation.

UPCOMING EVENTS
WEEK 5:
Today: Thurs 11 Aug Yr 3/4 AFL 9's
WEEK 6:
NAPLAN Results due to be published
Tues 16—Fri 19 Aug Search and Rescue Camp at Cave Hill near Ballarat for Yr 7—10 students.
WEEK 8:
Mon 29 Aug—Fri 2 Sept Work Experience Placements for Year 10 students for one weekFri 2 Sept Fathers’ Day Stall
WEEK 9:
Tues 6 Sept Year 5/6 Land Care DayYear 9/10 Presentation of “Partner A Class” Projects to CBA Bendigo
WEEK 10:
Mon 12 Sept HR Day/End of Term Trips
Mon 12—Tues 13 Sept Year 3 & 4 class overnight trip. More information in due course.
Wed 14 Sept Mukti Mission Day (India) with visiting speaker and International Lunch.
Thurs 15 Sept All day Parent/Teacher Interviews (secondary students to attend with parents please)
Fri 16 Sept Last Day of Term 3

Term 4: Mon 3 Oct - Thurs 8 Dec (10 weeks)
Thurs 8 Dec Presentation Morning 11am (for Term 4 Awards)
Presentation Night 6.30pm for all year awards South Pacific Student Convention for secondary students will run from Saturday 10 - Friday 16 December.

EMAILING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
We are sending home the Newsletter by email today to all families as well as hard copies as normal. If you do not receive the Newsletter by email, or you cannot open it, please let us know.

THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE
Can you complete the following sequences of number patterns?
1. 4 11 18 25 ____ ____
2. 1 1 2 3 5 8 ___ ___ __
3. 1 4 9 16 ___ ___ ___
4. 23 32 41 ___ ___ ___

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE
Last week Brent “Boomer” Harvey (North Melbourne) played his 427th AFL Senior Game, the new record-holder for most games played. Who are the other players with 400 or more games played?
Dustin Fletcher (Ess), Kevin Bartlett (Rich) and Michael Tuck (Haw)

SECONDARY SPORT
Tomorrow will be the first week of a 3-week block of Badminton at the Wesley Hill Stadium. Could students please ensure they have their correct sports uniform packed ready for tomorrow, as we do expect all students to change into their sports clothes for sport. Thank you.

PARTNER A CLASS INITIATIVE WITH CBA
Commonwealth Bank’s Mr Andrew Roberts, will return on Monday with two other Bank executives to review progress made by students with their project and report so far. Their project is to work in pairs to design a Presentation on the History and Identity of the CBA. The focus is in the presentation of their report, to build confidence and organizational skills as future leaders. Homework for Monday’s class: Complete outline for their presentation.

ELC UPDATE
As we progress through the second semester we see great growth in the academic skills and knowledge of the children. The preps are making good advances with reading, writing and maths.

The vegie garden is growing slowly but everything else seems to be racing this term. The older children have been studying plants and farming, communication and energy.
The grade ones have researched, completed and published two projects – Early Australia and Light. Coming up in the next few weeks will be testing in reading and spelling.
In early September our class will be attending the Snugglepot and Cuddlepie stage show at Ulumbara Theatre.

SUMMER UNIFORMS
We do need to hear from families who require new summer uniforms for their students. Please check out current summer uniforms and let Mrs Revell know what you will require please in the next couple of weeks.