Eccles 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might…” Evelyn Brand felt called by God to go to India. For a single woman in 1909, a calling like that required a lorry-load of faith. She married a young man named Jesse and together they began a ministry to the people in rural India, bringing education and medical supplies and building roads to reduce the isolation of the poor. For seven years they went without making a single convert to Christianity. But then a priest in a local tribal region developed a fever and grew deathly ill. No one else would go near him, but Evelyn and Jesse nursed him as he was dying. He said, “This God, Jesus, must be the true God because only Jesse and Evelyn will care for me in my dying.”

The priest gave his children to them to care for after he died - and that became a spiritual turning point in that part of the world. People began to examine the life and teachings of Jesus, and in increasing numbers began to follow Him. Evelyn and Jesse had thirteen years of productive service, then Jesse died. By this time, Evelyn was fifty years old, and everyone expected her to return to her home in England. But she wouldn’t do it. She was known and loved all around as “Granny Brand”, and she stayed another twenty years under the mission board she had served so faithfully. Her son, Paul, came over to see her when she was seventy years old, and this is what he said about his Mum: “This is how to grow old. Allow everything else to fall away, until those around you see only love.” 1 Corinthians 13
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the HODGES JOHNSTON KEYES and LACEY families.

GAMMA CANBERRA TRIP  Mon May 25 - Thurs May 28.
All students should have already paid the deposit of $100. The remainder of $130 is due to be paid to the office by tomorrow Friday May 15th.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
Thank you to all who contributed to the Stall last Friday. A total of $202.10 was made from the stall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH Robert Mitchell and Anna Nicholas on their recent announcement of their engagement to be married. May the Lord bless their preparations for their wedding and married life together.

CHESS CHALLENGE
On Wednesday and Thursday next week students from Grade 5/6, 7/8 and 9/10 will participate in a Chess Challenge with students from other schools in the Castlemaine district. It will be all day and students involved are asked to bring their morning tea and lunch (plus drink bottle) and to wear their sports uniform on the day. It would be advisable to wear a warm coat as the Old Castlemaine Gaol can be quite cold in winter.

Grade 5 and 6 Wednesday 20 May
Erin Lyne Thomas Lyne Naomi Brown
Elouise Jones Brodie McKenzie
Year 7 and 8 Thursday 21 May
James Critchley Olivia McCoy Johnathan Lacey
William Lyne Sean O’Connell Joshua Ellison
Year 9 and 10 Thursday 21 May
Cohen Donnan Callum MacKinnon Allen
Oscar Thorpe Darcy Wilson Jay Tolley
(Permission slips are not required for this excursion as a general permission form has been completed by parents)

NAPLAN THIS WEEK
Students in Grades 3 and 5, Years 7 and 9 have completed their NAPLAN Testing this week, and included in the Newsletter today is an information brochure on the NAPLAN program for those families involved this year.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
“Tuesday Club”
A children’s program for primary school aged children, teaching positive values about people, life and God.

GAMES STORIES CRAFT SONGS DANCE
Tuesday afternoons 5 - 6pm (During school term till Tues 2nd June)
Liberty Christian Life Centre Hall
5 Blanket Gully Road
Campbells Creek
Enquiries please contact Anne 0418 388 887

SUICIDE - AN AUSTRALIAN SNAPSHOT
Special Information Evening
Suicide is unfortunately a growing issue for Australian society, and Christians I believe need to be a part of a solution.

Schools and teaching staff often have a unique opportunity to help students and their families grapple with difficult and dangerous issues such as suicide.

Firstly, there will be an information evening held on Friday 29th May at 7.30 pm. at Liberty Christian Life Centre Auditorium (5 Blanket Gully Road, Campbells Creek). Please see flyer included.

Secondly being skilled to help people in need is essential, so a few weeks after this event, we have organised an A.S.I.S.T. training for people interested in learning skills to help them help people in suicide situations.

(A.S.I.S.T. = Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)

ASIST training is widely used in Australia, for example anyone involved with LifeLine must do ASIST before they are first allowed on the phones. So far about 500,000 people worldwide have completed ASIST training; 50,000 of these within Australia.

ASIST training will be on Friday 19th June and Saturday 20th June, but numbers will be limited. Information and registrations for the ASIST training will be made available at the "SUICIDE - AN AUSTRALIAN SNAPSHOT" information evening. There will be costs attached to ASIST training as two ASIST trainers from Melbourne will lead this event.

Paul Jenkins.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mon 18 May Years 5/6 Netball competition
Tues 19 May Open Day with Tours at 10am and 2pm
Wed 20 May Years 3/4 Netball competition
Year 3-6 Chess Challenge
Thurs 21 May Years 7-10 Chess Challenge
Mon 25 - Thurs 28
Grade 5 - 6 Trip to Canberra
Fri 5 June School Pix
Mon 8 June Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Fri 26 June Last day of Term 2

PRAYER AND PRAISE
- Pray for effective sporting events next week with Netball and the Chess Challenge
- Praise God for His continued work in our hearts and lives.
- Continue to pray for safety for all road users.
- Pray for those who are suffering trauma associated with the Nepal earthquakes and for the emergency workers in the field.

WEEKLY PUZZLE
Can you think of any words in the English Language where at least the first 3 vowels in the word appear in alphabetical order (a then e, i, o, u)?

Last Week’s Answer
How many states and territories of Australia do not observe Daylight Saving? 3 WA Qld NT

SECONDARY SPORT
Tomorrow the secondary students will continue with Soccer at the Chewton oval. Please remember to bring your sports uniform and runners to school. No soccer boots or school shoes are to be worn please as students do not have shin pads to protect them from injury.

PIANO LESSONS AT OLIVET
Mrs Dorothy Siggs has 13 years experience as a piano teacher with registration with AMEB and member of the Music Teachers’ Association. Mrs Siggs is part of the fellowship of the Golden City Baptist Church, and is offering to come to Olivet for the purpose of teaching one-on-one piano lessons to students. Classes would be on Monday or Thursday mornings at this stage and would cost $26 per half-hour.
If families are interested in lessons, please contact Mrs Siggs on 0427 805 374 or email on bdsiggs@optusnet.com.au

INTERSCHOOL NETBALL TOURNAMENT
On Monday May 18th Grade 5/6 students will be competing in the Castlemaine and District Schools Netball competition. The Grade 5/6 competition has been split over two days to allow for greater student participation and our school is in the Monday pool. Then on Wednesday 20th Grade 3/4 will have their opportunity to play. Both days are held at Wesley Oval with games going from 10.00am to 1.30pm.
We will travel there by school bus and arrive around 9.20am and return to school around 2.00pm.
Students will need to wear sports uniform and bring along lunch, snacks, drink, medications and clothing appropriate for an outside day. There is a need for umpires and helpers (see Mr Treloar), and parents and supporters are invited.

ELC TABLOID SPORTS
ELC students will travel to the Castlemaine Junior Campus On Friday May 29th for a day of tabloid sports. They will split in to mixed teams and participate in about 10 short activities that will be led by students from the campus. More information next week.

FOUR PILLARS FOR EDUCATION
The Australian Minister for Education and Training, Christopher Pyne, has outlined the ‘four pillars’ that he believes underpin a quality education system in his keynote address at the Sir Robert Menzies Lecture at the Windsor Hotel in Melbourne.
Minister Pyne said that he had ‘given attention to the “four pillars” of what is needed for Australia to have school education of the quality that our children need’. He described the pillars as:

- a robust curriculum
- teacher quality
- school autonomy
- promoting parental engagement.

Minister Pyne spoke of his long-held passion for international education, which he described as crucial for today, and mentioned that the gap for Indigenous wellbeing was something he was ‘utterly determined to close’.

- Four Pillars for Education, Christopher Pyne, The Australian, 29 April, 2015