Buddies Day - Jasmine and Susie; Douglas, Lachlan and Alexander at lunch.

THE CAPACITY TO LEARN

2 Peter 1:3-8 has a quickening word for us today, no matter what age we are, no matter what situation we are currently walking or pushing through; “God’s divine power has given us everything we need for a Godly life - He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them we may be able to participate in the divine nature…. For this reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, Godliness; and to Godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive.”

Wherever we are placed, whether student, parent or staff, we must keep learning and growing. When we continually invest in adding learning to our lives, the inevitable result is growth. Key things to learn as we grow, particularly for students at their age, are respect, emotional strength, people skills, self-discipline, vision, goal-setting, perseverance, commitment etc.

Learning happens around the dinner table, as students complete their daily tasks and responsibilities at school and at home, all the time becoming independent thinkers and doers. Solomon put it this way: “A wise man will hear and increase learning.” Proverbs 1:5

Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the TOLLEY TURVEY WILSON and BIGNOUX families.

IMPROVING STUDENTS’ ON-LINE SECURITY (from “The Educator” 11/6/15)

Elim Christian College junior school is a government school in Manukau City, Auckland, whose 829 students are required to bring and use mobile devices – specifically, iPads. While these devices were designed to enhance the students’ learning engagement and collaborative culture, the school’s principal, Shaun Brooker, has had to deal with a complex downside of this technology – students’ online security. Brooker has been confronted with complex questions from parents about how to manage their child’s online privacy and safety but also the content they’re accessing. In the absence of such a guide for concerned parents, Brooker decided to write and publish his own – a book titled: ‘Keeping Your Child/Teen Safe in the Online Jungle’.

The book, which Brooker describes as a “buffet of information”, surged to second place on Apple’s online New Zealand iBookstore for the first six weeks following its release and has been downloaded by parents in New Zealand, Australia, the UK, the US and the Netherlands.
"There's a void of information around that for parents in general," Booker told Stuff.co.nz. Among the topics covered in the book are managing online activity at home and how to change security and privacy settings on devices. It's up to parents to pick out the parts that were right for them and their children, Brooker said.

"These devices are more than just gaming tools," Brooker said, adding the technology was important for creativity and that learning should not be taken away from children for fear of something going wrong. "When a child writes on the wall you don't ban them from using pens," Brooker said.

Below are some key takeaways from Brooker's guidebook:
1. Maintain ownership. Make it a family device. This gives parents the ability to change settings and maintain control of how it's used and when.

2. Don't sleep with devices. Charge devices overnight in the kitchen, lounge or parents' bedroom rather than in the child's bedroom.

3. It's more than a gaming device. Set time limits for games. Create guidelines for how the device is used. For example, devices could be just used for homework and creative learning during the week and gaming during the weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mon 22 June Reports Collation Day
Tues Wed 23-24 Normal School Days
Thurs 25 June Honour Roll Day
Fri 26 June Last day of Term 2
Mon 13 July First day of Term 3

PRAYER AND PRAISE
• Pray for all students as they complete their outstanding work for the term.
• Pray for the Staff as they complete the Semester 1 student reports.
• Pray for those families who are not well.
• Thank God for His work in us every day.
• Continue to pray for safety on all buses.
• Give thanks for birthdays.
• Thank God for the Prep students, in their first year of school.

WEEKLY PUZZLE
1. What is the maximum number of overs a bowler can deliver in a Twenty20 cricket match?
2. Which city is home to James Cook University?
3. Which 2 countries are the world's leading producers of cotton?
Last Week's Answer
The odd word out of the following words:-
deer near creek cool brook
student submissions and send feedback to students, all online. Other schools around the country, keen to broaden their collaborative networks, are adopting similar programs, causing more and more students to make the switch to digital. Still, research suggests this isn’t necessarily good for their learning outcomes.

A study published last year titled: ‘The pen is mightier than the keyboard: advantages of longhand over laptop note-taking’, revealed that students who take notes by longhand are more likely to process and retain conceptual questions compared to those who use a keyboard.

The study showed that while more notes can be taken – and at a quicker speed – students learning can be impaired because typing notes down results in shallower processing. “Research studies are suggesting that laptop note taking, while faster and more user-friendly, isn’t as effective a system for retaining information and processing information,” the report stated.

“In fact, three separate studies found that students who took notes on laptops performed worse on conceptual questions than students who took notes longhand.” However, one of the report’s authors, Pam A Mueller from Princeton University, said even though the benefits of longhand over keyboard typing are clear, reverting back to pen and paper alone is not the answer.

“We think we can’t go back to non-digital tools as a rule. If you don’t like keyboard input, the solution isn’t to abandon technology. It’s to develop high-quality interfaces,” Mueller told Daily Adventures. (From “The Educator” 11/6/15)

COMMUNITY NOTICE
Free school holiday program for Primary aged children July 6-10 at Castlemaine Church of Christ (Leaflet is included in the Newsletter)

VALE ELISABETH ELLIOT
The Christian community is mourning the loss of Elisabeth Elliot (88), the wife of martyred missionary Jim Elliot. Jim arrived in Ecuador in 1952, married Elisabeth in 1953, and their only child Valerie was born in 1955. Their work among the Indians was slow but bearing some fruit. However on Jan 8, 1956, five young men, including Jim Elliot and Nate Saint, seeking to reach these Indians were speared to death. Some of their wives kept on working there, and eventually some of these Indians became Christians, including some of those who had helped to kill the five.

Elisabeth recounted the martyrdom in her book “Through Gates of Splendour” which has been one of the students’ readers here at Olivet, and “Shadow of the Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot” Quotable quotes from her books:

“Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.”

“If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped.”

“We have proved beyond any doubt that He means what He says - His grace is sufficient, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. We pray that if any, anywhere, are fearing that the cost of discipleship is too great, that they may be given to glimpse that treasure in heaven promised to all who forsake.”

HONOUR ROLL TRIPS DURING THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 2
PREP - GRADE 2 CLASS Thurs 25 June
On Thursday 25 June we will celebrate the achievements of this term with an excursion to Parky’s Wonderland at Park Lane Holiday Park in Junortoun.

We will travel up by school bus, have lunch and then explore Crook St Park/Kennington Res (weather permitting) on our way back to school. We aim to arrive at Parky’s Wonderland around 10.00am and return to school by 2.45pm. Inclement weather will see us back at school earlier for a video and games.

Bendigo families please let Geoff know if you plan to meet at Parky’s Wonderland.

Students will need to wear sports uniform and bring along lunch, snacks, drink, medications and clothing appropriate for the day.

The school will subsidise the cost with $5 per child being added to accounts.

GRADE 3 - 4 CLASS Wed 24 June
On Wednesday 24 July Year Three and Four will travel by school bus to Maldon and enjoy a ride on the Goldfields Railway. We will arrive in Castlemaine around lunchtime. Depending on the weather, we will have lunch in the park or return to school for lunch and afternoon activities.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along lunch, snacks, drink, medications and clothing appropriate for the day.

The cost per student will be $5.

GRADE 5 - 6 CLASS Thurs 25 June
This term Year 5 and 6 students who have completed all their work for Honour Roll, will travel to the Bendigo Pottery and then to Lake Weeroona - weather permitting. Students will travel by school bus to Bendigo on Thursday 25 June to visit the Bendigo Pottery Museum and Interactive Centre.

At the pottery the students will be able to observe a potter using a wheel and then participate in
some ‘clay play’. They will then travel to Lake Weeroona for lunch and an opportunity to use the playground facilities. Students will attend school as per normal school hours on this day. They will need to wear their sports uniform please and to bring snacks and a drink for morning tea and a cut lunch.
Each student should also ensure that they have a coat as it may be a little chilly on the day both at the lake and during a tour of the Pottery. The cost for the day will be $5 which needs to be paid before the activity. Please encourage your child to make sure they have completed all their work so as they can share in this day with all the class.

CONVENTION PHOTOS
Secondary students are reminded of the need to submit their Convention photos before the end of term to Mrs Chapman please.
All photos for Convention competition must be MOUNTED....not covered in picture or photo frames.
Please check the photography guidelines distributed in Performing Arts classes for details before having them mounted.

SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL Thurs 25 June
This term the Secondary students will be going to the Chewton Bowmen to learn and have a try at archery. We will leave Olivet at 9.30 am for a two hour session. We will have lunch at the Botanical Gardens and then return to school for a Board Games afternoon.
Students come to school at the usual time on the bus and return home on the bus after school.
Students can wear casual clothes, bring some morning tea, $15 to assist with costs and their favourite board game. Lunch will be provided.
No permission slip is required as parents have signed the 50km radius permission slip. Students on Honour Roll need to advise Mrs Donaldson that they are attending the Honour Roll trip.

Thank you.