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The Olivet News

Liz Jenkins shares at Chapel last week about Operation Christmas Child; Footy Colours Day; Badminton with Secondary Sport.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL AND LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THE START OF 2017

Over the past 2 months the Board Executive has advertised, conducted interviews and met extensively to formally appoint the leadership team from the start of 2017.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Steve Nicholas as the new Principal and Mrs Rebekah Alexander as Assistant Principal, as from the commencement of 2017. Congratulations to both Steve and Rebekah on their appointments and we seek your prayers for a smooth transition of leadership over the next few months.

SOME THOUGHTS ON PARENTING

"On Becoming Childwise" is a parenting book for parents with children aged between 3 and 7 years, written by Garry and Anne-Marie Ezzo, the co-founders of Growing Families International. In the book they have a number of Principles that are based on the Bible and I would like to share some of them with you.

- Great marriages make great parents
- Parent now, be friends later



- Instill morality into a child and his behaviour will fall into place
- Other people count
- It is not enough to teach your children how to act morally; they must learn how to think morally
- Allowing a child to progress into his new and expanding world in an orderly fashion greatly enhances learning and decreases the need for correction

- Constantly reminding a child to do what is expected only means you have no expectation
- Verbal affirmation is never redundant
- Wise parenting is better than power parenting
- An ounce of self-control is better than a pound of trouble

What do Parents really want?

Are there any parenting goals beyond survival? Beyond just coping with the daily issues we all seem to have. Deep in the hearts of most parents are three universally shared goals.

Parents want to enjoy their children.

But this isn't the only goal, as the second one refers to how other people enjoy our children.

Parents want to raise children that are a joy to be with and a blessing to those around them.

Parents want to raise children who are well-prepared for life.

How do we teach character? It is not something that comes easily or overnight, but something that we build into our children consistently. It's a process that parents must take ownership of. By 3 years of age, your child's heart and mind are ready to learn - we must be ready to teach. Training the reason why right is right and wrong is wrong into the heart of our children takes persistence and patience.

Furthermore, children who are expected to set the table, empty the bin, put the rubbish out, bring in the wood, take the clothes off the line and empty the dishwasher show more concern for the welfare of others than children who are only required to hang up their clothes, keep their room tidy and make their bed each day.

Philippians 2:4 reminds us to look out for other people's interests and not just our own, to be sensitive, reaching out to others and not with a self-ruling desire.

But there is one aspect of our parenting that is the most important in God's eyes:-

The most important thing has to do with the sense of God in the child's life. I believe that the most important thing we can do as parents is to give our children the opportunity to know God personally – to develop a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Because this relationship has the potential to last forever, it will give them purpose and fulfillment in life and will provide reality and hope for a secure future.

We pray our children will take delight in the Lord, that no-one will make a prey of them by philosophies or empty deceit, according to the world's ways, and that they would be strong to stand firm for Christ in every situation in their lives, trusting in Him as their Saviour and Lord" Col 2:8

God desires for us to be in close relationship with our Creator God, and to lead our children into a similar close relationship with Him too.

Our families are the place to nurture these relationships with God and I want to encourage and challenge us all, you and me, to take seriously the mandate that God has given to families throughout every generation, to pass on His Truth from one generation to the next. How are we doing? Are we giving our children every opportunity to build a relationship with their Heavenly Father that will last forever? The Kingdom of God endures forever.

Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

Father God, we want to thank you for our families, our children and all the joys and the blessings we experience in life because of their lives. Help us to nurture their hearts, to lead them to walk in Your ways and for them to know You personally in their lives.

We pray that we would take every opportunity to lead them to You so that Your Kingdom may continue from generation to generation. That the heritage we leave with our children will be a Godly heritage, one that will bring much blessing and honour to many in years to come. Amen

Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the TOLLEY THOMAS TURNBULL and THORPE families.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Students are encouraged to collect a shoe box, decide on either a boy or a girl, aged between 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14, and to start collecting items as follows:-

Something to wear

Something to play with

Something for school

Something to love

Something special

Something for personal hygiene

Include a personal note of encouragement and a photo.

We have an opportunity to really make a difference in a child's life as we prepare these gifts. We are planning a Buddy Activity on the last day of term, to put together our shoe boxes and their contents. Please bring along your shoe box and contents on the day. Thank you.

SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORMS

Over the next (and last) 2 weeks of this term, and the first 2 weeks of Term 4, there will be a change-over period of uniforms. Students may wear either uniform depending on the weather for the day, as long as the uniform is worn correctly, either full summer, or full winter uniform.

YEARS 5/6 LANDCARE DAY

Next Tuesday 6 September Years 5&6 students will be attending the 'Mount Alexander Schools Landcare Day' at Vaughan Springs.

There will be a range of activities on the day introducing students to the wise use and management of the environment. Students will be transported to Vaughan on the school bus and will need to be wearing their sports uniforms.

They will need to bring wet weather gear if the forecast predicts rain, as well as a packed lunch, drink bottle and snacks for the day. Students with asthma are reminded to ensure they have the appropriate medication. We are looking forward to a great time outdoors learning about God's marvellous creation.

PARTNER A CLASS PRESENTATIONS

The Year 9 and 10 students will be travelling to Bendigo next Tuesday for their Powerpoint Presentations to the CBA Team. Students have been working in pairs to produce a 7-minute presentation on the History and Identity of the Commonwealth Bank.

The pairs presenting (in order) will be

1. Johno/Jasmine (Focus: Facts and Figures)
2. Susy/Oscar (Focussing on Image)
3. Callum/Sean (Comm Bank Can)
4. Joshua/Cohen (The value of the CBA)
5. Will/Ruby (Focussing on Change)

Thank you to Mr Andrew Roberts and his team for their coaching and advice in leading the students to this point, and we do look forward to the big day on Tuesday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 8:

Mon 29 Aug—Fri 2 Sept Work Experience Placements for Year 10 students.

Fri 2 Sept Fathers' Day Stall

Buda Vegie Challenge Harvest Dinner at Campbells Creek (Annabella Hodges and Mary Bignoux will be helping to prepare the meal along with students from other schools)

WEEK 9:

Tues 6 Sept Year 5/6 Land Care Day

Year 9/10 Presentation of "Partner A Class" Projects to CBA Bendigo

7pm-9pm Staff Professional Learning Seminar in Bendigo focusing on Dyslexia

Thurs 8 Sept Years Prep—2 Excursion to Bendigo to see "Snugglepot and Cuddlepie"

WEEK 10:

Mon 12 Sept HR/End of Term Trips

Mon 12—Tues 13 Sept Year 3 & 4 class overnight trip to Echuca.

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.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

What was the name of the Australian Olympian who won the Women's Pentathlon Gold Medal recently in Rio? Chloe Esposito

HONOUR ROLL/END OF TERM TRIPS

Monday 12 September

Prep-2 and 5-6 Classes

The end of term Honour Roll trip for Prep—2 and Years 5&6 will be to the Ballarat Wildlife Park and then on to a local park and playground for lunch.

Normal school times will apply on this day and students are asked to wear their sports uniform and appropriate apparel in case of wet/cold weather. Travel will be by College Bus. The cost of the trip will be \$7 per student, subsidized by the College.

Students will also need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks on the day and any medications needed. We are looking forward to a great trip as we learn about a variety of animals and their habitats.

Years 3—4 Class will be travelling to Echuca for their overnight camp on Monday night. Activities on the camp will include Paddlesteamer trip, Twisted Head Science and historic wharf exploration.

Secondary Years 7—10 Classes

Students will be travelling by bus to Werribee Open Range Zoo as part of their Australian Curriculum requirements for Science. Students will be participating in one of the Zoo programs "Grassland Ecosystem" where they will be challenged by the question "Which animal would you save from extinction and why?"

Students are to bring lunch, water bottle and snacks for the day and they will need to wear their sports uniform. Cost will be \$10 per student subsidized by the College, to be paid prior to leaving on the day.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Praise for the warmer days and sunny breaks

Thanks for the good rains this winter

Praise for continued safety of the buses

Pray for the Year 10s at Work Experience this week

Pray for rapid recovery of those suddenly struck down with gastro in the past few days.

SECONDARY SPORT

This Friday we will be playing Softball and Soccer.
Please wear your correct sports uniform and runners.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Thank you to parents who send in absence notes whenever their students are absent from school. Can we remind all parents that it is a legal responsibility for us to have absence notes recorded in writing and returned to the class teacher. Thank you for your assistance.

PREP—YR 2 EXCURSION TO BENDIGO

Coming up quickly is our trip to Bendigo's Ulumbarra Theatre for the stageplay 'Snugglepot and Cudlepie.'

The bus will depart school at 10.30 Thursday 8th September for the 12 o'clock show and return around 2.15. Student are to wear clean, neat sports uniform and bring a cut lunch, snacks and drink, and relevant medications.

As part of the lead up to the performance, children will be completing activities and language tasks linked to the May Gibbs storybook.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE THAT WAS ADVERTISED IN LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.

FATHERS DAY STALL IS TOMORROW

Please send money in with your children tomorrow.
This year gifts will be priced between \$2 and \$8
The stall will run from 9.30 – 11.30am.
