Lunchtime in the SandPit; First day for the new Preps, Sierra, Marissa, Willow and Isaac with Mrs Morcos; Playground with new surface; House Captains 2016.

PURPOSE AND GOALS
We all love our leisure time and being able to relax. We trust that all families and staff have been able to enjoy these times over the past few weeks. But we also know that giving ourselves to a challenge, a project, or a significant task and succeeding is very satisfying and fulfilling. We experience a real purpose as we focus on our goal. We are at the beginning of a new adventure - one with many possibilities and the potential to achieve great things with God at the head of our lives. Whether we are students, parents or staff, God has given us each day to grow, to mature and to experience the joy that comes from putting our full effort into the task at hand. Joshua in the Old Testament of the Bible was encouraged to be strong and of good courage as he led the people of Israel into the promised land. He was reminded in Chapter 1 to meditate on God’s Word daily and to do according to what was written there, so he could make his way prosperous and to have good success (verses 7 and 8).

We have made a great start to the year as students have settled well into their routines. May God bless each one as they commit to their learning trusting God to grow and mature them in Him.

Phil Chapman

WELCOME TO our new families into the community of Olivet Christian College.

Mrs Rebekah Alexander joins us with much experience as a teacher and leader in schools, and will be teaching in the areas of History, English and Food Tech; I The Kelly family with students Layla, Jaykob and Izack; The Lamers family with students Harley and Crystal; The new Prep students: Sierra, Isaac, Marissa and the Sandeman family, and Willow and the Kelly family.

It is a joy to have you all join us at the start of this new school year and we trust you will quickly get to know your way around the college. May God bless your time at Olivet!

HOUSE CAPTAINS were appointed by Staff this week and today they were given their badges during Assembly and later enjoyed a morning tea with Mr Chapman.

House Captains are as follows:-

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PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM
Primary classes will have their swimming classes on Tuesdays over Term 1 at the indoor heated pool in Castlemaine. Children will wear sports uniform for Tuesdays this term and should bring a towel and bathers in a plastic bag please.
Pool Times: 9.30-10.00 Grade 5-6
10.00-10.30 Prep-2
10.30-11.00 Grade 3-4

BUSHFIRE 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 in conditions on the road are hazardous.

SCHOOL BUSES AND HIGH FIRE DAYS
A school bus route will be closed if it has to pass through an area affected by fire even if the associated school is not affected by fire and remains open.

If a bus route is threatened by unexpected fire, the school will enact its local emergency management plan.

Information on changes to bus routes or cancellation of services will be provided by your school via SMS, email and telephone calls. If you have any changes to your email or mobile phone numbers please let Mary-Anne know now.
It's Ice Cream Stall time again! A selection of ice-creams will be available for students to buy on Friday lunchtime this week at $2 each.
All funds raised will go towards transport for our secondary students to attend the South Pacific Student Convention to be held at Phillip Island Dec 11-16 this year.

Thank you for your support

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 night’s duration and are jam packed with activities including daily Christian Bible lesson, music, games, craft, concert, fabulous food, outstanding leaders and great friendships.

Each camps 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

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the CRITCHLEY DONNAN DUNCAN and FOTI families.

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

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
Is next year (2017) a Prime Number? That is does it not have any factors or numbers which divide into it apart from 1 and itself?

Change the words
COLD --> COOL --> WARM --> HEAT
by changing one letter at a time and still making sensible words.

ROUND THE BAY YR 7 AND 8 TRIP
On Wednesday 10 Feb, Year 7 and 8 students will begin their trip around the Mornington Peninsula, cross the heads on the ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff and tour the Bellarine Peninsula before seeing Bells Beach, Torquay and then stopping off at Geelong before returning on Friday evening. Overnight stays will be at Rosebud and then at Barwon Heads.
Parents are reminded that the balance of payment (Total payment is $180) is due on Friday 5 Feb, together with signed medical documentation.

PRIMARY SWIMMING PROGRAM TERM 1
Arrangements have been made for swimming for Term 1 at the Castlemaine Indoor Pool. Further details will be available first week back.

BUS ARRANGEMENTS
All buses are ready to go on the first day of school. Buses will depart at 8am from Maryborough via Carisbrook and Newstead; 8am from Olympic Drive Kangaroo Flat, via Happy Jacks, Lockwood South and Harcourt; 7.55am from Strathfieldsaye, heading down Axe Creek Road to Elphinstone and then through Chewton.
If parents wish to check their pick-up point or to discuss any changes to the use of school buses, please contact Phil on the mobile 0437 360 085.

FIRST SCRIPTURE FOR THE YEAR
Exodus 20: 1 - 8 and then 12 - 17 have been chosen as our first 2 Scriptures based around the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses for the Israelites. Jesus summed up these Old Testament commandments when He said to love God with all we have, and to love one another. The first passage (1 - 8) describes our love for God, while the second passage (12 - 17) describes our love for one another.
Students may like to get a start on these while you are still on holidays!

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 23 Sept (11 wks)
Term 4: Monday 10 Oct - TBA (South Pacific Student Convention for secondary students is from Sunday 11 - Friday 16 December)

CLASS OVERNIGHT EXCURSIONS 2016
Year 7 and 8 Round the Bay Trip during the 2nd week of Term 1 (Wed 10 - Fri 12 Feb)
Secondary Outdoor Ed Trip to the Surf Coast during Term 2
Grade 3/4 overnight trip TBA

Secondary Student Convention arrangements during Term 4

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.