PRAYER ACCOMPLISHES MUCH
Reading Psalm 121 reassures us of God’s love and care despite the state of the world around us.
At times, whether we are older or younger, staff member, parent or student, we can be drawn into the ways of the world rather than the narrow way which leads to life (Jesus said “I have come that they might have life, and life in its fullness John 10:10).
It is important, especially in these days where so much is said verbally, on-line, and in written form, to keep our conversations clean and pure, uplifting and wholesome, without condemnation and offence, to encourage others in their daily walk with God and to recognize His Presence and sustaining power each day.
We are in need of constantly allowing God’s Holy Spirit to take control of our lives that we might be His witnesses to His grace and mercy in the way we deal with those around us.
Whether we are students, parents or staff, we need the words of David in Psalm 51 to echo through our hearts and minds.
“Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your Presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness.
O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.
For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it, thou delightest not in burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou will not despise. (Psalm 51, verses 10—17)
Phil Chapman

24/7 DAY THIS SUNDAY
This Sunday, 24 July is a great opportunity for us to recognize God’s ministry in each of our lives.
Maybe it would be appropriate to write a small note of appreciation to someone who feeds into your life constantly, who loves you and wants the best for you.

TRY-A-TRADE DAY BENDIGO
This Thursday all secondary students are travelling to Bendigo for the day. Students are asked to bring their lunch and snacks and to wear their sports uniform for the whole day please.
Students, together with Mrs Coventry and Mr Chapman, will travel to Bendigo by College bus and will be at two campuses, Charleston Road and City campus. Parents may drop Bendigo students by 10am and collect from the same point at 2pm. Students who are not collected by 2pm will return to Olivet for normal dismissal and return bus trip.
Charleston St Campus: Harley, Joshua Lacey, Joshua Mitchell, Sean, Oscar, Naomi, Johnathan.
City Campus: Susy, Jasmine

TERM DATES FOR 2016
Term 3: Mon 11 July - Fri 16 Sept (10 weeks)
Term 4: Mon 3 Oct - Thurs 8 Dec (10 weeks)
South Pacific Student Convention for secondary students will run from Saturday 10 - Friday 16 December.
UPCOMING EVENTS
WEEK 2:
Thurs 21 July Bendigo Try-A-Trade Day for Year 7—10 students
Fri 22 July period 3 Focus on the Family Presentation to Yr 7—10 students on Mental Health Awareness as part of the secondary Health courses.

WEEK 6:
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 week
Fri 2 Sept Fathers’ Day Stall

WEEK 9:
Tues 6 Sept Year 5/6 LandCare Day

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

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the CRITCHLEY DONNAN HODGES and JOHNSTON families.

STEP-UP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
The 2016 Christian Student Leadership Conference is being held on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 July. The Conference is an excellent opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to engage with God, each other and to explore their leadership gifts in a nurturing and challenging environment. The cost of the 2-day conference is $220. Further details can be obtained from Pam Lavery at pam.lavery@cen.edu.au or from the Christian Education National website www.cen.edu.au.
Registrations close today
The 2-day Conference will begin on Thurs morning at New Hope Baptist Church Blackburn and then students will travel to Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn.

SECONDARY SPORT
Friday will be the second week of a 4-week block of Table Tennis at the Camp Reserve Pavilion. Could students please ensure they have their correct sports uniform packed ready for Friday, as we do expect all students to change into their sports clothes for sport. Thank you.

WORD-OF-MOUTH PROMOTION OF OLIVET
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REMINDER OF NUTS POLICY AT OLIVET
A reminder is given to all families that due to anaphylaxis concerns Olivet has a no nuts policy in operation—no nuts are to be brought to school. This includes no peanut butter or Nutella spread please.

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THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE
What do these words all have in common?
Level radar rigid ballast

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE
1. Which novel by Charles Dickens features the Havisham family? Great Expectations
2. Which chemical element has the symbol Co? Cobalt
3. What do the initials YMCA stand for? Young Men’s Christian Association