Elouise and Naomi in Grade 5/6 AusLan class; Students in Prep - 2 class with their ArtWork.

NEVER STOP LEARNING

In the 1920’s Charlie Chaplin was the most famous person in the world. Born into poverty, he worked on the stage to support himself and by the age of 17 he was a veteran performer. Then at the age of 29 he did something unheard of: he signed the entertainment industry’s first million-dollar contract.

But he wasn’t successful simply because he had talent and drive. He was also teachable. He kept learning and perfecting his gift.

Even at the height of his career, the highest paid performer didn’t rest on his laurels. He said: “When I watch one of my pictures, I pay attention to what the audience doesn’t laugh at. If several audiences don’t laugh at a stunt, I tear it apart and try to discover what’s wrong. On the other hand, if I hear laughter I hadn’t expected, I ask myself why that particular thing rang the bell with the audience”.

The truth is, if Charlie Chaplin had replaced teachability with complacency and arrogance, we probably wouldn’t even remember his name today. But he didn’t. He never forgot the basics and he committed himself to learning. Eventually he co-founded United Artists, a mega-movie company that’s still in business today.

There’s an important principle in this story. In Hebrews 5:12, the Bible says, “Though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s Word all over again.”

If you want God to use you, stay teachable and never stop learning.

(Taken from Word For Today, Bob and Debby Gass, Sat 26 July 2014)

ILLNESS IN THE COMMUNITY

This has been a difficult week for many families and also staff as they battle the winter coughs and colds. We trust the warmer weather just around the corner will dry them up and that God will restore families to full health again very soon.

SECONDARY CONVENTION REMINDER

The Deadline for Convention Photos and Year 7/8 Studio Art has passed. Other Art/Craft items and Year 9/10 Studio Art are due by the end of Week 8 - Fri September 5 Short stories, Poetry Writing, Essays, Linear Power Point and Website Development will need to be completed by Monday 1 September as these need to be posted early for pre-judging.

Students should now be starting to learn their lines for puppet plays, poems and parts for musical items. Bible Bowl questions from Ephesians 1 - 6 need to be studied for their test next week to examine their preparation to this point.

Not all students are working hard for their convention items and events. We as a staff need to remind students that Convention attendance is not automatic for students and so need to demonstrate a high level of commitment before they are eligible to attend. Registration must be made by Monday 1 September.
ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
Enrolment forms are available from the College office now with vacancies for Prep and all other levels in Primary for 2015, and we also have vacancies at Year 7 level. If you know of anyone who is considering sending their child to Olivet in 2015, please let them know that school tours may be arranged by simply contacting Mrs Revell in the Office.

SECONDARY SPORT tomorrow will be Soccer and Ultimate Frisby. Students are reminded to bring their correct sports uniform.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the BENNETT BIGNOUX BITUTU and BODNO Families.

2014 PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY
Parents are asked to please complete the following survey if they have not already done so for a solid representation to be made for the analysis of the running of the College.

Dear Parent/Guardian
This Independent Schools Victoria Parent Satisfaction Survey can only be completed online. If you do not have an email address see Mary-Anne. If you have not received this letter in your emails please check your junk email.

The school is taking part in the 2014 Independent Schools Victoria Parent Satisfaction Survey.

Your opinion is valuable to us and we would therefore like to invite you to participate in this survey. The aim of the survey is to gain general feedback and understand your perceptions regarding the quality of your child’s educational experience with the school. The information obtained will be used by us to evaluate parent opinion, in order to improve the quality of education at the school for students, and will enable benchmarking of the school against other Independent schools.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by Friday 29 August 2014.

Either parent may fill out the questionnaire or both parents may complete the survey together. We ask that you complete the survey for your eldest child at the school. However, you may also complete the survey for each child you have at the school, by clicking on the link again and redoing it for other children. When working through the questionnaire, when you read ‘school’, think of your child’s school and when you read ‘student’, think about your eldest child.

We would like to emphasise that the survey is completely anonymous. Independent Schools Victoria reports the results to the school in aggregate only.

We need you to participate for our return information to be accurate across the full range of parents and we do appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Thank you!

HOT NEWS! HOT NEWS!!
Students in Grades 3 and 4 will be excited to know that your Ballarat Camp is planned for Thursday September 11 to Friday 12th! Students will be travelling by bus and car to Sovereign Hill for their educational program in the daytime, and at night, be camping inside at the Ballarat Christian College in Sebastopol.
Teaching staff will be Mr SNicholas, Mrs Chapman, Miss Emily and another assistant. When the information forms are distributed, parents are asked to please return them as soon as possible.
The cost of the camp is heavily subsidized by the College to enable the fees to be only $30 per student.
Thank you. Mrs Chapman and Mr SNicholas