Year 9 and 10 students at the Try-A-Trade Day at Bendigo Tafe last Thursday; In the yard;

EQUIPPED WITH A PURPOSE

We can often think that when life gets frantic and there is little space or time to take a rest from the hectic pace, what we need is a long holiday. A rest is great for the mind and body, very relaxing and is what everyone needs every so often. Refreshment is vital for us to be replenished for us to fulfill God’s plan in us.

Life takes on its full meaning when we are filled with a God-given purpose and goal in life. It may be that someone feeds into our lives that we should follow such and such a path in life, or we feel an urgency to go down a certain career pathway. God can lead us in mysterious ways to enable us to find our calling in Him. Those of us who are a little older can look back and see God’s hand of direction on us and the purposes He has given us. Our prayers are vital in assisting our children (and students) to find their unique place in the world.

And may I strongly recommend we continue to pray for our children’s future life partner, that together, they may follow God’s leading and direction. God’s purpose is for each of us to be used for His glory, to be a blessing to many others. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the LACEY LAMERS and both of the KELLY families.
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 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

JUMPERS IN THE COLD WEATHER
Staff have noticed a number of students who leave their jumpers at home on these cold wintry days. It is our duty of care to protect students from catching a chill when going from the warm indoors to the freezing outdoors.
Could parents please check that their children have jumpers brought to school on these colder wintry days please. Staff do expect students to wear their jumpers outside on these cold days.

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE
1. Bass Strait was named after which famous explorer? first and second name please.
2. Who was Bass' travelling explorer companion?
3. When Australia converted to decimal currency on 14 February 1966, which coin was replaced by the 5-cent piece?
4. Deoxyribonucleic acid is better known by what name?
5. Which vegetable is the main ingredient of coleslaw?

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE
What do these words all have in common?
Level radar rigid ballast
(all have a vowel which is used twice in the word)

SECONDARY SPORT
Tomorrow will be the third 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 tomorrow, as we do expect all students to change into their sports clothes for sport. Thank you.

AFL 9’s
Grade 5/6 students will participate in the District Schools AFL 9’s competition on Tuesday August 9th at Wesley Hill. Grade 3/4 children have their turn on Thursday 11th. We have been practising during our PE classes and Mr Ricky Coburn will be taking a special session for each class on Monday afternoon. Teams and times for the competition are yet to be finalised.

PARTNER A CLASS INITIATIVE WITH CBA
The Commonwealth Bank, through Mr Andrew Roberts, Haelie and Adelaide’s father, is about to take the Year 9 and 10 students through an intensive program to help them to understand the workings of the CBA and to develop the skills and confidence of the students in working with people and dealing with real-life situations.
The program commences this coming Monday afternoon with an Introduction to the Pilot Program run at Olivet Christian College.
We want to thank Mr Roberts for his expertise and for his willingness to run this valuable program with the Year 9 and 10 students throughout Term 3. We look forward to seeing some exciting developments come through the program.

MONEY SMART TIPS FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION
Financial education is so important, and we are never too young to learn.
1. Teach young children how to work with money, to count change, to earn pocket money and to learn to save.
2. Teach your children the principle of tithing—to honour God with your finances and to be generous in giving.
3. Learning to budget is important to teach young ones to live within their means, where their expenses are not more than their income.
4. Teach them to learn to save before you buy rather than to buy first and pay later. Debt control is essential if they are to manage their money effectively.
No-one is born knowing how to handle their finances. Knowledge must be passed down from generation to generation.

FROM THE BOARD EXECUTIVE
We would appreciate the prayers of staff and families as we begin the interview process of prospective persons for the new Principal position.
Pray that through this process, we will appoint the right person to be the new Principal of Olivet Christian College.