Chess Action last week at the Old Castlemaine Gaol; “Wormie” off to Canberra?; Brodie capturing a chess piece.

TIME TO TAKE ACTION
Last Sunday was Pentecost Sunday, when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples to empower them for ministry. Everything that Jesus did for His followers, the Holy Spirit does for us. Jesus taught; the Holy Spirit teaches us. Jesus healed; the Holy Spirit heals us. Jesus comforted; the Holy Spirit comforts us. Jesus sends us into new seasons; and He sends His Counsellor with us. Our journey in the company of the Holy Spirit is a promise from Christ. in fact the very last promise He made to His disciples just before His ascension was; “Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28: 19-20

Peter wanted to fish the Sea of Galilee; Christ called him to lead the first church. God gives us assignments too. When change comes, we must try to embrace it and not to resist it. God is shaping us for the tasks He has for each of us. It is like when we were inside the womb - we enjoyed ultimate comfort and security. But only outside the womb could we fulfill God’s purposes for our lives. We grow in character as God moulds us and equips us for His eternal purposes. (Adapted from The Word For Today Bob Gass Sat 28 March 2015)

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the McKenzie MacKINNON-ALLEN McGrath Miller and MITCHELL families.
YEAR 9 and 10 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DISPLAYS AND WALK
The Year 9/10 students have been studying part of the history of Australian Aborigines and Torres Strait Islander people in their units on Federation (Yr 9) and Indigenous people (Yr10).
Tomorrow (Friday 29th May) at 9.00am the Year 9 and 10 students will be going by bus to the Market Building in Castlemaine to view the Dja Dja Wurrung Photographic History, Reconciliation Week Displays and the Torres Strait Display. After viewing the displays we will meet a Jaara Elder at the Castlemaine Art Gallery and Museum for an Indigenous History Walking Tour. Students will be returning to school around 11.15am.
No Permission slip is required as this excursion is covered by the Annual permission slip which has already been signed by parents.

YEAR 9 and 10 MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE TRIP
Please note that Mrs Donaldson will be taking the Year 9 and 10 students to Melbourne on Wednesday 22nd July – Friday 24th July (Term 3, Week 2).
Details will follow closer to the date.

SECONDARY CONVENTION UPDATE FOR STUDENTS
In the second week of Term 4, a group of secondary students heads to Rawson (near Moe) for the Annual Australia South Student Convention, where students compete with other students in the categories of Athletics, Academics, Art and Craft, Technology, Music, both vocal and instrumental and Public Speaking (Performance Items)
Students have been working on many of these areas for much of this first semester and have been preparing items of an acceptable standard for entering for Convention competition.
To assist students to be well prepared for successful competition in all categories the following list of requirements has been drawn up by staff as the minimum requirements for students to be eligible to attend and participate in Convention in 2015.
ATHLETICS: Participating in 5 events which may be either Team or Individual events.
ACADEMICS: Successful preparation of the Bible Bowl Book of John, and successfully passing a test based on questions from each Chapter.
ART/CRAFT: At least 2 items of acceptable Convention standard of Artwork completed at Studio Art classes
At least 2 items of acceptable Convention standard of Wood Tech.
MUSIC: At least 3 items including Choir, Handbells and Instrumental.
PUBLIC SPEAKING (Platform): At least one Performance Item to an acceptable Convention standard. (puppets, expressive reading, speeches etc)

DISTRICT NETBALL YEARS 3 and 4
On Wednesday 20 May Year Three and Four went to the Wesley Hill courts to play in a Netball tournament. We played against teams from Campbells Creek, Harcourt, and Maldon. We played five games and made it into the finals and won it! Our winning score was six goals to three. The reason we won was that we passed well and scored accurately. The main reason that won us the game was, TEAMWORK! Teamwork counts. Lydia Brown and Nova Bodno

YEAR 5 - 6 CANBERRA TRIP
Monday May 25 - Thursday May 28.
The Year 5/6 students have been enjoying their exciting tour of our national capital, Canberra, not so much the cool mornings of minus ???!
Students will return home by bus on Thursday evening, stopping at Olympic Parade, Bendigo at approx. 6pm for collection of students and then at Olivet by approx. 7pm.

SUICIDE - AN AUSTRALIAN SNAPSHOT
Special Information Evening
Friday 29th May at 7.30 pm. at Liberty Christian Life Centre Auditorium (5 Blanket Gully Road, Campbells Creek). Please see flyer included in last week’s Newsletter.
Also, A.S.I.S.T. training is available for people interested in learning skills to help them help people in suicide situations.
(A.S.I.S.T. = Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training)
ASIST training will be on Friday 19th June and Saturday 20th June, but numbers will be limited. Information and registrations for the ASIST training will be made available at the "SUICIDE - AN AUSTRALIAN SNAPSHOT" information evening. There will be costs attached to ASIST training as two ASIST trainers from Melbourne will lead this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mon 25 - Thurs 28
Grade 5 - 6 Trip to Canberra
Fri 5 June School Pix
Mon 8 June Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Mon 22 June Reports Collation Day
Tues Wed 23-24 Normal School Days
Thurs 25 June Honour Roll Day
Fri 26 June Last day of Term 2

PRAYER AND PRAISE
- Pray for safety and great experiences for the Grade 5-6 trip in Canberra this week.
- Pray for the strong mental health of young people as they seek to do right in God’s eyes and to turn away from evil.
- Thank God for His Spirit at work in our lives.
- Continue to pray for safety for all road users.
• Pray for preparations for Convention as secondary students prepare items and events for successful competition.

WEEKLY PUZZLE
Last week while driving my car, I noticed it clock over 200,000 km! A few days later, after a lot of driving, I noticed the odometer showed a palindrome; 202,202 - how long would it be till the next palindrome would be seen?

Last Week’s Answer
1. What is the main ingredient of guacamole? avocado
2. In which city is Duntroon Royal Military College? Canberra
3. Which country used to be called East Bengal? Bangladesh

In chess, which piece is considered more valuable: the bishop, knight or rook? Rook

SCHOOLPIX Please return your School Pix order with your correct money as soon as possible. School Photos will be taken next Friday 5 June. Thank you.

SECONDARY SPORT
Tomorrow the secondary students will start 2 weeks of Netball at the school court. Please remember to bring your sports uniform and runners to school.

ELC TABLOID SPORTS
ELC students will travel to the Castlemaine Junior Campus tomorrow (Friday May 29) for a morning of tabloid sports. The activities will run from 9.50 to 12.30. Children will be divided in to mixed teams and participate in about 10 short activities led by students from the Junior Campus.

Students will need to wear sports uniform and bring along snacks, a drink, medications and clothing appropriate for an outside day. There is a need for parent helpers to assist with the management of groups and to give support in general. We plan to be back at school by 1.00 for lunch.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
Included in the Newsletter today is a document detailing rebates available for eligible families from the Government. These applications forms are available from the School Office and should be lodged with the school by 26 June 2015.