HAVING A DISCERNING MIND

Character First describes the definition for being discerning as knowing and understanding the deeper reasons why things happen. It is a wonderful trait to have in the world today. So much of the world that we see is superficial and surface only and the deeper thinking is often sacrificed for the immediate and the urgent. It is often as we reflect on things that we have time to delve into the deeper questions and to discern the things of God. We strive each day to “walk by faith, not by sight”. (2 Corinthians 5:7) But how do we develop this kind of faith?

Faith is based on knowing that God’s Word is reliable, and that He has promised “good things” to those who believe. Fear is something that holds us powerless and immobilizes us from facing what is ahead.

John 16:33 reminds us of Jesus’ discernment in the face of fear. He said “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” Jesus then went to spend time with His Heavenly Father as John 17 records, to pray for the world and His believers.

“I pray not that thou should take them (the believers) out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil (of the world). John 17:15.

This is discernment, as Ezekiel 44:23 describes; “And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.” It is a wonderful benefit to know and discern Truth, and to guard our hearts against evil. Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the THOMAS THORPE TOLLEY and TURVEY families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 4 Sept Fathers’ Day Stall
Buda Harvest Dinner 6pm
Mon 14 Sept Honour Roll Day
Tues 15 Sept Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed 16 Sept Mt Alexander Chess Tournament at CSC Junior Campus
Thurs 17 Sept Nutrition Day “Know Your Food” for Gr 5/6 and Yrs 7/8
Fri 18 Sept Last day of Term 3
Mon 5 Oct First day of Term 4
Mon 12 - 16 October Secondary Student Convention at Rawson nr Moe in Gippsland.
Thurs 10 Dec Presentation Night and last day of school for students for 2015

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Next Tuesday (8 Sept) is the last day for collecting stickers! So keep collecting! This program has presented a fantastic opportunity for our school to earn new educational equipment.

SECONDARY SPORT

Tomorrow’s sport will be Futsal/ Basketball at school. Students are asked to bring along correct sports uniform and runners please.
PRAYER AND PRAISE
• Thank God for the Flight Simulator and Mr Provis being here yesterday and for the opportunity for older students to experience flying “first hand”.
• Praise God for His Spirit which dwells within everyone who believes Jesus is the Son of God.
• Continue to pray against sickness and illness for families, students and staff.
• Pray for families to have discernment as they negotiate the social media maze.

WEEKLY PUZZLE
Can you change the word SWIM to BOAT by changing one letter at a time and making sensible words throughout?

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER
Mr Veggie loved lettuce, but not tomatoes; he really enjoyed brussel sprouts, but not pumpkin; he liked cheese particularly cheddar but not tasty;
Can you decide whether he liked potatoes, leeks, and broccoli?
The answer has to do with double letters in each word. He liked potatoes, loved leeks and broccoli. Beetroot was a special favourite!

FATHERS’ DAY STALL Tomorrow Fri 4 Sept
Our Fathers’ Day Stall will be held tomorrow. Thank to all who have donated items for the stall. A variety of gifts will be for sale priced between $1 and $7 for you to purchase for Dad or your grandfather and special friends with all proceeds being put towards the Olivet excursions and camping fund. Thanks so much for your support.
Thank you also to Mrs Anderson, Mrs Kuhle and the Year 8 boys who will be assisting on the stall as well. It is always a fun day for the students as the older students serve the younger ones!

CONVENTION PHOTOS AND ART/CRAFT
Secondary students who have not handed in their Convention photos should be finalizing their mounting and handing these in as soon as possible. All art work needs to be framed please. This can be arranged through Studio Art lessons with Kris Browning for a price, or you may have suitable frames from home/shop. Mrs Donaldson needs all art work handed in by Friday 18 September. Craft work is due on the first day of Term 4 for packing.

WORK EXPERIENCE
The following students will be completing work experience for next week as follows:-
Laura - Righteous Pups
Thomas - Coles Kangaroo Flat

Darcy - Dept of Economic Development
Jonathon - Golden Square PS
Alyssa - Vets All Natural
Ophelia - Stoneman’s BookRoom

It has been particularly difficult for some of the younger students to find work experience placements. We have decided that school will run as normal next week for these students who have not been able to find placements. However, whether students are on Work Experience or not, all Term 3 work requirements do need to be submitted by the end of this week.

STUDENT WORK REQUIREMENTS TERM 3
Staff are busy finalizing work requirements for students in all classes. We are nearing the end of Week 8 and all work requirements are due by the specified due date to develop good working habits and punctuality by the students. This assists class teachers so much in assessing student work at once rather than waiting for overdue work to eventually come in.
It is expected that all students treat deadlines seriously and respect these deadlines set for work to be completed.
All outstanding work needs to be completed by Friday 11 September (end of Week 9), but work that is handed in after deadlines may not be marked, but as Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

Year 9 and 10 students are reminded that outstanding work requirements need to be submitted for marking and final assessment by the end of Week 8 (by tomorrow).
Students who fail to complete all set work requirements will be expected to attend school as normal on Honour Roll Day.

HONOUR ROLL TRIP Monday 14 Sept
On Monday 14 Sept staff and students in all Years Prep - Year 10 are heading to Inflatable World in Bendigo. Primary students and secondary students will be in different areas. Students will be travelling by bus to arrive there at 10am. They will be departing Inflatable World at 12 noon where the group will split for lunch.
Primary students will be travelling to Cooinda Park for a BBQ lunch while Secondary students will be heading to Lake Weeroona. Students will need to ensure they bring food and snacks for the day (lunch will be provided) and to wear appropriate clothing (socks must be worn).
We will be returning to school by 3pm. Bendigo students may be dropped at Inflatable World by 10am and may be collected from the lunch areas before 2.15pm. Bendigo students not collected by 2.15pm will be taken back to Olivet for normal dismissal. Cost for the day will be $5.
LIBRARY BOOKS
Parents, could you please look through your bookshelf at home to see if the following books can be found.
The Hiding Place No 6
The Year of the Tiger No 3, 6 & 10 (Year 8 have used these this term)
God’s Smuggler No 5
The Rug-Maker of Mazir-e-Sharif No 5 & 6 (maybe from 2014 Year 10 students)
God’s Adventurer - Hudson Taylor (Year 7 students this term)
Thanks, Mrs Donaldson

THE LURE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
The Internet has many strengths and the power of information at our fingertips is so beneficial, but can be overwhelming at times. The issue of social media is one of the dangers associated with posting information on line, particularly personal information. Young students are often not able to cope with the emotional stress that comes with placing this personal information on line.
It is for this very reason that articles such as the one over the page are written, so that parents and their children who are under the age limits are protected from on-line bullies and predators.
Can parents and students please take time to read the article and make appropriate adjustments accordingly to safeguard your children.