Oscar, Jonathon and Darcy preparing their Mystery Design yesterday in the Challenge Workshop with Narelle for Year 8, 9 and 10 students; Grade 5 and 6 students in Auslan using iPads; Jay, Susy and Callum in Polynesian Studies; Shianne and Wood Tech.

DUE DILIGENCE
Diligence is the key to developing a strong work ethic. Diligence is described as investing one’s time and energies to complete each task assigned.
The opposite of diligence is slothfulness or laziness. Accompanying character traits of diligence include being a self-starter, well-organized, determination, endurance, obedience, thoroughness and truthfulness.
Examples of diligence for a student would include:
- I will finish my projects.
- I will do my best work.
- I will follow instructions.
- I will concentrate on my work.
- I will not be lazy.

Joshua 22:5
“Take good care to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and to cleave to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7
“And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up.”
POLYNESIAN EXPANSION Easter Island

Today in our history class, our hypothesis was that the Moai statues walked. We decided to try to move a brick (in place of a Moai statue) as an experiment. It was fun to try to move it, even though it took a couple of tries to make it walk. This is how some scientists think the Polynesians moved the statues.

However, the conclusion (for most of the class) was that we believed that rollers were used, as it was difficult to walk the statues. The class think that due to the deforestation of the island, there may be some evidence, that the Polynesians cut down the trees and used them for rollers.

One man said through oral history that the statues walked. Even on a roller, with the statue upright, it would appear that it was walking. The statue would still have to be controlled by ropes as if it fell over, the weight would be too heavy to lift up again.

Other student had some interesting ideas too.

2014 PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

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 appreciate your taking the time to participate.

CONVENTION WORK

Keep up the consistent work on all events, particularly photography and Art and Craft work, as the deadlines are getting closer. Photography and Year 7/8 Studio Art (end of Week 5 - Fri Aug 15) and other Art/Craft items and Year 9/10 Studio Art by 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.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

School reports were sent home last Friday. Parents are asked to please complete the last page and send it back for feedback to the staff. (Some reports had an extra last page photocopied so this could be completed and returned to enable parents to retain the full report. We would be pleased to receive your feedback as soon as possible thanks.

SECONDARY SPORT tomorrow will be the last week of Table Tennis. Students have played a mixture of doubles, singles and Round the World competitions and students have enjoyed some good preparation for Tabletennis at Student Convention in October.

Students are reminded to bring their correct sports uniform.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the SANDEMAN SMITH THORPE and TOLLEY Families.

YRS 8/9/10 CAREERS INFORMATION EVENING

Tonight, Thursday August 7th at 7pm, here at Olive, there will be an informal careers information session held for parents and students to explore together the various pathways available for their future career.

Leading the session will be Di Davies, a school university liaison officer, who runs many of these information evenings at various schools in our region. Di will share with us advice about transitioning to senior school, pathways to your career choice, useful resources for career planning, industry options, and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask any questions you might have about careers. Supper will be provided.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Next Wednesday during Chapel time there will be a special presentation on Operation Christmas Child about preparing shoe boxes to give to less fortunate children in other countries.