SECONDARY PERFORMING ARTS WEEK;
Computer time in the Prep-2 classroom.

TERM 4 IS WELL UNDER WAY
Wow, what a start to the term weather-wise - from 35C to 18C in a matter of minutes on Tuesday! And instantly the state of Victoria (and most of Australia) put on alert for bushfires already! We thank those within our community and beyond who work on our behalf to keep us safe such as the Police, the SES, Ambulance Officers, CFA and Bushfire Information Service. We must remember to pray for these people who give their services for our benefit and safety.

We too can learn from their example of serving others. Galatians 6:10 reminds us that “As we have the opportunity, let us do good unto all men... We must be sensitive and spontaneous; otherwise great opportunities to serve God will pass us by.

“Never tell your neighbours to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.” Proverbs 3:28

Look for small tasks nobody else wants to do. Make yourself available. Be ready to jump into service at a moment’s notice. Allow God to change your plans without becoming resentful. It is often the very interruptions to our ‘normal’ day’s events which provide those opportunities for ministry and service. Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the DONNAN DUNCAN FOTI and GIBSON families.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Week 1 Term 4 Performing Arts Preparation for Secondary Convention next week.
Mon 12 - 16 October Annual Australia South Student Convention at Rawson near Moe for all secondary students.
Wed 21 Oct Year 9/10 visit to Operation Christmas Child headquarters in Melb for packing shoe boxes.
Monday 26 Oct 1st Orientation morning 8.45am - 12.45pm
Thurs 29 Oct Annual Staff and Executive Dinner in Bendigo
Monday 2 Nov Staff Curric Day
No students will be required to attend on Monday or Tuesday this week
Tues 3 Nov Melb Cup Day
Friday 6 Nov 2nd Orientation morning 8.45am - 12.45pm
Monday 30 Nov Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
Monday 7 Dec Honour Roll Day and Secondary Formal Dinner
Thursday 10 Dec 11am Presentation Morning for Term 4 Awards and Certificates
6.45pm Presentation Night for the awards for 2015.

2016 Thurs 28 Jan All Staff return
Fri 29 Jan Staff preparation day
Mon 1 Feb First day all students
Wed 10 - Fri 12 March Round the Bay Trip for Year 7 and 8 students
Thurs 24 March Last day Term 1
Fri 25 March Good Friday

PRAYER AND PRAISE
• Thank God for the start of this new school term with all the potential for students to learn effectively.
• Thank God for the past 2 weeks of holidays and the blessing it is to enjoy family time together.

• Pray for Secondary students as they head to Convention next week, for safety, success and demonstration of Godly character throughout the week away.

THANK YOU TO Graham Sandeman for the great job on fixing the metalwork and rubber ends on the Flying Fox.

Thank you to Emily Nicholas for the informative presentation of the video of the youth camp and village life (and troubles between tribes) on her recent trip to PNG. We continue to pray for peace between the neighbouring tribes.

SCHOOL BUSES AND HIGH FIRE DAYS
Bus routes passing through high-risk areas or routes operated by schools in high-risk locations will be closed on high-risk fire days, whenever a fire is in the vicinity.

A school bus route will be closed if it has to pass through an area affected by fire even if the associated school is not affected by fire and remains open.

If a bus route is threatened by unexpected fire, the school will enact its local emergency management plan.

Information on changes to bus routes or cancellation of services will be provided by your school via SMS, email and telephone calls.

WEEKLY PUZZLE
The footy season has just completed whether you follow AFL or NRL. In the AFL, if the total number of goals kicked to 3/4 time was 15, how many centre bounces had there been to the end of the third quarter?

BCI BUS AWAITING REPAIRS TO AIR CONDITIONER
The BCI bus cannot be used on hotter days due to the Air Con needing repairs. On hotter days, the Strath Rosa will be used for the Kangaroo Flat run and the Pajero used for the Strath run. We are hoping for a quick solution to having the Air Conditioner Compressor replaced, as soon as one is ordered from the repair place.

SECONDARY STUDENT CONVENTION
All secondary students received yesterday a letter regarding next week’s Convention arrangements including transport for the week.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Olivet staff and students are once again involved in this fantastic outreach opportunity to bless others who are less fortunate.

Please look at the brochure attached to this Newsletter for further details. If you want more pamphlets just let us know or you can copy the one you have.

We need all completed boxes returned to the College in OCTOBER. A clear description of what can and cannot be included is in the brochure.

Thank you for your support with this. Our senior students will attend the packing centre in Melbourne again this year assisting with the preparations to get the boxes shipped to their locations.

Thank you to Mrs Donaldson for the presentation of Operation Christmas Child and heartwarming video at Assembly this morning.

MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING DAY
Brodie McKenzie, Leah Thorpe, Mary Bignoux and Thomas Lyne took part in the Problem Solving competition at the Castlemaine Secondary College today.

COMMUNITY NOTICE
THE EDGE Youth Group for Prep - Gr 6
Term 4
October 16 - LASER TAG @ THE ZONE
$12.50 pp
Meet at the church 4pm returning 7.30pm.
RSVP 13 Oct Ama 0406 788 308

Oct 30 - MASTERCHEF
Nov 13 - Visit to the CFA
Nov 27 - Crazy Science
Dec 11 - BBQ and Games 5.30 - 7pm

Castlemaine Church of Christ
66 Blakeley Road Castlemaine
4pm till 5.15pm
No cost unless stated
Contact Ama 0406 788 308 for questions

THE EDGE Youth Group invites you to
LASER TAG @ THE ZONE
Friday October 16
Meet at 4pm at Castlemaine Church of Christ
66 Blakeley Road Castlemaine
Travelling to The Zone Bendigo for Laser Tag with a Pizza Dinner, returning to the church 7.30pm.
Cost $12.50 pp
RSVP 13 Oct Ama 0406 788 308