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Secondary students at Vic. Student Convention last week; Girls volleyball team 2nd and Year 8 Handbells 1st; Year 5 and 6 Kanga Cricket held on Tues this week.

REACHING YOUR FULL POTENTIAL

Potential is one of the most wonderful words in any language. It looks forward with optimism. It is filled with hope.

What about unfulfilled potential? That phase is as negative as the word potential is positive. Most people desire to reach their potential. The question is, how do you do it? I have no doubt that the answer is personal growth.

I didn't always know this. In fact, I discovered it during a lunch in 1972 with a man named Curt Kampmeier. He asked me a simple question: "Do you have a plan for your personal growth?"

My answer was, "No." I had thought if I worked hard enough, I would grow. He looked at me and said, "Growth never just happens. You have to be intentional about it."

That meeting was significant, because it set me on a journey of personal growth that changed my life. Right away, my wife Margaret and I scrimped and saved to be able to purchase a kit that taught me how to create my growth plan.

And since then, I've committed to do something to pursue growth every day. I've read great books, listened to great speakers, and spent time reflecting on the things I learned so I could apply them to my life.

Over the years, I began to learn some crucial truths about growth that, when applied, allowed me to make great strides in my personal development. And my newest book is dedicated to sharing those truths.



It's called The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth, and it's designed to help people understand how personal growth works and to help them become a more effective and fulfilled individual.

That help is offered in the form of fifteen laws:

The Law of Intentionality: Growth Doesn't Just Happen

The Law of Awareness: You Must Know Yourself to Grow Yourself

The Law of the Mirror: You Must See Value in Yourself to Add Value to Yourself

The Law of Reflection: Learning to Pause Allows Growth to Catch Up with You

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The Law of Consistency: Motivation Gets You Going—Discipline Keeps You Growing

The Law of Environment: Growth Thrives in Conducive Surroundings

The Law of Design: To Maximize Growth, Develop Strategies

The Law of Pain: Good Management of Bad Experiences Leads to Great Growth

The Law of the Ladder: Character Growth Determines the Height of Your Personal Growth

The Law of the Rubber Band: Growth Stops When You Lose the Tension Between Where You Are and Where You Could Be

The Law of Trade-Offs: You Have to Give Up to Grow Up

The Law of Curiosity: Growth Is Stimulated By Asking Why?

The Law of Modelling: It's Hard to Improve When You Have No One But Yourself to Follow

The Law of Expansion: Growth Always Increases Your Capacity

The Law of Contribution: Growing Yourself Enables You to Grow Others

I'm grateful to Curt Kampmeier for what he said to me so many years ago. It was his question that set me on a journey of growth that has continued to this day. I believe that we all have potential within us, but we won't reach that potential unless we grow into it.

If you want to lead well or be successful, it won't happen by accident. You will need to grow into it. I believe these laws can help you. If you keep learning and growing every day over the course of many years, you'll be astounded how far it will take you.

This is a guest post by John C. Maxwell. He is a New York Times bestselling author (multiple times) and one of the world's leading experts on leadership. He is one of my good friends. His newest book, *The 15 Invaluable Laws of Growth: Live Them and Reach Your Potential*, was just released this week.

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PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the TURNBULL WALKER and both TURVEY Families.

WELCOME TO FURTHER MEMBERS OF THE JONES' FAMILY to Olivet. Ruby's 2 sisters, Elouise and Claire, have joined her here and we do pray the whole family will enjoy their experience of a wonderful learning environment for the girls as well as caring staff and students around them.

GREAT STUDENT CONVENTION LAST WEEK

Congratulations to all of the students who went to the Victorian Convention last week at Rawson Village. The students competed in a spirit of friendship against the other school students and homeschoolers with pleasing results.

A special congratulations to Robert Mitchell who won the Overall Music Instrumental Trophy and also Sarah Evans who came first in the girls Netball Shoot breaking the South Pacific Record.

Command Performances were given by Robert for his Woodwind Solo, Sarah for her Vocal Solo and Robert and Sarah together for their Instrumental Duet.

Congratulations as well to our highest point scorers as listed below:

Robert Mitchell	152 points
Sarah Evans	138 points
Mem Wood	114 points
Brette Gleeson-Sutcliffe	112 points
Jessica Hordern	112 points
Shaneece Turvey	104 points

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This week we are finalizing our shoe boxes. If you haven't quite completed yours yet, continue to pack gifts for Christmas for a specific age group. Please bring your packed shoe box in tomorrow (Friday) we will send them on to Melbourne to be processed.

CONCERT This Sunday October 28th

This concert is to raise money for the students travelling to South Pacific Student Convention.

It will be held at the Castlemaine Church of Christ, Blakeley Road, commencing at 3.00pm.

It will be Community Hymn Singing with some musical items from Olivet students.

Afternoon tea will follow and we would please ask that parents/families of students provide a plate of afternoon tea for the occasion. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER CHOCOLATES

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraising event. There are still some boxes to be returned.

If you have a box at home please return it to the school now. Even if it is only partly sold – just return it with the chocolates that are left and the money due for the amount you have sold.

This has been a great way to raise money for Fiji and the ability to reduce costs for those attending is greatly appreciated. Thank you on behalf of all the students attending.

DATES FOR THE TERM

STAFF DINNER Tonight at "Klua Sathorn" (Johnstone St, Castlemaine) commencing at 7pm.

Friday 26 October World Teachers' Day

ELC KICK-BALL DAY tomorrow Fri 26 October

ORIENTATION MORNINGS

Tues 30 October and Mon 12 November

Times will be from 8.45 am - 12.45 pm

MELBOURNE CUP DAY HOLIDAYS

Monday 5 November Staff Curriculum Day

Tuesday 6 November Public holiday

No students will be required to attend school on these two days.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

Monday 26 November from 6pm - 8pm at Sky-Dancers Café in Harcourt. Parents and graduating students from Primary to Secondary will join with staff to celebrate this important occasion in the students' lives.

PRESENTATION MORNING 11 am and

PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm both to be held on Thursday 6 December.

STAFF DAY Friday 7 December No students will be required to attend on this day.

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION to be held in Suva, Fiji (9 - 14 Dec).

Students will leave on Sunday 9 December and return on Monday 17 December.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2012

All Primary students and Secondary students not attending South Pac will be expected to attend school for the week from 10 - 14 December.

The last school day for students will be Friday 14 December.

START OF SCHOOL FOR 2013

Staff return on Thursday 24 January for two days of preparation and planning.

Monday 28 January AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday 29 January All students return to school for the start of Term 1 2013.

Prep students are not required to attend Wednesdays during Term 1.

SOUTH PAC CONVENTION IN FIJI

We are now finalizing activities and travel arrangements for Fiji and will soon have more information and a final price for the trip.

Could all students please bring a photocopy of the front page of their passport with their photo and details for our records please, and give them to Mrs Chapman as soon as possible. Thankyou.

