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Circus Skills and Buddies

TIME IS PRECIOUS

It is good to assess the start of the school year and to see how students are managing their time, both in school and outside school.

I know that many students have very busy after-school programs including sport, music lessons, church life and other important activities and jobs around home to complete as part of living in a busy family.

There is often not enough time to complete all that is required in the day. However, careful planning and management can enable students to complete any schoolwork not completed during the day, as well as home jobs and extra activities that are scheduled.

Students need to develop an awareness of priorities and to discern between things that are urgent and those things that are important. Parents are the ones in the best position to assist their children greatly in this development, as they have much experience in dividing their daily time between their many responsibilities.

As students mature and think wisely about the demands that are placed on their time, they will find they are able to allocate their time more successfully to what is needed.

Psalm 90 talks about time and reflects on the value of time in our lives.

“So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom”

Psalm 90: 12

Ephesians Chapter 5 talks about redeeming the time and about using our time

profitably. May the Lord help each of us in using our time wisely to equip us to carry out effectively the tasks He has called us to.

CIRCUS COMES TO OLIVET

Circus Challenge visited Olivet yesterday and taught students and staff valuable circus skills involving co-ordination and balance.

We are appreciative of the Resiliency Grant which enabled us to have this opportunity without extra cost to families.

DEDICATION NIGHT THIS TUESDAY

This Tuesday (19 February) is a special night for the College. We want to acknowledge God's role in leading us and equipping us for the roles we are given here at the College.

Students are expected to wear their summer uniform and we would love to see all families come along for this important occasion in the Olivet school year.

The evening will commence from 6pm onwards with a BBQ tea. Families are asked to please bring a salad to share.

At 7.10 there will be opportunity for students to take parents to their classes for an overview of the class by their class teacher.

A bell will ring at 7.25 to enable parents to visit a second classroom.

Then at 7.40 we will meet in the Assembly Area for our Dedication Service. We will commit our school year ahead to the Lord and ask for His direction, wisdom and guidance in all we do.

Each group within the College - The Executive Board, Staff, Parents, House Captains and Students all have an important and unique role to play in the College and all will feature in the service. Our two Senior House Captains James Baxter and Joel Lourey will respond on behalf of the students.

It is expected that all families will come along to actively take part in the Dedication Service and we would love to see you all at this special event.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the ELLISON EVERS GIBSON and GLEESON-SUTCLIFFE Families.

SWIMMING SPORTS AT HARCOURT POOL

On Friday week, students will arrive at school at the normal time for a shorter morning of classes before we head off to the Harcourt Pool in buses and cars.

All are invited to attend and join in the carnival atmosphere of the Swimming Sports which will get under way at 12.30pm.

All 3 buses will transport students to Harcourt and dismissal at the end of the day will be from the Harcourt pool at approx. 3.15pm.

Students are asked to please bring with them their bathers, T-shirt, towel, hat from home, sunscreen and thongs as well as a plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Childrens' Christian Camps run 3 fantastic camps for Grades 4, 5 and 6 students over the Easter school holidays, reasonably priced and great fun! Check out their website at www.thecampingprogram.org.au

Experience 5 days of great activities, puppets, studies, craft, games, rotations, banners and so much more....."just awesome!"

This year there is a choice of 3 Camps:

Camp 1 Wed 3rd April –Sun 7th April at Camp Cumbene, Corop

Camp 2 Mon 1st April – Fri 5th April at Burnside Camp Anglesea

Camp 3 Mon 8th April– Fri 12th April at Camp Cumbene

MATHS PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY

The emphasis so far this term in Secondary Maths has been on establishing routines with students completing Maths Mate sheets weekly and making a strong start in their Maths learning.

Year 7 students have been studying Number Skills and Practice.

Year 8 students have been looking at Integers focusing on Negative Numbers. They have also ma-

nipulated numbers to find equations using Number Fun tiles.

Year 9 students have begun with Decimals Percentage and Fractions, and will move onto the unit Investigating Data.

Year 10 students have started Trigonometry and have applied their learning to Right Angled Triangles.

All students are working on improving their times tables knowledge and are encouraged to practice these at home.

Scientific Calculators are available for purchase from Mr Chapman for \$25.

REMINDER OF BUS AND CAR SAFETY

All car drivers and bus drivers are reminded to please take extra care when driving in the vicinity of the College. We would ask that you please slow down to ensure the safety of all students when travelling on Main Road and Stephens Street.

Parents of ELC students are reminded to meet them at the gate before moving to cars please.

YEAR 8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY CLASS

The Year 8 students have just completed their three weeks of Food Technology. They certainly have enjoyed the classes and completed the following recipes.

Fruit Smoothies

Buttermilk Pancakes

Meat or Vegetarian Pies

Mini Chocolate cakes with ice-cream

SECONDARY CIVICS CLASSES

The Secondary classes have started well. The students are learning about the States of Australia over a two year course.

This term, the Year 7 students are learning about Victoria and the Year 8 students are learning about Western Australia.

Mrs Donaldson

SECONDARY HISTORY CLASSES

The Secondary students are following the Australian Curriculum in their History classes using the inquiry approach. They will be studying the following topics in Term 1:-

Year 7 An overview of Ancient history to 650AD and Investigating the Ancient Past and ancient societies. Primary and secondary sources as evidence will also be a focus.

Year 8 An overview of the historical period between 650AD and 1750 as well as commencing Medieval Europe – Feudalism, Manorialism and crime and punishment in the Middle Ages.

Year 9 An overview of the years 1750-1918 and then the Movement of people, focussing on the experience of slaves, convicts and free settlers.

Year 10 An overview of the historical period from 1918 to the present, then, the experiences of Australians during WWII with a focus on Kokoda.

Mrs Donaldson

SECONDARY LITERATURE

Year 7 students are presently reading *Animal Heroes* and completing a writing journal and a persuasive writing task. Primary and Secondary sources are a focus with this book.

The **Year 8** students are reading *The Youngest Templar* which is a fictitious book about the Middle Ages and completing some focus questions and a project of their choice.

The **Year 9** students will be viewing *The First Fagin* which gives some insight to the period under study in History. The film provides an excellent case study of a family's experiences in London and Colonial Australia. They will then complete a study guide.

The **Year 10** students are reading *The Hiding Place* which is a biographical account of the life of Corrie ten Boom in Europe during the Second World War. A study guide will be completed as well as a writing task.

Mrs Donaldson

SECONDARY ENGLISH & WORD BUILDING PACES

All Secondary Word Building PACES are due to be tested by Friday 22 February and English PACES by Monday 25th February. Could you please check that your child is keeping up with their work and, if possible, hear the vocabulary words in their PACES. Thank you,

Mrs Donaldson

COME N TRY TRACK DAY

Cycling Victoria is pleased to offer track riding clinics at the velodrome at the Darebin International Sports Centre (home of the VIS and Malaysian national track teams). These clinics are open to persons 15 years or older to experience the thrill of track cycling under the guidance and support of nationally qualified coaches. The four dates scheduled for this year are March 17, May 26, July 21, and September 22. For further information and bookings please contact Alan Mok via email Alan.Mok@cycling.org.au or phone Cycling Victoria on (03) 8480 3077.

2013 NAB CUP ROUNDS - JUNIORS GO FREE

Footy is back and the AFL are excited to offer everyone under the age of 15 FREE general admission tickets to the NAB Cup match of their choice in Rounds 1, 2 & 3! To claim the free ticket, log on to ticketmaster.com.au, phone Ticketmaster on 1300 136 122 or visit any Ticketmaster outlet. For more information visit the AFL website www.afl.com.au.

SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW

The Year 7/8 students will be attending the Open Water Learning Experience at Crusoe Reservoir from 9:00 to 12:00pm. I recommend that the students come in their bathers (t-shirt and short length) as we will be leaving as soon as all the students arrive at school and there is limited facilities at the Reservoir.

Students need to bring their school uniform to change into for the remainder of the day. They will be participating in a 100minute session rotating around five activities including: Water safety, DRSABCD, Body boards, Rescues and PFDs.

The Year 9/10 students will be participating in a survival style swimming program in the afternoon at the Harcourt Swimming Pool. Students will need to wear enclosed shoes, pants and t-shirt (bathers underneath) in the water for their assessment.

SECONDARY LOTE – INDONESIAN

Over the last three weeks the Year 7-10 students have been getting a taste for Indonesian language and culture!

We have been learning important phrases used by Indonesians to:

Show hospitality

Silakan minum = Please drink

Silakan duduk = Please sit

Greet you at different times of the day

Selamat pagi = Good morning (Midnight – 10am)

Selamat siang = Good day (10am-3pm)

Selamat sore = Good afternoon (3pm-6pm)

Selamat malam = Good night (6pm – Midnight)

Get to know you

Q: *Siapa nama kamu?* = What is your name?

A: *Nama saya _____* = My name is _____

Q: *Apa kabar?* = How are you?

A: *Baik-baik saja* = Good

Q: *Mau ke mana?* = Where are you going? (It is very normal and polite for strangers to ask you this question in Indonesia!)

A: *Jalan-jalan* = Travelling

Over the next few weeks secondary students will be preparing to teach a variety of Indonesian cultural activities the junior students during an Indonesian Day celebration at the end of Term 1 (details to follow).