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# The Olivet News

### ORIENTATION DAY

It was terrific to welcome so many new students and their families to Olivet last Monday for our first Orientation Morning.

We trust all students enjoyed their introduction to Olivet and to their new classes for 2010 and we look forward to seeing you all again on

**Thurs 12th November 8.45—12.45**  
**(Preps from 10.45—12.45)**

If you know of families who are new to your area or who are looking for a change in their family's education, why not invite them to give us a call and have their children join us for Orientation. We have vacancies in all classes and we would welcome the opportunity to talk to new families about the benefits of Christian Education and Olivet's comprehensive school program.

We have included two notices in this newsletter today for you to share with your friends and family, or to place on your church/community notice board.

Next year we will have 3 bus runs:

from Kangaroo Flat

Strathfieldsaye

Maryborough

Do you know a family who could use these?

### ON BEING DISCREET

Our current character study is on being discreet—vs Simple-mindedness

Having discretion is recognizing and avoiding words, actions and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences.

Making wise choices is so important these days. Students have the opportunity to choose to see success in their learning by applying themselves to the task and by making wise decisions regarding their work.

This is Week 5 of the term, halfway through, and a great opportunity for students to reflect on where they are

in relation to completing their term's work. If students are behind in one or

more subjects, they can adjust their priorities and plan to succeed. This is

an excellent preparation for life ahead if they commit to doing the best they can

in their studies now. Why not ask the

Lord to help you to succeed in your learning for the remainder of this

term?

In our chapel sessions we have been looking at practical ways of being more

discreet in our lives. Some classes have been looking at the life of Joseph, who

grew in wisdom and discretion as he matured. His willingness to serve God and

put him first in his life enabled him to serve others and bless many with his

God-given wisdom and discretion.

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**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the **EVERS FRASER HARRIS** and **HARRISON** Families.

### **CASTLEMAINE SHOW**

Well done to all students who entered items in the Castlemaine Show. Thank you also to Mrs Chapman for your excellent work to enable these entries to be displayed at the Show.

### **TERM DATES**

The last day of school this year for Olivet students will be Thursday 10th December. There will be an 11am Morning Presentation of Term 4 Awards. The afternoon will be free for families to spend together and to be prepared for our final night of the year—**Presentation Night** will be the culmination of the whole school year and will commence at 7pm.

N.B. on this last day of school, students will be required to be at the Castlemaine Church of Christ at 9am for a compulsory rehearsal for Presentation Morning and Night. All students must attend please.

For the start of the 2010 school year, Staff will return the week starting Monday 25th January. (Tues 26/1 is a public holiday for Australia Day)

The Beta students will be touring Port Phillip Bay and Bellarine Peninsulas for their trip on Tues 26th—Thursday 28th January

**The first day of school for Olivet students in 2010 will be Monday 1st February.**

### **ALPHA/BETA SPORT**

Sport for this Friday is our last week of Tennis at the Castlemaine Tennis Courts.

Students are asked to please bring their correct sports uniform and as many tennis racquets as you can please.

### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER**

**Monday November 23rd 6pm—8pm**

Staff and Parents are invited to join with the Year 6 students as they graduate from Primary to Secondary Education. This celebration will be held at Living Stones in Harcourt.

Please return the slip below to indicate the numbers of each family attending on the night.

### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER**

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

The cost is subsidized by the College and will be \$10 per person, payable on the night.

### **HORTICULTURE WITH MR DONALDSON**

The Gamma students, including those students who came for Orientation Day, have planted a vegetable of their choice from a selection of four vegetables (cherry tomato, tomato, zucchini or golden zucchini) in a pot. They will care for the plant until the end of term and then they will take the plant home with them over the Christmas holidays. After the Christmas holidays they are asked to bring a photo to school and report back on how their plant has grown. The students are learning how to take responsibility and care for the plant.

### **GAMMA NEWS**

We have had a very busy week in Gamma. Monday was Orientation Morning and we welcomed students from Years 2 and 3 in ELC and Wade, Lauren's younger brother, to our classroom. We had a very prosperous morning and all the students enjoyed their new classmates and surroundings. Sadly the Primary Schools' T-Ball day had to be cancelled due to surface works on the oval at Wesley Hill. This was disappointing as the students had been preparing well for the day. Parents and students are reminded that Literature Reports, including a Diorama, are due tomorrow, Friday 6th Nov.

We have also begun our next General Studies topic on "Squatters, Settlers and Swaggies". Students will be writing an authentic diary in the life of one of these early Australian characters.

Parents are asked to encourage their children to be imaginative in the writing and creation of this diary. This topic will culminate at the end of week 8 with a "dress-up" afternoon where the students will take on the character they have been writing about and share with the class this character life and lifestyle.

We are looking forward to a very creative and entertaining time at the completion of this topic. Prep to grade 2 kickball

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### **PREP—2 KICKBALL DAY**

On Friday November the 13<sup>th</sup> the Prep—Yr 2 students will be travelling to Newstead Primary School to participate in the interschool kickball competition. Students will be travelling by bus, leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school by 2.15pm. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and will need to bring their lunch, snacks and a drink. The cost of the day is \$1.

### **PERMISSION SLIP FOR P-2 KICKBALL DAY**

I give permission for my child  
\_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Prep—Yr 2  
Kickball Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of November and for  
\$1 to be billed to my account.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_