

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Our character focus at the moment is Meekness. In our current Scripture in Ephesians 4:2, we are taught that we are to walk worthy with all lowliness and meekness. Sometimes we confuse meekness with weakness. The difference can be described by saying that a weak person can't do anything and a meek person, on the other hand, can do something but chooses not to.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). The word meek has been translated from a word that was used to describe

reining in a powerful horse. A horse is controlled by a bit and bridle. The horse is choosing to submit to authority. That is meekness - power under control. Being meek in a culture that celebrates and often promotes the opposite is not an easy thing but living by God's truth will bring us God's blessing.



SCHOOL PICNIC

On Monday 26 February, we ask all families to join us for a School Picnic here at Olivet, commencing at 6.30pm. Please bring along your own picnic tea for your family and Olivet will provide drinks and ice creams/icy poles. We look forward to sharing some time together, welcoming our new families and congratulating our 2024 House Captains.

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Hope ~ Jones ~ Kelly ~ McLean

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you have a new Centrelink pension or health care card, or any of your details have changed, please contact the office to complete an application form as soon as possible.

SECONDARY CHESS CLUB

Chess club will be running on Thursday lunchtimes with Mr Abbott for any Secondary students who would like to come along.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be running for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 between 13-25 March. If parents/students would like to see practice examples of NAPLAN tests, they can visit

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

Skills tested are reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy and is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in certain areas of the curriculum. Later in the year, parents will be given an individual NAPLAN report that will identify how your child is progressing.

STUDENT ABSENCE

A reminder that if students are not going to be at school or will be late/leaving early, can you please contact the office on either 54723817 or admin@olivet.vic.edu.au so that staff are aware.

STAFF WANTED

Olivet are currently advertising for 2 positions - a bus driver for the Bendigo run and a part-time lower Primary Teacher to join the existing lower Primary teachers. Please see the website for more details.

TERM ONE 2024 PLANNER

Tuesday 30 January - Thursday 28 March

Dates to be confirmed for:

- Swimming Sports
- Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews
- End of Term Excursions

13 Feb	Secondary Swimming
15 Feb	Primary Swimming
20 Feb	Secondary Swimming
22 Feb	Primary Swimming
27 Feb	Secondary Swimming
29 Feb	Primary Swimming
7 Mar	Primary Swimming
11 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
14 Mar	Primary Swimming
19 Mar	Year 7 Immunisations
21 Mar	Primary Swimming
13-25 Mar	NAPLAN
28 Mar	Last day of Term 1



DEEP THINKING SCIENCE

with Mrs Jenita Fish



John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

What is a word? A word is produced by a sound. A sound is a vibration and can be measured by its frequency. Different words produce different frequencies.

The Secondary students have partaken in an experiment to discover the power of their words. A scientist named Masaru Emoto discovered that water responds to our words in remarkable ways. We have three beakers with rice and just enough water to cover the rice. The beakers have a label of 'Happy,' 'Disgrace,' and 'ignore' (control) and some students decided to make one beaker with 'confused'. Every day the students have spoken words to the rice that resemble the labels (this was the fun part!). So far, all the rice has begun fermenting and has become quite smelly! We are yet to see any significant difference between the beakers of rice, however we are hoping in the next week we will start to see some amazing results.

Our bodies are approximately 45-75% water (just like the rice in the beaker). When we are exposed to either hurtful or beautiful words it affects us on a molecular level due to these frequencies. Be Kind. Be loving. Be mindful of what words we say to ourselves and others, as they are more powerful than we ever imagined!



Bushfire Information for Parents

Schools and education facilities take pre-emptive action to protect against the risk of bushfire. Olivet Christian College has a Category 3 Fire Danger Rating and must close on days forecasted as Catastrophic FDR in their fire district. The school will be advised of the potential for a Catastrophic FDR as information becomes available, however, the pre-emptive closure will be confirmed to Olivet by the Department by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic DFR day, after which parents/guardians would be notified.

Olivet reviews the Emergency Management Plan each November to review and maintain a plan that will enable us to respond to the event of a bushfire in our locality.

1. Children should be safe at school if a major fire threatens. It is considered that the school building and grounds provide a safe refuge and students should be kept inside until the danger has passed.
2. During a crisis parents will be advised NOT to try to collect children from school as the school is a safe refuge and all students will be well cared for during such a crisis. Nevertheless should parents wish to collect their children then students will normally only be released to a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN
3. The school bus may not be travelling if there is any known danger along the bus route. Parents should expect delays if there are local fires and they may obtain information in this regard by ringing the College and speaking to the office staff. Please contact the school if you know of possible dangers along the bus route.
4. Bus drivers have instructions to stop and seek information if they see evidence of fire. They will not drive through smoke and will seek a safe refuge if there is any possible danger. Children will not be left at bus stops when there seems to be potential danger from fire unless there is someone to collect them.
5. If the bus is delayed school will attempt to contact the concerned parents. Please remember however it is not always possible to make these telephone contacts.
6. Parents are reminded that the most dangerous place to be in the event of a wildfire is on the roads or caught in the open. Parents should not place themselves or others at additional risk by driving to school in conditions on the road are hazardous.

SCHOOL BUSES AND HIGH FIRE DAYS 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. If you have any changes to your email or mobile phone numbers, please let the office know asap.

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