

# OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## *From the Principal's Desk*

As we complete our first Scripture memory passage this week, I would like to draw our attention to the third verse of Ephesians chapter four, where we find us being encouraged to keep the unity that is given to us by God's Spirit in the bond of peace. If we, as children of God, have received His goodness and grace, comfort and hope, we should maintain the



same goodness, grace, comfort and love. The challenge is to endeavour to develop Christ like character in ourselves as well as cultivate it in our children, showing the same love that Jesus displayed. This certainly is a challenge in a society that is often characterized by disunity and little peace. Thankfully we don't have to attempt all of this in our own strength, but in the wisdom and strength that is freely available to us from our amazing God!

## **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. We expect all families to attend this evening. If for personal reasons, you are unable to attend, please advise the office.

### **FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

Musau/Ndunda ~ Norman ~ O'Reilly ~ Page

## 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.



## 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.

## ICY POLES / ICE CREAMS!

Starting next Friday 23 March, we will be selling Icy Poles or Ice Creams!! This will happen every Friday lunchtime until the end of the term to raise money for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Each Christmas box costs \$12.50 to send away, and we need your help! Each Icy Pole/Ice Cream will be \$1-\$2 depending on the type. So, bring along some money for a treat, all while donating towards a great cause.



## TERM ONE 2024 PLANNER

Tuesday 30 January - Thursday 28 March

Dates to be confirmed for:

- End of Term Excursions

20 Feb	Secondary Swimming
22 Feb	Primary Swimming
26 Feb	School Picnic at 6.30pm
27 Feb	Secondary Swimming
29 Feb	Primary Swimming
1 Mar	Swimming Sports - Chewton Swimming Pool
7 Mar	Primary Swimming
11 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
14 Mar	Primary Swimming
18 Mar	Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews
19 Mar	Year 7 Immunisations
21 Mar	Primary Swimming
13-25 Mar	NAPLAN
28 Mar	Last day of Term 1


**ENCOURAGING...EQUIPPING...EMPOWERING**

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Will be held on Friday 1 March at the Chewton Swimming Pool, commencing at 12.45pm. All parents and friends are welcome to come and enjoy this day with us and cheer on the students!

Students will be taken to the Chewton Swimming Pool by Olivet school buses and will arrive at approximately 12.45pm, to commence at 1pm. All students are to wear summer uniform for the day. We expect to be finished around 2.45pm. The pool kiosk will be open towards the end of the

afternoon. Students can either leave with their families or return back to school to go on the school bus home as normal. Could you please let the office know if your child/ren will be on the school bus or heading home with family so we can make arrangements with the bus drivers. We look forward to a fun afternoon!



## Welcome to Year 4-6! ★★

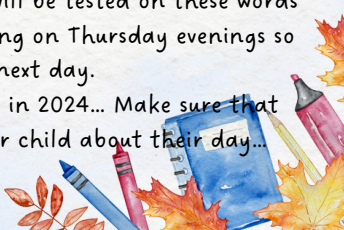
Welcome to Term 1 in years 4-6!! As we begin a new year and a new term here are some important things that we are going to be doing this term. Our major projects for the term include:

- Years 5/6- a project on an Endangered Australian Species and learning about this animal and ways that we are able to be good stewards to protect them.
- Year 4 - A project about 'An Animal as a Pet' and how we can care for them. We will become aware of the needs that animals, as pets have, and the things we need to do as responsible pet owners and carers.

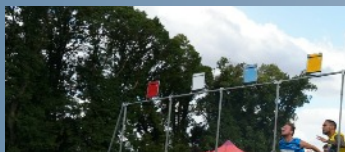
Each term the students will write and present a report about a book that they have read. We will be looking in particular at the characters in the books and how they can help us live Godly lives. This term the special activity involves designing a new front cover.

Each week we will study 25 new words in Spelling. Students will be tested on these words on Friday mornings. They will need to prepare for this testing on Thursday evenings so that they are ready to do their best the next day.

We are looking forward to a full and profitable first term in 2024... Make sure that you occasionally pay a visit to the classroom and ask your child about their day...







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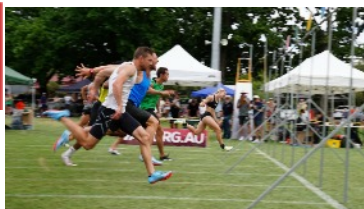
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