

# OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal's Desk

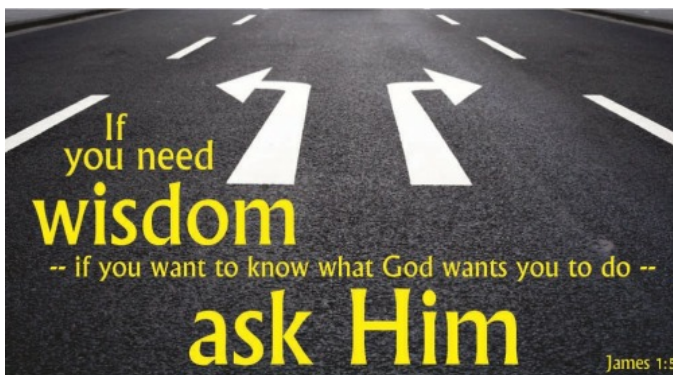
*'Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?' 1 Kings 3:9.*

In the Old Testament, when God asked Solomon what he wanted, Solomon asked, what we might

think of, as a strange request. Out of everything he could have wanted, he asked for wisdom. Solomon recognised the value of wisdom to be able to discern right from wrong.

We all need wisdom. From decision-making to solving conflicts and problems, we need to be able to make wise choices. Being able to discern between right and wrong, the truthfulness of a statement or the character of a person, helps us make wise choices.

We can ask God to help us be discerning and wise in our everyday decisions, faith, relationships, and workplaces. James 1:5 says, *'If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.'*



### FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK

Parker  
Priest-Lombardo  
Roberts  
Rogers

### HOT LUNCHES

There will be no hot lunches on Friday next week due to a busy last day of Term 2, including our shared afternoon tea after our Presentation afternoon. Lunch slips will be sent home today ready for Week 1 lunches on Friday 14 July. You are welcome to send them in before the end of term so they are ready to go!

## ROYAL FLYING DOCTORS INCURSION

On Wednesday 21 June, we will be having a visit from the Royal Flying Doctor Service. They will be spending some time with both the Primary and Secondary students, having a chat about what they do as well as bringing along their Flight Simulator for students to test out!

## JUST BRASS

During our last week of term, due to the Grade 5-6 & Secondary students going on their end of term excursion on Tuesday 20 June, Just Brass lessons will be held on **Friday 23 June**. Students will need to bring along their music and instruments on this Friday, ready for their final lessons of the term and also for the band to play during our Presentation Afternoon.

## END OF SEMESTER PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

We are excited to be able to invite families along for our End of Semester Presentation Afternoon on the last day of Term 2, Friday 23 June. The afternoon will commence at 1.15pm, where we look forward to sharing some student items and presenting students with their Character Trait and Academic Awards. At the conclusion of the presentation, we invite you to bring along a plate of afternoon tea to stay and share with us. There will be an earlier finish so buses will leave at approximately 2.30pm.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Until the end of the term, we would love if families were able to bring in some clothing or accessories for our Operation Christmas Child boxes. Examples include clothing (such as a dress, t-shirt or shorts), hat/cap, socks, underwear or hair accessories (ribbons or clips, etc). Again, all items must be new and still in their packaging. Thank you so much to those who have already generously donated!

## TERM TWO PLANNER

Wednesday 26 April - Friday 23 June

20 June	Year 5-9 End of Term Excursion
21 June	Royal Flying Doctors Incursion
23 June	Last Day of Term 2 - Presentation Afternoon commencing 1.15pm followed by afternoon tea

## TERM THREE PLANNER

Wednesday 12 July - Friday 12 September

10 July	Staff PD - NO STUDENTS
11 July	Staff PD - NO STUDENTS
12 July	First Day Term 3 for Students
8 Aug	SchoolPix School Photos
18 Aug	Melbourne Symphony Orchestra - Primary Students
25 Aug	CBCA Book Week Parade - Primary Students
4-8 Sept	Canberra Trip
14 Sept	Mt Alexander Chess Challenge - Secondary Students
15 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
TBC	End of Term Excursions



# Year 7-8 Poetry

## THE NIGHTMARE

THE WIND WAS COLDER AND COLDER,  
SHE WAS RUNNING THROUGH THE WOODS.  
SHE SLIPPED AND FELL UPON HER SHOULDER,  
SHE LOOKED UP AND SAW MEN IN HOODS.

THE MEN IN HOODS PICKED UP THE GIRL,  
THEY CARRIED HER TO A DARK CAVE.  
AS SHE LAY DOWN, HER HEAD BEGAN TO SWIRL,  
SHE SAID TO HERSELF BE BRAVE.

SHE HEARD A VOICE AND LOOKED ACROSS,  
IT WAS A CREATOR IN THE HOOD.  
SHE WONDERED IF IT WAS THE BOSS,  
AS HE GATHERED UP PILES OF WOOD.

SHE SCREAMED WHEN SHE WAS IN A POT,  
SHE JUMPED UP AND LOOKED AROUND,  
AND WONDER WHY SHE WAS NOT HOT!  
IT WAS A DREAM; SHE HEARD NOT A SOUND.

*Shye - Year 7*

## THE CHAPTERS OF LIFE

IT WAS HER ONLY CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.  
THIS LITTLE GIRL FROM THE VERY FAR WEST,  
LIVED AT A FARM, ACCORDING TO PAGE NINE.  
DECLARED LOUD THAT HER LIFE WAS NOT THE BEST.

IT WAS THE GOOD SMELL, THE FEEL, THE OLD LOOK,  
THAT ATTRACTED THIS GIRL FROM THE FAR WEST.  
SHE PULLED THE DOORS OPEN WITH A LOUD CREAK.  
STEPPING IN SHE BEGAN HER FOREIGN QUEST.

THE BOOKS ALL LINED DELICATELY IN ROWS,  
GLARED AT THE LITTLE GIRL FROM WEST AFAR.  
SHE SHUDDERED UNDER THEIR DANGEROUS GAZE.  
FEELING VERY FAINT, SHE GRABBED A BRASS BAR.

SHE FELL AGAINST THE DOOR. THIS CHANCE SHE TOOK.  
RUNNING FROM HER LIFE, RUNNING FROM HER BOOK.

*Priscilla - Year 6*

## THE GIRL & HER DOG

HE WAS HER FIRST DOG, HIS BLACK FLUFFY FUR  
SHE TOOK HIM FOR WALKS AND THEIR FUN WENT MILES  
HE WAS BIG AND KIND AND LOVED HER FOR HER  
HE COULD ALWAYS MAKE HER TRULY SMILE

SINCE SHE WAS FOUR THEY HAD BEEN BEST OF FRIENDS  
SHE REMEMBERS THE DAY HE CAME SO SWELL  
SHE NEVER WANTED THE FUN JOY TO END  
BUT SOON SHE NOTICED HER DIDN'T LOOK WELL

SHE WENT TO SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY, SO WORRIED  
HER MUM CAME QUICKLY BARING THE WORST NEWS  
SHE CRIED THE WAY HOME AND HURRIED INSIDE  
SHE WASN'T READY "NOT YET" SHE REFUSED

NO MATTER HOW FAR HE IS IN HER HEART  
HE WILL ALWAYS BE THERE, NEVER TO PART.

*Remy - Year 7*

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Poetry

MY SISTER ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE'S MY SISTER,  
SHE LOVES TO PLAY THE CELLO,  
SHE NAMED HER CELLO PERCY,  
AND HE'S QUITE A HANDSOME FELLOW.

I LOVE PLAYING MUSIC TOO,  
ON MY LITTLE VIOLIN,  
WE LIKE TO PLAY TOGETHER,  
AND CAN MAKE QUITE A DIN.

WE PLAY DIFFERENT KINDS OF MUSIC,  
CAROLS, CLASSICAL AND FOLK.  
BUT IF WE PLAY IT HORRIBLY,  
IT'S NOT BAD WELL JUST JOKE.

THE MUSIC SOUNDS SO BEAUTIFUL,  
LONG, STRAIGHT, SMOOTH AND CALMING,  
BUT IF WE PLAY FOR OTHER FOLKS,  
IT COULD BE QUITE ALARMING.

*Isabelle Year 6*

CASSOWARY

I LOVE MY CASSOWARIES,  
THE PRETTIEST BIRD ON EARTH,  
THEY ARE AS DEADLY AS A TIGER,  
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE DEARTH.

THE BIG, BLUE AND BLACK BIRD,  
THEY ARE A BULLET OF SPEED,  
THEY CAN RIM AND JUMP AND KICK,  
I KNOW THEY'RE DEADLY, GUARANTEED.

IF I COULD, I'D PLAY WITH THEM,  
EVEN IF THEY CAN KILL,  
THEY SING IN LOW RUMBLES,  
IT BRINGS ME LOTS OF THRILL.

SO NOW YOU KNOW THEY'RE DANGEROUS,  
EVEN IF THEY ARE FUN,  
THE DEADLIEST BID ON EARTH,  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO ENCOUNTER ONE?

*Scarlett Year 6*

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