

# OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal's Desk

There are some things in life that you cannot really understand until you experience them for yourself. For example, someone can describe to me what riding on the world's largest roller coaster is like. But that's never going to be the same as the thrill (or terror!) of the real thing. Or take that piece of cheesecake on your dessert plate. I could eat a piece right in front of you and tell you bite by bite how it tastes, how tasty and delicious it is, but you wouldn't be satisfied with me just telling you about it, would you? *I want to taste and see for myself, thank you very much!*

Well, it's the same with knowing God and having a relationship with him. I can tell you all about it. I can describe in great detail how God saves us, how wonderful his mercy and grace are, how good his promises and commands are for us, and what my experiences have been. But you really won't know what I mean until you experience it for yourself. Like that cheesecake, you've got to dig in and taste for yourself how good it is.

That's why David wrote Psalm 34. He invites all of us to "taste and see that the LORD is good." David himself had experienced it. God is good and you have to taste it for yourself. So let's go ahead and dig in!



Ch. taste and see that  
the Lord is good.

Psalm 34:8

### STUDENT ABSENCE

A reminder to parents that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to let their class teacher and/or the office know that they will be away, prior to school starting for the day. If we have not heard from you, we will be in contact with you. This is for children's safety.

### AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Parents are reminded that the school must be advised if your child's normal after school pick-up/bus travel has changed for the day. This is for children's safety.

**FAMILIES TO  
PRAY FOR THIS  
WEEK**  
Lamers  
McKay  
McLean  
O'Reilly

## BUS STUDENTS

Just some reminders for those families who utilise the Colleges privately operated bus services.

We do have rules in place to keep your children safe and comfortable whilst travelling to and from school. Please be aware that on the Kangaroo Flat bus, seats have been allocated to each student and they are not permitted to change their seat without permission from the Principal or the driver.

In all buses, seat belts must be worn properly at all times. Students are not permitted to get out of their seat, lean out into the aisle or turn around in their seat whilst the bus is moving. This includes when the bus is reversing into its parking place at school. Students need to keep their conversations at a level so as to not be a distraction to the driver - this will be modulated by the driver. We are not expecting a "silent bus", but it is not a "party bus". If students are listening to a personal device, they must have headphones/earphones to facilitate this. Obviously, all students on our buses are expected to be respectful to our drivers and to follow their directions at all times in regard to behaviour/safety. Please ensure that students arrive at their bus stop on time, as the bus is on a timetable to arrive at school in time to begin the school day promptly.

If students do not follow the rules/guidelines for bus travel, then this privilege may be withdrawn in the short or longer term. For example, if the Principal deems it to be appropriate, parents may be asked to arrange to pick up/drop off their child/ren from school if their child/ren has not behaved appropriately on the bus.

## NAPLAN

As you may have seen in the media, NAPLAN is being run earlier this year between 15-27 March for Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students. If parents/students would like to see practice examples of simulated practice NAPLAN tests, they can visit

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

Teachers will also be working with students to have a look through this site to familiarise them with how the tests will look as this will be the first time these students have completed NAPLAN online. Skills that will be tested will be reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. It 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. If you have any further questions, please contact the office.

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## TERM ONE PLANNER

Monday 30 January - Thursday 6 April

Dates to be confirmed for:

- Dedication Night
- Primary End of Term Excursion

21 Feb	Primary Swimming
23 Feb	Secondary Swimming
28 Feb	Primary Swimming
3 Mar	Swimming Sports - Chewton Swimming Pool
7 Mar	Primary Swimming
13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
14 Mar	Primary Swimming
15-27 Mar	NAPLAN
21 Mar	Primary Swimming
28 Mar	Primary Swimming
29 Mar	Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews
4 Apr	Primary Swimming
4 Apr	Secondary End of Term Excursion
6 Apr	Last day of Term 1

## SWIMMING SPORTS

Will be held on Friday 3 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!

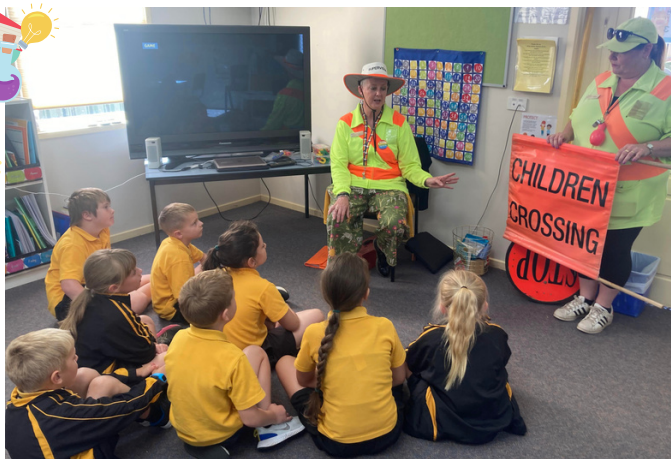
Students will be taken to the  
Chewton Swimming Pool by  
Olivet school buses and  
will arrive at approximately  
12.45pm, to commence at  
1pm. All students are to  
wear summer uniform for the  
day. More information about the finish time will be provided next week.  
We look forward to a fun afternoon!



Students had a great opportunity last Thursday to meet some players from  
Essendon Football Club! A big thank you to Nick, Brandan, Will & Nick for your  
time here at Olivet!

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# School Crossing Incursion

LAST WEEK, OUR PREP-3 CLASSROOM HAD A VISIT TO OUR ROOM, TO LEARN HOW TO USE SCHOOL CROSSING SAFELY. WE DISCUSSED WHEN USING A SCHOOL CROSSING, WE SHOULD STOP, LOOK, LISTEN AND THINK BEFORE WE CROSS THE ROAD. THE STUDENTS ENJOYED ASKING LOTS OF QUESTIONS AND LOOKING AT THE BRIGHT CLOTHING AND SIGNS USED BY THE 'LOLLIPOP LADIES' AND 'LOLLIPOP LADS'.

Awesome books for  
your kids  
=  
great resources for  
their school



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Orders Open soon!

Thank you for supporting our school

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