

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

In ancient times, a soldier was only as good as the equipment he had. His only source of protection was his armour and his sword. In ancient warfare, there wasn't the choice to carry out attacks from far away like is done today. It was always up-close and personal, in a large crowd with hand-to-hand combat, and you needed armour that could protect you from every side.



When I read our current scripture memory passage in Ephesians 6:10-18, I thought of two people: American Grid iron players and batters in cricket. In both sports, helmets protect the athletes from blows to the head and limits, to some extent, the effects of a concussion. Chest pads protect their chest—a breastplate, so to speak. Then they have the hip, thigh and knee pads for leg protection, and finally, studs or spikes to get traction and support their feet. Christians need protection as well. We read this in our Scripture memory passage. We need the armour of God to protect us and give us the strength to stand tall when the world around us is falling apart. Today, as Christians, let's put on the armour of God so we can stand up for Him and be that Christ-like example.

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
Parker ~ Port ~ Roberts ~ Thomas

ENCOURAGING...EQUIPPING...EMPOWERING

SECONDARY SPORT

This week we will be staying at school and completing another session of volleyball and netball.

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA TRIP

The biannual trip to Canberra for years 5/6, at this stage, will continue to be held in week 8 of term 3 - dependent on COVID restrictions. Planning for this trip has been made difficult because of the restrictions and the venues in Canberra unsure of policy and future booking availability. Further information should be available early in term 3. Please continue to pray that we will be able to go ahead and interstate at the planned times!

Ian Nicholas

PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

We are awaiting the current advice from the Department of Education regarding non-essential gatherings within schools. We are planning our Presentation Afternoon for next Friday 25 June, the last day of term, with the students having some wonderful items prepared to share. We are praying that the afternoon will be able to go ahead and will give more details as the information becomes available.

GOT COVID SYMPTOMS?

We have been asked by a few parents as to what to do if your child has Covid symptoms. The current School Operations Guide (we are awaiting the updated version to reflect the new easing of restrictions) advises that younger children may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test, even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat COVID-19 testing, if considered appropriate by the doctor.

Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

TERM TWO PLANNER *

Monday 19th April - Friday 25th June

21 June	Grade 3-6 End of Term Excursion
22 June	Prep-Grade 1 End of Term Excursion
23 June	Secondary End of Term Excursion
25 June	Last day of Term 2

* Due to Covid-19, these activities may be subject to change.

END OF TERM EXCURSIONS

Subject to Covid-19 restrictions

We are continuing to watch the easing Covid restrictions and are awaiting the current advice from the Department of Education regarding excursions.

Prep-Grade 1

On Tuesday 22 June, the ELC will be travelling to Parky's Wonderland in Junortoun for a morning of fun indoor play. We will then travel to Stanley Park, Harcourt (weather permitting) to enjoy our lunch. Students will arrive at school at normal time and leave for Bendigo at 9:30am. We will arrive back at school at 3pm in time for school buses to return home. *Please note due to Covid restrictions, we have been allocated a session at Parky's, with



restricted numbers and therefore we unfortunately cannot have any younger siblings attending on the day. Please send students to school in their sports uniform, with a backpack including morning tea, lunch, and a drink. Please also ensure your child is dressed warmly enough for the park play in Harcourt. The cost for this excursion is \$5.00 with the College subsidising the entry fee and transport. This can be sent to school with your child in an envelope. We are all really looking forward a day of playing and fun to celebrate the end of term.

Years 3-6

On Monday 21 June, the Year 3-6 classes will be heading to the Bendigo Major League Multi-Sports for a fun day of cricket, dodgeball, bubble soccer and more! They will then go to the Rotary Gateway Park in Kangaroo Flat for lunch.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along some morning tea, lunch and a drink bottle. The cost of this excursion is \$7. If Bendigo parents wish to drop off and pick up their children, please let your classroom teacher know. Drop off will be at 10am (Bendigo Major League Multi-Sports Centre) and pick up at 1.45pm (Rotary Gateway Park).



Secondary



On Wednesday 23 June, Secondary students will be visiting Kryal Castle, which is a replica medieval castle located near Ballarat. This excursion relates to content within the Australian History Curriculum. Students will leave at 9am and return in time to catch the afternoon bus. They will need to bring a packed lunch, water bottle and face mask. Please see the information letter sent home for more details.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WINTER 2021

WEEK 1

28 JUNE - 2 JULY

CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

Mon 28 June



Build it, stack it, balance it, today is all about the art of construction and engineering. Using all sorts of different materials we're going to test how big and how strong our creations are.

PJ'S AND PANCAKES*

Tues 29 June



Roll out of bed and head over to the holiday program in your PJ's. Then we're cooking and getting creative with custom designed pancakes.

COLOURS OF THE RAINBOW

Wed 30 June



Today is all about colour. From art and craft activities to cooking and games. We explore all the colours of the rainbow.

MOVIES

Thurs 1 July



Lights, camera, action! Sit back and relax watching the latest new release film at the local cinema.

AFL MAX

Fri 2 July



Come and be educated, activated and motivated to become more physically active, eat nutritious foods and develop a healthy mind whilst having fun with their friends.

WEEK 2

5 - 9 JULY

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

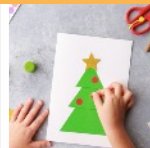
Mon 5 July



Get active on the drums with DTM Education for an interactive percussion activity taking the children through rhythm and melody using drums and percussion.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY*

Tues 6 July



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! We'll be making decorations for the tree, stockings to hang and yummy Christmas goodies to eat.

CIRCUS & PARKOUR

Wed 7 July



Improve strength, agility, balance and coordination as you learn to traverse obstacles in our parkour workshop presented by Castlemaine Circus. Then we're heading to the Botanical Gardens for lunch.

ARTY PARTY

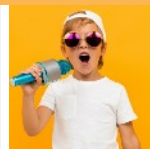
Thurs 8 July



Get creative with messy art projects you can take home. Use recycled and natural materials, clay, paint, paper, photos and more to create your master piece for our art gallery.

PARTY DAY*

Fri 9 July



It's party time! Come along and celebrate the last day of the holidays with heaps of fun games, activities and yummy food!

\$86 per day - Bookings can be made through your My Family Lounge account, *Please advise us of any dietary requirements.

What to bring: Warm hat and coat, drink bottle, lunch, snacks.

CASTLEMAINE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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