

# OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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## *From the Principal's Desk*

Our current Scripture memory, Psalm 23, is a Psalm of comfort. David rightly saw God as a caring shepherd and himself as one of his lambs. Under his care, David was confident he would have everything he needed.



As a lamb needs to be led to food and water when wandering in the arid areas of the middle east, God leads David to rare green grass and calm waters. God's gentle shepherding both restores David's strength and helps him choose the right paths.

God shepherds David, not just because He loves him, but for His own name's sake. Leading David along paths of righteousness is a matter of God's character. David is confident God will never fail to lead him—even when that means bravely leading him through the most threatening places. God will most certainly beat away predators with his rod and point the way with his staff. In God's presence David has no reason to fear.

We too can take heart in that, if we are one of God's sheep, God will take care of us just like He did David.

**FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK**

Wilson ~ Young ~ Arnephy ~ Bourdon

## PRIMARY SWIMMING - TERM 4

Primary students will be swimming during Term 4 for sport. Students have started today and this will run on Thursdays until the end of term. They will need to be wearing sports uniform on a Thursday for Term 4 and bring along their swimming gear.

## SECONDARY SPORT - TERM 4

Next week, Secondary students will be starting some Badminton sessions, which will run over the next 4 weeks. Secondary students will need to wear sports uniform on a Tuesday.

## SUMMER UNIFORMS

From next Monday 21 October, students will need to be in Summer uniform for the remainder of Term 4.

## SECONDARY PGL ACTIVITY DAY

On Tuesday 19 November, Secondary students will be attending a full fun day of activities at PGL Campaspe Downs! This will be an early start and a late finish to fill in lots of fun activities throughout the day! More information will be sent home in coming weeks.

## TERM FOUR 2024 PLANNER

Monday 15 July - Friday 20  
September

29 Oct	2025 Orientation Day 1
4 Nov	NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
5 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
14 Nov	2025 Orientation Day 2
18 Nov	Report Writing Day - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
19 Nov	Secondary Students PGL Activity day
21 Nov	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
21 Nov	Secondary Dinner
5 Dec	Last day of Term 4 Annual Presentation Night 6.30pm



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to all families who sent in completed boxes or donated items to go into the boxes. Olivet was able to complete 24 boxes to be donated to Operation Christmas Child. In the past, boxes have been sent to Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and Philippines along with other sensitive countries. We pray that those who receive boxes will be blessed.



# science

**MRS JENITA FISH**



We are exploring the laws of energy and motion in physics during this term in Science. You may start to notice your child's LEGO stash depleting... But don't worry, it will return!

The Year 7-8 students are building a solar-powered Lego car to explore the efficiency of solar panels in converting the sun's energy into electrical energy.



The Year 9-10 students are building a LEGO car to test the theory of inertia and the reason for safety features in a vehicle, such as a seatbelt.

Who knows, Olivet may produce the next Vehicle safety engineer who can change the world! And it all began with LEGO!



## **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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