

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

I was talking with some of the secondary students at their camp at Queenscliff this morning about the difference between running on wet sand and running up a dry sand dune. They all acknowledged how tiring and how tough it was to run on the dry sand but could see that it would be really good physical training. Our lives are more often than not like that. So if we are asked to spend some time “Running up a sand dune” we can, in some sense, be thankful that it is strengthening us and also that the experience can help us to encourage others.



“.....and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

COLD WEATHER TOMORROW

As it will be exceptionally cold for February tomorrow (Friday), we are giving a special exemption to allow students the option to wear sports uniform (including track pants). If your child is a hotbod who only wears shorts, they should come in their normal summer uniform!

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
Arnephy ~ Bourdon ~ Brown ~ Ferguson

ENCOURAGING...EQUIPPING...EMPOWERING

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF, STUDENTS & FAMILIES

We want to give a warm welcome to our new students and families starting with us this year. Students have had a great start to 2023!

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Megg Kirk as our Secondary Visual Arts & Design Technology Teacher and Miss Julia Brown as the F-3 Class Assistant.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

If you have a new Centrelink pension or health care card, or any of your details have changed, please contact the office to complete an application form as soon as possible.

SPORT DAY

This year, Primary Sport will be Tuesday and Secondary Sport will be on Thursday. So commencing next week (Week 2), Primary Students are to be in sports uniform on Tuesday and Secondary Students in sports uniform on Thursday.

PRIMARY SWIMMING

Primary Students had a great start to their Primary Swimming this week! The program will be held at Castlemaine Fitness Centre and will run on Tuesday's throughout Term 1. Primary students will wear their sport uniform on Tuesdays and will need to bring their bathers, towel, goggles (if needed), spare underwear, a bag to put wet things in and any asthma medication that may be needed.

COMMUNICATIONS ENVELOPES

For those families who are accustomed to the daily plastic communication envelope, we will no longer be communicating with families this way. Generally, email (or on occasion, text message) will be the main form of communication or notes may be attached to a students diary. If you need to contact the school, please contact the office on 5472 3817 or admin@olivet.vic.edu.au

TERM ONE PLANNER

Monday 30 January - Thursday 6 April

Dates to be confirmed for:

- Dedication Night
- Swimming Sports
- Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews
- End of Term Excursions

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| 7 Feb | Primary Swimming |
| 14 Feb | Primary Swimming |
| 21 Feb | Primary Swimming |
| 28 Feb | Primary Swimming |
| 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 |
| 4 Apr | Primary Swimming |
| 8 Apr | Last day of Term 1 |

Bushfire Information for Parents

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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