

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to 2021! It was great to be able to have all the students back in Assembly on our first day back and to take the opportunity to focus on our first scripture memory passage for this year, Proverbs 3:1-10. Proverbs three tells us how to become wise, how to obtain skill in living. It's different from what we find anywhere else. If we look at books and advice for today, often they are about ways to get what we want and changing the world to match what we want. Proverbs is completely different. It's about us changing so that we match the reality we find in the Bible. Our memory passage gives us some practices or habits that we need to make part of our lives so that over time, we will become wise.

The writer of Proverbs is urging us to take God's Word, to remember it, and actually to go further than that, to keep them in our heart. The heart in the Bible means the essential you - your mind, emotions, and will. The writer tells us to take the Scriptures and embed them in our lives, almost like the Scriptures become the operating system of our lives.

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FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW 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 back!

SPORTING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Has once again funded the Primary Swimming Program for Term 1. WE truly appreciate this assistance to allow us to provide the best program to instil strong safety instincts and skills for our students. Students are assessed and move up to higher levels as they are capable. If your child is not confident or has higher skills than their grade average, this is taken into account and they are grouped accordingly.

PRIMARY SWIMMING

We will be commencing Primary swimming again next Tuesday 2nd Feb. The program will run for 8 weeks and will be held at Castlemaine Fitness Centre. A reminder that Primary students will wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays for swimming as well as Thursdays for sports day. Students 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.

YEAR 7-10 SPORT

Secondary students will also be completing a swimming program on Friday afternoons during the sports time. We are currently in the process of booking the pool so more information will be sent home when this is organised.

DEDICATION NIGHT

At the commencement of each year, we meet together to dedicate our school year to the Lord. This year, our Dedication Night will be held on Tuesday 9th February. This is not usually a long night and should be finished before 8.30pm. More details will be sent out soon.

TERM ONE PLANNER *

Wednesday 27th January -

Thursday 1st April

9 th Feb	Dedication Night - All families expected to attend
8 th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
24 th Mar	Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews
29 Mar	End of Term Excursions
1 April	Last day of Term 1

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

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.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

A big Thank You to those parents and students who came along to the working bee or at another time to help tidy up our school before the start of the school year. We got a lot done!

The renovations on “Siberia” are also continuing. The outside cladding should be completed very soon and internally, it will be replastered, insulated and have a new split system air conditioning unit installed. Hopefully it won’t be called “Siberia” for too much longer!

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BUSH FIRE 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 HIRE 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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