

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to a new year at Olivet!

As we start this year, we would all like things to return to some form of normal! However, no matter what we are faced with, it would be good to remember to keep our focus in the right place and thus have a positive outlook. I once read a story about a man who had a pet dog when he was a boy. His father would sometimes test the obedience of the dog by placing a tempting piece of meat on the ground in front of the dog and say “no!” Apparently, the dog never looked at the meat,

only at his master’s face. The application? Always look at the Master’s face. When confronted by things that could easily overwhelm us, we need to look to Jesus and follow His direction. “Seeing” Him and “hearing” Him as He is revealed in the Scriptures will give us the wisdom to know what’s right, and the desire and strength to obey Him.



*“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”
Hebrews 12:2*

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
Arendtsz ~ Brown ~ Harris ~ Hodges

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. Also a warm welcome back to Mrs Cheryl Donaldson as she fills in as our Secondary English & Humanities teacher. Students have had a great start back!

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, both Primary and Secondary Sport will be held on Wednesdays. So commencing next week (Week 2), all students are to be in sports uniform on a Wednesday.

TERM ONE PLANNER *

Wednesday 2 February - Friday 8 April

Dates to be confirmed for:

- Dedication Night
- Swimming Sports
- Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews

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| 8 Feb | Primary Swimming |
| 15 Feb | Primary Swimming |
| 8 Mar | Primary Swimming |
| 14 Mar | Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL |
| 15 Mar | Primary Swimming |
| 22 Mar | Primary Swimming |
| 29 Mar | Primary Swimming |
| 4 Apr | End of Term Excursions |
| 5 Apr | Primary Swimming |
| 8 Apr | Last day of Term 1 |

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



PRIMARY SWIMMING

We will be commencing Primary swimming next Tuesday 8th February. The program will be held at Castlemaine Fitness Centre and will run on Tuesday's throughout Term 1, however will not run on Tuesday 22 Feb or Tuesday 2 March. Primary students will wear their normal summer uniform on Tuesdays for Swimming, followed by their sports uniform on Wednesdays for sport as detailed above. 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.

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 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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