OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 4! We look forward to a productive last term for the year!

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Psalm 1:1

In our Scripture memory passage, David wants us to consider what we are building into our lives. People don't dream about living a life of failure. A life of ruin doesn't happen overnight, nor



does success. We need to allow our lives to be shaped into what we should become. This is important! In many ways our hearts are designed to be led. What we desire and who we allow to shape and influence our lives will have enormous bearing on what we will become.

David is saying, if you want to be blessed, consider what is shaping your life. David says a blessed man does not #1 Walk in the counsel of the wicked, #2 Stand in the path of sinners, or #3 Sit in the seat of scoffers (mockers).

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
Thomas ~ Tuck ~ Watson ~ Weatherall

ENCOURAGING...EQUIPPING...EMPOWERING

SUMMER UNIFORM

At the start of Term 4, there will be a 2 week crossover period where students can wear either full winter uniform or full summer uniform (not a mixture of both). Summer uniforms are in stock at the office and now would be a great time to check if your child/ren need any summer uniform items.

SPORTS UNIFORM - TERM 4

In Term 4, sports day will be changing for both Primary and Secondary students. Swimming will commence for <u>Primary Students</u> in Week 1 of Term 4 on Thursday 5 October at Castlemaine Fitness Centre and will run on Thursday's throughout Term 4. Primary students will need to wear sports uniform on a Thursday and bring along their swimming gear.

TERM FOUR PLANNER Monday 2 October - Thursday 7 December

24 Oct	Orientation Day
24 Oct	Secondary First Aid
	Session
6 Nov	NO SCHOOL

7 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL 9 Nov Orientation Day

23 Nov Grade 6 Graduation
Dinner

23 Nov Secondary Dinner
7 Dec Last Day of Term 4 Presentation Night
commencing at

6.30pm

<u>Secondary Students</u> will be completing some sessions of croquet, followed by a First Aid session before moving onto swimming in the later half of the term. The will need to wear sports uniform on a Tuesday for Term 4.

GRADE 5/6 CANBERRA

A big Thank You to Gordon & Cheryl Donaldson for supporting and going on the Grade 5/6 Canberra trip last term. From assisting with the bus driving to helping out wherever needed along the way, it was all very much appreciated!



Now that students have returned home and families have been filled in on all the great places that the students visited in

Canberra, we also want to thank the Australian Government for recognising the importance of all young people being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australia Government contributed funding of \$45 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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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 FDR 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.

- 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.



MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds.

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Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FLINI

REGISTER NOW AT Mygolf.org.au Term 4 Junior Golf Program
Castlemaine Golf Club
Commencing Monday 23/10/2023
4pm-4:45pm
\$25 per term
No experience or equpitment required.
5-14 year olds welcome

More information Ross Bottomley - 0419 091 154





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