OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

A group of famous people were once asked what they would wish for if they could have that wish granted immediately. Amongst all the responses was one that stood out. One respondent said, "I wish that I could be given an even greater ability to appreciate all that I already have." What do you think would happen



if each one of us suddenly became a more thankful person? If all of us suddenly became a more appreciative people? No one likes to be taken for granted—or to see someone that they love taking things for granted. All of us like to be appreciated, to be thanked, and all of us, I believe, like to see those we love live thankful lives, appreciative lives. I think that if we followed the Bible's advice, giving thanks in all situations (Thessalonians 5:18), as well as giving thanks to the Lord as we read in the Psalms, then we would be much better placed to be more appreciative of those with whom we rub shoulders with - in a Covid safe way of course!

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK O'Reilly ~ Parker ~ Port ~ Roberts

SPORT

Lots of fun is being had with tennis by everyone! They are coming along and learning/practising lots of new skills.

Secondary students will be doing tennis tomorrow afternoon at the Castlemaine courts. Please bring along a racquet if you have your own that you would prefer to use.

AFTERNOON PICK-UP

Parents are reminded that the school must be advised if your child's normal after school pick-up/bus travel has changed for the day. This is for children's safety.

DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder to parents that students must bring their own drink bottles to school as the bubble taps are currently unavailable due to Covid-19 restrictions. The drink bottles can be refilled as necessary.

STUDENT ABSENCE

A reminder to parents that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to let their class teacher and/or the office know that they will be away, prior to school starting for the day. If we have not heard from you, we will be in contact with you. This is for children's safety.

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

TERM FOUR PLANNER *

<u>Tuesday 6th October - Thursday</u> <u>10th December</u>

10 Nov	Orientation Morning
19 Nov	Orientation Morning
24 Nov	Grade 6 Graduation
	(subject to Covid
	restrictions)
24 Nov	Secondary Formal
	(subject to Covid
	restrictions)

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

SCHOOL

Report Writing Day - NO

ORIENTATION DAYS

25 Nov

Orientation Days for 2021 will be held Tuesday 10th November (8.45am - 12.15pm) and Thursday 19th November (8.45am - 12.45pm), following Covid restrictions. These orientation days are a great opportunity for students commencing at Olivet in 2021 to meet some future classmates and teachers. For more information, or if you plan to attend any of the orientation days, please contact the school on 5472 3817 or admin@olivet.vic.edu.au

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PUPPIES!

We seem to have an animal theme happening at school at the moment! Thank you to Mrs Kirrily for bringing in some cute puppies to school today for students to have a cuddle with!













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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.
- 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 as soon as possible.

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