

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal's Desk

We kicked off last week with our first Scripture memory from Psalm 34:1-8. Psalm 34 is full of wisdom and it is referred to several times in the New Testament. It is one of the Psalms of David, it focuses on dedicating someone's life to God, and leaning on Him even during hard times. It was written as David was coming out of a difficult situation and having to face pain later in his life. It is written to impart the importance of magnifying God in all things.

The first verse declares, "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth". Blessing God all the time can seem like an impossibility. Life is hard. With help from the Holy Spirit, we can grow closer to the Lord and be better able to see how He is working in all circumstances, and make praising Him part of life.



FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
Harris ~ Hodges ~ Keane ~ Kelly

ENCOURAGING...EQUIPPING...EMPOWERING

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.

SECONDARY UPDATE

The secondary students have had a great start to the year! We welcomed five new students last week and spent last Wednesday-Friday on camp at the beach in Queenscliff. We started studying new novels in English: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and Animal Farm. In Food Tech this week, we made scones in various flavours: vegemite and cheese, classic scones and pumpkin scones. We are looking forward to Design Tech and Art this week with our new teacher, Mrs Kirk.

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.

SECONDARY SWIMMING

Secondary Students will be completing their first Swimming Session at Newstead Swimming Pool on Thursday 16 Feb & a second session at Chewton Swimming Pool on Thursday 23 Feb. Students will need to bring along their bathers, towel, goggles (if needed), spare underwear, a bag to put wet things in and any asthma medication that may be needed.

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TERM ONE PLANNER

Monday 30 January - Thursday 6 April

Dates to be confirmed for:

- Dedication Night
- Primary End of Term Excursion

9 Feb	Essendon Football Club visit
14 Feb	Primary Swimming
16 Feb	Secondary Swimming
21 Feb	Primary Swimming
23 Feb	Secondary Swimming
28 Feb	Primary Swimming
3 Mar	Swimming Sports - Chewton Swimming Pool
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
29 Mar	Compulsory Parent Teacher Interviews
4 Apr	Primary Swimming
5 Apr	Secondary End of Term Excursion
8 Apr	Last day of Term 1

Secondary Camp

Cast week, Secondary Students had a great time away on their first camp for 2023 to Queenscliff! Lots of fun was had by everyone with different activities, including surfing & boogie boarding, and even the cooler weather didn't stop them from enjoying walks to look-outs and treats at the ice-cream shop! Thank you to Miss Cawrence, Mr & Mrs Donaldson and Mr Snicholas for their time on the camp as well as Aaron from YMCA. We are thankful for funding for this camp from the Victorian Government's Positive Start Program.



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

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