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Presentation Afternoon;

*Scripture Recital (Genesis) Gr 1 and 2;
Auslan Sign Language Grades 3 - 6*

COLD DAYS WARM HEARTS

We certainly know that winter is with us! It is not easy to manage these cold days with the occasional frosty morning, and expecting heaters to warm up rooms quickly. Nevertheless, we have gone past the Winter Solstice (21 June) and so the daylight hours are increasing gradually. It was good to have a dry day on Monday for Primary sport.

Welcome back to Term 3 for all students and families and staff. We are looking forward to some excellent work this term as students commit themselves to high levels of achievement and diligent efforts.

It can be difficult for the students to look at the bigger picture sometimes, to see the results of their hard work and dedication at school extending into the rest of their lives. School is definitely an excellent training ground for preparing students with academic skills and spiritual and character foundations that will equip them for life.

Proverbs 13: 1 - 6 sets the scene for students to seek the path that leads to life that God has designed for us to walk in.

It is so important to recognize that as we as staff and parents pray for our children, we are calling on the God of the Universe to equip our children for His call on each, to enable them to serve God with all He has given to us. It is a powerful thing to give ourselves totally to God to be used in the world for His Kingdom.

DATES FOR CONVENTION PHOTOGRAPHY AND ARTWORK

This term will see much preparation for Victorian Student Convention in Week 2 of Term 4. Students in Years 8 - 10 are expected to prepare at least 15 events each for the week of Performing and Creative Arts. Students in Year 7 will have a minimum of 13 events.

All students are expected to have at least one Platform/Drama event and 5 Athletic (sport) events unless they have reviewed this with Mrs Chapman.

Students who show diligence and commitment to completing their preparation conscientiously will certainly gain much from the experience of Convention.

An example of a student's possible events list may include 5 Athletics, 3 Technology/Photography, 1 Platform/Public Speaking, 3 Music, 2 Academic and 1 Art/Craft.

Students who choose not to rise to the challenge and who do not adequately prepare diligently for their items will not usually be taken for the week to Convention.

In anticipation of having a larger group of students attending Convention in October this year, there will be earlier deadlines for the preparation of photos and art work.

All photos and Year 7/8 Studio Art work will need to be handed to Mrs Donaldson by the end of Week 5 (Friday 15 August).

Photos must NOT be framed but require a mount which students may obtain or alternatively Olivet can arrange this for you at a charge of \$8 each.

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Artwork may be framed. Prints are mounted which students may arrange themselves or this also can be arranged through the College at a cost to the family.

The deadline for craft work will be Monday September 15th to give students more time to complete their work.

We are again looking forward to seeing the high standard of work that our students complete and it is anticipated that our art, craft and photography will be entered into the Castlemaine Show in November.

SECONDARY SPORT for the next 4 weeks starting tomorrow will be Table Tennis at the Indoor Pavilion just adjacent to the Camp Reserve. Students are reminded to bring their correct sports uniform.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the McARDLE McCOY McKAY and McKENZIE Families.

Welcome to the Smith Family, and to Ben who began in Grade 3 at Olivet this week. We pray that your involvement with Olivet will be a blessing and will provide a strong foundation in both academics and spiritual and character growth.

STUDENT REPORTS FOR FIRST SEMESTER

School reports go home as soon as the data is transferred to the new set-up of SchoolPro. In the last two terms, teachers have been assessing student achievement against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards for English, History, Mathematics and Science up to Year 10.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has specific guidelines and indicators that teachers are expected to use in relation to the allocation of the A to E grades in reference to the Achievement Standards.

Teachers use the guidelines, the Achievement Standard and a collection of evidence to make a judgment as to how well a student is achieving. This judgment is recorded as a grade. Teachers also make a judgment as to the effort, behaviour and organization a student is showing in relation to their overall learning.

When reports come home, if you have any questions please contact the College to arrange a time to discuss these with your child's teacher/teachers; particularly if the grade is lower than expected and/or the effort is poor.

YEAR 7/8 SCIENCE TRIP TO THE ZOO

Next Wednesday, 23 July, Year 7 and 8 students will be travelling to the Melbourne Zoo as part of their Science curriculum requirements.

A separate notice will be sent home with students together with a permission form to be returned to school.