Secondary Search and Rescue Camp last week—Canoeing and Raft-building; Fishing off the jetty on the lake; Campfire and the surrounding Mt Buangor.

LOOKING FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO BLESS

In every situation, whether it be a difficult spot we find ourselves in, or we are being put down, teased or hurt in any way, it is tempting to get the better of the other person and to try to get back at them. However, it is when we “love our enemies”, when we pray for them and look for ways to bless them, we find abundant joy and life in its fullness. Proverbs tells us in Ch15 verse 1 that a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. When we show unconditional love towards another who is against us, it softens them.

Galatians 6:10 says “So then, while we (as individual believers) have the opportunity, let us do good to all people (not only being helpful, but also doing that which promotes their spiritual well-being) and especially (be a blessing)...”

Does this mean the other person is no longer accountable for their actions or for how they treat you? No. The Bible says “Each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another.”

Romans 14:12-13. Hand the situation over to God—and refuse to take it back. “Vengeance is mine”, says the Lord, “I will repay. No, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:19—21

Phil Chapman
PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the SALTER/JONES SMITH and for both of the SANDEMAN families.

NAPLAN RESULTS HAVE ARRIVED!
Parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are invited to meet with class teachers to discuss the result of Naplan testing and to receive the report that has been prepared by VCAA.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Liz Jenkins gave a presentation of how exciting it is for children across the globe to receive a shoe box full of presents for Christmas each year. We have an opportunity to make a difference in children’s lives as we prepare shoe boxes for a particular girl or boy over the next month. We are aiming at 50 shoe boxes to be completed by us collectively at Olivet by the end of September.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY TOMORROW
Students and staff are invited to wear scarves, jumpers, etc over the top of their winter school uniforms tomorrow as the Home and Away season winds up and finals loom.

UPCOMING EVENTS
WEEK 7: Friday 26 Aug Footy Colours Day
WEEK 8:
Mon 29 Aug—Fri 2 Sept Work Experience Placements for Year 10 students.
Fri 2 Sept Fathers’ Day Stall
Buda Vegie Challenge Harvest Dinner at Campbells Creek (Annabella Hodges and Mary Bignoux will be helping to prepare the meal along with students from other schools)

WEEK 9:
Tues 6 Sept Year 5/6 Land Care Day
Year 9/10 Presentation of Partner A Class Projects to CBA Bendigo
Years Prep—2 Excursion to Bendigo to see “The Gumnut Babies”

WEEK 10:
Mon 12 Sept HR Day and End of Term Trips
Mon 12—Tues 13 Sept Year 3 & 4 class overnight trip to Echuca.
Wed 14 Sept Mukti Mission Day (India) with visiting speaker and International Lunch.
Thurs 15 Sept All day Parent/Teacher Interviews (secondary students to attend with parents please)
Fri 16 Sept Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4
Mon 3 Oct - Thurs 8 Dec (10 weeks)
Thurs 8 Dec Presentation Morning 11am (for Term 4 Awards)
Presentation Night 6.30pm for all year awards
South Pacific Student Convention for secondary students will run from Saturday 10 - Friday 16 December.
Parents please note that the first of 2 installments of $100 is due on Wednesday 31 August

THIS WEEK’S PUZZLE
What was the name of the Australian Olympian who won the Women’s Pentathlon Gold Medal recently in Rio?

LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE
1. Garuda is the national airline of which country? Indonesia
2. What type of sporting event is the Targa Tasmania? Rally Driving
3. Who was the master’s mate on the HMS Bounty in 1789? Fletcher Christian
4. In Science, what is an EMP? Electromagnetic Pulse
5. In the Bible, who was the wife of King Ahab? Jezebel
6. What type of acid is Vitamin C? Ascorbic Acid
7. How many states of the U.S.A. have a coastline on the Pacific Ocean? Five—Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington

TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION
Olivet will be entering an 11/Under Netball Team in the Golden City Twilight Competition. The competition will be played at the Golden City Netball Courts in West Bendigo. Commencing Wednesday 14th September and concluding no later than Wednesday 14th December, game times will be from 4:00pm onwards (we will request the second timeslot as preference). Participants must be in Grade 3 or higher, and must be aged 11 or under as at 31st December 2016. All participants will need to have a current VNA membership ($49.00) and there will be a team fee of approximately $10 per person for the season. If interested, please contact Kirrily McKay on 0421 353 710 or kirrilymckay@gmail.com no later than tomorrow Friday 26th August 2016.

PRAYER AND PRAISE
“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, and love and a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7
Praise for the warmer days and sunny breaks
Thanks for the good rains this winter
Praise for continued safety of the buses
Pray for the Year 10s as they embark on a week of Work Experience next week
Pray for continued recovery for those suffering coughs and colds.
Continue to pray for our students as they put in their best efforts in their studies and complete their work for the term.

PREP—YR 2 EXCURSION TO BENDIGO
Coming up quickly is our trip to Bendigo’s Ulumbarra Theatre for the stageplay “The Gumnut Babies”. We will travel up to Bendigo on Thursday 6 September for the 12noon show. Students will wear sports uniform for the full day please.