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# The Olivet News

**Puppets and Christmas Lights;  
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner on Monday evening.**

## LAST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Next Thursday evening is the climax of the school year as we celebrate the students' achievements during 2015. Scripture Awards, Medallions, Colin Punton Memorial Award, Primary Musical presentation, and several items from the students will all be part of the program. It is an opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the year that is past, then to celebrate Christmas and the coming of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Students and staff are anticipating an enjoyable break from studies, before setting out on a new year of growth and development.

We want to recognize the place of God in our lives, without whom we would not have direction and purpose to the same degree. It is God who sustains us, who fills us with His character and Spirit, to be all that He intends for us to be.

Speaking to the students, may this Christmas-New Year break be a time where we invite Jesus as Lord to continue to mould us, to shape us and to prepare us for a life-time of service for Him, to be ready and willing to be called to whatever task He has for us to do.

As Matthew 6:33 reminds us "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Phil Chapman

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the  
TURVEY WILSON BIGNOUX and  
BODNO families.

## FAREWELL TO MRS DONALDSON

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Mrs D as she moves into retirement after next week. Cheryl has been a valued member of the College for the major part of the past 33 years, being involved in Administration, active member of the Board, including a term as Chair, Assistant Principal and Teacher extraordinaire for the past 20 years.

I know I speak on behalf of all who know Mrs Donaldson when I say how much we will miss her around the College, with her continual ministry here at Olivet through Christian Education, to both staff and students - her dry humour, quick mind, her busyness, tidiness, puppetry skills, and her concern and love and care for the students, just to name a few.

We pray that God will bless you richly Cheryl, and Gordon as you embark on this new phase of your lives.

Thank you for all you have given the College over the many years you have served in ministry here.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday 7 Dec** is the day for Honour Roll trips, as outlined over the page. Secondary students are expected to be here on Monday to complete work if there are work requirements which have not been completed.

**Tuesday 8 Dec** is a student-free day for staff to complete and collate reports and magazines for distribution to families next Thursday.

**Wednesday 9 Dec** is our last day here at Olivet for the school year. Students will be busy with final classes, clean-up of desks and classrooms. In the afternoon students from all classes except



for Studio Art (Yr 9/10) will be travelling to the Castlemaine Church of Christ for musical rehearsals in preparation for Presentation Day.

**Thursday 10 Dec will be Presentation Day.**

**All students** will be expected to be at the Church of Christ by 9am sharp to rehearse both morning and evening presentation programs.

**11.00am will be our Morning Presentation of Term 4 awards and certificates.** All families and friends are invited to attend and support the students as they receive recognition of their achievements for the term.

Reports and Magazines will be distributed to families for you to enjoy reading at your leisure during the afternoon.

**Staff and Executive will then join for lunch at Saffs at 12.30pm.**

All students are expected to return to the Church of Christ by 6.30pm for a 6.45pm start.

**6.45pm Presentation Night**

**Parents, family members, past students and friends of the College are invited to attend the climax of the school year.**

**Friday 11 Dec** Students are not required at school.

Staff will clean the church and finish up at Olivet for the break. If parents wish to see Mary-Anne about uniforms etc, it may be best to see her by Wed 9 Dec. Thank you.

**THANK YOU TO ALL FOR THE YEAR**

A big thank you from the Staff and Executive for all who assist the College to run day-to-day.

To the cleaners, Elle, Maria and Scott who do a wonderful job keeping the rooms and toilets clean.

To the caring bus drivers, Brad, Peter and Chris, for keeping the students safe to and from the College. We certainly appreciate God's provision in this regard and don't take this safety for granted in any way.

To the class assistants and volunteer helpers, thank you - we certainly appreciate the extra things and nurture you bring to the students.

To the members of the Executive, thank you for making the hard decisions that no one wants to make. It is your decisions that provide the College with the desired path of offering Christian Education within a safe, caring Christian environment.

My personal thanks to Steve Nicholas as Assistant Principal and to the whole staff for the united team work and fellowship we have enjoyed over this year. I trust you can enjoy some refreshing time during your break from work.

**ICE CREAM SALE**

This Friday is the last ice cream sale day for the year....all ice Creams will be \$1! Thank you to all families for your support of our ice cream stalls this year.

Our Primary Auslan classes tomorrow will be deciding how our funds raised (approximately \$150) will be spent to help deaf students in third world countries through Deaf Action. Our funds may help provide schools with uniforms, stationery, furniture, animal feed, sports equipment or tools.

Deaf Action is an Australian organization assisting deaf communities in Kenya, Uganda, Myanmar and the Phillipines. It helps provide education and life skills for young people who are deaf to overcome their disability and to live productive lives. DA aims to help break the cycle of poverty and disability by providing education, skills training and job opportunities in self sustainable projects within these communities. Not only are we helping the children but also helping deaf adults as many of the teachers and school employees are also deaf.

**CASTLEMAINE SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION**

The Old Castlemaine Schoolboys Association visited Olivet Assembly on Monday of last week and presented new books for our College library.

We are indebted to the Association who every year donate \$100 to every Primary school in the region to purchase new books. Thank you!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Monday 7 Dec Honour Roll Day and Secondary Formal Dinner from 6.30pm - 9pm.**

**Students who have not completed their Term 4 work requirements are to attend school for the day.**

**Thursday 10 Dec 11am Presentation Morning for Term 4 Awards and Certificates**

**6.45pm Presentation Night for the awards for 2015.**

**2016 Thurs 28 Jan All Staff return**

**Fri 29 Jan Staff preparation day**

**Mon 1 Feb First day Term 1 for all students**

**Wed 10 - Fri 12 Feb Round The Bay Trip for Year 7 and 8 students**

**Thurs 24 March Last day Term 1**

**Fri 25 March Good Friday**

**HONOUR ROLL TRIPS**

**YEARS P - 2 and 3 - 4 CLASSES**

On Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, we are travelling to Melbourne by train to visit the Sea Life Aquarium. Bendigo students are to meet Mrs. Morcos and Mr. Treloar at the Bendigo railway station at 7:30 am.

Castlemaine and Maryborough students are to meet Mr. Nicholas and Mrs. Kuhle at the Castlemaine railway station at 7:50am.

Students are to wear their sports uniform and comfortable shoes, as we will be walking from Southern Cross station to the aquarium. Students will need to bring snacks, lunch and water in their school bag.

On our return, Castlemaine and Maryborough students will arrive back at the Castlemaine railway station at 3:32pm and Bendigo students will arrive back at the Bendigo railway station at 4pm.

The cost of the excursion is \$10:00 per student.

**Those students arriving back at Castlemaine Station at 3.32pm who normally travel on the Maryborough bus will be collected from the station, so all students on the Maryborough bus Monday afternoon will be returning to their destination a little later than usual (maybe 10-15 mins later than normal).**

#### **YEAR 5 and 6 CLASS**

The end of year Honour Roll trip for years 5/6 will be held on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. We will be travelling by school bus to Maldon to visit the Blue Light Youth Camp for a day of fun activities. Students will wear their sports uniform for the day.

These activities will include Bubble Soccer, Archery and Bike Riding. **Could students please bring their bike helmet with them.** Normal school hours will apply and students are asked to bring along plenty to drink, snacks and a picnic lunch.

As the day may be warmer they will also need to bring along some sunscreen and a hat.

The cost for this activity will be \$6 per student and must be sent to school by tomorrow. We are looking forward to a jam packed day full of fun and great activities together.

#### **SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL**

The Secondary Honour Roll is a Formal Dinner at the New China Restaurant, 319 Barker Street, Castlemaine.

The evening commences at 6.30pm and concludes at 9.00pm. The cost is \$20 per student for a banquet dinner. The College will subsidize the balance. Thank you. Mrs Donaldson

**Students who have not completed their Term 4 work requirements will attend school for the day prior to attending the Secondary Formal Dinner.**

#### **PIANO LESSONS TERM 1 2016**

If you are interested in taking one-on-one piano lessons next year, I still have a few vacancies so please give me a call on 0427 805 374. I will be happy to answer any of your questions. Tuition fees will remain at \$26 for a half-hour lesson each week of the school term.

Dorothy Siggs

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

- Thank you God for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's only Son, and our Saviour, born to be King of our lives.

- Pray for God's continued provision and safety for all families as they move into the holiday period.

#### **SECONDARY SPORT TOMORROW**

Students will be having a session of tennis tomorrow afternoon at the Castlemaine Lawn tennis courts. If students have racquets at home could they please bring them. Please ensure students have their sports uniform and runners for their last session for the school year.

#### **WEEKLY PUZZLE**

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

1. Which Australian town's nickname is Silver City? Broken Hill
2. To which family of birds does the peacock belong? Pheasant
3. Justin Trudeau was elected Prime Minister of which country in October? Canada
4. In police jargon, what does MVA stand for? Motor Vehicle Accident
5. To the nearest kilometre, how long is the Mount Panorama racing track? 6 km