

OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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From the Principals Desk



Welcome back to Olivet for another year. I would especially like to welcome the new families that are starting this year. I would like to encourage all of us to make it a priority to pray for some specific people this school year:

1. Pray for your child/children. Pray for their safety as they are at school and travelling to/from school.

Pray for their minds to be able to learn well and that they will understand and accept what God has done for them. Pray for them to stand up boldly against peer pressure.

2. Pray for your child's friends and classmates. Pray for good friendships to develop and that your child will be a positive influence in the lives of his/her classmates. Pray for the students to be able to get along with one another.

3. Pray for your child's teacher. Teachers have an important role that we sometimes take for granted. Pray for them by name and remember to lift up him/her as well as their family in your prayers. Pray that the teachers in your child's life will realise they are appreciated (and do what you can to show them your appreciation). Pray that they will truly care for their students and that the students will know they matter. Pray that they will have wisdom and positive attitudes as they deal with so many issues on a daily basis.

4. Pray for the other school staff, including the executive board, office staff, bus drivers and the volunteer helpers. So many people come in contact with your child and each of these play an important role in helping the school run smoothly. Pray for blessings for these people and that they will know how valuable they are to the school.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES & STUDENTS

We welcome all our new families and students to our school today! The Foundation students have had a great first day of school!



SPORTING SCHOOL PROGRAM

Has once again funded the Primary Swimming Program for Term 1. We truly appreciate this assistance to allow us to provide the best program to instil strong safety instincts and skills for our students. Students are assessed and move up to higher levels as they are capable. If your child is not confident or has higher skills than their grade average, this is taken into account and they are grouped accordingly.

TERM ONE PLANNER

Thursday 30th January - Friday 27th March

- Late Feb Dedication Night - Shared tea, all families expected to attend
- 9 March Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 18 March Compulsory Parent Interviews
- 23-24 March End of Term Excursions
- 27 March End of Term Presentation at 1.15pm

Awaiting DATE confirmation:
Swimming Sports
Years 3-6 Cross Country

**Term 2 Commences on Tuesday
14th April**

PRIMARY SWIMMING

We will be commencing swimming again **next Tuesday 4th Feb**. The program will run for 7 weeks. This gives the students a great opportunity to advance the skills they learnt in Term 4 and will be held at Castlemaine Fitness Centre. Primary students should wear their school uniform on Tuesday to change for swimming and wear sports uniform on Wednesdays. Students will need to bring their bathers, towel, goggles (if needed), spare underwear and a bag to put wet things in.

YEAR 7-10 SPORT

Secondary students will also be completing a swimming program at the Newstead swimming pool on Friday's, with the program running for the next 4 weeks. Please bring your swimming gear tomorrow - we are still awaiting confirmation from the pool that we can

CORONAVIRUS

In accordance with national public health guidelines and current information about novel coronavirus from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer the department is now advising all people who have visited Hubei province in mainland China to stay at home and avoid public settings, including early learning centres, schools and universities, until 14 days after leaving Hubei.

The Department of Health is regularly updating the guidelines.

If you think a child, student or staff member may have the coronavirus please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

For more information visit:

[Smartraveller website](#)

[The World Health Organization page on the Novel Coronavirus outbreak](#)

SECONDARY IMMUNISATIONS

Immunisation forms will be sent home this week for Secondary Students. These forms must be returned to the office, regardless of whether the student is being immunised or not. Immunisations will be in Term 2.

DEDICATION NIGHT

At the commencement of each year, we meet together to share a meal and dedicate the school. This is not usually a long night and should be finished before 8.30pm. More details will be sent out soon.

FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR THIS WEEK
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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.
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 HIRE 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 asap.