

# OLIVET CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

Welcome to Term One at Olivet. I would like to especially welcome the new students as well as our new teachers, Mrs Nicki Laursen, Mrs Paula Bish and Mrs Amanda Bourdon. We look forward to a great year of learning and growing together.

Starting a school year, we can sometimes feel a little nervous. We ask ourselves if we can cope with what is ahead of us. The end of the school seems so far away. Even the first term can seem like a long time, but we all need to take heart because God goes with us all, students, parents and teachers.

Moses spoke to encourage Joshua. He told him to “Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go with this people unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.” (Deut 31:7-8).

Do we really understand that we’re never really alone? Because anywhere we go, He even goes before us (Deut 31:8). We should take a lot of comfort in this truth.

I said to the students on Tuesday morning that we often see in the Bible that God wants us not to worry about the future and that we should focus on one day at a time.



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

We are delighted to welcome new families to the College

Jonathan & Kelly Zoe & Ava Boer, Julia & Indigo Fuller Morgan, Chrissie & Daisy Freedom, Dale & Emma, Zoe, Micah, Shem, Leah, and Abigail Hamilton, Ray & Leann, Nancy, Annabella, Stephen, Veronica Shaw.

We pray this will be a very productive and positive time for us all.



**THANK YOU** to all the families who were involved in the Working Bees held in the weeks before the term took off. A lot was achieved and we really appreciate your support in this area of ministry. There was some great assistance from some of the students as well.



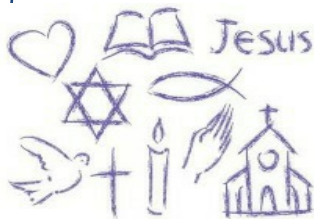
### CONGRATULATIONS

Maddison Amy, recipient of our Colin Punton Award in 2017, for continuing her academic excellence and receiving two Academic English Awards and one Maths Award for Yr 11 2018 at Bendigo Senior Secondary.

### Families to pray for this week

Arendtsz / Pezzimenti  
Bignoux  
Boer  
Branson

**EARLY YEARS** The class has made a very good start to the 2019 school year. Grade 1 students are delighted to be big grade 2's. Home reading has already been launched and we are extremely grateful to Mrs McKay for preparing the reader covers. The older ELC students have started some of their text books with more coming next week. Our many specialist teachers are Mr Round (Auslan), Mr Nicholas (Health), Mrs Laursen (Digitech), Mr Wilson (Art), Mr SNicholas (HASS), Mrs Bourdon (Foundation/1 plus teach F-2 while I do PE across the school) and Miss Mitchell (Music).



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**UNIFORMS** Sports shorts have arrived if you were waiting for the new supply to arrive. Jumpers are still coming. Thank you for making sure your children are in the correct uniform and kept neat and tidy.



**SCHOOL HATS** Term 1 and Term 4 require Students to wear hats as part of the SUNSMART Policy. IF your child took a hat home at the end of 2018 please send it back with them asap. If a new hat is needed it will be charged to your account.

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**DEDICATION NIGHT** At the commencement of each year, we meet together and dedicate the school. This year it will be a sit-down meal. More details will be sent out soon but in the meantime please set aside Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm. This is usually not a long night and should be finished before 8.30pm. We have just completed 40 years here at Olivet and we will celebrate with a sit-down meal.



**SIGNATURE PAVERS** There is still an opportunity to purchase signed pavers to be installed near the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area. Contact the office 5472 3817 or [admin@olivet.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@olivet.vic.edu.au) The cost is \$20 single paver, \$40 double paver, or \$25 for a hand drawn paver.

**Year 7 - 10 Sport** With the cooler weather we will try to emulate some of the Big Bash performances with cricket at the Campbells Creek oval. Next week we begin a unit on swimming and water sports that will take us up to the College's swimming carnival to be held in early March. The goal of Friday Sport is to give all students the knowledge, skills and confidence in a range of sports that will extend their abilities, provide opportunities now and establish competencies for the future.

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## BUSHFIRE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The school has developed a policy 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. 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 if 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 please let Mary-Anne know now.

## SPORTING SCHOOLS

**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. The program will be at the indoor pool for the whole of Term 1. 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.

**PRIMARY SWIMMING** The swimming program begins next Tuesday at the indoor pool for the primaries. Students will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along bathers, a towel, plastic bag for wet things, goggles if needed (there are spares at the pool) and an extra big lunch or snacks.

Pool times are as follows:

P-2	1:00 - 1:30
3-4	1:30 - 2:00
5-6	2.00 - 2.30



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## TERM ONE PLANNER

Tuesday 29th January - Friday 22nd March

February 5	Primary Swimming
February 8	Secondary Swimming
February 12	Primary Swimming
February 15	Secondary Swimming
February 19	Primary Swimming
February 22	Secondary Swimming
February 26	Dedication Night
March 1	Swimming Sports Whole School
March 5	Primary Swimming
March 11	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
March 13	Primary Swimming
March 20	Primary Swimming
March 26	Primary Swimming
March 27	Compulsory Parent Interviews
April 1	End of Term Excursions
April 2	Last Primary Swimming
April 5	Term Presentations 1.15

## Awaiting DATE Confirmations

March Secondary Immunisations  
Years 3-6 Cross Country

**TERM 2 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY  
23RD APRIL**

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