



Secondary Students at Clip and Climb

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The Olivet News

As we approach our end of term break, I'm reminded of the importance of spending quality time together as a family. Does this sound like your home.....It's 8pm and Mum is sitting on the couch, with her iPad, Dad is on his phone checking out a newly downloaded app/game. One of the children is in his bedroom texting with friends from school and the others are watching TV on their own.

If this sounds like your place, then you are among a growing statistic. Many families find it hard to stay connected with each other in this tech world we now live in. Is it the tech or time management that is the enemy?

How can we stay connected as a family living in our current age? Proverbs 22:6 says, Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. In today's culture, we really need to specifically plan to spend time together as a family. Some ideas to consider include, to bring back the family dinner where not only do we sit down to eat together without outside distractions, but we could even plan to involve everyone in the planning and preparation. What about a family game night? Make it a TV/Device free time. When our children were younger, in the warmer weather, Friday evening was a time we explored the many logging tracks and mountain roads around our home in the upper Yarra Valley. They still remember and talk about it today.

It may seem obvious, but worshipping together is really important in a Christian family's life. Faith makes an enormous difference, and for Christians it is

our foundation. Worshipping and learning God's Word together is such a fundamentally important family activity!

Studies show that a characteristic of strong families is that they spend time together. Quality, fun times spent with parents is so important to children's growth and development. Children will definitely appreciate the memories of these family activities! The great news is that the initial result of just spending a little more time in family centered activities will greatly strengthen your family bond. The end of term break is a great time to initiate some new, or bring back some of these ideas. Praying that you will have a fantastic time together as families over the next couple of weeks.

Steven Nicholas.

PLEASE PRAY This week for these families: Amy, Arendtsz, Bignoux and Woodley-Bodno families.

MEDIEVAL BANQUET

Next Monday. June 25, the secondary students will be participating in a medieval banquet and activities. This is part of Year 8 History, but all secondary students will be involved.

Students are encouraged to dress up— this can be as simple as having a small blanket or sheet draped around the shoulders to resemble a cloak, or anything else appropriate that the students may be able to wear.



MOBILE PHONE USE ON SCHOOL BUS

Just A Reminder.....

Use of mobile phone for communication whilst on the school bus is to be discouraged. It is understood that students may need a phone for security purposes but this does not extend to making and receiving social calls when travelling on the Olivet buses.

END OF TERM EXCURSIONS

Secondary

The Secondary students had a great time at Clip and Climb in Richmond (go Tigers!) yesterday. Today most of the student's have sore arm and leg muscles from all the climbing exercise yesterday.

Year 1-4

On Tuesday June 26, Year 1-4 will head off to Jets Gym in Golden Square to be challenged with some physical tasks and skills that we can't get in the normal day, then return back to Olivet for lunch and special activities in the afternoon. The cost will be \$5 per student. Parents dropping their children directly to Jets Gym (41 Hattam St, Golden Square) are asked to be at the Gym at 9:50 am. Please let the school know, before Tuesday, if you are dropping your children at the gym. Don't forget snacks and lunch.

Year 5-6

The end of term trip for years 5/6 will be held on Tuesday the 26th of June. We will be heading to Confectionary Capers in Junortoun for a morning's activities involving the English language, trains, gadgets and puzzles. We will then head to the Strathdale Lions Park for a picnic lunch. The cost for the day will be \$3. Students will be allowed, if parents so desire, to bring a maximum of \$5 to spend at the small confectionary shop at Confectionary Capers. Students will wear their sports uniform on the day and must

bring a warm coat. They will need to bring lunch, snacks and a drink on the day. Parents from Bendigo may choose to drop off their child/children at Confectionary Capers at 10:20 am and pick them up at the end of the day from the Lions Park in Crook St, Strathdale at 1:45 pm. If you plan to do this, please contact the school prior to the excursion.

SECONDARY SPORT

This week, weather permitting, we will be continuing our series with the local AFL football - more specifically AFL 9's. Jake Thrum from AFLCV is visiting again and will continue to run our block through June, teaching the skills, rules and tactics used in this sport. Secondary students will travel by College bus to Campbell's Creek Oval for Sport tomorrow.

TERM 3 BEGINNING

Please remember that Term 3 begins for students on Wednesday July 18. Staff will be at school on Monday the 16th for a day long first aid course. On Tuesday 17, all the staff will be attending the Christian Schools Australia's Regional Conference.

END OF TERM PRESENTATION

Don't forget Presentation Afternoon is on next Wednesday afternoon beginning at 1:15 PM. If you can come we would love to see you there to support the students and the College

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues June 26	End of Term Exc. Prim.
<u>Wednesday</u> June 27	End of Term Presentation

TERM TWO TERM THREE TERM FOUR

Mon April 16 - Wed Jun 27
Wed July 18 - Fri Sept 21
Mon Oct 8 - Thurs. Dec 6