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The Olivet News

OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH PATIENCE vs Restlessness

PSALM 46 is full of wonderful truth. **Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it.**

Though there may be signs of disarray around us, confusion and lack of direction as to which way is best, we know on this character trait.

That God is our strong foundation. He

is there to steady the seas, to bring calm to troubled waters and to enable us to be still and to know that He is still on the throne.

SURPRISING RESPONSE TO THE EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The Australian Tax Office has expressed some surprise that only about half of all eligible families have taken advantage of the availability of the Education Tax Refund. Parents are reminded that school invoices for fees may be used to claim a deduction for some education expenses come Tax Return time.

WE WELCOME THE THOMA Family, with Ruby commencing last Monday in Year 1, and the **BOX Family**, with Emily starting in Alpha (Year 9) yesterday. We are thrilled to have both families join Olivet and trust God's rich blessings for you and for your children's education. We also welcome **Mrs Barb Anderson** as she comes in to assist the ELC students with their Reading Aloud on Monday mornings.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

The following students were appointed as House Captains and were issued with their badges on Tuesday. We then enjoyed morning tea together as we chatted about the responsibilities involved in being a House Captain and a student leader.

ANDREW HOUSE DAVID

ALPHA Alisha Mitchell John Brown

BETA Kryssley Harris Joel Lourey

GAMMA Chloe Harrison Shannon Culph

ELC Allycia Cox Katelyn Lacey

NEW STUDENT HATS

As part of our SunSmart Policy for wearing hats outside in Terms 1 and 4, all students receive a new hat free of charge when they first arrive at Olivet. As the hats age, students may purchase new hats from Mrs Revell as follows:-
Primary \$8 Secondary \$6

NATIONAL ACE CONFERENCE (Long weekend in March)

Notice is given to parents that all class teachers will be attending this conference in Sydney from Monday 8th—Wednesday 10th March.

SECONDARY SWIMMING – FRIDAY AFTER-NOONS Tomorrow and next Friday

Secondary students will be swimming at the Harcourt Pool. Mr Steel, Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Lourey (Austswim accredited teacher) will be taking the students to the pool. A life saver will also be present. The students will be training for the House Swimming Sports on Friday 26th February. They will have some free swimming time as well. Each week, the students will need to bring with them their bathers, T Shirt, hat, and sunscreen.

The students will be transported to the pool by bus and Mrs Donaldson's car.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the BOX EVANS EVERS FRASER and GLEESON-SUTCLIFFE Families.

PUZZLE

What do these words all have in common?
abacus effective standard tumult

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mr Price will be offering private music lessons this year. Any students wishing to learn piano, guitar or woodwind instruments may contact Hugh Price through the school or at home on 5472 3567

PARENT ORIENTATION BOOKLETS

New families to Olivet will be interested to know of these booklets being available to help parents understand more of the individual morning program as part of the overall curriculum at Olivet. Mr Chapman will send home booklets through the students for parents to work through them. If there are parents who did not receive them when they first came to Olivet and would like a booklet, please see Mr Chapman.

FIRE DRILL PROCEDURE

Students and staff were taken through the Emergency Procedures this morning in case of fire. It is important for all students to know what to do in case there is an emergency at any time. We include the Guidelines again this week so that parents can read through as a family what needs to be known and understood.

EMERGENCY PLAN

As part of our College Emergency Plan it is necessary for us to remind all parents and guardians of our procedures in the event of a bushfire. This information is relevant only when there is a fire that was not pre-determined as Code Red, when all students would naturally be at home with their families.

Bushfire Information for Parents

The school has a CFA approved 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.

Bus drivers have instructions to stop and seek information if they see evidence of fire. They will not drive

1. 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.

2. 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 in conditions on the road are hazardous.

SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL TRIP

Swan Hill Overnight Excursion Tues 23/24 March
Students who complete all their Term's work will be able to participate on this trip.

We will be staying in tents overnight at the Caravan Park in Swan Hill, attending the Sound and Light Show at night and touring the Pioneer Settlement the next morning.

It should be a great time and we encourage all Alpha and Beta students to plan now to attend and to do all they can to stay up to date with their work schedule for the term. This will mean regularly (nightly?) completing homework so that there is not a huge burden to complete work at the end of term.

MILLIONS AGAINST MALARIA

Many families will be aware that the Chairman of Olivet Christian College, Mr Ken Evers and his co-pilot Tim Pryse are about to embark on a round-the-world air flight to raise funds for the battle against Malaria.

There is a lot of history involved in the flight too, as it will be the first Australian commercially-manufactured aircraft (GA8-TC Airvan) to ever-circumnavigate the globe!

Throughout their flight, their goal is to raise \$1,000,000 for raising awareness about malaria.

Ken Evers is coming next Wed 17th Feb to talk at Chapel to all students and if parents would like to join us too (9am) you are more than welcome to do so.

We want to support this incredible effort. As a fundraiser we will be selling ice creams and icy poles at the lunch break for the next few weeks. If you want to know more you can go to the website at www.millionsagainstmalaria.com to find out the details. As a school we will be following his trip each day.

DEDICATION NIGHT Tuesday 2nd March

A time where all the representative groups of the school community gather together to commit themselves to the work ahead for 2010 and to ask God to guide us and support us in all He asks us to do this year—Executive Board, Staff and Assistants, Parents, House Captains and Students.

We ask all families to please set aside this night

so we can come together as a school community.

7pm Service of Dedication

8pm Supper and Chat

(We have made the night a Tuesday so that Prep students will be able to join us and then have Wed as their day off the next day)

DATE TO REMEMBER

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS Fri 26th Feb

12.30—3pm Harcourt Swimming Pool

WE ARE SORRY TO LOSE THE CARRON FAMILY (Brooke and Brittney) from Olivet. The CATINDOY Family (Angelo and Llara) are moving to Queensland. We trust both families will continue to seek God's ways as they leave us.

BLACK SPORTS SHORTS Olivet will now stock shorts in all sizes. The first shipment is due to arrive any day. If you require shorts for your child/ren please let Mary-Anne know or contact her on Monday and they should be available.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible to claim EMA the claimant must:

a) be a parent or guardian or a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16 years, and

b) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 1986*, or be a Veteran Affairs (TPI) Pensioner, or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 1 (1st February 2010) for the first installment, and the first day of Term 3 (12th July 2010) for the second installment, and

c) submit their application to the College by 28th February 2008.

Application forms were sent home yesterday. If you believe you are entitled to this allowance and have not received a form they are available from the office. Contact Mary-Anne if you need to discuss this further. Unlike the Conveyance Allowance a New Form needs to be completed by approved families each year and a copy of the relevant card kept at the office.
HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR FORM? There are still some outstanding forms. Parents please return your form asap.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE A government travelling allowance is available for eligible students who reside not less than 4.8km from the College and who do not pass another education facility of the same type. If you believe you are entitled and have not received a form they are available from the Office. Contact Mary-Anne if you need to discuss this further. Once granted the application remains in force until the student leaves the College or changes place of residence.

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OUR WEBSITE As you may know our school has a new website. Our new website enables the school to communicate in a meaningful, timely and economical way with our school community. Our Website and hosting has been provided for free by **Sponsor-ed** and websites of comparable quality cost in excess of \$7000.

There are two major benefits of our new site. Firstly, we control it. We have access to the back end of the site and we can upload and change all the content, forms, notices and photos at will. This means our website has become a very dynamic, constantly changing, up-to-date source of information for all things happening at the school. Secondly, our new website now has the ability to generate sponsorship funds if enough people visit a site. It's a lot like the newspaper world. The more people that see the advertisers message, the more money the publisher can earn. The fund raising dollars we can earn is tied directly to the number of pageviews our website receives and the sponsors we have on our site. The school has total control over which sponsors are represented on our site.

What's a pageview? It's simply a way of measuring how many times our website is viewed by our community.

We need you to make the school's website your homepage on as many computers as possible, at home, school and work! It's very easy to do, visit our website www.olivet.vic.edu.au go to the top right hand corner and click the orange 'Make this my Homepage' button. Aside from the fundraising, our new website has many wonderful and useful features including:

- 3 day weather forecast
- Dynamic Event Calendar so you can see what's coming up
- Google - search the school website or search the web
- Subscribe to our newsletter and read it online
- Constantly changing news and articles about your school

We hope you support our school's website and if you have any ideas or feedback on the content that you would like to see on the site please let us know.

Please remember to make www.olivet.vic.edu.au your homepage!