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## RIDING THE WAVES OF LIFE

How are you travelling through the waves of life? Life is often too busy, with unexpected things happening and always with tasks that should already have been done!
Do you often feel like life gets on top of you and makes you sink? When Peter walked on the water to meet Jesus, he was on a high - everything was going well - swimmingly? But then he looked at the waves and he sank. Peter will always know the joy it was to be empowered by God to do what he could never have done by himself - to walk on water! But Peter then looked around him and he felt that sinking feeling. Life is often like that with its highs and lows in life, often very close together.
Winston Churchill said "I've never failed at anything in my life. I was simply given another opportunity to get it right." That's the key. Just because we sink doesn't mean it's all over! Failure doesn't come from sinking - it comes when we stop trying. No-one gets it right first time every time. The secret is to keep going and we will succeed, provided we look to the Lord for His strength and sustaining power.
Nehemiah 8:10 reminds us that "the joy of the Lord is our strength."

## CASTLEMAINE SHOW

Our students had great success with their art and craft at the Castlemaine Show last weekend!
Of course, not all of our work could be entered and we know that much of the work that didn't go to the Show was also worthy of places......
So congratulations to all of our students for their achievements with their art and craft this year!

The students were presented with their cash prizes at Assembly this morning. The College received 22 first places, 13 second places and 7 third places.

Special congratulations to -
Susy Lacey 2 firsts, a second and a third
Sarah Evans 3 firsts
Brette Gleeson-Sutcliffe 2 firsts, 2 seconds
Maddi Kelly 1 second Amaya McKenzie 1 first Johnathan Lacey 1 first Alyssa McArdle 1 first
Peta Turnbull 1 second
Ruby Salter 1 second
Katie Radnell-Swanson Best in Junior Knitting Exhibit with a first and a sash

Aysha Mc Coy with 3 firsts and Best Exhibit in the 14-16 age group with her floral dress.
Mem Wood with 2 firsts and a second and Most Successful Exhibitor
Aston Wilson 1 third
Darcy Wilson 1 third
Kyle Bennett 2 thirds
Shaneece Turvey a second and a third James Baxter a second and a third Rordan Ettridge-Brayshaw 1 second Kris Evers 1 first
Chloe Harrison 1 first
Brooke Elliot 1 second
Claire Lacey 1 second
Justyn Walker 1 first
Alanah Burt 1 first and 1 second
Ophelia Bignoux 2 firsts
Jessica Hordern 1 first and 2 seconds
ORIENTATION MORNING THIS MON
8.45am - 12.45pm

We look forward to it!

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the AMY BALZAN BAXTER and BENNETT Families.

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

Monday 26 November from 6pm - 8pm at SkyDancers Café in Harcourt. Parents and graduating students from Primary to Secondary will join with staff to celebrate this important occasion in the students' lives. Please let Mr Nicholas know via the student diary whether 1 or 2 parents will be attending the evening. Cost will be $\$ 15$ per person subsidized by the College.

## SECONDARY FORMAL DINNER

Monday 3rd December. The venue will be in Bendigo at the Malayan Orchid. Further details will be given via formal invitations closer to the date.

## PRESENTATION MORNING 11 am and

 PRESENTATION NIGHT 7pm both to be held on Thursday 6 December.STAFF DAY Friday 7 December No students will be required to attend on this day.

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION to be held in Suva, Fiji (9-14 Dec).
Students will leave on Sunday 9 December and return on Monday 17 December.

## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL FOR 2012

All Primary students and Secondary students not attending South Pac will be expected to attend school for the week from 10-14 December.
The last school day for students will be Friday 14 December.

## START OF SCHOOL FOR 2013

Staff return on Thursday 24 January for two days of preparation and planning.
Monday 28 January AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY Tuesday 29 January All students return to school for the start of Term 12013.
Prep students are not required to attend Wednesdays during Term 1.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR 2013

The Executive of Olivet Christian College is thrilled to announce that they have appointed Ms Elissa Campbell to the position of LOTE Indonesian Teacher for the commencement of the 2013 school year. Students in all secondary levels will from next year onwards learn Indonesian as their LOTE.

We are anticipating that with the increased focus on Asia with the Australian Curriculum next year, secondaries can make use of this with their Indonesian studies, with email contact possible between Australian and Indonesian students.

We do want to thank Mrs Chapman for her work with both Primary and Secondary Auslan LOTE over many years and for the value this has been to many past students as well. Mrs Chapman will continue to take all primary classes for LOTE Auslan.
The College Executive has also appointed Ms Jemima Box to work as Office Assistant to Mrs Revell for 2 days per week starting from this coming Monday.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for all the shoe boxes prepared full of gifts. Olivet was able to send off over 30 Christmas shoe boxes for children overseas. Your work has been much appreciated.



