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SHOWING INITIATIVE

Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

Initiative is such an important part of character development. It demonstrates that a person is self-disciplined, able to take responsibility and thinks outside the box.

Ask God for initiative and the ability to be productive in whatever we are called to do. Paul writes in Ephesians 4:23 "Let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes". God wants to stimulate our minds with wholesome thinking.

Linked with initiative is the work ethic of being perseverant. It is the energy and the desire to achieve. It is motivation, determination and commitment, faithfulness, patience and resilience in the face of difficulty and a willingness to work hard. Paul challenges his readers to persevere - "Here is my advice . . . you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now." 2 Corinthians 8: 10 - 11

While these two traits are being worked out, it is important to show respect, to always consider the rights and the needs of others. Treat them sensitively, kindly, courteously, and within the limits of law, conscience and Scripture.

Colossians 3:23 reminds us to do all of our tasks as if we are doing it for the Lord, not for people.



CONVENTION PREPARATION

It is very good to see some secondary students working hard towards events and art/craft items for our Student Convention later this year (Week 2, Term 4). We want to encourage everyone to put their best efforts in to make this a very meaningful and memorable week away for all students and staff.

In saying this, there are just a few students who are not currently meeting the expectations required here at Olivet.

We want to be able to trust students when away from school for an extended time, and we will not be taking anyone we cannot trust to behave.

Being at Convention demands a certain level of trust, based on self-discipline and maturity at all times and we need to see this demonstrated in the way students go about their day-to-day school work, coming prepared for class, being punctual and organized for every class, having the right equipment, taking responsibility for their own work and being well-behaved and respectful both in class and in the yard.

Staff are expecting to see an improvement in some students' learning habits and general behaviour before we would be prepared to take them to Convention. Making every effort to complete work for Honour Roll would be a good start. Convention will be a great opportunity for all students - you certainly do not want to miss out on going.

South Pacific Student Convention is also to be held in December this year at Stanwell Tops, to be held on the South Coast of NSW, for students from Australia, many nations of the South Pacific as well as from Indonesia, and this is another not to be missed opportunity to be involved, although this has more stringent guidelines to be met before students are permitted to attend.

HONOUR ROLL DAY will be held on Monday 31 March. Students who complete their term's work will have an end of term trip to celebrate their diligent work. Students who have not completed their term's work will be required to attend school on the day to complete their outstanding work.

SECONDARY Mystery Progressive Dinner Monday 31st March commencing at 5pm and concluding at 9pm.

This term the Secondary students will be taking part in a Mystery Hunt and Progressive Dinner around Castlemaine.

Students will be working in groups and will have to find the host's house after following some questions and instructions. The mystery hunt will commence at the Burke and Wills Memorial at the top of Mostyn Street. The final destination will be announced at a later date. The cost for the Mystery night is \$10 which will assist to cover the costs.

(Please encourage your secondary children to complete their work over these remaining two weeks).

GRADE 5 - 6 OAK FOREST TRIP

The year 5 - 6 Honour Roll trip for Term 1 will be held on Monday 31st March during normal school hours. Students who have reached their Honour Roll will be travelling by Olivet bus to the Oak Forest on Mt Alexander near Harcourt.

We will enjoy a day of outdoor activities in the open, weather permitting. Students will need to bring picnic lunch, drinks and snacks for the day. Please encourage your child to work hard over these remaining weeks to complete their work. (Please note that next week a 'Flying Machines' project is due in.)

P-2 and 3-4 BOTANIC GARDENS (Combined)

To make the most of our pleasant autumn weather we will spend our morning at the Castlemaine Gardens for a walk, games and activities on the playground. We will share a BBQ lunch and return to

school for indoor games in the afternoon. Children will need to wear sports uniform and bring along snacks and drinks for the day.

THE SOUND WAY

Grades 3-6 have begun to use The Sound Way as part of our Literacy Program.

The Sound Way programs teach and provide the students with a tangible understanding of the mechanics of the English language. Students actually learn the 'how and why' of the [construction](#) of most English words. For example, the five reasons there are for having a final silent 'e' in words; or the reason we double the 'p' in a word like "stopping" but not in a word like "jumping."

The Sound Way program begins by first teaching, loading and programming the brain with the 45 sounds (phonemes) that comprise English words and the 75 ways there are of representing these sounds on paper (phonograms).

By combining and integrating this knowledge with the rules of English spelling, we are then able to write and produce words from their sounds.

To find out more about the program please visit the Sound Way Website.

SECONDARY SPORT

Tomorrow will be Tennis at the Lawn Tennis courts in Castlemaine. All students are to bring their yellow Olivet top, black shorts and runners. Students will change into their sports uniform at lunchtime, then change back into their summer uniform at the end of the day.

If you have a tennis racquet at home, could you bring it with you tomorrow please.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the JOHNSTON LACEY and both of the HOUSE Families.

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Grades 3 to 6 students will be running in the Castlemaine and District Schools Cross country to be held at the end of March at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens.

Now is the time to do some regular training with the cooler evenings setting in and jogging is a good way to develop fitness and general health. Any distances up to 3 km will help to build stamina and prepare students for the interschool run.

COMMUNITY NOTICE - NETBALL

Net Set Go! 2014 registrations Saturday 15th March 9-11am, Wesley Hill Courts.

Season commences 23rd April, 4-5pm, and runs for 10 weeks.

ANZ NetSetGO has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation.
