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# The Olivet News

### TERM 2 STARTS WELL

It is with a real sense of joy and anticipation that I welcome everyone back for Term 2. Looking over the term ahead we have some highlights coming up and good things to enjoy.

The new Early Learning Centre will be ready to move in to towards the end of this term and that will be exciting. Students in Years 3 5 7 and 9 will undertake their NAPLAN Testing in Literacy and Numeracy in May.

Secondary students go on the Grampians GetAway in May as part of their Outdoor Education Program.

We welcome our Technology Teacher Hugh Austin who has begun a unit with the upper primary class in Electronics while the Technology room is unavailable. Hugh will also take the secondaries for Technology.

We also are pleased to announce that Jess Brennan will commence this term as our new LOTE AUSLAN Teacher.

Jess will not be available for classes until later this term.

The McKenzie family began with us on Monday, with Brodie and Amaya both starting in ELC. It is great to have you with us and trust your time at Olivet will be a real blessing in your family.

We pray for all the students as they set about their learning and commit to

their responsibilities this term that God will guide them and provide them with the wisdom, perseverance and diligence required to see success throughout the term. May their challenges be good learning experiences but not so great that they would be overwhelmed by the task.

Phil Chapman

**ROMANS 5:1-8** is our passage for learning from memory and it is about character—challenge and hardship produce endurance, then character, then hope, "and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us."

### PRIMARY SPORT

**Wednesdays** Students are asked to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays please.

### BETA LITERATURE

This term the Year 7 students will be studying *Animal Heroes* by Anthony Hill. The book has twenty one stories about the forgotten heroes of the war: animals who have served beside the Australian forces.

Each student has a time line to guide their reading. The students will not be writing a journal and we will be discuss-

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ing the stories in class each week. It is imperative that the students complete the stories each week. If your child is not a good reader, I would like to suggest that you read the stories with your child so they can get the most out of each week's lesson. For the project, the students will be making a passport for their fictitious dog, who travels the world with his/her owner.

**Due date: Week 5 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

The Year 8 students are reading *In His Steps*.

The book gives the challenge for us to live our lives as Jesus would. The students are to read each chapter and then write around five sentences in their journal. After they have read the book and completed their journal, the students are to write another chapter for the book about a challenge (real or imaginary) that they are faced with.

**Due date: Journal Week 7 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010**

**Narrative Week 8 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2010**

### **BETA HUMANITIES**

This term the Beta students will be studying *Antarctica*. As part of the unit I have arranged an excursion to IMAX to see Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure and Antarctica on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May (Week 4). Details will follow later.

### **ALPHA HUMANITIES**

The Alpha students will be studying a unit on **WWII** and in particular "**The Bombing of Darwin**." Yesterday we examined what the world was like in 1942, and the key countries - their leaders, political parties, and reasons for their involvement in the war.

### **FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

The Year 8 students will be cooking for the next three weeks. Yesterday they made Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls. It was good to see the students working co-operatively together and enjoying their own cooking.

In *The Courier Mail* (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2010), Tory Maguire wrote "For the sake of our kids, schools must get cooking." In this article, he discussed the prevalence of fast food in our diets and the inability of younger people to cook. He suggested that we teach kids to cook for two

reasons - it's cheaper than fast food and better for you. It is great that we have the facilities for us to have Food Technology classes at Olivet.

### **SECONDARY SPORT**

The next 2 Fridays will be Softball. This is a vital part of the students' learning and participation. Unless there is a note from parents to say otherwise, we do expect all students to bring their normal sports uniform and to take part in sport.

### **FOOD ALLERGIES**

As we enter the new term we remind parents to be careful not to send peanuts or treenuts to school with your children. These foods can cause an anaphylactic reaction to those who have this allergy. We request that you not use these foods eg peanut butter sandwiches, as you plan your lunches and recess foods. Thank you for your consideration.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the WEST WHITE BANKS and BAXTER Families.