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ENCOURAGING....EQUIPPING....EMPOWERING



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*House Captains for 2012
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Justyn, Katelyn, Oscar.*

**GUARDING OUR LIVES
ACCORDING TO GOD'S
WORD**

*"How can a young man
keep his way pure? By
guarding it according to
Thy Word. With all my
heart have I sought Thee -
O let me not wander from
Thy commandments. Thy
Word have I hid in my
heart, that I might not sin against
Thee..... I will meditate on Thy precepts,
and regard Thy ways. I shall delight in
Thy statutes; I shall not forget Thy Word."*
Psalms 119: 9 - 16

God has given us His Word to help us
renew our minds!
God did not tell us to change ourselves.
He is the One who will change us. He
tells us that the part of us that needs
changing first is our minds. They need to
be renewed. When that happens, trans-
formation will follow.

We need to treasure God's Word in our
hearts. Just as the students learn their
Scripture day by day and seek to apply it
to their lives daily, so we must also seek
to know and guard our lives by His Word.
May we all know God's transforming
power in our lives today and always.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the
NICHOLSON PATTERSON PERCY
and RADNELL-SWANSON Families.



CHAPEL YESTERDAY

It was so good to have another of our
past students, Amy Lourey, to come
and speak to the students about her ex-
citing short term mission trip to Tanza-
nia , Africa, in November - December.
"Lots of FUN, animals, cultural differ-
ences, smiling faces, language barriers
but a real life-changing experience!"
Thank you Amy for giving us an insight
into another very different culture and
for showing us your passion for God's
love to be shared with those in need.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

The Brown Family, with Naomi (Year 3),
Julia (2) and Lydia (1), and the Taofinu
Family, with Rory (6) and Phina (3)
started with us on Monday this week.
We trust that they settle in quickly and
their time at Olivet is long and success-
ful.

Also welcome to Isaac Evans, former
student of Olivet, who is assisting Delta
class in a voluntary capacity on a Tues-
day morning.

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EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you are eligible for the EMA payment, and have not already received the papers to complete, please contact Mary-Anne at the office asap. EMA is paid to parents of eligible students under 16 years of age. To be eligible you must have an eligible Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit, that is, a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card holder (HCC), or Pension Card holder (PCC), be a Veterans Affairs Pensioner (TPI) or a Foster parent.

DEDICATION NIGHT

Please make a date in your diaries for Tuesday 28th February from 6pm onwards. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet together as the College community to dedicate the school year and all the leadership groups within the College to the Lord's direction and ministry.

The evening will kick off with a shared tea at 6pm in the grounds, followed by an Open Classroom Time for students to take their parents around to the various classes to show them their classroom. We will then gather back in the Assembly area for an activity followed by a short Dedication Service for the 2012 school year.

It is expected that all families come to be an active part of Dedication Night and we would love to see you all at this special occasion.

SECONDARY SPORT - SWIMMING PROGRAM

Tomorrow the secondary swimming program continues at Harcourt Pool.

Students are required to bring their swimming gear with them to school, and will be changing at the Pool. Please bring your bathers, T-shirt, towel, hat, sunscreen and thongs. The students will be transported to and from the pool by bus/car.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS Friday 24th Feb

Friday week is the date; Harcourt Swimming Pool is the place and 12.30pm is the Time. All are invited to come and share the carnival atmosphere as David House and Andrew House battle it out for the Swimming Trophy this year.

All students are to please wear their summer uniform to school on this day and we will change when at the pool. Please bring a plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.

QUIZ

What is so special about the letters:

H I J K L M N O?

YRS 7/8 AND YRS 9/10 LOTE/ART EXCURSION

Next week all of the Secondary students will be visiting the Castlemaine Art Gallery to view the Retrospective Watercolour Exhibition of Peggy Shaw. Students will be guided by the Gallery staff – the information gained will be complementary to our art classes held with Kristina Browning.

Students will be accompanied by Mrs Jan Chapman who will also drive the College bus.

The Year 7/8 class will attend on Thursday February 23rd between 9.15 and 10.45am returning in time for morning recess.

The Year 9/10 class will attend on Tuesday February 21st between 9.15 and 10.45am also returning in time for morning recess.

The cost of the bus travel will be \$3 which will be added to your family's term account.

To ensure your son/daughter can attend, could you please sign the permission slip below.

LOTE/ART PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for to attend the LOTE/ART excursion to the Castlemaine Art Gallery on Feb 21st/Feb 23rd (please circle)

Parent/Guardian

ENVELOPES AND DIARIES

It is good to see the diaries being used for parents and teachers to communicate daily or whenever needed. Parents are reminded that diaries are to be initialled EACH NIGHT please so that staff can be sure that parents have seen the diary that night.

Envelopes are also to be taken home each night and initialled even when no notices are distributed. This is a quick and effective way for the College getting notices home to parents and it helps us so much to have the envelopes returned to school each morning. A good way to remember is to slot the envelope inside the diary and keep them both together for easy location.

Thank you for your assistance in this way.

REMINDER OF BUS AND CAR SAFETY

All car drivers and bus drivers are reminded to please take extra care when driving within the vicinity of the College. Please observe the speed limits on all roads surrounding Olivet. We would ask that you please slow down to ensure the safety of all students is your top priority when travelling on Stephens Street and Chapel Street.

Parents of ELC students are reminded to meet them at the gate before moving to cars please.

REMINDER OF MUSIC LESSONS AVAILABLE

Mr Hugh Price is available for private lessons at reasonable rates in keyboard/piano, recorder, guitar, flute, clarinet and music theory: 5472 3567
Thompsons Foundry Band offer free tuition in brass instruments. Phone Ed Wilcock 5470 6885
