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The Olivet News

Ken Evers (Olivet Board Chairman)

SPEAKING AT CHAPEL YESTERDAY, Ken Evers told of his planned trip around the world to raise "Millions Against Malaria". Ken and Tim Pryse begin their flight from Bendigo Airport on Saturday morning, March 20th.

Thanks Ken for your terrific talk which helped us all to know how much has been organized so far for the trip—such as Visas for the 26 countries to land in, where and how to buy 15000 litres of fuel during the journey, keeping the weight of the plane to a manageable level, how to fly above storms along the way,

We know that there are many dangers for Ken and Tim on this trip and yet the Lord has enabled the whole adventure to come together very smoothly, and so we rejoice with them that this trip will raise massive awareness across the globe of the plight of malaria in many countries.

We pray for both Ken and Tim, for their continued protection and safety and good health as they continue to prepare for the trip, and for their families as well as they support them and long for their safe return

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS
Friday 26th February (Harcourt)

The Olivet House Swimming Sports will be held between 12.30 and 3.00pm

Mabel, Callista and Lois in Chapel

Students will be dismissed from the pool at approx. 3pm so we would ask parents and buses to collect students from the pool please. As the buses will be leaving soon after 3pm, students should be reaching their drop-off points a little earlier than normal.

Parents, Grandparents, other family members and friends are very welcome to come and enjoy the afternoon.

SECONDARY SWIMMING - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS Tomorrow

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. 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 HARRIS HARRISON HORDERN and JOHNSTON Families.

PARENT ORIENTATION BOOKLETS

Just a reminder to the new families to return the Orientation Booklets to Mr Chapman when they are completed. Thank you and we trust they were useful in helping parents to understand a little more of the students' work.

CHARACTER-BUILDING CURRICULUM

Olivet has a balanced blend of individual and personal learning in the mornings, which builds mastery learning; and more conventional group learning in the afternoons to build co-operation and group learning skills.

Character development is so important in our lives and we desire to see these traits developed in the students' lives from an early age, such as being thorough, committed, organized, caring, thoughtful, honest, respectful etc.

The Staff are committed to seeing students improve their learning habits and to see them fully engaged in learning. To encourage this process, we train the students to take responsibility for their setting of their goals for the day and for their learning to be effective through correct scoring of their work, daily completion of homework and thorough preparation for assessment tasks.

As students progress through the College, the routine of completing homework becomes more rigorous and students are encouraged to complete their daily homework before other activities are commenced (eg leisure activities). We expect students to take an active role in thinking while they are learning, and these critical thinking skills are so necessary for producing academic excellence.

The College welcomes parents to come in and see their students at work, with the class teacher's approval, and invites parents to take a vital interest in their children's learning and progress.

Signing the diary each night, checking homework completed and checking and signing the communications envelope are all ways that parents and teachers can work together to ensure the students are learning effectively.

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.

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)

BLACK SPORTS SHORTS If you require shorts for your child/ren please let Mary-Anne know.

BETA EXCURSION TO KRYAL CASTLE

Thursday 25th February, 2010

Would the Beta students who have not returned their permission slips for this excursion please return them tomorrow. The permission slip was on the back of the excursion notice. If you have lost your notice, could you please have a note written in your diary.

Thank you, Mrs Donaldson

ANAPHYLAXIS AWARENESS

PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES We have a student in the College who has a severe anaphylactic reaction to nuts. This is a very serious allergy and whilst it is primarily the responsibility of parents to teach children to care for themselves, Olivet Christian College also has an important role to implement a care plan and reinforce appropriate avoidance and management strategies.

As a risk minimisation in the school we are asking parents not to send peanut butter on sandwiches. This is due to the higher risk of person to person contact with this substance.

ELC students are asked not to bring any nuts to school please.

ALPHA EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE

On the **2nd March**, the Alpha students will be travelling to Melbourne by train to visit the Immigration Museum and the Victoria Market (Multiculturalism/Food) as part of their unit on Population Growth. Immigration and Multiculturalism is a part of this unit. We will be travelling by train.

The itinerary is as follows:

7.35pm Bendigo students meet at Bendigo Station

7.45am Train departs Bendigo.

Students please be in the last carriage.

7.50am Students meet at the Castlemaine Station

8.06am Train departs Castlemaine

9.25am Train arrives at Southern Cross

Tram to the Victoria Market and morning tea

Immigration Museum

Lunch

1.15pm Train Leaves Southern Cross

2.49pm Arrives at Castlemaine

Brad meets us and takes us back to the College to catch the afternoon buses.

Students are to wear their school uniform (correctly) and bring with them their lunch and some money for a snack if they wish to. I will give the students their train tickets the day before. This excursion is funded by the Country Areas Program.

Would you please complete the permission slip and return it to the College if your child is able to attend this excursion.

PERMISSION SLIP FOR ALPHA TRIP

I give/do not give permission for

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to attend the Alpha excursion to Melbourne on 2nd March, 2010.

Signature of Parent

EASTER CAMPS

Gamma students in Years 4-6:

Have you heard about the 2C's camps in the Easter school holidays? It is 4 nights of fun - including concert, sport rotations, games, singing, fabulous food, hearing about Jesus and heaps more awesome stuff.

There is a choice of 3 dates:

Camp 1 Sat 27th March - Wed 31st March

Camp 2 Thurs 1st April - Mon 5th April

Camp 3 Tues 6th April - Sat 10th April

Camps are held at the lovely campsite, Camp Currumbene at Corop, north of Bendigo.

Camp forms can be found on the website www.thecampingprogram.org.au on the 'about us' page along with lots of other interesting information.

P.S. Olivet students have really enjoyed these camps in the past and the friendships made!

Thank you, Mrs Donaldson

