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THE PURPOSE OF GOD

In the account of God's Creation in Genesis, we read that at the end of each day's work that God saw that it was **good**. At the end of the 6th day when God saw everything that He had made, including on that day creating man in His own image, it was **very good**.

God from the beginning of time was very purposeful in His creation.

Our next Scripture passage for study and memory is from 1 Thessalonians 5:16—25 giving us practical help in our daily lives. It reminds us to always give thanks in all circumstances and to rely on God to fulfill in us the purpose to which He has called each one of us.

Phil Chapman

CHAPEL – DEPENDABILITY

During the last three weeks, each class has been looking at the Character Trait of being Dependable.

Scripture equates dependability with faithfulness. The Greek word for faithful, *pistos*, means trustworthy; true; reliable; sure.

A project that requires unexpected sacrifice to finish the job provides a real test of faithfulness. The Bible says, "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2

The Year 9 students wrote this "If" poem about being dependable yesterday.

"IF..."

If I am dependable, I will be faithful to God (Nehemiah 7:2).

If I am dependable, I will be faithful in both small and big things (Luke 16:10).

Buddies: Oscar and Aston

If I am dependable, I will be a faithful witness (Proverbs 14:5).

If I am dependable, I will be faithful when needed and drop everything else (Proverbs 25:13).

If I am dependable, I will seek to do what God wants me to do (Philippians 2:21).

If I am dependable, I will do what I promise (Nehemiah 9:8).

If I am dependable, I will keep a confidence (Proverbs 11:13).

If I am dependable, I am willing to suffer for Christ's sake (Revelations 2:10).

If I am dependable, I will be found faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2).

If I am dependable, I will prosper in whatever I do (Matthew 25:21).

If I am dependable, God will give me the desires of my heart (Psalm 37:4).

If I am dependable, God will say 'Well done, good and faithful servant.'
(Matthew 25:21).

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

PRESENTATION TO OLIVET

Amy London, from the Commonwealth Bank in Castlemaine, presented the College with a \$300 cheque on Tuesday morning for the Student Banking from 2010. Thank you to all who contributed towards this result for the College and to Mrs Revell for her administration of the program.

The Olivet News

ENVELOPES AND DIARIES

It is good to see the diaries being used for parents and teachers to communicate daily or whenever is 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 initialed even when no notices are distributed. This is a quick and effective way of 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 in the diary and keep them both together for easy location.

Thank you for your assistance in this way.

EASTER CAMPS

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2C's Camps for Years 4, 5 and 6 over the Easter School Holidays.

Some of our students attended these camps at Camp Corop last year and had a great time! Registration forms are available at the Office.

Camps fill quickly so get your forms in and bring along a friend!

Dates are:

Camp 1 Sat 9 April (12.30pm)-Wed 13 April (12pm)

Camp 2 Thurs 14 April (12.30pm)-Mon 18 April (12pm)

Camp 3 Tues 19 April (12.30pm)-Sat 23 April (12pm)

BUS TRAVEL CHANGES FOR FRIDAY 18 FEB

Could parents please note the following changes to the Bus Travel students **FOR TOMORROW**.

Due to the secondary excursion to the surfing program at Anglesea, it has been necessary to change the Kangaroo Flat students to other vehicles for the **return trip** to Bendigo. The morning trip will be as normal.

Students will be travelling in the following vehicles:

Mr Steven Nicholas' car to Lockwood

Susy Lacey Johnathan Lacey

Joshua Lacey Ashley Lacey

Mr Geoff Treloar's car to Kangaroo Flat

Brendan Culph Jonathon Gibson

Abigail Harris Jessie Harris

Mr Brad Gawthrop (Pajero) to Kangaroo Flat

Leah Thorpe Oscar Thorpe

Joshua Mitchell Sam Seears

Harmony Seears

Mr Neil Critchley's car to Harcourt

Paige Mountford Thomas Critchley

Laura Critchley James Critchley

We do apologise for any inconvenience that this

excursion has caused and if you would like to discuss the transport arrangements please call the office.

The Secondary students have been notified of their transport arrangements in their excursion letter.

Thank you,

Mrs Donaldson

SPECIAL ACTIVITY FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS TOMORROW (Friday 18 Feb)

The State Government has provided some funding for student resiliency and we have booked the 'No Limitz' Climbing wall to come to the College at 9.30am tomorrow. Each Primary class will have an opportunity to 'climb the wall'. 'No Limitz' are a professionally trained group who run this venture. They are based in Castlemaine.

Could students please wear their sports uniform tomorrow and bring a labelled drink bottle to school.

Thank you.

Mrs Donaldson

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you are eligible for EMA and have not received an application form please contact Mary-Anne immediately. To be eligible you must have a current pensioner/health care card on 31/1/2011

CASTLEMAINE & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOC.

The 2011 Netball season is about to start.

Registration forms for the Senior, Reserves and Junior competitions this season are available from Extremity, Barker St, Castlemaine or Oliver's Sports, Mostyn Street, Castlemaine.

Representatives from all interested teams must attend the 2011 CDNA Information Evening at the Campbells Creek Community Centre Monday 28th February at 7.30pm. We love to see new and old players at the start of the season. Details regarding the 2011 'Net Set Go' program will be made available soon

All Enquires to the Secretary – Helene Fox on 54722612.

DEDICATION NIGHT Next Tues 22nd February

A time where all the representative groups of the school community gather together to commit themselves to the work ahead for 2011 and to ask God to guide us and support us in all He asks us to do this year—Board Executive, Staff, Monitors and Assistants, Parents, House Captains and Students.

We ask all families to please set aside this night in their diaries so that we can come together as a school community.

The evening will be as follows:

7pm Cake and Coffee

7.30pm Growing Families Australia

8pm Service of Dedication

Staff and Students are expected to wear school uniform. The evening should conclude at approx. 8.30pm.

We have chosen a Tuesday night so that the Preps will be able to join us and then have Wed as their day off the next day.

GIDEONS VISIT TO OLIVET

Bill Hanna will be here on Monday to talk with the Year 7 students and to present a Bible to each one for their own personal use. Last year 80,000,000 Scriptures were distributed around the world in 194 countries and they praise God for the testimonies of lives transformed as people young and old read God's Word.

THE SCHOOL FLAG flew at half mast as part of the nation-wide response to remember those men, women and children who died during the Queensland floods last month.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

Friday 25 Feb at Harcourt Pool

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

Students will come dressed in their summer uniform for a shorter morning's work. They will have their lunch from 11.00—11.45am and then we will travel to the Harcourt pool in the school buses and cars.

Students will be dismissed from the pool at approx. 3.15pm so we would ask parents and buses to collect students from the pool please.

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