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*Winning team for the iPad Indonesian Treasure Hunt Alyssa Mem and Ophelia*

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Weightman for arranging the day!

### PSALM 121 - SECURITY IN THE LORD

David was a shepherd, minding the sheep in the fields. His task was to look after the sheep, to protect them from harm and danger.

It is in this context that we read that our God, the One who made heaven and earth, is able to keep us. Our security is assured with Him.

We talked with the students in Assembly yesterday that as we return to school, there are some fearful aspects associated with beginning a new term. Anxious thoughts can affect students about the work, being able to understand new concepts, getting on with our class mates these can all come into our thoughts as we begin a new term.

It is wonderful to know that the God who made the Universe cares about each one of us. He will not allow our feet to be moved, He that keeps us will not slumber nor sleep.

We can be secure in the knowledge that God gives us confidence and enables us to carry out the tasks He asks us to, because He loves us and cares for us.

Welcome back to all families and may the term be a successful one for all students.

### INDONESIAN DAY

On the last day of Term 1 the students had fun learning about Indonesia as these photos show.

Students dressed up in Indonesian clothing, played Indonesian instruments made flags, played Indonesian games and cooked and ate an Indonesian lunch.



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### **MILDURA CONFERENCE A VALUABLE 2 DAYS**

The Staff are appreciative of attending the 2 days' Professional Development Conference in Mildura on Monday and Tuesday.

Workshops included Managing Autism in the Classroom, Focus on the Family, Curriculum Planning and including a Biblical worldview into all that we teach.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the SANDEMAN THORPE TOLLEY and the TURNBULL Families.

**REMINDER** of the Reachout Enterprises AGM to be held for all Reachout members from 6pm tonight at Olivet, commencing with tea together.

### **WINTER UNIFORMS**

We are currently in transition from Summer to Winter Uniforms for the first two weeks of the term. Week 3 will be the first week of Winter Uniform for all students.

**We look forward to the MARKET FRESH program which is coming to Olivet on Tuesday April 30.**

The program will expose students to new varieties and types of fruit and vegetables, as well as increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables as part of a healthy well balanced diet.

Parents are welcome to attend the session between 11.45 - 12.45pm for all students.

We will require a group of 6 parent helpers to cut up the fruit and vegetables from 10.45pm onwards on the day. If you are free to help please let Mary-Anne know.

There is no charge to the College for this program as the \$100 cost has been kindly waived by The Melbourne Market Authority, for which the College is very appreciative.

### **CROSS COUNTRY RUN Friday 19 April**

Gamma and Delta students will be running in the InterSchool Cross Country Run to be held at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens tomorrow.

Grade 5 & 6 begin at 10am and the Grade 3 & 4 at approx. 11.30am. Everyone will be back at school for the afternoon session. Students will need to wear their sports uniform, good running shoes, and clothes appropriate for the weather eg warm coat. A water bottle should be brought. Parents are reminded that marshalling is required on the day - if you are able to assist, please see Mr Treloar.

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK OWING TO THE SECONDARY OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP (Mon - Wed) AND NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY (Anzac Day)**

### **TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARYBOROUGH BUS TRAVELLERS DURING THE OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP**

Monday Tuesday and Wednesday next week will see the Secondary students travel to the Great Ocean Walk for their Outdoor Education Experience. They will be visiting the Otway Fly on Monday, then camping overnight on the Great Ocean Walk on Monday and Tuesday nights.

The Maryborough bus will be taken on the trip after the Monday morning bus run to school, so students who normally travel on this run will be travelling by College cars on Monday afternoon and both to and from the College on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **ANZAC DAY SERVICES**

Brodie and Amaya McKenzie will be accompanying

Mr Chapman in both the Castlemaine and Campbells Creek Anzac Day Marches next Thursday April 25. They will also lay wreaths of remembrance during the Anzac Day Services.

Thank you Brodie and Amaya for representing Olivet Christian College in this way.

### **COME N TRY TRACK DAY – MAY 26**

Cycling Victoria is offering the chance for students 15 years and older to participate in some clinics at the Darebin International Sports Centre. These clinics allow the students to experience the thrill of track cycling under the guidance and support of nationally qualified coaches. There are four 90min sessions on the day starting at 10:00am and finishing up at 4:35pm. The cost for a session is \$20. If you would like more details or want to apply for this great event then simply go to [www.vic.cycling.org.au](http://www.vic.cycling.org.au) or ask Mr. Steel. There are two more dates scheduled for this year: July 21, September 22.

### **SECONDARY OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP**

#### **Great Ocean Walk (Mon Tues Wed)**

Next week the secondary students embark on an adventure. The students will get up close and personal with the Great Otway National Park with thanks to a Zipline Tour and Treetop Walk at The Otway Fly. Then after a night out in the outdoors, the students will cover an 18.5km stretch of the Great Ocean Walk from Aire River past Johanna Beach over the next two days. The students will then finish up at the site of The Twelve Apostles taking in the vast oceanic views. This is bound to be a breathtaking experience for all involved and a real eye opener to God's magnificent creation and His masterpieces.

The students have been given a detailed equipment list, outlining the clothing and personal items required for the journey. The students will be

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camping in tents for two nights, cooking their own meals on stoves and experiencing the feeling of carrying their belongings as they travel from camp to camp. It is expected that the students pack all of their required equipment (except for sleeping bag/mat) inside the hiking pack received from the school.

The students will come to school on Monday morning as per usual, by bus or car. Once all students have arrived, the trailer is packed and a prayer is said we will be leaving Olivet (approx 9am) to travel to the Otway Fly. Students are required to bring a packed lunch from home for the first day. The food for the remainder of the trip will be supplied by the school. The plan is for the students to be picked up by their parents on the Wednesday evening at around 5:30pm. Please be in prayer that the students will enjoy the challenges faced and joys experienced whilst on this outdoor education trip and that the weather is bearable for all.

If you require any more information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Steel.

### **THE LONG WALK Saturday 25 May**

This year the school was fortunate to be drawn as a winner in The Long Walk schools competition. The Long Walk is a charity inspired by Michael Long's walk to Canberra, from his home almost 650km away, to get the lives of Indigenous people back on the national agenda.

The competition was a chance for our school to be part of the on-ground walk with Michael Long at Dreamtime at the MCG this year. The prize included exclusive 'The Long Walk' 2013 Dreamtime Member tees, a bumper sticker, a general admission tickets to Dreamtime at the 'G on Saturday May 25, 2013 and the opportunity to participate in the on-ground walk at the MCG before the game.

This is a great chance for your child to be involved in a momentous occasion. The school has a total of 30 memberships (offers), so if you and/or child is interested in taking part then please make it known to Mr Steel or contact the Office by Friday 26 April with the required shirt size (size range S/M/L/XL/XXL or youth 14). Thank you for not only supporting the school, but also the Aboriginal community.

### **Earn and Learn**

Starting from last Monday, 8th April, the Woolworths Earn and Learn program has been in operation. The school has once again registered for the third year running.

The competition is run just the same as last year; when you shop at Woolworths you receive one Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent. Once you have filled in a complete Earn & Learn points sheet, send them into school where they will be collected and redeemed for valuable education resources for our school.

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We collected over 9700 points last year and it would be excellent to reach this year's target of 12500.

So happy collecting and may it bring some wonderful shopping experiences for you and the family.  
Mr Steel