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ENCOURAGING....EQUIPPING....EMPOWERING



Aysha Kris and Claire with Studio Art work during Term 3



Mrs Evers presenting to Amaya at the Term 2 Presentation Afternoon

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The Olivet News

SPEAKING WELL OF YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER (Taken from the Christian Daily Website)

As a leader, the health of your marriage directly affects the impact of your leadership. I have witnessed this time and time again. Being effective at work or in ministry begins by being effective at home.

I noticed that Sam Moore, my predecessor at Thomas Nelson, always spoke highly of his wife. He would often say, "I hate to leave her in the morning, and I can't wait to see her in the evening." They have been married now for nearly 60 years. Last time Gail and I were with them, they were holding hands. It was obvious they were still in love.

In reflecting on this, I am convinced that praising your spouse in public is one of the most important investments you can make—in your family and in your leadership.

This is important for at least five reasons:

1. You get more of what you affirm. Have you ever noticed that when someone praises you, you want to repeat the behavior that caused it? This is just human nature. It can be a form of manipulation if it isn't genuine. But it can be a powerful way to motivate others when it is authentic.

2. Affirmation shifts your attitude toward your spouse. Words are powerful tools. They can create, or destroy. They can build up, or tear down. I believe most people have a drive to align their actions—and their attitudes—with their words. If you start speaking well of someone, you start believing what you say.

3. Affirmation helps strengthen your spouse's best qualities. Encouragement is also a powerful force for good. All of us need positive reinforcement. This is why when we are losing weight and people notice, it gives us the strength to stick with the program. This is true in every area of life.

4. Affirmation wards off the temptation of adultery. When others see you are happily married, they are less likely to proposition you. It's like a hedge that protects your marriage from would-be predators. You simply stop being a target.

5. Affirmation provides a model to those you lead. To be a truly effective leader, you must lead yourself, and then you must lead your family. Your marriage is a powerful visual of how you treat the people you value the most. When you speak highly of your spouse, your followers are more likely to trust you. It takes your leadership to another level.

Affirming your spouse in public is an investment that pays big leadership dividends. In a world where fewer and fewer marriages last, it can be a difference-maker.

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WELCOME TO MR KNIGHT (Our new Technology Teacher)

A warm welcome is given to Mr Steve Knight who began with us here at Olivet on Monday this week. Mr Knight will be at Olivet all day on Mondays and Tuesday afternoons taking the upper primaries and secondaries for Materials Technology.

There is a load of Wood Offcuts in the school trailer if anyone would like to avail themselves of firewood before Saturday.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the AMY BALZAN BAXTER and BENNETT Families.

CONVENTION MATTERS

Term 3 is the big preparation term for Student Convention for the Secondary students in Week 2 of Term 4.

There will be two additional subjects added to their timetable this term. These will be Threads and Textiles, and Drama and Performing Arts to be taught by Mrs Chapman.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION

On August 2 all secondary students will be participating in the Maths Competition.

This is a very good opportunity for all students to do their best in showing knowledge of basic skills questions as well as questions that involve problem solving skills and creative thinking, particularly towards the last part of the competition.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS' COLLECTION

Thank you to all parents, students and staff who have been busily collecting Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers and Woolworths stickers.

I have been blown away by the amount of sticker cards I have received. We now have a tally of 2,880 stickers, which has flown by our 2,500 goal. There is only four weeks to go with double points being awarded from the 18th to 24th July.

The Coles Sports for Schools is slowly kicking along with a tally of around 1,300. Mr Steel

SECONDARY OUTDOOR EDUCATION TRIP

This term all secondary students will be participating in a 3-day bushwalk. This will be taking place from Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th August.

The students will be walking along the Great Dividing Trail stretching from Campbells Creek to Daylesford.

The students will not only be walking to gain greater skills and understanding of themselves and the bush environment, but also raising funds for the Lighthouse Foundation. This foundation offers shelter, food and support for young people who would otherwise be left to live on the street.

It is our aim to raise \$1,000 to assist with food and shelter for a home. Please refer to the letter attached for more information. Mr Steel

CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Last term the Year 9/10 students were exposed to the book entitled "The Purpose Driven Life". One aspect of this book touched on the contribution that we would be willing to make to society.

There was a theme that arose out of the students' comments. This theme revolved around volunteering and offering our services to others or our community.

For this reason, the Year 9/10 students will be given the opportunity to volunteer within the Mount Alexander Shire. Jacqueline from Mt Alexander Volunteer Network will be coming to school to speak to the students about her experience and potential opportunities for our students to volunteer.

The students will also be engaging with the Friends of Campbells Creek for three weeks by planting trees on the east side of the Creek across from the school. This is open for parents to come along and assist. Please go to this website (www.focc.org.au) for more information. Mr Steel

OFFICIAL SCHOOL PHOTOS are being taken for all classes on Friday Morning 27 July

Please remember to return your photo request form and appropriate money sealed in the envelope.

HOT LUNCHES will not run tomorrow for this first week of term at Olivet. Lunches will also not be available from Five Flags tomorrow due to renovations.

CHOCOLATES

Thank you to all the families and students who have taken the opportunity to sell the chocolate frogs to raise funds for secondary students attending the Convention in Fiji in December.

Students who are attending the Convention are raising funds for their expenses. Any other boxes sold have the profits pooled and shared across all Convention attendees to offset expenses.