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The Olivet News

FIGHT FOR YOUR FAMILY

Eli the High Priest lived to see his two sons killed in battle, the Ark of the Covenant captured by the Philistines and his daughter-in-law give birth to a child called Ichabod, which means "the glory has departed from Israel". There's a lesson here. Today the world is trying to take the Ark—God's influence—out of our homes. Through media and peer pressure the forces of darkness are seeking to capture the minds of our children by exposing them to the wrong values. Mum, Dad, what's being written over your house? "The glory has departed", or "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15?

We are in a war, but a lot of us have not been at war. If we're going to "fight the good fight" for and with our children, we need to be passionate about setting a Godly example for them to follow. Look at Hannah, Eli's neighbor, who was such a parent. After years of being childless she made a vow to God: "If you will give me a son, I will give him back to you all his life..." 1 Samuel 1:11. God answered her prayer with Samuel, who became one of Israel's greatest prophets. Later God gave Hannah more children "...so she became the mother of three sons and two daughters..." 1 Sam 2:21. That's because He knew He could fulfill Hannah's

deepest longing and that it wouldn't make her selfish. God knew she was more interested in His glory and benefit than she was in her own.

Can God trust us like that?

Be passionate to see our children grow strong in the Lord. Reduce the negative influence that media such as TV and computers can have on their lives and encourage them to stay close to anything that makes them want to do right.

(Word For Today 28/3/10—Bob Gass)

ORIENTATION MORNINGS

2010 has seen unprecedented growth in the College. Since this time last year we have seen student numbers increase by over 20%. Families are recognising the value of a Bible-based curriculum and focus on character development within a caring and loving family environment.

We welcome the new students to Olivet on Monday morning and trust their time with us will be enjoyable as well as a possible rich learning and growing experience from the start of next year onwards.

The College runs daily buses from Kangaroo Flat, Strathfieldsay and Maryborough from 8am and return by 4pm. Olivet runs a comprehensive individual and group learning program to meet the needs of all students. Work is well underway with curriculum writing towards the introduction of the Austra-

lian curriculum planned for 2012 across all levels P-10.

The College wants to continue the growth of the past twelve months, and is planning to have sufficient secondary numbers (minimum of 40 students) to push for Year 10 level for 2011. Our two key entry points for enrolment are Prep and Year 7 levels, but while there are vacancies remaining for most levels for 2011, families are encouraged to enrol quickly so their place is booked, or at least placed on a waiting list.

The College offers a safe and secure "family" environment for children and young people to be nurtured and taught effectively within a Christian atmosphere, and we would encourage you to contact us for a closer look. You may contact us on 5472 3817 to arrange a time to come and visit us. We would love to have the opportunity to talk with you and discuss the successful Christian Education of your children.

ALPHA AND BETA HUMANITIES

This term, both Secondary classes will be looking at careers and pathways to work. There are different assignments for each group. I have arranged for the students to attend the Herald-Sun Melbourne Careers Expo at the Melbourne Convention Centre next week on Friday 30th July, 2010. There will be no charge for this excursion as we have been able to gain free tickets.

We will travel to Melbourne in two of the school buses.

Would you please complete the permission slip and return it to the College, if you would like your child to attend the Careers Expo.

CAREERS PERMISSION SLIP

I give/do not give permission for to attend the Careers Expo in Melbourne on Friday 30th July, 2010.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

WORK EXPERIENCE FOR ALPHA STUDENTS

Could Alpha students please remember to think about their Work Experience placements and hand the names into Mrs. Donaldson on their sheets. Work Experience week will be Week 9 this term.

Thank you.

CAREERS AND PATHWAYS TO WORK DUE DATES FOR COMPLETION.

Alpha Completion of Managed Individual Pathways Plan Books

Week 8 Friday 3rd September, 2010

Beta Assessment Tasks:

Week 9 Tuesday 7th September, 2010

SECONDARY ENGLISH LITERATURE YEAR 7 LITERATURE

"God's Adventurer - Hudson Taylor"

(Excerpt from the back cover of the book)

Hudson Taylor was still a teenager when God told him to go to China. Alone, broke and even critically ill, he hung on to that goal, and to God who was sending him. But would God be enough? Alone in inland China, Hudson had lots of chances to find out! There is plenty of danger, adventure and action in this true story of a man who dared to risk all on God.

Due Dates:

Week 4 9am 2 August, 2010

Hand in reading Journal

Week 6 9am 16 August, 2010

Hand in China Essay

YEAR 8 LITERATURE

"Twice Freed"

(Excerpt from the back cover of the book)

Full of guilt, hate and fear, Onesimus, the slave flees from his master Philemon. He runs, searching for something that eludes him every step of the way - freedom.

Just when freedom seems near, the footsteps that have followed him finally catch up. Now he must make a decision; to continue in his own way, which only seems to bring him deeper into bondage, or to choose the way of Christ and give up hate and resentment that he has harboured for so long. Which will he choose?

Follow Onesimus from slavery to servitude to life as a runaway. Go with him all the way to Rome as Bible characters come to life every step of the way. Packed with adventure, hope and love, *Twice Freed* is based on the New Testament book of Philemon. It is a book that will stir your heart and cause you to look for freedom within your own life.

Due dates:

Week 7 9am 23 August, 2010

Hand in *Twice Freed* Question and answer sheet

Week 8 9am 30 August, 2010

Hand in short essay

THANK YOU

Thank you for the Year 8 students who have assisted in organizing the Prep Orientation Day bags.

MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Next Friday July 30th, as part of their Music course, the Gamma students have a great opportunity to attend the "Introduction to the Orchestra Concert" at the Capital Theatre in Bendigo at 11.30am.

Students will be accompanied by Mr Nicholas, Mrs Box and Mr Price, travelling by bus and car. The cost of the trip will be \$5 which will be added to your term's account.

Students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch from home and a water bottle.

If you wish your child to attend, please complete the attached permission form.

GAMMA EXCURSION TO THE MSO BENDIGO

I give permission for my child.....to attend the MSO Concert at the Capital Theatre on Friday July 30th at 11.30am and to travel on the transport arranged by the College Staff.

In the unlikely event of an accident, I give the College Staff Permission to seek medical help if required.

.....Parent/Guardian

SECONDARY SPORT

Students are asked to please bring their Sports Uniform tomorrow. We are playing TableTennis as preparation for Convention. We would encourage as many as possible to try out for the TableTennis event at Convention.

WESTSIDE CIRCUS - PRELIMINARY NOTICE

Westside Circus is a vibrant and growing community arts organisation creating circus, performance, physical theatre, music and leadership opportunities for young people.

Their aim is to make a difference for young people between the ages of 3 and 25 from diverse social, and cultural backgrounds to access exciting and challenging programs which build confidence, promote personal wellbeing and create positive relationships both with peers and the community.

Each of the classes have been booked in for a two hour session in Melbourne. This project has been funded through the Association of Independent Schools Resiliency Fund.

ELC Week 6 17th August

GAMMA Week 6 18th August

SECONDARY Week 7 25th August

Further details will follow at a later date.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the COX CRITCHLEY and CULPH Families.

NEXT ORIENTATION DAY (for 2011)

Tues 3rd August 8.45am—12.45pm.

If you know of any families in addition to those we know of who plan to come on the day, as Prep students or for other levels, we need to know so that we can plan the morning sessions. Please let Kylie in the Office know.

