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Scientists - Olivia McCoy Katelyn Lacey **ACTS OF KINDNESS**

"And let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9

What a lovely reminder of the blessings which abound when we take opportunity to be kind and to offer assistance to people whom we see in need.

School is certainly a place where these opportunities for kindnesses are endless and we are to be on the lookout for even the little things that help so much.

Holding a door, thanking a bus-driver, writing a note of thanks to someone, saying hello, picking up a stray paper, taking time with someone, are all simple acts of kindness but which often mean so much to the person.

As Bob Gass in the Word For Today says "Big moments don't come to people who wait for them; they come from faithfulness in small moments, in daily routine and non-glamorous service. Faithfulness always brings rewards."

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might....." Ecclesiastes 9:10

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the
SALTER SHOWELL-ROCHE TAOF-
INUU and THORPE Families.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HANDWRITING

Handwriting advocates make three arguments for including it in the elementary curriculum.

First, handwriting affects how you are perceived by others (one study found that teachers gave lower marks to papers with less-legible writing).

Second, when handwriting isn't automatic, it interferes with the writing process and fluent communication of ideas.

Johnathan, Claire and Joshua with their little chicks

Third, brain scans show that handwriting, unlike keyboarding, leads to adult-like neural processing in the visual system, which suggests that handwriting may prepare children for reading acquisition.

We don't live in a handwriting world, and we don't live in a digital world. We live in a hybrid world. Students need to have a legible and fluent style of handwriting, and they need to have fluent typing skills so they can concentrate on what they're going to say and how they're going to say it.

"Experts Fear Handwriting Will Become a Lost Art" by Jaclyn Zubrzycki in *Education Week*, Jan 25, 2012

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS ARE ON TOMORROW Friday 24th Feb

A great afternoon is planned at the Harcourt Swimming Pool tomorrow; 12.30pm is the starting time.

All are invited to come and share the carnival atmosphere as David House and Andrew House battle it out for the Swimming Trophy this year.

All students are to please wear their summer uniform to school on this day for a shorter morning's work before we all head off to the pool in buses and cars. All 3 buses will transport students to Harcourt and dismissal at the end of the day will be from the Harcourt Pool at approx. 3.15pm

Students are asked to please bring your bathers, T-shirt, towel, HAT FROM HOME sunscreen and thongs as well as a plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.

DEDICATION NIGHT Next Tuesday

The Olivet News

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This Tuesday night is an important occasion for the whole of the Olivet school community.

It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet together as the wider College family to dedicate the school year and all the leadership groups within the College to the Lord's direction and ministry.

The evening will kick off with a shared tea at 6pm in the grounds, followed by an Open Classroom Time from 7pm onwards for students to take their parents around to the various classes to show them their classroom. All staff will be available to chat with parents and will provide an informal opportunity for parents to meet as well, some for the first time.

We will then gather back in the Assembly area for an activity followed by a short Dedication Service for the 2012 school year.

House Captains will be recognized as the student leaders for 2012 and the Senior House Captains, Robert Mitchell and Janie Donnison will speak briefly on their behalf.

It is expected that all families will come to be an active part of Dedication Night and we would love to see you all at this special occasion.

WISDOM FROM A SPORTING GREAT

Some great quotes from basketball great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who is now a successful writer, historian, and filmmaker:

- On which is more important, talent or practice: "To really excel, you need both. But a good work ethic trumps lazy talent every time".
- On winning: "Being prepared, understanding your strengths and limitations, and having a good game plan – those are essential elements of success".
- On judging people: "There are good people and thieves, and you've got to have the judgment to understand which is which and adjust".
- On how to lead: "By example. I was always in shape, always a team player. I understood the fundamentals of the game and worked on them even in the off-season".
- On 'managing up' to coaches: "Respect always makes people more amenable to criticism or a correction. The idea of mutual appreciation smoothes out those interactions between people on different levels".

"Life's Work" by Alison Beard in *Harvard Business Review*, January-February 2012.

ENVELOPES AND DIARIES

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

Thank you for your assistance in this way.

REMINDER OF BUS AND CAR SAFETY

All car drivers and bus drivers are reminded to please take extra care when driving within the vicinity of the College. Please observe the speed limits on all roads surrounding Olivet. We would ask that you please slow down to ensure the safety of all students is your top priority when travelling on Stephens Street and Chapel Street.

Parents of ELC students are reminded to meet them at the gate before moving to cars please.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Parents, now is a good time to check that the pinafores and skirts fit correctly for Terms 2 & 3. As these are made by order it is essential that we have enough time to get them made.

All new girls have been measured for correct sizes by Mrs Revell so they are all underway.
