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*Puppets on a Monday Assembly morning;
Renee Green and Ky Hodges working in
the garden.*

FINDING JOY IN LIVING

The 92 year-old petite, proud and well poised lady is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, even though she is legally blind.

With her hair fashionably coifed, and her make-up perfectly applied, she moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, necessitating the move.

After waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she manoeuvred her walker in the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs Jones, you haven't seen the room . . . just wait . . ."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged . . . it's how I arrange my mind. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up.

I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away . . . just for this time in my life."

Old age is like a bank account; you withdraw from it what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in your bank account of memories.

Remember the five simple rules to being happy;

Free your heart from hatred,
Free your mind from worries,

Live simply,

Give more,

Expect less.

(Taken from *The Encourager*)

SAFETY ON OUR ROADS

We don't want to take the safety of our students on our College buses for granted - we are continually thankful to God for the safety of our students as they travel to and from the College.

Please continue to pray for Kim Evers, Brad Gawthrop, Peter Chaffey and Ken Geyer as they serve the College as drivers of the buses.

Please pray for safety and wisdom as they drive and for the students on the buses to be respectful of their drivers, to be well behaved so that the drivers are able to do their job effectively.

Parents of our Prep - Grade 2 class are reminded that they should collect their children from the gate after school to prevent our precious young students from leaving the school grounds without adult supervision. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the DUNCAN EVANS EVERS FOTI and BITUTU Families.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Tomorrow (Friday 28 February)

Students will arrive at school at the normal time in their summer uniforms. Students will have prayer groups as normal and then work 3 shorter periods till 11am.

Lunch will then be taken and then at 11.45am all students will head off to Harcourt Pool in buses and cars as follows:

BCI Bus PCH + JBO + 32 secondaries

Car CDO + 4 secondaries Kyle B Jonathon G Thomas C Kris E

Maryborough Rosa GTR 20 (P-2) + 4 (5-6)

Elouise Naomi Mary Erin

Strath Rosa KEV + SNI + 19 (3-4) + 4 (5-6)

Annaliese Monique Olivia Allycia

Car JCH + 6 (5-6) Wesley Caleb Brodie Isaac D Joshua L James C

All family members are invited to attend and to join in the carnival atmosphere of the Swimming Sports which will get underway at 12.30pm.

Dismissal at the end of the day will be from the Harcourt Pool at approx. 3.15pm. Parents collecting students from Kangaroo Flat and Strathfieldsaye are advised that the bus may be a little earlier than usual, perhaps up to 15 mins earlier.

Students are asked to bring with them their bathers, shorts, T-shirt, towel, hat from home, water bottle, sunscreen, thongs, as well as a plastic bag for wet bathers and towel.

Thank you to all the Staff for your planning for the day, which promises to be a great day for all.

LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Is your child learning a musical instrument?

There is much evidence available to prove the great benefits to academic learning when students learn a musical instrument.

Whether it be keyboard, guitar or violin, students develop skills in self-discipline, commitment, time management, and self-esteem when they learn an instrument.

Several of our past and present Olivet students have gained great benefit from joining a brass band and learning an instrument there.

If you live near Castlemaine, the Thompsons Foundry Band have a learners' program on a Tuesday afternoon after school where children and adults are provided with the loan of a brass instrument e.g. cornet, tenor horn and are given lessons for free.

If you are interested, please contact Ed Wilcock mobile 0447 853 979.

There are several bands in Bendigo e.g. Bendigo City Brass Band and Eaglehawk Citizens' Band ...also the Maryborough City Brass Band who may have a similar arrangement.

INTERIM REPORTS

Staff are in the process of sending home interim reports by email to give parents an update on how their students have begun the school year.

Could parents please discuss these reports with students to encourage them and to assist them where required.

Parents, please feel free to reply either by email or by phone call if you do have any concerns that you wish to raise.

It is the primary responsibility of each student to complete their term's work requirements and to complete Honour Roll. This develops a strong work ethic early in life and enables students to be able to demonstrate consistent work habits such as completing goals, perseverance, commitment to doing your best and seeing given tasks through to completion.

HARCOURT APPLEFEST

Saturday 8 March

Students are reminded of the invitation to enter the children's art competition and junior baking competitions at the Harcourt AppleFest.

Entry forms were included in the Newsletter last week.

The Harcourt AppleFest is a family-oriented event and students are encouraged to enter to provide added interest on the day.

Further info may be obtained from the website www.harcourtapplefest.org.au

FOOD TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

The Year 7 students are completing their third Food Technology class next week. This week I have sent home food containers, so parents can taste the cooking. Would you please return the containers each week to use in the next lesson. If you wish to supply your own food container, I would appreciate it.

Thank you, Mrs Donaldson

CROSS COUNTRY RUN

Grades 3 to 6 students will be running in the Castlemaine and District Schools Cross country to be held at the end of March at the Castlemaine Botanic Gardens.

Now is the time to do some regular training with the cooler evenings setting in and jogging is a good way to develop fitness and general health. Any distances up to 3 km will help to build stamina and prepare students for the interschool run.

SWIMMING AT EVERYONE HEALTH

We are half way through the Primary swimming program and it is exciting to observe the growth in confidence and the development in skills across the primary section.
