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The Olivet News

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What a blessing it is to be able to provide a solid Christian Education to our students. We are thankful to all parents for their passion to see their children succeed in their learning and character development. We are committed as a staff to seeing each student, particularly by secondary age, taking responsibility for their own learning. Students receive assistance of working towards their independent learning.

We pray that God will continue to guide students as they find their God-given purpose, and as they seek to know God personally in their own lives, through a daily relationship with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

I have just returned from a 3-day Policy Forum in Canberra with Executives and Leaders in Christian Schools across Australia. Yesterday's focus was on the theme of the Australian Curriculum. Professor Barry McGaw, Chair of ACARA (Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority), spoke at length of the process up to now, and this was followed by a panel of experts from each of the 4 curriculum draft areas (Mathematics, History, Science and English) asking questions of Barry, and included questions from the floor.

It was very informative.

All Australian schools, both non-government and government will be required to review their curriculum with a view to satisfying State Requirements for curriculum, assessment and reporting.

Olivet will continue to provide a balance of individual and group learning, including both content-based and inquiry-based curriculum. We will continue to use the Accelerated Christian Education materials for some of our delivery.

The deadline for responses to the draft curriculum is this Sunday, after which ACARA will examine all responses and publish a final curriculum for P-10 across Australia in approx. August/September, looking towards implementation in 2012.

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the LOUREY LOW LYNE and MARTIN Families.

HOT FOOD TOMORROW Friday

SECONDARY SPORT tomorrow will be Softball. All students are asked to bring their sports uniform please.

PARENT ONLINE SURVEYS Parents should be receiving notification or reminders if you have not completed the online survey. It is a requirement that we allow parents the opportunity to leave feedback on various aspects of the College and we would ask that everyone complete the form before the deadline next week. It actually does not take much time to complete. Thank you for your time.

WEBSITE Have you checked our website lately. This is a great place to check what is happening at school. We are updating photos and the calendar regularly. Follow the link on the website to see how our Chairman, Ken, is doing on his round-the-world flight for Malaria.

AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Congratulations to students for their efforts in the Competition held last term, and particularly to the following students:

Ellie Banks CREDIT

Caleb Kuhle CREDIT

Briodie McArdle HIGH DISTINCTION

Ryan White CREDIT

Nick Broad CREDIT

John Brown DISTINCTION

Sarah Evans CREDIT

Alisha Mitchell CREDIT

GRAMPIANS GETAWAY

Thank you to Adrian Steel for his planning and preparation for the Outdoor Education trip held last week. Students were able to develop skills in outdoor camping, cooking, erecting tents, and coping with the cold mornings.

The days were beautiful sunny days and we were particularly thankful that God gave us magnificent weather to enjoy His Creation first-hand.

Thank you to Adrian Steel, Phil Chapman, Kylie Steel, Dave Jackson and Jan Chapman for the staff supervision of the students while away.

Please enjoy some of the sights of the trip last week with the photos over the page.

