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Lucy, Scruffy & Bruce on Monday!

EASTER-ANZAC REFLECTION

In a few weeks time Australians will celebrate two important events—Easter and Anzac. A moment's reflection reveals several striking similarities between these two memorial occasions.

On Anzac Day we remember events that happened long ago—almost a century ago. We think of Australian soldiers who died in the First World War, and in subsequent wars.

On Good Friday we also remember an event that happened long ago—about 2000 years ago. We call to mind the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son and our Saviour & Redeemer.

On Anzac Day this year, as usual, local communities will conduct simple ceremonies in remembrance of the deaths of the soldiers. **Joshua and Lachlan Ellison will represent Olivet Christian College** and will lay wreaths of remembrance at both the Castlemaine and Campbells Creek RSL services on Monday 25th April. Thank you to the Ellison family and to Joshua and Lachlan.

On Good Friday Christian communities will also conduct simple ceremonies in remembrance of the death of our Saviour. We gather to break bread and drink of the cup to remember Holy Communion/the Lord's Supper. The bread represents Christ's broken body, and the cup represents His shed blood, bearing our sins and suffering the penalty for those sins on the cross. Because of Christ's victory over sin, we can have freedom from the penalty of our daily sin and

Rordan, Justyn & Wade at Food Tech

walk in a new freedom that enables us to enjoy God's Presence and Power at all times.

Easter is a time to also celebrate that Christ also rose from the dead, and is ALIVE! We certainly commemorate His death as a very sad occasion, where He dealt with our sin, but more than this, we rejoice and celebrate His resurrection and anticipate His return!

On Anzac Day we remember how the soldiers laid down their lives for their friends. On Good Friday we remember how the Lord Jesus laid down His life for His friends.

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO LOVE THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. YE ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I COMMAND YOU"
John 15:13-14

DRUG-FREE LIFESTYLE EDUCATION

Tomorrow (Friday 1st April) the Drug Education Team from WCTU will be visiting Olivet for 2 sessions.

Years 5-6-7 11.30 am—12.45pm

Years 8-9 1.30—3pm

Each year the team speaks with over 2000 students in Government and Independent schools throughout Victoria and concentrates on the latest facts about the effects on the human body of alcohol and tobacco. Their emphasis is on empowering students to overcome peer pressure by giving quality information in order to make wise and informed decisions.

If parents would also like to hear the information given, please feel free to join one of the sessions.

The Olivet News

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Next Week is the last week of Term 1.

MONDAY and TUESDAY are normal school days.

WEDNESDAY is the day set aside for Parent and Teacher Interviews.

As you can see the day is fairly tight to say the least and so if teachers and parents can keep their interviews succinct and on time it will assist all interviews to follow to remain on time.

We also want to encourage older students to attend interviews with their parents. **It is important that all students who have not completed Honour Roll requirements attend interviews on the day with their parents.**

THURSDAY is Honour Roll Day for those students who have completed all their work requirements for the Term.

Students who have not completed their set work will be expected to attend school on this day in summer uniform at the normal times and will complete whatever is outstanding. It is also expected that these students attend interviews with their parents on the Wednesday.

FRIDAY 8 April is the last day of Term 1.

The morning will be in classes, followed by class clean-up and final class time before lunch at 12.30pm.

Presentation Afternoon will begin at 1.15pm and students will be dismissed at approx. 2.30pm.

We will be awarding certificates and awards to all classes in the afternoon, commencing at 1.15pm. The students will be dismissed at approx. 2.30pm. Parents and family members and friends of the College are very welcome and are strongly encouraged to come and support the students on this special occasion.

PRIMARY HONOUR ROLL TRIP

On Thursday 7th the Primary Honour Roll trip to Bendigo will depart at 8:50 am to attend the performance of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at the Capital Theatre.

Bendigo students who are planning to go straight to the venue need to meet at the front of the Capital in View Street at 9:40 am. Please let your class teacher know of this arrangement via the student diary.

Travel will be by the school buses and private car to return for an afternoon program at the Castle-maine State Festival at various venues in the town centre.

all students will return to school for normal departure time.

Sports uniform is compulsory. Please supply a lunch, drink and hat.

The price to help cover costs is \$5.00 per child. This will be added to your account.

PERMISSION SLIP PRIMARY HONOUR ROLL

I give permission for _____ to attend the Primary Honour Roll Trip on Thursday 7 April as set out in the Newsletter.

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SECONDARY HONOUR ROLL TRIP

A reminder to all secondary students that to qualify for the end of term Life Adventure Park activities for Honour Roll, students must have completed all work requirements for the term.

Students will meet in the North end of the Bendigo Mall at 9.30am for a Scavenger Hunt in groups of 3. Then at 11 am we are booked in for Mini-Golf and Go Karts at the Life Adventure Park.

Then to Lake Weeroona for a BYO Lunch together and back to Olivet for normal dismissal time.

We ask the Bendigo students to meet us at 9.30am and to be collected from Lake Weeroona by 2.15pm please. The cost will be \$12 per student payable on the day and the College will also contribute to the cost.

PERMISSION SLIP SEC'DARY HONOUR ROLL

I give permission for _____ to attend the Secondary Honour Roll Trip on Thursday 7 April as set out in the Newsletter.

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TROPHIES AND AWARDS 2011

The Staff and Executive have made some significant changes to the Award/Trophy structure that is currently in place. This year's awards will be as follows:-

ELC: Prep—Year 2

Highest Average
Creative Expression
Art/Craft
Sportsmanship and Sportswomanship

DELTA: Years 3—4

Highest Average
Creative Expression
Art/Craft
Sportsmanship and Sportswomanship

GAMMA: Years 5-6

Highest Average
Creative Expression
Art/Craft
Technology
Sportsmanship and Sportswomanship

JUNIOR SEC: Years 7 –8

Highest Average
Creative Expression
Art/Craft
Technology
Sportsmanship and Sportswomanship

MIDDLE SEC:- Years 9-10

Highest Average
Creative Expression
Art/Craft
Technology
Sportsmanship and Sportswomanship

CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL NEWS

Children's Day Parade and Picnic Saturday April 9th
11am-3pm
Victory Park, Mostyn St, Castlemaine
(This is a public event - nothing to do with Olivet).

This year's parade theme is Bird Migration, and children who want to be involved in the parade can come and make a costume or parade object at the Maker's Pavilion in Victory Park on Saturday 2nd April.

Everyone in the parade will then gather at 11am on the 9th April at Victory Park for the Parade! Some children will know what bird group they will be in - everyone is invited to come along and join in!

If children want to be in a bird group, they can come dressed in the colours listed below

Crow - Black Flamingo - Pink
Macau - Turquoise/Green Lark - Brown
Swallow/Owl - White

Thankyou - see you there,
Mandy Field
Children's Program Co-ordinator

SECONDARY ENGLISH LITERATURE

YEAR 9 students have completed their assessment task on the film *Amazing Grace*.

As a part of the task they needed to write about a Biblical character who could have prayed the words that John Newton wrote when he penned the words for *Amazing Grace*. Many of the students chose the story of Joseph.

YEAR 8 students read the book, *Little Pilgrim's Progress*, which was written as an allegory about a Christian's journey through life.

The following conclusion was written by Cooper Davis.

"The Little Pilgrim Progress is a story about finding your way to God, even though there can be lots of troubles, obstacles, and bad people in your way. You should always be guided to take the right path. The King cares for all, even the poor, sad or sick people. He will always find someone to help you...I liked this book because it tells me not to be worried

or frightened because the King is helping me.

YEAR 7 students read *Animal Heroes*, which is a book written about how animals have assisted troops during conflicts and peacekeeping deployments. They wrote a journal and then made a passport for their animal. For this task they needed to complete some research about six different countries. Some passports can be seen on the notice board on Presentation afternoon.

Mrs Donaldson

HISTORY

YEAR 9 students have just completed their second Australian History PACE about the discovery of Australia up to the time of Captain Cook. We have used the *Learning Federation website*, and maps. We are completing the PACE together and having many discussions about the topics covered.

YEAR 8 students have been completing the first two World History PACEs giving them an overview of early history and then we have studied some aspects of Medieval History, namely Feudalism and Manorialism. Two groups then made a board game with questions and answers about the topic.

YEAR 7 students have been studying primary and secondary sources and have undertaken two field trips to gather information and to look at historical evidence. We are blessed to live in a town where there is so much history.

Did you know that there is a Chinese cemetery at Vaughan Springs and in 1859, there were 13,000 residents in Vaughan Springs. Today there are just a few homes there. Some posters are on display in the hall for you to look at.

Mrs Donaldson

CIVICS

YEAR 7 students completed the first two Australian State PACEs on Victoria and New South Wales using maps and the internet.

YEAR 9 students have been preparing for the *Living in War Times Project* (Mt Alexander Shire) and have learned more about referencing, and interviewing people, in preparation for their reports and interviews. The projects will be on display during Senior Citizen's Week in Term 4.

Mrs Donaldson

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the ELLIOT ELLISON ETTRIDGE-BRAYSHAW and EVANS Families.

DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 2

First day for students Monday 2 May

AGM Reachout Enterprises Ltd

Tuesday 3 May at 7.30pm

Parents of current Year 9 students

Staff/Parents Meeting Monday 9 May 7pm

WINTER UNIFORM

Parents please take this time to check your children's winter uniforms. If we need to top up the uniform supplies now is the time to do it. Please advise Mary-Anne in the office of any needs you require asap.

Please check the condition as well as the fit of the uniforms. Please check the length is correct on the girls' skirts which, at a minimum, should be below the knee.

Staff and Executive also let parents know that ballet-type shoes for girls will not be part of the uniform from now on. If girls have these type of shoes currently, they may wear them out but must purchase normal black shoes there after. No ballet shoes will be permitted from the start of Term 3 onwards.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Reminder to all parents – Hot Cross Buns orders need to be returned no later than Friday (tomorrow) 1st April. The orders will be organized next week and will be packaged and sent home with your oldest child. Thank you for your support on this fundraiser.

PRIMARY SPORT

The swimming program at the heated pool has been hugely successful but has now come to an end. The children have developed confidence in the water and practiced floating, stroke techniques, diving and entries, rescues and water safety.

Certificates will be given out as part of the presentation afternoon.

Sports clothes will be needed next Tuesday for a PE session at school.

For Term 2 the primary sports day will be MONDAY to fit in with other specialist teachers.

For the Diary:- The first of the District schools sports will be the Cross Country Fun Run for Years 3-6, planned for May 17.

ELC EXCURSION MONDAY 4 APRIL

On Monday April 4 in the afternoon, ELC will be attending a puppet performance "Mr Bunk". Students will travel by bus with Mrs Evers and Mrs Chapman. Cost will be \$5 on family's accounts.

ELC EXCURSION PERMISSION FORM

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YEAR 9 HEALTH PHYS.ED CLASS

A reminder for all Year 9 students to bring their sports uniform for the next two Monday classes (28th of March and 4th of April). This is due to students running their fitness programs to help the class achieve their fitness goals for this term.

Thanks

Adrian Steel

STUDENT CONVENTIONS by Kathy Fisher Convention Co-ordinator SCEE

What an amazing start to the year, with disasters happening in so many places!

What a good time to remember the awesome power and mercy of our God, who has 'plans and purposes' for our lives.

It is also a great time to remember the importance of preparing our students to be ready "in season and out of season", so that they are ready for any and all circumstances.

(Olivet is a great training ground for our students, preparing them to stand in these tough times).

Victorian Student Convention is held for all secondary students in Week 2 Term 4 at Rawson (near Moe) and competition is held in Art/Craft, Music Vocal/Instrumental, Athletics, Academics and Public Speaking.