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*Learn for Life with Mr Alexander: Gamma*

*In the Sand Pit at lunch-time*

### GOD'S WORD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE

One of the first books to come off the printing press after its invention was the Bible. And it's still the best-selling book. An anonymous author has written:

"It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the fate of sinners, and the happiness of believers".

It is a light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's road map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's weapon, and the player's game plan. It is a mine of incredible wealth and a river of genuine joy. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design and the glory of God its end.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practise it to be spiritually healthy. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. Let it fill your memory, rule your heart and guide your steps.

The Bible is "The Word of our God (which) stands for ever" 1 Peter 1:25 (taken from Word For Today May 17 2012, Bob and Debby Gass)

Our new passage for memory; Psalm 119:1-12 is a delightful passage which tells of the value of God's Word in our lives. "Blessed are they who keep His testimonies and who seek God with all of their hearts". (verse 2)

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the MITCHELL MONA NATHAN and NICHOLSON Families.

### ELC UPDATE

The preps have been working well and are on track with their learning in Maths and Language. The introductory lessons for letter names, sounds and formations will be completed early in term three and the preps are adapting to the structure of more formal lessons.

This term for General studies we started with the topic of Space and more recently have moved on to a study of 'Big Animals'.

The students in Grade 1 and 2 have started an assignment on a big animal of their choice and they are learning to do simple research and note-taking. From this, they will compile a fact file of information, which will then be published. This means activities with the keyboard to develop familiarity with key positions as well as the use of Word documents. Progress has been pretty amazing!

The district schools Tabloid Sports Day (tomorrow) should be a good day and children from the ELC have been practising throwing, rolling, catching, skipping and even hockey skills in order to be ready for the big day. Just a reminder to parents that children need to have sports uniform, lunch, snacks and drink for Friday, and a coat if it is cold and windy.

Special thanks to Michael Ellison who has been coming in to help with the reading program.

It is very encouraging to witness the children enjoy their reading and develop the necessary skills to make quick

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progress through the reading levels.  
It is also great to see Barb back at school after a short break.

### **GARDENING**

Activity in the vegetable garden has slowed with the cold weather. Green caterpillars were eating the leaves of the cabbage but the boys quickly fixed the problem. The wheat has started to grow but we are still waiting for the peas to shoot.

### **SECONDARY EXCURSION TO SEE THE WONDERS OF MESOPOTAMIA Tomorrow**

Full school winter uniform is expected for the day thank you.

### **REPORTS FOR SEMESTER 1 2012**

Staff have begun the huge task of preparing comprehensive reporting of student achievement during Terms 1 and 2. These will be ongoing over the next four weeks of Term 2. The last day of testing and completing of outstanding work will be Friday 22nd June.

Students are reminded to keep ahead of their work requirements so as to avoid a last-minute panic at the end of term.

A big thank you to the Staff for your diligence and expertise on preparing the full reports for all students for this Semester.

### **SCHOOL RESULTS SURVEYS**

This is a reminder to all families with email addresses and computer access that we are currently completing the Annual Survey.

Please make sure you log into your email and complete this for us before 11<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately there is no access for those families who do not have computer access as this is a confidential survey and paper copies are not collected.

Our ideal is for all families to be able to complete the data but it is not a possibility at the moment. Thank you to those who have already completed online.

STUDENTS from Grades 5 – 10 will also be given the opportunity to complete a student survey online at school. This is also a confidential survey which is out-sourced so we do not see individual student data.

### **FUNDRAISING FOR SOUTH PAC CONVENTION**

This week students who are saving to go to Fiji may start fundraising if they wish, by selling Cadbury's Variety Packs of Freddo frogs which we hope will arrive tomorrow in time for the weekend. Each carton contains 50 packs which sell for \$1 each.

Students will be saving towards their own costs i.e. if a student sells 2 boxes, all the profit from those sales will be deducted from their individual invoice for Fiji.

If other students in the College wish to take part in the selling they may, with permission from their parents. The profits from their sales will go towards a general fund which will be put towards expenses of the group.

If your child would like to take home a Freddo Variety Pack to sell, could you please sign the permission slip below. Thank-you in anticipation.

Mrs Jan Chapman

### **PERMISSION SLIP FOR FUNDRAISING**

I give permission for .....  
to take part in the South Pac Fundraising by bringing home a Freddos Variety Pack to sell to family and friends.

Parent/Guardian.....

### **VISIT TO OLIVET BY THE HON. CHRISTOPHER PYNE, MP Federal Shadow Minister For Education Apprenticeships and Training**

Next Wednesday at 3pm, the Hon Mr Pyne will be visiting Olivet to speak with Secondary students, Staff and Parents. We would like to invite parents to come along to hear and to meet Mr Pyne.

The plan is to invite Mr. Pyne to address Secondary students in the Assembly area at 3pm, followed by an informal chat to staff and parents (with an opportunity for questions) before heading off at 3.45pm to Bendigo for the Forum on the Future of Education to be held at 5pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students, staff and parents to meet Mr Pyne, a wonderful speaker and supporter of Christian Schools.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**Castlemaine Guides**

**Garage Sale**

**Sat 2nd June 2012**

**8 am start**

**at the Guide Hall on the corner of**

**Kennedy and Forest Streets**

**Donation of goods would be appreciated**

**Anne-Maree 5470 5400**

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