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The Olivet News

Our new Preps pictured with Mrs Kim Evers, (from L to R): Aston Wilson, Ashley Lacey, Amali Rungen, Stella Wilson, Hannah Low.

FIRST WEEK GOING WELL!

All students have made a terrific start to the school year, despite the heat and humidity of the last few days.

Thank you to all families who came to the Working Bee on Saturday or who completed jobs beforehand. There was so much achieved by so many and we really appreciate the lift the College grounds and buildings have been given.

Welcome to the 5 new Prep students as pictured above, and also to the other new students to Olivet:

Janie Donnison, Aysha McCoy, Cooper Davis, Rordan Ettridge-Brayshaw, Jonathon Gibson, Justyn Walker, Wade Warnock, Darcy Wilson, Tarkyn Balzan, Maddisson Rungen, Isaac Rungen, Diego Rungen, Talon Manning.

Welcome also to the families of these students too and trust your time with us here at Olivet will bring blessing and a solid foundation of Christian Education for all students on which to build their lives.

Welcome also to Mr Nicholas (Steven) our new Year 3/4 teacher.

We currently have 82 students enrolled at Olivet, the highest recorded enrolment in its 32-year history, so we

thank God for the opportunity to play a significant part in the Christian Education of these young lives and to share this important mission along with their parents.

We take seriously here at Olivet our role in training these young people to be leaders in the community.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD BRINGS LIFE TO ALL

Our first Scripture passage for memory is Genesis 1:1–8, which speaks of God's Creation. It is interesting to see that when God created the heaven and the earth, the Earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. But God's Spirit moved across the face of the waters and brought life and purpose. It is the same with us. As God's Spirit comes more fully into our lives, we see that emptiness and darkness replaced with life and filled with meaning and purpose.

Romans 8:11 reminds us that "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit which dwells in you."

Phil Chapman

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the **LYNE MALTBY MANNING** and **McARDLE** Families.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE CLASS Prep/1/2

Welcome to ELC parents for 2011.

The ELC has made a busy start to the school year, settling in five new preps - Ashley, Aston, Hannah, Amali and Stella, and we welcome Talon into Year 1. Reading levels have been established and books will be coming home each night. Children have begun their work in writing, numeracy and PACE activities. While the weather has been extremely uncomfortable our air conditioning has made conditions more livable. With the heat everyone is looking forward to the swimming program that begins next Tuesday. Please have a practice at home with your child so they feel confident with their changing. A plastic bag to store wet bathers and towel would be a useful addition.

The ELC children have settled in very quickly to the learning program and to making friendships. They are a great group who show confidence and enthusiasm. The preps are working with the supervision of Mrs Evers and over Term 1 they will have Wednesday for their break.

It appears the Yrs 1&2 children have forgotten very little over the Christmas holiday and they are powering along with their work.

We are very fortunate to have the assistance of helpers on most mornings. If you are available and would like to assist let me know through Mary-Anne at the office.

DELTA CLASS Years 3/4

The year in Delta is off to a great start with everyone positive and coping with the heat well. We are all learning new names, routines and concepts. A special welcome to Diego and Tarkyn who are settling in really well.

Topics in General Studies for this term include:

Me—Who am I?

My Community, Shelter and Easter.

We begin swimming and Library next Tuesday. If your child needs a library card it may be advantageous to get one from any of the Central Goldfields Libraries as soon as possible.

GAMMA CLASS Years 5/6

We are looking forward to a great term in Gamma. During the term we will look at the following themes: This is Me, Inventions (those things that make life a little easier) and Easter as our themes in

Humanities/Science. Next week we will begin our swimming program along with weekly visits to the Library of a Tuesday afternoon. If your child needs a library card you can either go on line and apply for one for any Goldfields Library or we could get the forms during our first library visit. Please let me know if you need some forms. If you haven't already found us we are located way out in the Art room. You are very welcome to come and visit.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

The Staff have talked about homework requirements at each class level and want to give parents a guide to the upper limits of homework for students.

Parents may allow students to take extra time to finish if they find they are working more slowly, but please keep an eye on the length of time taken as we don't want to see students overloaded:

Yr 3/4 up to $\frac{1}{2}$ hr per night

Yr 5/6 no more than 1 hour per night

Yr 7/Yr 8 1 - 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs per night

Yr 9 up to 2 hrs per night

We would ask parents to supervise the homework as far as possible to ensure that homework is completed effectively and away from other potential distractions such as phones, internet, TV and radio.

If at any time students are unable to complete their set homework due to valid reasons, we would ask parents to indicate this in the homework diary.

Thank you to all parents for this important part of the student's responsibility to complete their work.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

The following students have been asked to fill the role as House Captains for Andrew and David Houses this year:

	ANDREW	DAVID
Yr 9:	Sarah Evans	Nick Broad
Yr 7/8:	James Baxter	Claire Lacey
Yr 5/6:	Jessica Hordern	Thomas Critchley
Yr 3/4:	Kyle Evers	Joshua Ellison
Prep—2:	Sam Sears	Joshua Lacey

House Captains will be presented with their badges tomorrow (Friday morning) during the 8.50am Assembly so if parents are able to be present, that would be good.

House Captains will then meet with Mr Chapman for Morning Tea at 10.45 to discuss their roles as House Captains. Thank you to these students for their willingness to fulfill these roles for this year.

LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

What are the benefits of Learning to Play a Musical Instrument?

Intellectual:

Many studies have shown that those who take music lessons score better on memory tests, Maths exams and IQ tests. Learning an instrument requires practice and discipline which both improve time management and study skills.

Physical:

Playing music develops fine and gross co-ordination skills as well as spatial relations, rhythm and timing.

Social:

While a musician can be a soloist, he/she must learn to work with a group. Whether it's in the school, town, church or symphony, a musician must learn the cooperative skills to work well with others.

Emotional:

Learning an instrument can provide a source of achievement and pride for a child. Playing publicly in school or church allows the child to develop his God-given skills which increases confidence and self-esteem. It encourages creative and artistic expression, relieves stress and improves mood.

Spiritual:

Playing an instrument is a lovely way to worship God and to help others enjoy Him.

Interested in your child learning an instrument?

Our classroom music teacher, Mr Hugh Price, is available to teach private individual music lessons at reasonable rates in any of the following instruments - keyboard/piano, recorder, guitar, flute, clarinet and music theory. Lessons are held during lunch, after school or during regular class-time.

If you would like speak with Hugh please ring 5472 3567.

Thompsons Foundry Band are offering free tuition and the free loan of an instrument in cornet, tenor horn, trombone and other brass instruments. Lessons are available for all ages and are held on a Tuesday afternoon at 3.30pm or by arrangement, at the Band Hall in Barker St, Castle-maine. For further information please contact Ed Wilcock Ph 5470 6885.

SECONDARY SPORTS-SWIMMING PROGRAM

The swimming program is a vital part of your child's development. Therefore, we encourage all students to be active participants. This term the students will have the opportunity to experience the following activities: 2 sessions at the Harcourt Pool, an Open Water Learning Experience (see below for more info), a surf lesson at Torquay and the School's Swimming Carnival. Students are expected to participate in all activities to be eligible to go to Torquay. If for any reason your child is unable to participate, please send a written note explaining their reasons.

For Swimming tomorrow, please return the permission slip, and bring with you bathers, T-shirt, towel, hat, sunscreen and thongs. The students will be transported to and from the pool by bus.

PERMISSION SLIP SECONDARY SPORT

I give my permission for _____ to attend the Harcourt Pool on Fridays for the Secondary Sport program. The cost will be covered from the Term 1 Sports Fees.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

SECONDARY SPORTS - OWLE

The secondary students have the opportunity to experience a range of skills and develop in their understanding through this Open Water Learning Experience. This program covers the following sessions: Personal Safety and Environmental Awareness, Survival Skills, Rescue Skills and Emergency Response, and PFD Safety. These sessions will be of great benefit to the students prior to their surf session at Torquay. Please fill

out the attached permission slip along with the media consent form by Mon 14th. An equipment list is attached for your convenience. The cost of \$5.50/student will be added to your account.

**PRIMARY SPORTS PROGRAM
(EVERYONE HEALTH AND FITNESS)**

This program will commence on Tuesday 8th Feb. would parents please sign the permission slip below and return either tomorrow or Monday.

Students are to please wear sports clothes, bring their bathers, towel. T-shirt. No sunscreen will be required as it is indoors.

PERMISSION SLIP PRIMARY SWIMMING

I give my permission for _____ to attend Everyone Health and Fitness on Tuesdays for the Primary Swimming program. The students will travel by bus to and from the pool.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

PEANUT ALLERGY

As we enter this new school year, we remind parents to be careful not to send peanuts or treenuts to school with your children. These foods can cause an anaphylactic reaction to those who have this allergy. We request that families do not send these foods to school eg peanut butter sandwiches, as you plan your recess and lunch foods. Thank you for your consideration.