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SCHOOL YEAR OFF TO A GREAT START

We have seen a terrific start this week.

Welcome to all our new families and to our new students from current families.

It was good to see so many parents and family members at our first Assembly on Monday this week. Thank you for helping the new students and new parents to settle in well to the Olivet community.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: PSALM 46

"Be Still and Know that I AM GOD" says the Lord, in the midst of all we may be challenged by at present. God is in control and His purposes will always be worked out in time.

We give thanks for God's hand in watching over Michael Ellison who has recently come through emergency brain surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael, Kathleen, Joshua and Lachlan as Michael continues to recover well.

Mrs Jan Chapman is not well and has resigned from her position of LOTE Auslan Teacher due to ill health. We

are currently in the process of advertising and receiving applications for the continuation of Auslan at Olivet.



We are very appreciative to Jan for all her work for the benefit of students at Olivet and we continue to pray for her full recovery from the rheumatoid arthritis that has been very severe and painful this summer.

BETA TRIP—PORT PHILLIP BAY TOUR

Year 7 and 8 students (Beta Class) enjoyed 3 days of lovely weather, good company and beautiful seaside smells last week on the Mornington and Bellarine Peninsulas.

A big thank you to Mr Steel, Mrs Kuhle, Mrs Evans and Mr Chapman for their work as Staff accompanying the students.

NAPLAN RESULTS PUBLISHED

Olivet has recently received some excellent publicity via the My School

The Olivet News

Website and last Friday's and Monday's Herald-Sun which advertised Olivet's "Top 5" Statewide high standards in Spelling. All Numeracy and Literacy results for Olivet were encouraging from last year's NAPLAN results.

Of course the good results only are relevant from last year till the next NAPLAN Testing in May this year so we are all working hard already to maintain our strong standing.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

For the next three weeks the Alpha students will be making their lunch in the Food Technology class. Yesterday, they made Mediterranean Chicken Salad and Potato Salad with Dijon Mustard Mayonnaise and we ate our lunch together.

ALPHA HUMANITIES

This term the Alpha students will be studying **POPULATION GROWTH**. We will be looking at birth rate, death rate, migration and emigration, as well at the growth of cities. Part of our study will include a research of a family member who has migrated to Australia.

BETA HUMANITIES

The Beta students are continuing their study of **MEDIEVAL HISTORY**. Last year we studied life in the Middle Ages and held a Medieval Banquet. This term, we will be studying the Church in the Middle Ages, the Crusades, the Black Death and how discoveries change societies.

BETA - ENGLISH LITERATURE

The Beta students have been given their literature book for Term 1. The Year 7 students will be reading and writing a journal about *Little One, Maid of Israel*. The Year 8 students are reading and writing a journal on *Michael Faraday*. The Beta students have a timeline for their literature which has been glued into their workbooks. If they follow the timeline, they will be able to complete this literature task on time.

SECONDARY ART CLASSES

This week the Alpha students and four Beta students commenced their Art class with Mrs Kristina Browning. Kristina is a well known local artist exhibiting locally, regionally and nationally. We

are very fortunate to have her expertise training our students in various art mediums. Kristina is assisting students to prepare for their entries in this year's State and National Conventions. This week the students drew gum nuts, leaves and flowers in graphite and coloured pencils.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Staff have appointed House Captains as follows:

	ANDREW HOUSE	DAVID HOUSE
ALPHA	Alisha Mitchell	John Brown
BETA	Krystley Harris	Joel Lourey
GAMMA	Chloe Harrison	Shannon Culp
ELC	Allycia Cox	Katelyn Lacey

Students will be presented with their Badges during next Tuesday's Assembly and will have a Morning Tea with Mr Chapman to begin their responsibilities for the year.

CHARACTER TRAIT for the first three weeks will be PATIENCE. In Chapel classes, students will look at how they can put this into their lives in practical ways.

NATIONAL ACE CONFERENCE (Long weekend in March)

Notice is given to parents that all class teachers will be attending this conference in Sydney from Monday 7th—Wednesday 9th March. (Monday is the holiday so Olivet will be closed on both Tuesday and Wednesday.

SECONDARY SWIMMING - FRIDAY AFTER-NOON

For the next three weeks the Secondary students will be swimming at the Harcourt Pool. Mr Steel, Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Lourey (Austswim accredited teacher) will be taking the students to the pool. A life saver will also be present. The students will be training for the House Swimming Sports on Friday 26th February. They will have some free swimming time as well. Each week, the students will need to bring with them their bathers, T Shirt, hat, and sunscreen.

The students will be transported to the pool by bus and Mrs Donaldson's car.

Thank you. Mrs Donaldson

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the CHAPMAN EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

COX CRITCHLEY CULPH ELLIOT and ELLISON Families.

PUZZLE

What vegetable contains all five vowels in its name? (CAULIFLOWER)

What do these numbers all have in common?

64 81 121 196

What is the first number over 200 that fits this pattern?

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mr Price will be offering private music lessons this year, commencing in the second week of term.

Students continuing from 2009 are asked to please bring your music books on Wednesday 10th February. Any students wishing to learn piano, guitar or woodwind instruments may contact Hugh Price through the school or at home on 5472 3567

PARENT ORIENTATION BOOKLETS

New families to Olivet will be interested to know of these booklets being available to help parents understand more of the individual morning program as part of the overall curriculum at Olivet.

Mr Chapman will send home booklets through the students for parents to work through them.

If there are parents who did not receive them when they first came to Olivet and would like a booklet, please see Mr Chapman.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

A government travelling allowance is available for eligible students who reside not less than 4.8km from the College and who do not pass another education facility of the same type. Application forms were sent home yesterday. If you believe you are entitled and have not received a form they are available from the General Office. Contact Mary-Anne if you need to discuss this further. Once granted the application remains in force until the student leaves the College or changes place of residence.

To be eligible to claim EMA the claimant must:

a) be a parent or guardian or a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16 years, and

b) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 1986*, or be a Veteran Affairs (TPI) Pensioner, or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 1 (1st February 2010) for the first installment, and the first day of Term 3 (12th July 2010) for the second installment, and

c) submit their application to the College by 28th February 2008.

Application forms were sent home yesterday. If you believe you are entitled to this allowance and have not received a form they are available from the General Office. Contact Mary-Anne if you need to discuss this further. Unlike the Conveyance Allowance a New Form needs to be completed by approved families each year and a copy of the relevant card kept at the office.

EMERGENCY PLAN

As part of our College Emergency Plan it is necessary for us to remind all parents and guardians of our procedures in the event of a bushfire. This information is relevant only when there is a fire that was not pre-determined as Code Red, when all students would naturally be at home with their families.

Bushfire Information for Parents

The school has a CFA approved policy that will enable us to respond to the event of a bushfire in our locality.

1. Children should be safe at school if a major fire threatens. It is considered that the school building and grounds provide a safe refuge and students should be kept inside until the danger has passed.

2. During a crisis parents will be advised NOT to try to collect children from school as the school is a safe refuge and all students will be well cared for during such a crisis. Nevertheless should parents wish to collect their children then students will normally only be released to a PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN

3. The school bus may not be travelling if there is any known danger along the bus route. Parents should expect delays if there are local fires and they may obtain information in this regard by ringing the College and speaking to the office staff. Please contact the school if you know of possible dangers along the bus route.

Bus drivers have instructions to stop and seek information if they see evidence of fire. They will not drive 1. through smoke and will seek a safe refuge if there is any possible danger.

Children will not be left at bus stops when there seems to be potential danger from fire unless there is someone to collect them.

2. If the bus is delayed school will attempt to contact the concerned parents.

Please remember however it is not always possible to make these telephone contacts.

Parents are reminded that the most dangerous place to be in the event of a wildfire is on the roads or caught in the open. Parents should not place themselves or others at additional risk by driving to school in conditions on the road are hazardous.

