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*Year 9/10 Economics Day
last Thursday Proceeds to
Philippines \$201.40; Grade 6
Graduation Dinner on Mon-
day night*

A CALL TO FATHERS

We have been looking at Psalm 46 with a reminder to take time out from the busyness of this time of year to reflect and be still - and to know that God is the One who calms the storms and directs the way.

Our Creator God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He is the generational God who delights in seeing our children and our children's children walking in His ways; 3 John 4 "No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the Truth."

It is so important for men to be the spiritual leaders in our families, to encourage our sons and daughters to know and to love God as our Heavenly Father, and to



pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ to our children's children.

God challenges us in Joshua 24 to choose whom we shall serve. . . . "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

May that be our choice as we continue to pray for God's life and power to be evident in our children's lives as they grow strong in Him.

Phil Chapman

The Olivet News

May we all know God's Peace and Joy in our families during this wonderful time of Christmas, as we remember God's precious gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Saviour of the world.
Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth Peace, good will toward men."

PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK for the **PATTERSON PERCY** and **SALTER/JONES** Families.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION DINNER

It was terrific to see the students dressed for the special occasion and to hear their speeches at the Dinner last Monday evening.

Thanks for the encouraging support of families and staff.

THANK YOU to the Donnan Family for their kind donations for Library books during the year - it is much appreciated.

WELL DONE to our cleaners of rooms and toilets for a thorough job. Thank you to **Elle Pedersen, Glenys Day and Kathleen and Michael Ellison** for your consistent work.

SAFETY is a top priority for Olivet and we want to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated bus drivers - **Kim Evers, Brad Gawthrop, Ken Geyer and Peter Chaffey** for their care of the students to and from school and for your care also of the buses. We are appreciative of your attention to safety and we are constantly grateful to God for His provision of safety on the roads.

FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBERS

It is sad to farewell **Mr Adrian Steel, Mrs Kylie Steel and Mr Hugh Price** from our Staff this year. We have appreciated you all on Staff and we ask God's blessing on your important ministries you are to move in to. Thank you for all you have given to us as a school community.

BOARD EXECUTIVE

For the information for all, Reachout Enterprises Ltd. is the title of the Company which owns and runs Olivet Christian College.

The Board Executive is formed from the Reachout membership, and is as follows:

(All are Directors of the Company)

Cheryl Donaldson (Chair)

Phil Chapman

Ken Evers

Annette Kuhle

Steve Lacey

Mary-Anne Revell

Please continue to pray for Reachout and the Board Executive as they make important decisions on behalf of the College.

SECONDARY FORMAL DINNER

Monday 9 December at Cured Castlemaine, (Mostyn Street) from 6 - 8pm.

Students who have not completed their Honour Roll requirements by tomorrow (Friday) must be completing work at school on Monday 9 December before they are eligible to attend the Formal Dinner.

HONOUR ROLL DAY FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS Monday 9 December

PREP-GRADE 4 HONOUR ROLL TRIP

Both classes will join together for an excursion to the Woodend Adventure Play Ground.

We will get away early and travel by school bus to Woodend where we will enjoy the activities, nature walk and lunch. Students will return to the College in time for dismissal.

Children will need to wear sports uniform and hats, and bring along, medications, lunch, snacks and drinks for the day.

PERMISSION SLIP Prep - Grade 4 HRoll Trip

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Prep - 4 Honour Roll trip to Woodend Adventure Play Ground on Monday December 9th.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

GRADE 5-6 HONOUR ROLL TRIP

The Term 4 Honour Roll trip for Year 5-6 students will be held on Monday 9 December.

Students who have attained Honour Roll and who are eligible for the trip will travel by College bus to Vaughan Springs for a day of outdoor activities; an end of year party (with party food); and fun on the Vaughan Springs Slide!!

Students will need to wear their sports uniform on the day and bring their water bottle and their own picnic lunch and party food to share.

It will be a great end of year breakup as we farewell some students and see others move to secondary school next year.

PERMISSION SLIP Grade 5-6 HRoll Trip

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Grade 5-6 Honour Roll trip to Vaughan Springs on Monday 9 December.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Staff Day to finalize reports and to collate reports and awards for Presentation Morning and Night.

No students are expected to attend on this day unless parents or staff have requested interviews on the day.

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

All students are required to attend school in school uniform for the day. Preparations for both Presentation Morning and Night will be made, rehearsals for items, and cleaning up of classrooms will be done for the end of the school year.

Primary students will be attending Castlemaine Church of Christ during the afternoon for rehearsals for Presentation Morning and Night.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Could parents please sign (if not done already) the following indemnity form for our Full Dress Rehearsal to be held at the Castlemaine Church of Christ next Wednesday afternoon. Students will be transported in the Olivet buses which will be driven by teaching staff then return to school in time for dismissal at 3.15pm.

Thanks from the Primary Staff.

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL NEXT WED

I give permission for _____
to attend the Olivet Primary Full Dress Rehearsal at the Castlemaine Church of Christ on Wednesday December 11th at 1.15pm, returning to school by 3.15pm.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

Last day of the school year for students. Students are to be dressed in their summer uniform please. Both occasions are to be held at the Castlemaine Church of Christ in Blakeley Road, North Castlemaine.

Buses will deliver students to the Church of Christ, not Olivet on Wednesday morning by 8.45am. Rehearsals will then take place for both Morning Presentation and also Presentation Night.

Bus runs will do the return trip leaving the church at approx. 12 noon arriving at their destinations at approx. 12.30pm Kangaroo Flat and 12.45pm Maryborough and Strathfieldsaye.

Students will need to bring a water bottle and some morning tea for their break prior to Presentation Morning at 11am.

PRESENTATION MORNING 11am

Presentation of Term 4 character traits, items, awards and certificates

Parents and family members are invited to come along to support the students at the Castlemaine Church of Christ.

Families are to receive their semester 2 Reports and 2013 School Magazine after Presentation Morning.

If parents are not able to be present at the end of the morning to collect these in person, please write a note to allow your students to collect them.

12.30pm Staff and Board Luncheon at Saffs

Students have the afternoon to read their reports with parents, if possible.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 6.45pm

This is the climax of the school year for Olivet Christian College. All families are expected to attend this formal occasion where we celebrate the students' achievements and trophies are awarded.

Students are asked to please be at the church by 6.30pm.

We do welcome other family members, past students and families, and friends of the College to what should be a wonderful night of celebration of Olivet Christian College for 2013.

PRIMARY MUSICAL

The Primary students and Staff are all busy with preparations for the school musical "Good King Wenceslas" to be performed on Presentation Night. Thank you to all our Primary Staff and Mr Price and Mrs Chapman for your preparation.

STAFF DAY Friday 13 December. No students will be required to attend on this day.

DATES FOR NEXT YEAR 2014

Thurs January 23 & Friday 24 January

Staff return for the school year

Monday 27 January Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday 28 January

First day of school for all students

Wed Thurs and Friday 5 6 7 February

Year 7/8 Round the Bay Trip

Monday 10 March Labor Day Holiday

Friday 4 April Last school day for Term 1

Monday 28 April First school day for Term 2

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION 2014

November 30 - December 5 at Stanwell Tops on the NSW South Coast of Sydney.

PRESENTATION NIGHT 2014 Thursday 11 Dec

As this is the last Newsletter for the year, I would like to thank the Staff and Class Assistants for their hard work this year, for the Godly example to the students and for the unity that we have as a team to build the College as a nurturing environment for students to grow and learn in.

Thank you to all families for your continuing work in providing a stable and solid foundation for the students to achieve well in their studies. Continue to encourage your children to seek God's best for them and to apply themselves diligently to all the tasks which are asked of them.
