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### **Term 1 Presentation Afternoon!**

#### **THE POWER OF THE LIVING GOD!**

Our faith in Christ is based on His Virgin Birth, His life of service on earth for 33 years, His sacrificial death bringing forgiveness to all and a pardon from the penalty of our sin, His Resurrection from the Dead, His Ascension to be with his Heavenly Father, and now we have His Spirit living within all who truly seek Him and know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

What a wonderful blessing it is to know our future is secure in Christ (John 3:16). "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In this busy world where everything is moving along at such a rapid pace, it is of great source of comfort and peace to know that in God we have the answers to the big questions of life.

Timothy says boldly to us in his second book (1:7) that "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

Deuteronomy 6:1—9 is our current Scripture passage for learning and reminds us of the need to continually teach these important truths to our children through the generations so they might experience the same blessing of God in their lives too.

Welcome to Term 2 and all it will bring to us as a school community and to us individually. May our students know the power of Christ and His love in their lives as they seek to know Him fully.

Phil Chapman

### **Lachlan and Joshua Ellison laying the Olivet wreath for Anzac Day.**

#### **NAPLAN TESTING NEXT WEEK**

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, students will undertake the 2011 NAPLAN tests. (Year 5 students have NAPLAN the following week due to their Canberra trip next week).

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)"

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## **MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS OF OUR CURRENT YEAR 9 STUDENTS**

This Monday 9th May at 7pm at Olivet.

The curriculum documentation for Year 10 next year has been compiled and has already been approved by the VRQA as we move towards the new Australian curriculum.

All that is needed now is for us as a College to demonstrate that we can meet the minimum numbers requirement for students in secondary levels, which is an average of 10 students per secondary level. For Olivet this means that we need at least 40 students across Year 7—10 before we can be registered for Year 10.

We are trusting in God's provision for the Year 10 numbers, and we look forward to being granted the opportunity of nurturing and guiding our current Year 9 class through to the end of Year 10.

## **YEAR 5 and 6 CANBERRA TRIP**

Next Monday afternoon. the Gamma class together with Mr Nicholas and Mr Hordern fly to Canberra for a fun-packed week of learning in our National Capital. Mrs Chapman and Mrs Mitchell will meet them there with the College bus. Highlights of the week will include a visit to Parliament House and Question Time, the Australian War Memorial, Government House, Old Parliament House, the Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon Museum, the Royal Australian Mint and many other exciting places.

Olivet is grateful to the Federal Government for the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Grant of \$360 which will contribute towards the cost of our petrol for the drive home.

## **BUS ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK**

With the Gamma class in Canberra with the Rosa (Strathfieldsaye) Bus, this Run will be replaced by two smaller vehicles (Evers' vehicle from Strathfieldsaye and Revell Pajero from Elphinstone at the same times as normal).

## **SPECIAL WORKSHOP WITH SIMON CAMILLERI**

On Sunday afternoon 29th May 1pm—4pm at the Church of Christ Castlemaine, Simon Camilleri from "Backyard Bard" will be holding a workshop for students. Cost is \$15.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see the Bible come alive and please see the website also for more information.

Numbers need to be known by Friday 23rd May. Please let Mr Chapman know you are interested.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the EVERS GIBSON GLEESON-SUTCLIFFE and both the HARRIS Families.

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## **DATES TO NOTE FOR TERM 2**

Please check the calendar included this Newsletter for Term Dates.

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